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Kia ora koutou te whanau o tenei kura,
te kura Waenga o Taupo
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:

"And once the storm is over, you will not remember how you made it through, how you managed to survive. You will not even be sure, whether the storm is over. But one thing is certain. When you come out of the storm, you will not be the same person who walked in. That's what this storm's all about." Haruki Murakami (村上春樹, Murakami Haruki, born January 12, 1949) is a Japanese writer. His books and stories have been bestsellers in Japan as well as internationally, with his work being translated into 50 languages and selling millions of copies outside his native country.

Welcome to this week of turmoil and uncertainty, a week that we were told was going to happen and didn't want to happen and now it has happened and Haruki is right, after this storm we won't be the "same people".

So what do we do and where does we start as we get our hundredth bulletin of advice and notification of what level we are supposed to be in, but we are now in two different levels – regional levels- and by the way no queuing up at the Supermarkets there is enough food to go around???

I am hoping that they keep the small businesses like the Bread shops and the Butchers open, so there are some alternatives to the Supermarkets.

In the meantime, at school.

As of 12 noon Wednesday our school went into to Covid19 Level 2 and with that came various restrictions and the re-introduction of protocols.

This Covid19 Level 2 is in place until midnight on Friday and then a decision will be made as to where to from here. I met with staff and students to remind them of our obligations and protocols and expect that we would get your support during this time. I also indicated strongly to students that they must adhere to the protocols established and if there is a lack of cooperation or non-adherence to these, then you will be asked to come and pick your child up from school for a period of time. We will also look at introducing a management plan for classrooms and playground to help us cope with the Social distancing and related stress levels at school.

This will involve looking at our social interaction in the playground and whether we will need to look at, where our break times could be staggered and release from classrooms would be based on student commitments ie: competitions, sport and cultural practices. Dealing with COVID 19 Levels is extremely stressful and time consuming and we need everyone to be positive and sensible and I / we will need your support.

Some reminders under Covid19 Level 2:

- **Personal hygiene** practices are a requirement – hand washing, use of sanitizer etc
- **ALL visitors** to our site must sign in at the office or use the Trace App displayed on our entrance doors particularly if you are coaching or visiting our school before or after the officer is closed.
- **ALL students** must continue to come to school unless they are sick, and then they must stay at home – Please notify the school of this happening.
- **From time to time some events planned may be cancelled due to the interaction and social distancing requirements.**

We will notify you of any changes via our school App.

- o Already this week we have cancelled the hockey and basketball.
- o All Rugby, both junior and senior on Saturday have been cancelled
- o Netball all the practices have been cancelled for this week but do not know about the netball games on Saturday.
- o The Rippa Rugby Tournament which was going to be held on Wednesday is now postponed
- o The Bay of Plenty Cross Country which was going to take place in Tauranga today Friday has been cancelled.
- o Travel outside our Taupo district is on hold for all events

- **Our planned Year 8 visits to the Colleges on Monday 18th August and Tuesday 19th August are postponed.**

I will keep you informed when information comes to hand. I get my information from the Ministry of Education and Health and NOT from the Social Media sites.

Stay safe and thank you for the continued support

Nga mihi nui

Bill Clarke

Principal

The following is a message from Steve Giles, Sinead Vincent, Gillian Taplin, Alice Mellow, Katie Guy, Kelly Callaghan and Silvia Mutton; Taupo District Events Team – Taupo District Council

Alert Level 2 — Reduce

The disease is contained, but the risk of community transmission remains.

Risk assessment

- Household transmission could be occurring.
- Single or isolated cluster outbreaks.

Range of measures that can be applied locally or nationally

- People can reconnect with friends and family, and socialise in groups of up to 100, go shopping or travel domestically if following public health guidance.
- **Keep physical distancing of 2 metres from people you do not know, when out in public or in retail stores. Keep 1 metre physical distancing in controlled environments like workplaces, where practical.**
- **No more than 100 people at gatherings, including weddings, birthdays, funerals and tangihanga.**
- Businesses can open to the public if following public health guidance including physical distancing and record keeping. Alternative ways of working are encouraged where possible.
- Hospitality businesses must keep groups of customers separated, seated, and served by a single person.
- **Maximum of 100 people at a time in a defined space.**
- **Sport and recreation activities are allowed, subject to conditions on gatherings, record keeping, and physical distancing where practical.**
- Public venues such as museums, libraries and pools can open if they comply with public health measures and ensure 1 metre physical distancing and record keeping.
- **Event facilities, including cinemas, stadiums, concert venues and casinos can have more than 100 people at a time, provided there are no more than 100 in a defined space, and the groups do not mix.**
- Health and disability care services operate as normally as possible.
- It is safe to send your children to schools, early learning services and tertiary education. There will be appropriate measures in place.
- People at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19, for example those with underlying medical conditions, especially if not well-controlled, and older people, are encouraged to take additional precautions when leaving home. They may work if they agree with their employer that they can do so safely.

Please follow www.covid19.govt.nz for constant updates. We are also following the government announcements closely along with the National Sporting Organisations instructions.

While we hope that the Alert levels will drop midnight Friday our advice to you at this time is plan for an alternative over the weekend should you have an event on that will involve 100 pax or more.



The boards shown in the picture will be taken to the Bay of Plenty Science Fair competition on the 20th of August to represent our school, they are:

- Emma Speedy
- William Coleman
- George Green
- Emma Staples
- Finn Riley
- Emma Put
- Leo Marcroft

Congratulations to all the winners and good luck to the students who will compete at BOP.

TIS Tuckshop

Kristie's Kai

Lunch Specials

Tuesday

Sweetcorn Fritters & Salsa \$3.50



Friday

Pancakes or Waffles with Banana & Maple Syrup \$5.00



Science fair looked a bit different this year, however the students were able to pull together some amazing scientific and technological investigations. The fair was held on 31 July 2020 in the school hall.

On Friday the 31st of July TIS Equestrian hosted a Taupo Area Schools training day at the National Equestrian Centre on Rapids Road. Twenty-eight, very keen equestrian students from various Taupo schools, were able to get training in two areas of riding and horse management. All the girls learnt a lot from 4 instructors who are all at the top of their disciplines. A big thanks needs to go out to the instructors; Toni and Colin from McIntosh Global Equestrian, Holly Rose from Woodlands Equestrian and Tony Parsons from Taupo veterinary Centre for supporting our Training day. Thanks also to Mr Clarke for funding the hire for the facilities to make this day happen and Rachel Hume of Rachel Hume Photography for coming to the day and suppling us with gorgeous memories that are available on her website. We hope to see another day like this in the future after the day being a great success. "I found the training day a great opportunity to learn different riding skills from famous riders and to communicate with other people. On the training day we were put into groups with mixed schools including – Taupo Intermediate, Taupo Nui-a-tia, Tauhara College, Hilltop and Kuratau school. At first Tony Parsons taught us how to look after your horse and talked us through how the horses body works and parasites. Toni and Colin McIntosh have us a jumping lesson and Holly Rose took us out in flat. I would like to thank Mr. Clarke for hiring the facilities and suppling lunch." Katelynn Gainsford

