

# TAUPO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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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:

*"Indecision may come from an instinctive hunch that there is more you need to know - which means it is time to learn everything you can about the pros and cons of each option. You can continue on this track, however, only as long as you're unearthing genuinely new information". Martha Nibley Beck is a best-selling author, life coach, and speaker who specializes in helping individuals and groups achieve greater levels of personal and professional success. She holds three degrees, a BA, MA and PhD from Harvard University.*

Thank you for the continued support during this very difficult time under the Covid19 levels that have been placed upon us. This continued situation has had an impact on several activities that we had planned to participate in, with several events having to be postponed, and in some cases cancelled until 2021.

It has been difficult for our students who have been practicing and preparing for such events and then being informed that they are no longer happening.

## The latest events that have been cancelled or postponed are:

- The Big Music Day Out
- The Sport competition between Ilminster, Northcross, Taradale and Taupo Intermediates
- Athletics in Hawkes Bay
- The Literacy Quiz
- The Waikato Mountain bike event
- Tough Guy and Girl Challenge

## Events that we are still planning for or are happening:

- High School visit to Taupo Nui a Tia – Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 for all our Year 8 Students.
- High School visit and enrollment evening at Tauhara College next week has been postponed, new date to be confirmed.
- Taupo Intermediate Mathmatters – 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> September
- Our School Production to be held in week one of term 4
- Any class related camps or outings
- Mid-week hockey
- Saturday Netball

I thank you all for your patience and dedication

**WIREMU**

Message from Iona Holsted - Secretary for Education <[bulletin@education.govt.nz](mailto:bulletin@education.govt.nz)>

Kia ora koutou

Just a reminder that while everyone is onsite at Alert Level 2, we must adhere to key health measures including:

- Good hand hygiene and cough and sneeze etiquette
- Staying away if sick
- Keeping the appropriate physical distance from others
- Cleaning and disinfecting our high touch surfaces daily
- Displaying QR code posters at our entrances and encouraging all our community to download the NZ COVID Tracer App and use it if they come onsite
- Keeping a visitor register for anyone who cannot use the app and for other visitors who come onsite for a period of time.

We know all these things will help to keep our community as safe as possible. Because of these measures, your child does not need to wear a face covering while at school. We will of course support them should they choose to do so.

For those of you who might be finding things more difficult than usual, a reminder that there is a large range of support available for businesses and the community. We encourage you to go to the [covid19.govt.nz](https://www.covid19.govt.nz) for more information, or get in touch and we will help you to find the information and support you need.

## Key health measures to prevent spread

- Our school has very good processes in place to continue to keep your child as safe as possible
- At Alert Level 2 COVID-19 is contained

- However there is still some risk of community transmission at Alert Level 2, so we all need to follow our good practices to keep ourselves, family and whānau safe including:
  - Washing your hands regularly with soap and water including before and after eating, after blowing your nose, after visiting a public space including public transport, before, during and after caring for a sick or vulnerable person, after using the toilet etc.
  - Coughing and sneezing into your elbow.
  - Staying at home if you are sick and checking with your GP or Healthline to see if you need to get tested (a reminder that Healthline is free to call - 0800 611 116 and they have people who speak many different languages).
  - If you are recommended to get tested please do so – testing is free.
  - At home, clean your surfaces regularly particularly the ones that are often touched such as taps and door handles.
  - Keep a physical distance from people you do not know (2 metres wherever possible).
  - If you are in an enclosed space with people you don't know, such as on public transport, wear a face covering as they can help stop the spread of COVID-19 by limiting the spread of droplets.
  - A face covering is any material that covers your nose and mouth – such as a scarf, bandana, t-shirt, or facemask.

#### How COVID-19 can spread

- COVID-19 spreads from person to person via droplets. When an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks, droplets containing the virus spread a short distance and can settle on surrounding surfaces.
- Because some people do not feel that unwell when they have COVID-19, they may not know they are contagious.
- All the good practices listed above help us to prevent getting infected if we do come into close contact with someone with COVID-19.
- If we do get cases in our community, the health authorities quickly follow up with everyone that person may have had close contact with.

#### Face coverings

Children do not need to wear face coverings at school because the risk of infection in a school environment is low. Schools have good practices in place to help prevent spread including anyone who is not well, staying away from school. Good hand hygiene and keeping distance is the best means of stopping the spread of COVID.

The requirements for public transport do not apply to school transport (we have good systems in place to manage safety on school transport).  
*Ngā mihi*

*Iona Holsted*  
*Secretary for Education*

### TIS Spelling Bee

A couple of weeks ago we held the Year 7 and Year 8 TIS Spelling Bee. 2 top spellers from each class were entered to compete against one another for a place.

We used the say, spell, say approach and the students were slowly eliminated when they mis-spelt a word.

Congratulations to the following contestants. The top spellers will represent the school at the District Taupo Spelling Bee held at Taupo Intermediate on the 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020

#### Year 7

1<sup>st</sup> place - Toby Miller – Room 8, 2<sup>nd</sup> place –Marlee Ihaka - Room 19 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Isabella McKendry– Room 13

#### Year 8

1<sup>st</sup> place – Cadence Goodhead – Room 10, 2<sup>nd</sup> place –Daniel Fletcher – Room 15, 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Victor Marian – Room 10

### TIS Tuckshop Kristie's Kai

#### Lunch Specials

#### Tuesday

Curried Sausages \$3.00



#### Friday

Mini Sliders & Fries \$4.00



Year 8 Students – Spelling Bee



Year 7 Students - Spelling Bee