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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".

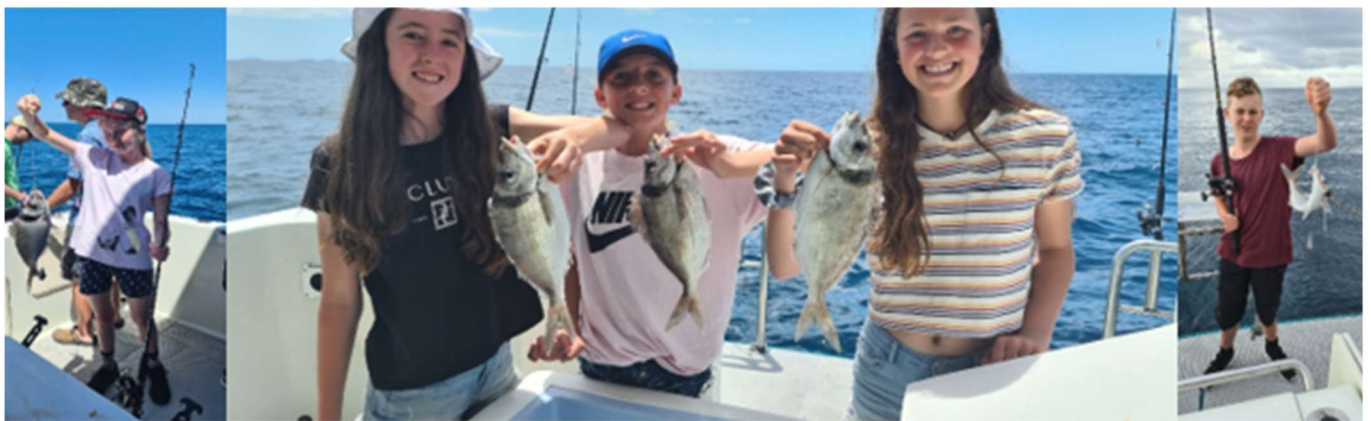
In my opinion:

"Camping has become one of my most beloved pastimes. I take a fierce delight in swinging a pack on my back or into a canoe and heading for the hills or lakes. In my opinion, camping can be the greatest expression of free will, personal independence, innate ability, and resourcefulness possible today in our industrialized, urbanized existence. Regardless of how miserable or how splendid the circumstances, the sheer experience of camping seems a total justification for doing it". — Anne LaBastille (November 20, 1933 – July 1, 2011) was an American author, ecologist, and photographer. She was the author of more than a dozen books, including *Woodswoman*, *Beyond Black Bear Lake*, and *Women of the Wilderness*. She also wrote over 150 articles and over 25 scientific papers.

It is that time of the year when we venture out into the wilderness with our Year 7s undertaking day by day activities and a night out at the Ski Lodge on Mount Ruapehu and our Year 8s out on week long camps in a number of areas, Whangamata, Waihi, Pauanui and the Hawkes Bay.

With this Covid19 disrupted year, it is so positive for us to be taking our students out on these experiences and I am thankful for the work and effort from our staff for all the planning and preparation that goes into organizing these experiences. Thank you very much to all the parents who support these events with transportation and supervision, without which it would prove difficult to run.

To our students who have embraced the opportunities and for example, this week we, Baz Haydon and I have been away with 3 of our Year 8 classes and parents taking the Beach activities, surfing and fishing and we can certainly see the many different reactions of our students when undertaking the activities. The anxiety and fear, the anticipation and excitement and then the building of confidence to the high sense of achievement which is what it is all about.



Next week these day trips and camps continue so I hope the weather stays kind for us and that all will continue to go well.

REMINDERS:

Enrolments for 2021:

- There are 90 x Year 8 students who still have NOT enrolled at any of the colleges and this is causing unnecessary stress on the system.
- You cannot presume that there is automatic entry to the Colleges and so you must enrol as soon as in fact by the end of next week or you will miss out.
- PLEASE CONTACT BOTH TAUHARA AND TAUPO NUI A TIA COLLEGES FOR AN ENROLMENT PACK OR CHECK IN OUR OFFICE HERE AT TAUPO INTERMEDIATE FOR AN ENROLMENT PACK AND / OR, IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE WITH THE COMPLETION OF THESE FORMS.
- To those families who have Year 6 students who are coming to Taupo Intermediate School, you have only till Friday next week to get your enrolment in as well or you will miss out as well.
- Please get your enrolments to your present schools admin. Office and we will get it picked up and you can drop it off directly to our school office.

We are very much looking forward to the final assembly on the 15th December when we can celebrate the successes of our outstanding and talented students.

Wiremu Clarke

On Wednesday, the **Taupo Intermediate School KGT Rangers** were special guests presenting at Liston Heights Retirement Village annual flower show day. 🌱 The Rangers have developed a special relationship with the retirement village this year, selling their worm tea from the worm farm that they had made from an old bathtub. The students had written speeches and made a slideshow showing all the environmental work that they had completed this year, including their work on the native restoration area. They also showed their ideas for next year. The residents had lots of questions for them and are keen to continue working together again next year. It was a lovely morning, and I was proud of the students. Thanks to First Credit Union and Contact Energy for their sponsorship of Taupo Intermediate's work this year. Thanks to Robyn and the Wicked Weeders from Greening Taupo for their help with the project. 🌲💚🌱🍌



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FRIDAY 4 DECEMBER SCREENING: SPECIAL GUEST - JED MILDON



TIS - Students enjoying participating in the 'Battle of the Bays' (11th-13th November)

TIS – SCHOOL ROCK BAND

This term, our school rock band “DISCHORD” submitted a video entry to the NZ Band quest competition. They created an excellent video and recording – with the help and expertise of David Love from Love Music, and Rowan Bolley who allowed us to use the Tauhara College Music recording studio. THANKS TO THOSE PEOPLE!

We performed exceptionally well and managed a podium finish! 2nd place – which gives us a NZ Rock shop voucher \$200. On top of that, Leo Marcroft was awarded the BEST BASSIST award. Good job DISCHORD, you have represented TIS with pride and excellence.

Some of the judge’s comments below:

“Beautiful vocals with very nice pitch!”
 “Great job from bassist keeping the groove going.”
 “You all play very well together, very tight. Amazing job.”

Band members are: DRUMS: Brendon Biddle VOCALS: Mikayla Edwards BASS GUITAR: Leo Marcroft ELECTRIC GUITAR: Finn Riley KEYBOARD: Louie Cameron



TIS – Room 2 Students enjoying camp in the Coromandel