

# TAUPO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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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:

*I invite the reader to consider the possibility that we are now entering a period of hospice for ourselves and with one another. Never in human history or in our own personal history has our full embodiment, the healing of the mind-body split, been as urgent as it is in this moment. Never before have we so desperately needed to reflect upon our lives and find meaning in them as we do now.”*

— Carolyn Baker, *Love in the Age of Ecological Apocalypse: Cultivating the Relationships We Need to Thrive*

We rise today with an additional worry on top of Covid Levels, with an Earthquake at 2.39am this morning and for some of us who have friends and whanau in the affected areas our thoughts are with them. By the end of breakfast, the Tsunami warning had been cancelled and people were asked to stand down but be prepared to evacuate if there were any further earthquakes. Then, we have breaking news of another earthquake originating in the far North – “8” on the Richter Scale and several other areas were put in Tsunami alert.

It is therefore a pertinent time for us here in Taupo, to review our practices should we have an earthquake here that might be of a significant scale.

Firstly, if your child/children are at school then we will take care of them and ensure to the best of our ability to ensure that they are kept safe and well.

**PLEASE DO NOT:** Try and ring the school for information as this will “jam” up one of the communications systems.

- **We will use our School app. to communicate what is happening.**
- **You will need to refer to the local communication networks under the Civil Emergency Organization.**
- **We will look after your child/children until you are able to come in and pick them up, should that be the directive from Taupo Intermediate Senior Management – Bill Clarke Principal or Megan Chapman / Kerri Robinson in my absence or from the local Civil Defence administration.**

We have drills that we undertake if there is an Earthquake and evacuate to the Rugby Field when we deem it safe where we will check on everyone’s safety – Adults and Students – and it will be at that time that we will make decisions.

If a decision is made to get students picked up, then we will coordinate and be rest assured No child will be released unless it is to you, the designated Parent or Caregiver.

We will also have to consider the Bus Students and how we get them home so again please do not ring the bus company for advice or organization. It will probably mean that all students will need to be picked up – **I WILL MAKE THE DECISION AS TO WHAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN IN CONSULTATION WITH THE BUS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.**

## **COVID LEVELS UPDATE:**

There will be an update on what level we will have for the upcoming weekend and next week, but in the meantime, we are at Level 2. It is frustrating but we at school here have been consistent with our management strategy and expect our personnel on-site to abide by the protocols. Our frustration is when we do not have students and teachers adhering to these requirements. We can take action to deal with these situations at school. I am asking for your support, when we ask that students are removed from school for sickness and for not following procedures.

If you come into the school for any reason, you need to sign in using our Covid Scan posted on the office entrance door. You are not allowed to enter our premises unless you sign in – you will be issued with a label to be worn on your lapel to indicate to all the teachers that you have in fact signed in. Your cooperation on these matters will ensure that we reduce the risk of us contributing in any way to the re-calculation of the Covid Levels.

We believe that we are doing a great job at all our schools, coping with the changes in Levels. Schools are required to remain open in levels 1,2 and 3 and so I believe, we the personnel working onsite should be one of the first in line to have access to the vaccine, as we are most exposed to people from across the sector, frontline workers to people from many sectors of the community. Thank you for the continued support.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

- **ALL those swimmers and the helpers for your participation in the Across the Lake Swim. We had 55 x students registered for the swim an outstanding number and congratulations for completing this event. To all the parents and big number of my teaching staff who assisted on the day I am grateful and very proud of our commitment to providing and supporting these events.**
- **A shame about the Ironman shift but we will be there to support as well.**

## COMING UP

- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at Wharewaka Point Reserve
  - o Taupo Intermediate School Triathlon
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March & 19<sup>th</sup> March
  - o TIS Leadership Camp Taupo-nui-a-tia at Papamoa

## Wiremu

## PHOTO - LIFE

This year's photographs will be available for you to view and order On-Line with Photo-Life Studios.

Your son or daughter will shortly bring home an On-Line slip with their unique Access Key detailed on it. This Access Key will display all the photographs of your child. It is then an easy process for you to shop on-line and purchase the photographs you want.

If you place your order within three weeks of receiving your Access Key you will receive free delivery for your photo orders. Photo-Life has agreed to despatch all the orders back to the school and your child will bring their photographs home.

Any orders placed after this three-week period will be sent directly to your specified delivery address and will incur a \$6.00 Postage & Packing charge.

You will see this message when you go Online to view and order your photographs.



### TIS Tuckshop

#### Kristie's Kai

#### Lunch Specials

##### Tuesday

Curried Sausages \$4.50

##### Friday

Mini Sliders & Chips \$ 5.00



### Antonia Room 12 & Louie Cameron - Room 22.

Attended Cross country National's championships in Christchurch. Antonia was the youngest in the field. Antonia came in 4th position and Louie 5th. Both were racing under the 15-year-old age category. A great achievement! Well done!

On Thursday lunchtimes, a group of smart people meet regularly to battle it out in the masterful game of chess. Chess club is open to all who want to come and either learn the game or hone their skills. There are strong arguments and fierce discussions amongst likeminded and competitive players, and it is a lot of fun.

