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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”.

In my opinion:

“When we least expect it, life sets us a challenge to test our courage and willingness to change; at such a moment, there is no point in pretending that nothing has happened or in saying that we are not yet ready. The challenge will not wait. Life does not look back. A week is more than enough time for us to decide whether or not to accept our destiny.”— Paulo Coelho de Souza is a Brazilian lyricist and novelist, best known for his novel *The Alchemist*. In 2014, he uploaded his personal papers online to create a virtual Paulo Coelho Foundation.

This week we have, and will, during the weekend take up several challenges which is exciting for all involved.

On Tuesday I was fortunate to be with the Boys Class undertaking the Tongariro Crossing which each time I do this walk I find it challenging and a great relief when it is over. I congratulate the boys, our parents, and teachers for achieving this milestone and admire the courage and tenacity to complete the challenge.

On Thursday we held the school swimming sports with the Year 8s in the morning and the Year 7s in the afternoon.

Congratulations to all our students for their performances as competitors and spectators. This ensured we all had a successful day of competition. So, thank you also to my staff for the support with the administration and organization of this event.

The results are as follows:

SWIMMING RESULTS 2021			
YEAR 8	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Overall points	Rm 22 - 103 points	Rm 1 51 points	Rm 7 47 points
Champion Girls	<u>Lilie</u> Ishikawa – 11 points	Elsie Plummer – 7 points	Maya Williams – 3 points
Champion Boys	Nehemiah Baker – 9 points	Tyler <u>Heald</u> -5 points	Mitchell Donald – 4 points
Relay	Room 22	Room 7	Room 2
Overall yr 8 champion	<u>Lilie</u> Ishikawa		
YEAR 7	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD
Overall points	Rm 16 – <u>56 points</u>	Rm 24 – <u>54 points</u>	Rm 5 45 points
Champion Girls	Michaela Mundy – 5 points	Mia Elliot <u>4 points</u> Regan Ardene <u>4 points</u> 2 nd =	
Champion Boys	Kian Weston - <u>9 points</u>	Harrison Fletcher – 2 points	Jordan Witika – 1 Angus Hart – 1 3 rd =
Relay	Rm 24	Rm 16	Rm 5
Overall yr 7 Champion	Kian Weston		

ACROSS THE LAKE SWIM

This Saturday's Across the Lake Swim, swimming the 1km / 2km. Taupo Intermediate staff will collect all the race packs on Friday night, so if students could meet **Megan Chapman** and **Kerri Robinson**, at the race start (3 Mile Bay Boat Ramp) at **7.15am** to collect their pack, prepare for the race and attend the briefing prior to the start. Students must have a wetsuit (minimum short john) which needs to have been washed in laundry detergent, rinsed, and dried before the event.

Kayakers: For any parent who wishes to borrow a kayak for supporting the 1 and 2km events, Teaching Staff will have some school kayaks etc at the 3 Mile Bay Boat Ramp on Saturday morning.

Kayakers must wear a lifejacket and are asked to bring a whistle and cell phone if possible. If those parents who offered to paddle their own kayak could please bring them to the event as we only have 12. We will also have several of our own staff supporting on the water.

The 2km kayakers must be on the beach at 3 Mile Bay boat ramp where the swimmers start at 7.30am. ready to get on the water for their safety briefing. The 1km kayakers must be on the beach at 3 Mile Bay boat ramp where the swimmers start at 7.40am ready to get on the water for their safety briefing.

This swim will be a test of courage and determination for many students. As such we ask that you support (verbally) and encourage **all** swimmers to steadily continue along the course. Though also ask, that students are not towed, or physically supported more than 3 or 4 times (none if possible) over the 1km. If you intend to follow your child, could you please **also encourage and assist any nearby students**.

Please ensure your child is well prepared, has had food and water, has vaseline for chaffing, warm clothing for after etc.

Wairakei Estate Ironkidz in Taupo ...

The Wairakei Estate Ironkidz Triathlon on **Sunday, 28 February 2021** in Taupo is all about participation, with a triathlon for everyone aged 7 to 15 years old, and a splash & dash event for 5- to 7-year-olds. It is about getting out there, having a go and achieving a personal best and having a heap of FUN!

This event is organized by Waipahihi School.

Registration takes place on

- Saturday 27th February at Waipahihi School Hall, 20 Parata Street, Taupo between 4.00-6.00pm, and
- Sunday 28th February at the Lakefront Reserve – opposite Mere Road, Taupo from 7.30am

Have a great weekend with our next big event being the New Zealand Ironman Event on Saturday 6th March 2021

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Oliver Barnett (Oli) – Room 1
Has just returned from the
Challenge Wanaka secondary
school triathlon festival. He put
in a massive effort in the 16deg
water, then mid 20deg temps on
the bike and run to finish 6th in
the under 14s. Well done!



**Boys Class – Room 1- Crater Lake on
Tongariro Crossing Walk**



Boys Class – Room 1 Lake Taupo



Boys Class – Room 1 Tongariro Walk

TIS Tuckshop - Kristie's Kai **Lunch Specials**

Tuesday

Sweet Corn Fritters \$3.50

Friday

Spaghetti Bolognaise \$5.00



**Boys Class – Room 1 Enjoying the
Tongariro Crossing Walk**

