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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:

"We live in an age in which the fundamental principles to which we subscribe - liberty, equality and justice for all - are encountering extraordinary challenges, ... But it is also an age in which we can join hands with others who hold to those principles and face similar challenges". Ruth Bader Ginsburg Former Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. Ruth Bader Ginsburg, also known by her initials RBG, was an American jurist who served as an associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States from 1993 until her death in 2020. She was nominated by President Bill Clinton and was generally viewed as belonging to the liberal wing of the Court.

This week has been full on with our consultation process with us hosting all the Year 6 Students from all the schools in Taupo and district at here at Taupo Intermediate School.

- **Tuesday 27th October** **Waipahihi a Tia Primary**
- **Wednesday 28th October** **Wairakei Primary**
- **Thursday 29th October** **Tauhara and Hilltop Primary Schools**
- **Friday 30th October** **Taupo Primary**

We had several other schools represented throughout the week from **St Patricks, Mountview, Taupo Christian College, Turangi, Reporoa, Mihi, Broadlands, Marotiri, Rangataiki, Hirangi, Tirohanga** and from out of town as well.

A comprehensive programme was compiled by Baz Haydon with a Powhiri to start each visit. The TIS Band – (Jon Wood), Dance NZ Made (Joss Harris) Items from our major Musical Production, Items from our TIS has Talent show, The Discord Band, Room 8 class item (Rana Keely) and speeches from Louie Cameron and Emma Speedy and Information sharing from Scarlett Rutherford and Alex Milne about Noumea and the Able Tasman Walk. Sound – Abby Rohloff and Lighting - James McIntyre was again expertly provided to support our performances.

Students were then taken around the school by our student leaders, to participate and experience several classes in action. I want to thank our staff for their huge effort in preparing and providing these experiences throughout the week. **Food Tech – Kerri Robinson, Fabric – Whaea Nikki, Epro 8 Tech Challenge – Abby Garland, Art – Sally Davies, Physical Education Emma, Science Kits - Deb Woodward, Science – Marika Pretorius, Digital Tech. - Mason Elliot, Dance – Joss Harris.** My grateful thanks to all our students who had vital roles to play to ensure that these days were exciting and informative.

The evening Parent / Principal's meetings were an opportunity for us to reach out to some of our Stakeholders. One of the best ways to connect and create an authentic bond was to go to the people who matter and meet them on their own turf. We were able to answer questions and discuss any issues and or concerns, as the Year 6 students look to transfer to our school in 2021, so I thank you all for giving of your valued time.

ABEL TASMAN WALK

Whilst we take a well needed break from this week, we have a group of students, teachers, and parent support who are heading down south.

Departure Time:

The group will be meeting at school at 6.30am on Monday the 2nd of November and getting away by 6.40am. Returning Saturday the 7th of November, the group get into Wellington at approximately 11am and hope to arrive back in Taupo at about 5pm.

Students travelling are:

George Canning, Emma Staples, Alex Milne, Grace Hura, Aja Topless, Finn Wigram, Lilie Ishikawa, Declan Pyper, Emma Speedy, Ella Stokes, Daniel Morrison, Grace Asher, Ruby Brasell, Ryan Hume, Victoria Barrett, Indie Baker, Saskia Connors and James McIntyre. Adults: Steph Grimshaw, Sonia Gardiner, Katie Barrett and Baz Haydon.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Friday 6th November 2020 – **TEACHERS ONLY DAY** – our school will be closed for instruction
- Tuesday 10th November @ Taupo Intermediate School hall – 8.45am - **CWAA TESTING** for Year 6 students.
- Wednesday 11th November – Friday 13th November 2020 – Battle of the Bays for Triathlon and Beach Sports to be held in Gisborne
- Monday 16th November – Friday 11th December – School Camps for Year 8 classes and day trips for the Year 7s
- Final Assembly Tuesday 15th December 2020

Have a great weekend and thank you again for all your hard work and continued support

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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY FAIR

After being postponed several times due to health and safety regulations concerning COVID-19 levels, Mrs Pretorius and the TIS science team, finally attended the long-awaited Bay of Plenty Science Fair on the 22nd and 23rd of October in Rotorua.

