

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:

“The best way to not feel hopeless is to get up and do something. Do not wait for good things to happen to you. If you go out and make some good things happen, you will fill the world with hope, you will fill yourself with hope.” — Barack Hussein

Obama II is an American politician and attorney who served as the 44th president of the United States from 2009 to 2017. A member of the Democratic Party, Obama was the first African American president of the United States. He previously served as a U.S. senator from Illinois from 2005 to 2008 and as an Illinois state senator from 1997 to 2004. Obama was born in Honolulu, ...

I admire the fact that even in this time of uncertainty, that we here continue to press on and work hard to create opportunities for our students to participate in, like the across the Lake Swim and next **Monday 15th March** our **School Triathlon** which will be held at Wharewaka Point. (specific details below)

Several of our students have entered the New Zealand Mountain Bike Champs in Auckland along with the New Zealand Triathlon in New Plymouth. We have almost finalized our Touch teams to represent us at the Bay of Plenty Intermediate Interschool competition. We have already started trials for Netball and held meetings about Hockey and Basketball and our Equestrian team. Dance is underway with auditions being run at Lunchtimes whilst the TIS Band is beginning their year with recent selections for the various roles in the band.

Several students have been selected in the first group, to work with the Year 12 students from Taupo Nui a Tia both here at our school and then next week on **Thursday 18th March and Friday 19th March** at Papamoa / Mount Maunganui. Following this initial camp, we will select **20 x students** to then work with 3 other Intermediates – Northcross from Auckland, Taradale Napier, and Ilminster from Gisborne. - during the last week of this term.

Daily we have our Boys Class running an interclass Rippa-Rugby competition to help provide positive activities during our lunch break.

Unfortunately, we do not have the total commitment from all our students who have let themselves, their families, and our school “**TIS Way**” down with senseless acts of vandalism and physical harm along with a lack of respect for our staff and other students.

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 cannot hope to achieve these expectations and standards if you do not help and support us as a community. All the programmes in the world are not going to help us in this venture, we need all of us to work together.

School Triathlon at Wharewaka Point: Monday 15th March 2021

The starting order will be:

Individual Year. 8 boys, Year 8 girls, Year 7 boys, Year 7 girls and then the Duathlon Event.

The Year 8 boys will start at 12.30pm, with the remaining starts approximately 5 minutes apart. Where at all possible we ask that parents take their child's bike out to the event as we have over 125 bikes required at the start.

We will have staff on site from 9.30am, though bikes can be dropped off up until 12.10pm. The students will be bussed out to Wharewaka Point at 11.45am and back to school after the event by 2.30pm

However, if parents wish to take their child with them after the event, they can sign them out from there. Students who live nearby and wish to walk or cycle home afterwards will require a note.

REMINDERS:

- **HEALTH AND SAFETY DIRECTIVE** - You are required to sign in and check in at the office during school hours and not just wander down to classrooms. Teachers are unavailable for meetings during class time. Please make an appointment through the office – 07 3788097
- **Students who are checking out during the school day** need to be checked through our office system.
- **MINISTRY OF EDUCATION LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENT - ALL ABSENCES** need clarification and or Justification by Parents / Caregivers. Absences are recorded on our Ministry Data base so you will need to contact us as to why the absence has occurred.
- **HEALTH AND SAFETY DIRECTIVE - DON'T** use the driveway into the school in the morning and after-school as we have 10 x buses picking up and dropping off from this entrance each day as well as students walking into schools.

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE STUDENTS, PARENTS /CAREGIVERS WHO ARE FOLLOWING THESE PRECEDURES. YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED

HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!!

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T.I.S. – Students can work towards all three Awards, example of one below.



DONOVAN BIXLEY AWARD LOG BOOK

This award is open to any student who, during their two years at Taupo Intermediate School completes at least five of the following 15 goals

The purpose of this award is to help promote the involvement of students in iconic and rewarding Taupo based activities.
Medals will be presented at the end of year assembly

GOLD AWARD:

9 goals completed

SILVER AWARD:

7 goals completed

BRONZE AWARD:

5 goals completed

Reeve Lee – Room 24

has been granted dispensation by Motorcycling New Zealand to race his road bike (Suzuki GSX 150) at the last two rounds of the NZ superbike championships.

He will be riding the 13th/14th March here at Bruce McLaren Motorsport park!

Reeve is competing in the superbike race and is - the youngest ever rider!



The above students have helped create this mural for the
10th Anniversary for the
Taupo Community Gardens.

Donovan Bixley Visit

On Friday 26th February, we were lucky enough to have local author and illustrator, Donovan Bixley, come in and speak to our class. Donovan spoke of his passion for writing and drawing from a young age and established a timeline of his journey to where he is today. It was pertinent for the boys to hear that no matter how hard you work, or how good you are at something, there will always be times when you encounter setbacks and the importance of building resilience to persevere with your dreams and/or ambitions. From a literacy perspective, it was fantastic to hear him speak of the differing roles between images and words in a text; that they both serve a purpose for the intended audience. We had a great time and learnt a lot from this experience! Karen Turdiech – Boys Class Teacher



TIS Tuckshop

Kristie's Kai

Lunch Specials

Tuesday

Chicken Kebabs

\$4.50

Friday

Mini Pizzas

\$4.00



MARCH MINECRAFT MONTH COMPETITIONS

Check the 9 O'clock News each Monday for your chance to enter.

Each week Mr. Elliott will host a SPEED BUILD at lunchtime where students must build something STAR WARS related.

You can build as an individual or in a team.

You have the month of March to create a STAR WARS MEGA BUILD in your own world.

You can build as an individual or in a team.

Email a video or screenshots of your build by Wednesday 31st March:

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