

# TAUPO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Striving for Excellence

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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:

*"Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results."* - Andrew Carnegie was a [Scottish-American industrialist](#) and [philanthropist](#). Carnegie led the expansion of the American [steel industry](#) in the late 19th century and became one of the [richest Americans](#) in history. He became a leading [philanthropist](#) in the United States and in the [British Empire](#). During the last 18 years of his life, he gave away ~\$350 million (roughly \$5.2 billion in 2019) to charities, foundations, and universities – almost 90 percent of his fortune.

Thank you to all those parents who came to our Meet the Parent / Teacher Evening Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021 and I am confident that you found the evening to be very beneficial.

I / we have appreciated the support from our parent group particularly by allowing your child to settle into their new classes with their new teachers.

It is a huge task to be able to organize students into groups when we have such a diverse range of students from all our contributing schools.

Placing our students into Year 8 classes has also been with some difficulty and again we have asked for some settling in time.

## ENTRY INTO OUR SCHOOL

**If you are visiting our school for any reason, you are required to sign in at the office where you will receive a visitor sticker which must be worn. You are also required to use the Covid Scan bar code which are posted on the entrance to our buildings.**

**You are not able to just proceed to classrooms or enter our grounds without signing in at the office.**

**Only those parents and or caregivers who are registered on our enrolment forms can ask to see, visit, or pick up, students from our school.**

**There are several Court Orders in operation and the information we have on file is what we will enforce.**

**If there are any updates to these orders, then they must be brought into the office so we can update our records.**

**If you have a new contact phone number or email or if your circumstances have changed then please contact our office immediately so we can update our records.**

***Issued on behalf of the Taupo Intermediate Board of Trustees and Principal***

## THE TIS WAY

**We have raised the expectations and standards of our students in 2021 and want them and us to look after each other the:**

**Thinking – Whaiwhakaaro:** Responsibly, Creatively and Critically

**Involved – Whaiwāhitanga:** Being involved in learning, school opportunities or community.

**Showing Respect – Manaakitanga:** Self, Others, Learning, School and Environment (Relating to others and managing self)

We have already started our planning and preparation for our events and some discussions have been held about our 3 x major awards – The Bevan Docherty physical challenges, the Donovan Bixley cultural experiences and the Principal Academic Awards.

The purpose of these awards is to help promote the involvement of students in positive activities.

**These awards are open to any student who, during their two years at Taupo Intermediate School completes**

- 5 of the goals for a **BRONZE MEDAL**
- 7 of the goals for a **SILVER MEDAL**
- 9 of the goals for a **GOLD MEDAL**

Medals will be presented at our final assemblies of the year.

Year 7s will only be awarded Gold medals in their first year – NO Bronze or Silver

All the activities will be signed off by the Person in Charge of the event – normally the organizer and counter signed by a Taupo Intermediate Senior Leader (DP or Principal)

Each class has a poster on the wall with all the activities.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2021** - Length of the Lake Relay – featuring the Taupo Int. Teaching Staff
- **Monday / Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021.** - Boys class – Aquatics / Tongariro Crossing
- **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021.** - Taupo Int. Swimming Sports – Year 8s at 9.15am – 11.30 / Year 7s at 12-2.15pm.
- **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2021** – Across the Lake Swim – 1k and 2 km swim @ 3 Mile Bay – Entries are required now thank you – payment and permission forms to our office.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO:

**DECLAN CONNOR – Room 2** Declan has just raced the last 2 weekends at huge NZ championships. He raced at the NZ MX Grand Prix @ Woodville and came 1st in his class. He has just raced @ the NZ Junior Motocross Nationals and he has won that, he is now NZ 1. He was being televised on sky sport next and in one of his podiums interviews they asked him what school he went to, and he was proud to say Taupo intermediate.



### Mikayla Griffiths - Room 15

was here for the first day of school on Wednesday and then had NZ Junior Nationals for Motocross in Tauranga.

In November they travelled to Gore where she won her First title becoming 1 NZ in the 8 - 11 85cc Junior Women's class.

Because of the rule changes and the classes being moved the Junior event she had to try and defend her title this weekend in which she did winning 5 from 5 races over the 3 days to keep her 1 NZ title for another year.

We are very proud of her and she is very humble, and she probably will not say she won her title.



**Reid Gordon – Room 1** did well for his motocross in the weekend racing against the best of the best from all over NZ at the Junior Motocross Nationals. He came 7th equal but because of position on the last race. He came away with 8NZ.