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Kia ora koutou te whanau o tenei kura, te kura Waenga o Taupo Greetings to all our families Newsletter Number: 21 Date: 11th September 2020

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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:

"One of the best pieces of advice I ever got was from a horse master. He told me to go slow to go fast. I think that applies to everything in life. We live as though there aren't enough hours in the day but if we do each thing calmly and carefully we will get it done quicker and with much less stress."

- Viggo Peter Mortensen Jr. is a Danish-American actor, author, musician, photographer, poet, and painter. Born in New York to a Danish father and American mother, he was a resident of Venezuela and Argentina during his childhood.

As we complete the 8th week of the term, we continue to adjust our class and school programmes but also try and keep as normal as we can under the present circumstances.

With community transmission of the virus continuing to spread makes it more important to maintain our Health protocols within the school and community.

The use of the tracking app or sign in seems to be extremely important in trying to keep on top of the situation, well at least it should help track down people if need be.

But we continue to plan and prepare our events and this week we are sharing with you several things that we are doing in our school and thank you all for your continued support.

WIREMU

Bevan Docherty Award – Taupo Cycle Challenge: Students who have entered the Taupo Intermediate alternative to the 40km Road Cycle Challenge Ride, need to arrive at the Bruce McLaren Motor Sport Park this Sunday the 13th of September at 12.50pm. Bikes should be in good order and riders must have helmets, shoes etc. No one is allowed on the track until given the go ahead, and riders are expected to finish in one and a half to three hours.

Mathsmatters: We are hosting over 80 teams, from 12 schools in the BOP/PB/HB areas, at our annual Mathsmatters Comp being held next Wednesday and Thursday night's. The competition will be held under strict Covid19 protocols as follows:

Due to Covid-19 and restrictions that may be in place under Level 1 or 2, the following protocols will be in place for the two evening competitions:

On both nights' students will be required to bring their own pen/pencil, scrap paper and water bottle. All those coming into the foyer, hall etc. must hand sanitize at the door, adults must use the Covid19 tracer app, and masks can be used by students but are not mandatory. Certificates and medals for the mathematical construction, publicity poster and stained-glass window will be sent to the place getters schools. Likewise, certificates for place getters in the problem solving will be sent out after the competition, while medals will be presented on the night. Booklets with the questions and answers from the problem-solving competitions will not be available to buy, instead these will be emailed to the schools afterwards. Spectators are not able to attend on either night, and schools will only be allowed 1 or 2 teachers/managers in the hall. If other adults need to remain at school the staffroom will be available for them.

Wednesday Year 5 and 6 competition: Year 5 students are asked to arrive at around 6.20pm, then go directly to their seats/table number in the hall, which will be listed at the door. The competition will start at 6.30pm, finish at 7.15pm, after which they will remain at their table for prizegiving. Prize giving should hopefully be over by 7.25pm after which students will be supervised outside the foyer awaiting collection by a parent/caregiver/teacher. Those that need to remain until the end of the Year 6 comp will be supervised in the library.

Year 6 students must arrive by 7.20pm and will go to the library (which is accessed through the hall foyer) prior to the end of the year 5 comp. Once the hall is cleared of the year 5 students the year 6 students will move into their allocated seating and begin the competition. As above this should be completed and prizegiving over by 8.30pm.

Thursday Year 7 and 8 competition: Both year groups are asked to arrive around 6.20pm, **year 7 students** are to go directly to their seats/table number in the hall, which will be listed at the door. **Year 8 students** are not to go into the hall, but directly to the library. Year 7 students will complete the team competition, then move on to the individual comp in a classroom, after which they will move to the library. Year 8 students do the reverse, moving for the library, to the individual comp in a classroom, then finishing with the team comp in the hall. At the conclusion, prize giving will be held in the two separate areas. We envisage prize giving being over by 8.35pm.

Baz Haydon Deputy Principal Taupo Intermediate School

We have fielded a number of queries about our school enrolments for 2021 and so I have shared with you today the following about our Orientation visits by the Year 6s students and also the evening meetings I will be holding for parents with the Principal:

I am asking that we wait until these days and dates before we can share any information about our school or want to meet myself or take any tours of the school.

I appreciate the early interest might be generated by discussions about school set ups in Taupo, but your cooperation with this will be much appreciated.

This is just a reminder about our organisation for the Year 6 Orientation for next week – Tuesday 23rd October – Friday 26th October 2018

Student Orientation visits for prospective pupils each morning from 9:15 – 12:30. Buses will be at your school gates ready to pick your students up at 9.00am (Tauhara Primary will have buses if the weather is unkind)

- Tuesday 23rd October – Waipahihi Primary School
- 24th October Wairakei Primary School Wednesday
- 25th October Tauhara Primary School Thursday
- 26th October Taupo Primary School Friday

All Students from other schools are most welcome to attend these visits any day. Enrolment packs will be issued to the contributing schools.

Principal / Parent Meetings at contributing Schools - Open meetings - all welcome

- **Taupo Primary**
- 5:30pm Tuesday 27th October
- 7:00pm Tuesday 27th October Waipahihi Primary
- Wairakei Primary
 - Tauhara Primary
- 5:30pm Wednesday 28th October
- 5:30pm Thursday 29th October
- Taupo Intermediate School 7:00pm Thursday 29th October – this is an open meeting for those outside our traditional contributing schools.

Tuesday 10th November 2020 has been set aside for those students who wish to be considered for our CWAA Testing 2019 Class

Laptop Payments:

You will be receiving a statement detailing the balance of your laptop payments.

The amount owing depends on when you entered the agreed with the school as detailed in the table below.

Please make sure that you have your payments up to date before the holidays otherwise we will need to retain the laptops at school for their safe keeping.

You may also wish for your child's laptop to be kept at school even though the payments are up to date. In this case just let the class teacher know and they will sort this for you.

| | Maximum Amount Owing |
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| 2019 Laptop | \$110 |
| 2020 Laptop Year 7 Student | \$550 |
| 2020 Laptop Year 8 Student | \$220 |

TIS Tuckshop Kristie's Kai Lunch Specials **Tuesday**

Sweet corn fritters \$3.50



Friday Spaghetti Bolognaise \$4.00



Restorative Tree Planting Day On Friday 21st August, Room 1 attended a **Restorative Tree Planting Day in** collaboration with Contact Energy and the Ngati Tuwharetoa Maori Trust Board. The purpose was to help restore the damage done to the environment as a result of a holding pond bursting in February 2019 which caused the cliff side to slump and discharge of geothermal fluid and sediment into the Waipuwerawerea stream and then into the Waikato River causing the Huka Falls to turn brown for a period of 8 hours. It was a fantastic day and we hope to be involved in further planting projects.

