

# 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:

**“Te amorangi ki mua, te hapai o ki muri**

*The leader at the front and the workers behind the scenes*

*This is a reference to Marae protocol where the speakers are at the front of the meeting house and the workers are at the back making sure everything is prepared and that the guests are well looked after. It is important to note that both jobs are equally important, and are like the ying and yang, for without one, everything would fail.*

**“Do not worry about your difficulties in Mathematics. I can assure you mine are still greater. Albert Einstein**

This week I started with a Whakatauki which celebrates Te Wiki o te Reo Maori. Also the work that we undertook this week with our Mathsmatters competitions.

I am very proud to lead our organization but appreciate a lot of the work that goes on behind the scenes to make this week happen.

Firstly, I want to thank **Baz Haydon** for his organization of the competition over 2 nights – **Wednesday for the Years 5 and 6** and on the **Thursday night the Year 7s and 8s**. He not only prepared the questions and the responsibilities but had to put together the Covid19 health protocols necessary for our event to happen.

I thank my staff who have motivated the students to get involved in the activities, the mathematical drawings etc and the hall decorated with mobiles is a sight to see.

To all the school students who entered and participated in the competitions, we appreciate your support and thank you very much.

We had most of our local school teams enter in the Year 5 and 6 competition.

- Wairakei, Taupo Primary, Waipahihi, Broadlands, St Patricks, Hilltop

And the year 7 and 8 teams were representing

- Hilltop, St Patricks, Taupo and teams out of town from, Morrinsville, Tauranga, Ilminster, Hastings Intermediates.



Congratulations to the medal winners and the recipients of certificates for the Mathematical drawings and mobiles  
We will publish the full list of results in next weeks newsletter

I know we will not need reminding that next Friday is the last day of term and I know we are all looking to our holiday break.  
**And what is happening next????**

**I also include in today's newsletter some important upcoming dates for next term:**

- Our TIS has Talent show will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> of October
- The Major School Production: 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> of October

This is just a reminder about our organisation for the Year 6 Orientation for next term – **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

**Student Orientation** visits for prospective pupils each morning from 9:15 – 12.50pm



- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October – Waipahihi Primary School
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Wairakei Primary School
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October – Tauhara Primary School
- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Taupo Primary School

Students from other schools are most welcome to attend these visits on 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 27<sup>th</sup> October
- Waipahihi Primary 7:00pm Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October
- Wairakei Primary 5:30pm Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October
- Tauhara Primary 5:30pm Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October
- Taupo Intermediate School 7:00pm Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October – this is an open meeting for those outside our traditional contributing schools.

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020 has been set aside for those students who wish to be considered for our CWAA Testing 2021 Class. Thank you all for your continuing support and enjoy the weekend.

*Wiremu*



Kia ora whanau. For the last few weeks in the library and hall a group of students have been playing games with Konini and Grace from REAL.

Our group has been working together as a team by getting involved with fun games. One is when you choose a card and you have to match it up with someone who also has the same card. Then you tell each other what you have in common like hobbies, sports and interests.

These activities help people in the group by being able to be successful doing something, keeps us busy, and teaches us to interact with others while making new friends.

It has been great to have Konini and Grace give up their time to help us, so a big thank you.

**Jhy Connery Seufatu  
Room 18**

**T.I.S.Tuckshop  
Kristie's Kai  
Lunch Specials**

**Tuesday  
Arancini Balls \$3.50**



**Friday  
Fish or Sausage & Chips  
\$5.00**



**PREDATOR CONTROL** As part of Conservation Week Rms 16 & 17 have been learning why NZ needs predator control for introduced species such as possums, rats, stoats, weasels & ferrets. On Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept the classes-built rat traps with the support of Robyn from Predator Free Taupo & some were donated back to the school. Then on Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Sept we walked through the Opepe Scenic & Historic Reserve to check trap lines for predators and identify native birds and plants with the help of volunteers from Greening Taupo & parents. We also learnt about the history of the area.

**Any day in the bush is a great day out.**

**Ms Wood & Miss Clement**



**YEAR 7**



**YEAR 8**

**SPECTACULAR SPEECHES**

During this term, our students had the opportunity to prepare and deliver a persuasive speech on a topic they are passionate about. It was fantastic to see the extensive range of topics, effort and talent of our students. The top orators then competed in Team semi-finals followed by a whole Year final. The results were:

**YEAR 7:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Willow Allum Rm - 23
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lillie Ishikawa - Rm 8
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Elsie Plummer - Rm 8

**YEAR 8:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kayley McAdie - Rm 18
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mia Way-Ferguson - Rm 18
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Fern O'Brien - Rm 22