Our well prepared and eager students looked amazing in their uniforms and represented our school very well. They were:

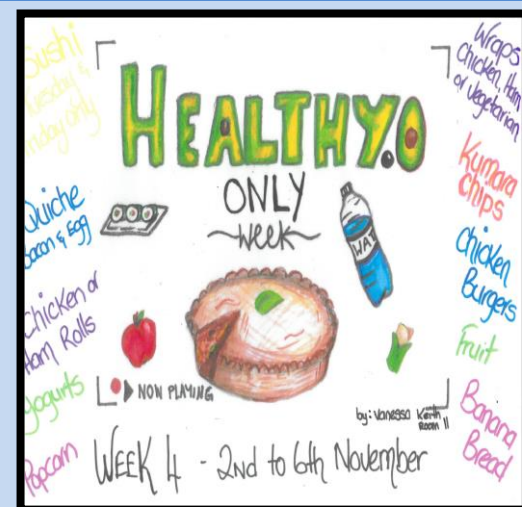
Emma Speedy, William Coleman, George Green, Emma Staples, Finn Riley, Emma Putt, Leo Marcroft

After an exciting morning and interviews on the 22nd with the judges we were sent home and returned on Friday for the price giving ceremony.

Emma Staples won Highly Commended in her category, which was Intermediate Technology. She also won a Special Award for the application of wood products. She walked away with a total of \$230 price money. WELL DONE Emma! We are so proud of you!

Thank you for all the participants hard work and time. We would also like to thank our sponsor, Kiwanis Taupo club. This is an amazing event with great educational experience to gain. We hope for even more participants next year.

Back row: Mrs M. Pretorius, George Green, Emma Speedy, Emma Staples **Front row:** Finn Riley, William Coleman, Emma Putt, Leo Marcroft



T.I.S. TUCKSHOP – KRISTIE'S KAI

HEALTHY WEEK

MON2ND-FRI 6TH NOVEMBER

TERM 2 – FLAG COMPETITION

A big thank you to all those staff and students who entered the Term 4 Flag Competition. There was a record number of entries with amazing facts discovered about the Flags flying aloft the flagpole during week 1 (Mr Elliott is compiling the facts into a Scratch animation to share later). The flags were chosen by local author and a keen vexillophile (collector of flags), Michael M. A. Parke. Before I announce the winners, I would like to acknowledge the help of local businesses who generously donated prizes: Bunnings Taupo, AJ Hackett Bungy, Formula Challenge Racing, Lake Taupo Cruises, Vine Eatery & Baked with Love. To claim the top prizes, handwritten entries needed correct spelling and punctuation. **Student Winners:** FIRST: Angela Shur (R.10), SECOND: Emma Staples (R.2), THIRD: Zoe Maeda (R.17), FOURTH: Amelia Beavon (R.18). **Runners Up Winners:** Holly Bolton (R.2), Quintin Morrissey (R.17), Riley Hayes (R.16), Julia Tatupu (R.2), Amy Officer (R.16), & Kiwen Gabayan (R.16). **BEST FACTS WINNERS:** Dannika Grant (R.2), Emily (R.8), Duncan Williams (R.5), & Marine (R.19). **Spot Prize Winners:** Khyrun Watkins (R.17), Douglas Rennie (R.16), Jahrel (R.2), Mika Nahumea (R.16), Jackson Towers (R.16), Kashus Kahia (R.16), Ariana (R.18). **Staff Winners:** FIRST: Miss Jones. SECOND: Miss Woodward. THIRD: Mrs Gallagher. **MOST IMPRESSIVE ENTRY WINNER:** Miss Jones. **THE FLAG COMPETITION RETURN WEEK 1, TERM 1 2021! – Mason Elliott (DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY TEACHER)**