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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:

"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.

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