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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".

In my opinion:

"The saddest aspect of life right now is that science gathers knowledge faster than society gathers wisdom." —Isaac Asimov
was an American writer and professor of [biochemistry](#) at [Boston University](#). He was known for his works of [science fiction](#) and [popular science](#). Asimov was a [prolific writer](#) who wrote or edited more than 500 books and an estimated 90,000 letters and [postcards](#).

The following message from Iona Holsted - Secretary for Education

"While we are currently in the position of working on the response to the Covid19 lockdown, many other countries are still trying to get the virus under control. It is important that we do not become complacent about our situation. A reminder today about the importance of track and tracing in keeping us all safe and the role that QR Codes play."

Did someone say that all we need is a vaccine and the world will come right and we can get back to normal. Actually, when we were in lock-down we began to think about what life was really about and that we had to take care of each other, that we planned and completed projects, and, I took more time to prepare and cook really good meals.

Back to normal seems to me to be back to the rush, less time for ourselves and less time and or tolerance for each other so which way do we want to go?

Our students have had to adjust and restart building their relationships with their teachers and fellow students, and if you were already a student or teacher who found change difficult then it has taken a lot longer to settle back into those routines. Unfortunately, we do not have a vaccine solution but have been warned that we should be preparing for the eventuality that COVID could return and that we should be ready.

So, we are reinforcing several protocols in our school.

- Reinforcing our sign in and sign out system at the office to all Parents, visitors, and contractors.
- Using the Covid App system – we will have posters displayed on our entrance doors
- Hygiene practices are to be ramped up – washing hands, cleaning surfaces.
- Staying home if you are sick or displaying symptoms and at best, get tested.

We will be revisiting our online learning practices to make sure that we will be prepared if we revert back to Online Learning.

Let us all stay positive and vigilant, have a great weekend, and thank you all for the wonderful and continued support.

WIREMU

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

❖ 1ST XV RUGBY

Superb performance by the Rugby boys throughout the tournament held in Mount Maunganui last Friday with an early start vs Tauranga Intermediate at 9.10am. We had to travel through from Turangi and Taupo but started the day with a loss 15-0. We "awoke" and then went on to beat

- Rotorua and Mount Maunganui Intermediates and then beat Gisborne in the semi-finals who were the top qualifier from Pool 'A'. We then played Tauranga in the final and lost 24-17 after a slow start but a great fight back. Very proud of the effort and commitment.
- **Cody Renata (Captain) Fletcher MacKay, Oliver MacLachlan, Ryan Hume, Chase Kapua, Issac Morgan, Starcey Papanui, Connor Campbell, Easton Ngamotu, Kaydis Hallett, Boston Paul, Desmond Burgess, Joseph Hema, Trey Dundas, Blake Flavell- Painter, Caylis Elmiger, Toria Koopu, Carlo Menie,**
Thank you also to Nic Hume for his assistance and all the parents/ caregivers who came in support.

❖ Thank you to Mr Elliot for organizing the following activities.

- The Flag Competition and the Greening Report
- **TERM 3 FLAG COMPETITION WINNERS**
- **1st Prize** – 2-hour Lake Taupo Cruise on the Ernest Kemp Steamboat to the Maori Rock Carvings – Family voucher!
- **WINNER: JUSTIN SCHUR ROOM 10**
- **2nd Prize** - one free PAINTBALL session with Kiwi Outback Adventures
- **WINNER: ROOM 20**
- **6 Runners-up** - receive 2 children's vouchers to Taupo Mini-Putt.
- **WINNERS: WILLOW ALLUM ROOM 23, HOLLY CONSTABLE ROOM 12, JASNEEM ROOM 18, RILEY HAYES ROOM 16, INOI NGAMOTU ROOM 16, MCKENZIE MIERS ROOM 16**

Student with the Best Facts wins – Lonely Planets, The Flag Book.

WINNER: ROOM 16 STUDENTS

Thank you to all those students who entered and teachers who promoted it in their classes. The flag that caused the most confusion was Latvia, with the majority thinking it was Austria. The flag competition will return, the first week of Term 4.

All prizes have been kindly donated by Taupo Businesses: Lake Taupo Cruises, Kiwi Outback Adventures, Taupo Mini Putt & Paper Plus Here are a couple of great facts from Room 16:

- Austria has the largest ice cave in the world. (McKenzie Miers)
- The word Bangladesh means “the people of Bengal” in the local Bengala language. (Inoi Ngamotu)

Bay of Plenty / Poverty Bay Basketball Tournament

Rotorua – Friday 24th July

On Friday 24th July two TIS Basketball teams travelled to Rotorua to compete in the 2020 Bay of Plenty / Poverty Bay Basketball Tournament. This competition replaced the cancelled 2020 AIMS Games for Intermediate Schools. Both the Boy's and Girl's teams represented TIS with distinction. From the four games, the boys recorded one win and three losses. All their games were close, and the team showed great sportsmanship and teamwork. The girl's recorded four losses but played admirably in all games. A huge thanks to Whia Nikki for organising the teams, Gina (a parent) for transport and enthusiasm, and Jeb (a past student) for his coaching skills. Without your help and commitment our teams would not operate. Well done to all concerned.

Mr Steve McDonald (Teacher in charge on the day)



DANCENZ MADE REGIONALS

This week TIS had several girls involved with dance workshops and competing at the DanceNZ Made regional competition at the Great Lake Centre. Some exceptional results were achieved. Congratulations to all those involved.

Solos: Year 7 Peyton Leach

2nd

Year 8 Kayley McAdie

2nd and National nomination

Year 8 Cara Collins

3rd

Duos: Year 7 / 8 Kayley McAdie & Aja

Topless 1st equal

Group: Year 7 / 8 Kayley McAdie, Aja Topless, Mia Ferguson Way, Riya Patel, Zara Stewart, Cara Collins, Ruby Walker, Olivia Walker, McKenzie Miers, Peyton Leach, Shayley Drysdale.

1st Year 7/8 category

Junior Champions

2nd Overall



TIS Tuckshop

Kristie's Kai

Lunch Specials

Tuesday

Macaroni Cheese

\$3.00



Friday

Fish & Chips

\$5.00



Last Friday two teams travelled to Mt Maunganui to compete in an annual Winter Tournament for 6 a-side hockey. Both of our mixed teams having a win. An awesome effort from our goalies, Dannika Grant and Toby Bowler who performed well under pressure. Well done to Thomas Kalan, Samuel Murtagh, and Meadow Peacocke for their awesome effort as our MVP's. Unfortunately, the teams did not progress into pool A.

However, players demonstrated great sportsmanship and skills in their final games. Tis Riots placing 12th and Tis Quick Shots coming in 15th place. Well done to all players for their amazing efforts.



TIS Greening Taupo Rangers and Mr Mason Elliott, were joined by Rachel Thomson (Kids Greening Taupo Coordinator) and Robyn Ellis (Greening Taupo and Predator Free Taupo Coordinator) to kindly help with our restoration project, behind Room 22. Last year's TIS Greening Taupo Rangers began landscaping this area with natives. First Credit Union have kindly donated another \$1000 for this project. The tools used were also purchased from the Contact Energy Take Action Fund (\$300) - **Mason Elliot – Technology Teacher**

