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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:

"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), who went by his middle name Waldo, 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.

I think my quote for the day is sufficient to describe the end of another week of uncertainty, but we battle on to hopefully provide some meaningful experiences for our students.

Next week is a new week with activities planned but who know whether they can take place.

- Teams and classes completing our school wide speech festival
- Planned Ski Team camp based at the Central Plateau Schools ski hut
- Hockey and basketball are on again along with Netball and other Saturday sports

So, big thank you to all those who are working hard to establish protocols for these events to happen.

Thank you all for the continued support

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BUS TRANSPORTATION NETWORK MEMO TO ALL STUDENTS WHO USE OUR SERVICE

To our Students, Parents, Caregivers

Considering the Covid19 Levels and protocols and recent incidents with bus services, we are sending you all, this formal request for your support in keeping our bus transportation service safe for all concerned.

This service is financed and provided by the Ministry of Education, and we as a group of local schools are responsible for the administration and organization.

All users of this service should therefore understand that it is a privilege to travel on these buses and in most cases, this service is provided at no cost for those who are eligible. The eligibility criteria is based on distance from your nearest school, and is determined by the Ministry of Education.

The students, who are charged, are those who are not deemed eligible, and therefore pay a minimal fee for each term/annually to travel on the bus if there are seats available.

The Turangi Bus Service is a private bus company, but we require our students to adhere to the same protocols as our School bus system. We DO NOT act on any queries regarding their service, and or operation.

This message applies to both parties and we expect that all our students -

- *using our service to cooperate fully always with the Bus Controllers, Bus Drivers*
- *behaviour will always be positive and that we cannot have our drivers being distracted from the important task of driving. This is particularly important with the winter driving conditions.*
- *not damage or vandalize the buses as any repairs or replacements will be charged to the offender/s – we are fortunate that Nimons provide us with a modern fleet of vehicles.*
- *obey the road rules at all the bus stops, transition points, when waiting for pickups or when getting off the bus.*
- *remind their parents to pick up and drop off in a safe manner*
- *remind parents that if you arrange for your child not to take the bus after school that you contact the school and let us know. At Taupo Intermediate School we take a roll of all the students who get on the bus at the end of the day. This helps us determine who was where, in the event of anything happening.*
- *The bus company with our assistance is updating the roll of who gets on the bus in the morning*
- *Students aged 12 and above are required to wear a face covering when on public transport (there are some exemptions including for health reasons).*
- *For school transport, bus drivers are wearing face coverings, but children and young people are not required to wear face coverings.*
- *Bus drivers are required to use hand Sanitizer when the students are getting onto the bus*

We will have no hesitation in removing any student from the bus service for any breach of these conditions and expect that you will then have to make your own arrangements to get your child to and from school.

Nui Visit 2020

On Tuesday 1st September we went to Taupo Nui A-Tia College for a school visit. As we walked into the hall, we felt excited and nervous. The Nui principal started talking about the school and when he was finished, we got sent out class by class to go do the taster lessons. Each group got one year 12 or year 13 student to guide us who was one of the school prefects.

Our first taster was in Mrs Purdon's art class. In her class we drew as many designs inside of different circles as we could think of. We then picked one of our designs to turn into a badge. For the early finessers they made 2 badges. As we made the badges the art teacher told us all about her classes, she said she teaches many different types of art like photograph and you get to create drawing boards. When we walked into drama there were photos all over the walls from all their performances. We sat on the mat and she told us about her class. She showed us a game called 'Char!' and we had to put our arm across our body depending on which way we were going. Then we played Cavalier, a game where she would say a pose and we would have to get in it and the slowest team to get into the pose was out. We really enjoyed playing the games at drama. Our last taster class was PE and one of the PE teacher's name is Mrs Clarke. She taught us a game called gymnastics soft ball. In gymnastics soft ball you had to hit a ball with a tennis racket then run through and over the obstacle course well the other team must catch the ball and bring it back. This game was fun and a bit exhausting because we had to do a lot of running.

After all our tasters we went back to the hall for the principal to say his goodbyes and then one by one all the classes left to go back to school. On the way out we got chocolate bread from the college students and the chocolate bread was nice!

Nui was fun and has a lot of opportunities because it has something for everyone.

We really enjoyed our time there, and we are excited to go there next year.

Grace Howell and Lilah Rajek Room 15

Congratulations

to Kayleigh McLaren (Rm9) and Kaylen Botha (Rm19) for getting Highly Commended in the Waikato Regional Essential Services Art Competition.

Hamilton West MP Tim Macindoe launched the competition to offer a way for Waikato children to say thank you to those who continued working in essential services across the region during the Covid-19 lockdown period.

Competition was fierce, so tumeke.

Both girls received a letter the Mr Macindoe certificate, a copy of the newspaper article in the Hamilton Press, and a voucher for ice cream generously donated by Lewis Road Creamery.

Their pictures were forwarded onto representatives of the essential services depicted in their posters

Ms Wood
Room 16

TIS Tuckshop

Kristie's Kai

Lunch Specials

Tuesday

Chicken Kebabs \$4.50



Friday

Mini Pizzas \$3.50



Bevan Docherty Award – Taupo Cycle Challenge:

Due to the cost and age restriction imposed on entering the Cycle Challenge, we have been given the use of the Bruce McLaren Motor Sport Park on Sunday the 13th of September to run the 40km road ride.

Then on Sunday the 22nd of November we will run the 35km Huka Teaser Mt Bike on the Aratiatia return Mt Bike Circuit. Students wanting to take part in one or both rides should have taken home a specific newsletter and be in training for their event.

As the North Island Intermediate Road Cycle Champs were cancelled, we will have 1st, 2nd and 3rd boys and girls medals for students who want to competitively ride the 40km distance. Others can take it more easily, though must be able to complete the road ride in under 3 hours.

Mr Haydon

Thank you so much to Greening Taupo and the amazing 'Wicked Weeders' (a group of awesome community volunteers who meet each Tuesday afternoon to maintain and prepare restoration planting sites in Taupō) who helped the Taupo Intermediate KGT Student Rangers weed their restoration area and plant some new plants on Tuesday. The area needed a bit of love and it got that in spades (😄). It is looking fantastic and is now ready for the next exciting project to take place. Thank you to First Credit Unit Union for their generous sponsorship of this restoration area and to Contact Energy for the Take Action Fund which has paid for equipment for the Rangers to use. The students will now start planning other aspects of the garden to improve the biodiversity in the area. Mr Elliott



If you get Bargain box/My Food Bag, please help us out! We are wanting the wool pads from inside the insulating pouches. These will be used as weed suppressants in the restoration area. You can drop these off outside the Digital Technology workshop or the school office.