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Kia ora koutou te whanau o tenei kura,
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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”.

Another great and busy week at Taupo intermediate – lots of the year 7-day trips have gone ahead and the feedback from the students is that they thoroughly enjoyed them. I look forward to seeing the other photos and hearing from the students after the remaining day trips and year 8 camps.

This term I have been working on a project with Bluelight and Peak Strength called “Whaia Te Mana – seek your identity” This is a hands-on program about Hauora (wellbeing) in the outdoors. It has been a fantastic opportunity for our students to problem solve, collaborate, learn life-skills, and develop positive relationships with other students and themselves. Teachers nominated students who they thought would benefit from this program, some were chosen as role models and benefited from the opportunity to be leaders. Each session started with a boot camp style training with Aaron from Peak Strength and then there was a life skill lesson such as, hut building and learning about the Whare Tapa Wha model and the importance of strong foundations – physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health. Learning about what motivates and ignites us and how to make different types of fires. Learning about what good friends are. Learning about different food and how that fuels us. Learning about how to look after Papatuanuku and then finished with an activity day at Lake Rotopounamu. Students have said they enjoyed the challenge, making new friends, collaborating with others and being leaders. Hopefully, we can continue the program next year and get more students involved.

Thanks again to all the students making the right choices and for parents/caregivers supporting us. As Bill said last week let’s continue to work together to ensure that we finish the year off on a positive note by ensuring, **your child continues to wear our uniform with pride, attends school regularly and in the event of absence that you will contact the school. That we keep to date with payments for our activities and our Laptop programme particularly those in Year 8.** We remind you that they will need to be paid off fully for these to be released from our school. **That we respect our school bus service** which I remind you is a privilege service. **That we leave cell phones and other prohibited items at home** and we look after each other, other students, our staff and our families. Thanks for your continued support, have a great weekend.

Megan Simpson
Deputy Principal

Laptop Programme 2021:

The details of this programme are yet to be fully finalised and we will notify you as soon as we are able to.

Please note that we only accept laptops purchased through this programme and each year we only accept those purchased within a certain timeframe.

This allows our school to support the devices more efficiently been used on our network in a safe, secure environment and in terms of technical and software needs.

Over the last few years, we have phased out Hp laptops and Toshiba laptops the were brought through the programme from 2015-2017. In 2021 we will be Phasing out Lenovo n24 laptops that were purchased through the school in 2018. This means that they will only be allowed to be used by Year 8 pupils.

We once again thank our community for the overwhelming support you have shown us over the last 6 years that the programme has been in operation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office.

Jon Wood - H.O.D Computer Technology

TONGARIRO NATIONAL PARK TRIP: Room 8 had a successful ‘survival’ trip into Tongariro National Park last Tuesday and Wednesday. We hiked in, carrying all our gear, to the Waihohonu DOC hut. Because the trip was all about survival, the children did absolutely everything for themselves – cooking, packing, first aid etc. I was exceptionally proud of their efforts. We had four seasons in one day, with hot sunshine through to cold wind and rain, so the children discovered that conditions could change very quickly in the mountains. Luckily, they were 100% prepared. (Ms Rana Keeley Rm 8)



Room 23 enjoying the rafting and the hut at National park.



TIS Students enjoying the Blue light programme



ABEL TASMAN TRIP

Last week a group of eighteen students embarked on amazing adventure to the South Island. This included a weeklong hiking trip to the Abel Tasman.

Although the weather was challenging at times, all students persevered with a positive attitude and had an amazing experience. A special mention to Baz Haydon for organising an amazing trip. The Abel Tasman was an incredible experience, that pushed us all to our limits. It gave us great opportunities, that we might not have had the chance to get, like meeting new people and exploring our beautiful New Zealand Scenery. We all worked together as a team and helped each other to get to the end. Including through all the wet weather, although it rained, we had an outstanding time and loved every minute of it. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Haydon, Miss Grimshaw, Katie and Sonja for everything you did for us, you guys are amazing, and it wouldn't have been possible without you.

By Emma Staples and Ruby Brasell.



Heading to a Taupo college next year?

Want to meet others heading to the same college as you?

Come and join us at Real afterschool from mid-November to meet other students that will be heading to the same school as you next year.

Come and have some fun making new friends while engaging in some awesome activities. Phone/text Michelle (0272008945) for more information



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