

TAUPO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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Kia ora koutou te whanau o tenei kura,
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Greetings to all our families

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Tena koutou te whanau o tenei Kura, nau mai haere mai ki te Kura Waenga o Taupo, “te kura pai o Intermediate i Taupo”
Greetings to all our families and welcome to Taupo Intermediate School – “the best Intermediate in Taupo”.

“Finish each day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities no doubt crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day. You shall begin it serenely and with too high a spirit to be encumbered with your old nonsense.” — Ralph Waldo Emerson (May 25, 1803 – April 27, 1882) was an American essayist, [lecturer](#), [philosopher](#), and [poet](#) who led the [transcendentalist](#) movement of the mid-19th century. He was seen as a champion of [individualism](#) and a prescient critic of the countervailing pressures of society, and he disseminated his thoughts through dozens of published essays and more than 1,500 public lectures across the United States.

In my opinion:

I am looking forward to the end of the term ‘and be done with it’ because we would have done what we could under the circumstances and yes the blunders and the absurdities have happened but we can be thankful that we have played our part and worked very hard in our school and community to get on top of this Covid-19 nonsense.

BUT we will have to wait and see what happens over the next few days as the holiday period draws close, I certainly do not want to be going back into any levels.

We will maintain our Protocols at Covid-19 Level 1

- **Restricted Access to our school remains – Parents / Contractors/ Visitors are to sign in and out through our Main Office. The exception is for those who are coming in after 3pm. to help with coaching**
- **Hygiene practices are to be continued. This will help our Winter ailments as well. Those students who are sick should be kept at home. Please don’t send anyone to school to ‘see how it goes’ for the day.**
- **If in doubt about any of the protocols, then please contact the Principal through the school office –phone: 07 378 8097.**

Thank you to all of us who are still working extremely hard to maintain stability in our school and community.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

• Geothermal heating

We are very fortunate to have our new heating system completed and signed off. Now we no longer burn coal to heat our school but have connected, through the generosity of the Hospital, to their geothermal system.

This means that we are sharing the energy, so once it has passed through the hospital pipeline it comes through to us and is then reinjected back underground, for re-heating, then back up through the systems again. Therefore, we have heating 24 x hours per day with thermostat controls in each room, so we do not have to keep reheating cold rooms. Makes our school warm and dry – sounds like an advertisement?

• Mountain biking – Room 1

I was pleased to be able to join Room 1 and take on the K2 track at Kinloch on Tuesday but came across some challenges with the track being muddy and slippery but I managed to stay on my bike up and down hill. I know that it takes me a bit longer to pick myself up off the ground, so it was better if I stay upright and on my bike.

Thanks to the boys for their encouragement and support along with Baz Haydon and Karen Turdeich and **Mr Clapcott from his company – “FOUR Bs” – Bed, Breakfast, Biking, and Beyond.....?**

- Congratulations to the **Year 8 Digital Technology students**, who completed their celebrations of learning over the last 2 weeks. Students had collaborated in groups learning about the Gallipoli campaign and coded a Sphero robot to present their research (which included narration sound and lighting effects) on a map of Turkey. A big thank you to those teachers who were able to join us.
- Thank you to all the **Basketball teams** who started on Friday night and to the **Netball teams** who braved the cold on Saturday. Thank you to those who have stepped up to coach and manage our teams. Please remember if you have signed up for these teams you need to show up and we expect that our teams will represent our school with pride and positive attitude. See you side-line!! **While we approach the holiday break, we have several things to complete.**
- Today Friday 26th June 2020 we held the **Bay of Plenty Mountain Bike Champs** at the Craters tracks. Thank you to those parents who helped with the trial days.
- **Our Parent / Student/ Teacher Interviews** start next week, and all the bookings had to be done online. **Remember we are finishing our school day on Wednesday 1st July 2020 at 12.50pm** and students will be released to go home. We will start our interviews from **1.30pm – 5.30pm** then break for dinner and resume at 6.30. **Buses will run as normal on this day.**

Thank you all for the great work we are all doing to get our school up and running as normal as we can. The Kapa haka group, the TIS band, the Tis Dance group, those practicing for the Musical Production, the Science Fair, the Interclass Lunchtime competition, your normal classwork and to those who come to school so positive. We have some exciting things coming up next term as well so keep alert to what is happening.

Have a great weekend and may the weather be kind. Go the Blues!!

WIREMU

Taupo Equestrian Students:

Taupo Intermediate will be hosting a training day for Taupo area school students only at the NEC. The day will consist of 2 mounted coaching sessions and 1 theory-based lesson. Thanks to McIntosh Global equestrian, Woodlands equestrian and Taupo Veterinary Centre for kindly donating their time to up skill our equestrian students. Entries will be made through Equestrian Entries; no late entries will be taken.

(We will keep you informed of the date)



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WOODLANDS
equestrian taupo



After School Art Club will also start again in term 3
Starting week 2
Thursdays 3 – 4.30
Cost \$20 per term
Permission slips can be picked up from the Art Room

Lunch time art club has been popular on a Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes.

Ms Davies will be continuing lunchtime art club in term 3 – Free of charge.



Miss Ruth Burns class enjoying the new Library Rm20

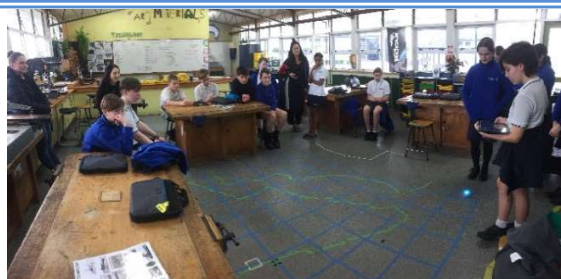
Over lockdown (level 3) we reorganised the library – wi“genre-fied” the fiction section, this means we grouped books into different genres e.g. fantasy, adventure, historical fiction, sports, animals etc. This is to help students read for pleasure more easily and help them develop their sense of self as a reader, give them strategies to find reading material they enjoy, leading to reading mileage and growth. We have also reopened the library for 3 lunchtimes a week and trained up some student librarians in each class, these students are enjoying this role of leadership.

TIS Tuckshop Kristie's Kai

**Lunch Special
Friday only 3rd July**

Mini Pizza

\$3.50



Green Team deliver Worm Tea to Residents of Liston Heights Retirement Village.