

TAUPO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Striving for Excellence

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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:

“Every day is a chance to begin again. Do not focus on the failures of yesterday, start today with positive thoughts and expectations. – Catherine Pulsifer Born October 1957, is an author who shares her inspiration through many websites.

A very warm welcome to the New Year and may this year be a positive and uninterrupted year.

A warm welcome to all of you whether you are;

- **A staff member returning or a new staff member.**
- **A new Year 7 student or a Year 8 student**
- **A “first time” parent /caregiver who is starting their journey with us or those who have had an association with us over the years.**
- **An interested member of our community in whatever capacity and position you might hold.**

I am heartened by the many messages of goodwill that have come our way and trust that this continue throughout the year because your positive thoughts will help us get through another year.

It is easy to be critical and to cast aspersions upon us or any school particularly when people try to share negative comments via the Social media which I personally do not read or respond to.

I prefer the “kanohi te kanohi” approach where if you have an issue then please raise it in the first instance with your child’s teacher and then with Management if it remains unresolved.

I / we are looking forward to the year and the many activities and experiences we will be involved in and our days of preparation will ensure that these things take place.

You will get information days, dates, organization, requests for assistance about these events via our;

- **Weekly newsletter – hard copy and placed on our website / School App. We will be phasing out the hard copies by the end of February 2021.**
- **Daily news broadcast to our classes**
- **Repeated at our weekly assemblies.**
- **Class Letters**
- **Event Co-ordinators letters.**

From time to time particularly following our monthly Board Meetings the newsletter will contain a “Board Blurb” to keep you up to date with proceedings, policies, and procedures. Vanessa Donald is our present Board Chair.

Our administration office hours are 8am – 4pm and the school email is: admin@taupointermediate.co.nz and the phone number is – 07 378 8097. Please make appointments to see our teaching staff outside of classroom contact hours. Class contact hours are 8.45am – 3pm daily.

REMINDERS THAT WILL HELP US:

SCHOOL UNIFORM. Our school uniform is clearly spelt out in our school prospectus and the expectation is that there will be no variations to this. It is a requirement when you enrol here at Taupo Intermediate. Black Leather shoes are required particularly for Technology subject areas as a health and safety measure. More importantly I expect our students wear their uniform with pride and dignity. **NO** Body piercing except for ear studs.

NO CELL PHONES TO BE USED AT SCHOOL. These are to be checked in and out of the school office. This is to prevent the misuse of devices a breach of our Digital Citizen agreement, such as videoing and posting online. Phones will be confiscated for breaches and parents will need to retrieve them from the office.

ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL. Please contact the office or classroom teacher. At approximately 9,30am you will receive a txt if your child is absent unless you have already made contact.

BUS STUDENTS. Will receive a letter today outlining the service and the expectations of the users. Please ensure you are familiar with the contents of the letter.

LAPTOP PROGRAMME. This scheme has been running for 6 x years and gives all our families the opportunity to be involved with On-Line Learning. The purchase of our laptops has **NEVER** been compulsory. If you choose not to be involved a Desktop will be provided for your child to work on. Only those laptops on our scheme will be connected to our network and have access to our programmes. Deposits and contracts need to be sorted as soon as is possible as we will start the distribution as soon as we get time to set up and assign.

SCHOOL STATIONERY. We have issued all our students a stationery pack and thank you to those who have paid. To others when you can we would appreciate payment. We make provision for setting up “automatic payment system” which you might want to discuss with our office staff.

MEET THE PARENT/TEACHERS EVENING - Thursday 11th February @ 5.30pm to start in the hall with Principal address then you will proceed to your child’s teacher’s room for their presentation.

They will not be able to discuss individual student needs as they will need some time to get to know their students. You will need to make another appointment time. The teachers will also be given time to work through all the information they have received from the student’s previous teacher / school.

Taupo Intermediate Calendar of Events: Term one

event	Day / Date 2021
Meet the Parent /Teacher Evening @ 5.30pm – Hall then Classrooms	Thursday 11/2
Length of Lake Relay – Staff team	Saturday 13/2
Across the Lake Swim -	Saturday 27/2
Iron Kidz – Waipahihi School Event	Sunday 28/2
BOP Intermediate Surfing	Friday 5/3
Ironman – Staff manning Special Needs Station – Cycling	Saturday 6/3
TIS Triathlon @ Wharewaka Point	Monday 15/3
Leadership Camp with TNT – Papamoa	Thurs/Fri 18-19/3
BOP/Poverty Bay Swim Champs	Friday 19/3
BOP/Poverty Bay Tennis / Open Water swim	Friday 12/3
BOP Softball	Friday 12/3
BOP Touch	Friday 26/3
NZ Schools Triathlon Champs – Ngamotu New Plymouth	Sat –Sun 27 & 28/3
Leadership Camp – Ilminster/Taradale/ Northcross / Taupo Intermediates	Mon-Tues 12-13/4
Easter Break	Fri-Tues 2-6/4
April Holidays - (ANZAC Holiday Monday 26 th April)	Sat 17/4 – Sun.2/5

We have a Mobile App for all important School messages. To download the app click this link.

<https://taupointermediate.apps.school.nz/install/>



Greetings from Kristie's Kai - Our canteen runs from 8.30am till 1.30pm

***LUNCH ORDERS** are to be ordered at 8.30am (not morning teatime)
Specials Tuesday & Friday only, Sushi by order only Tuesday & Friday only

***BREAKFAST** from 8.30am
There is Toast 50c, English muffins \$1.00, crumpets \$1.00, fruit \$1.00, yoghurt \$1.50 available.

***MORNING TEA** is from 11.25am
With an array of food available see blackboard outside canteen

***LUNCH** 12.55pm

Lunch orders picked up by lunch monitor only. There is no hot food available unless I have anything left from morning tea otherwise there is Fruit, yoghurts, Dorito's, Cookies, and drinks available only.