

# 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:

"A true leader has the confidence to stand alone, the courage to make tough decisions, and the compassion to listen to the needs of others. He does not set out to be a leader but becomes one by the equality of his actions and the integrity of his intent." -General of the Army Douglas MacArthur was an American five-star general and Field Marshal of the Philippine Army. He was Chief of Staff of the United States Army during the 1930s and played a prominent role in the Pacific theatre during World War II. He received the Medal of Honour for his service in the Philippines campaign, which made him and his father Arthur MacArthur Jr. the first father and son to be awarded the medal. He was one of only five to rise to the rank of General of the Army in the US Army, and the only one conferred the rank of field marshal in the Philippine Army.

We have again been working hard to provide the experiences which allow our students to participate in something positive and I thank and congratulate all those who have participated. We have also had Year 8 classes climbing up Mount Tauhara and our Year 7 classes working on our "Blue Light" program.

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021** – Taupo Intermediate School Triathlon/Duathlon at Wharewaka. We had to undertake approval to run our event;

- Taupo District Council for the use of Wharewaka Reserve and submitting a Traffic management plan to run the event including our Health and Safety plan along with maps of the course. We use the Taupo Tri Clubs courses, but we also needed to submit our own Management Plan. We also were very fortunate to be able to use the Tri Clubs Equipment.
- We had to apply to the Tuwharetoa Trust Board to run our event in the Lake at Wharewaka and thank them for their support.
- Our next application was to the Harbour Masters office that we were running an event on the Lake.
- I organized a post box drop advising the residents of our event –Students from Room 25 – **Deb Woodward** helped me deliver the pamphlets to all the residents of Wharewaka Point.

We had staff on site from 9.30am and then students were bussed out to Wharewaka Point at 11.45am. We commissioned Mr Arthur Corbett to check and administer our Traffic Management Plan on the day. **Debbie Woodward** (Room 25 teacher) administered the event on the day, and she was ably assisted by several of our staff. I want to thank **Steve Giles** -Taupo District Council Events Manager, for his assistance prior to and on the day of the event and **John Kuper** for his assistance during the day – Much Appreciated. A very successful day well supported by many parents.

### Congratulations to Triathletes;

- o Year 7 Girls: **Regan Arderne 3<sup>rd</sup> / Olivia Shepherd 2<sup>nd</sup> / Bianca Stewart 1<sup>st</sup>**
- o Year 7 Boys: **Matthew More 3<sup>rd</sup> / Erasmus Hallett 2<sup>nd</sup> / Kian Weston 1<sup>st</sup>**
- o Year 8 Girls: **Lillie Ishikawa 3<sup>rd</sup> / Alivia Morley 2<sup>nd</sup> / Antonia Shepherd 1<sup>st</sup>**
- o Year 8 Boys: **Oliver MacLachlan 3<sup>rd</sup> / Louie Cameron 2<sup>nd</sup> / Oliver Barnett 1<sup>st</sup>**

### Duathlons;

- o Year 7 Girls: **Isla Brown 3<sup>rd</sup> / Tianna Betty 2<sup>nd</sup> / Chloe Collins 1<sup>st</sup>**
- o Year 7 Boys: **Ashton Tattersfield 3<sup>rd</sup> / Liam Callaghan 2<sup>nd</sup> / Zach Corbett 1<sup>st</sup>**
- o Year 8 Girls: **Emmeline Martin 2<sup>nd</sup> / Samara Thatcher 1<sup>st</sup>**
- o Year 8 Boys: **JV 3<sup>rd</sup> / Zach Bidwell 2<sup>nd</sup> / Bennett Sargison 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021** – We held our School Photos on this day. **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March** – We held our Leadership Camp at Papamoa with Taupo Nui a Tia Year 12 Students. **72 x of our students** were selected in the first group with **3 x students per class**, to work with the Year 12 students from Taupo Nui a Tia both here at our school and then on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March and Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March we travelled to Papamoa / Mount Maunganui. Our Leadership camp was very successful and enjoyed by all concerned. I thank **Megan Chapman** and **Morgan Morrow** for their input and assistance and congratulate our students on their performance. It is always great to get to work with Taupo Nui a Tia Students especially those who were ex- pupils of ours. Following this initial camp, we will now go on to select **20 x students** who will go on to work with three other Intermediates – Northcross from Auckland, Taradale Napier, and Ilminster from Gisborne during the last week of this term – **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021. Today Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March** we have four Touch Teams representing us in Rotorua.

Thank you all for the continued support and have a great weekend and if you are supporting the Ironman event in some way then I am sure they will appreciate the support. Our Staff are providing support at the Special Needs Station on the second leg of the Bike in Rifle Range Road – Best wishes to all the athletes and a huge thank you to all the helpers.

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### Message from the Board of Trustees

Morena from the Board of Trustees! I am writing this message on the side-line of the Touch Rugby tournament in Rotorua watching our Year 7 and 8 representative teams. It is awesome! Thanks to all the parents and whanau who are supporting their kids to participate in these school events, tick off award challenges and ensure kids are ready to attend school each day on time.

On Monday night we held our second board meeting for 2021. It was great to finalise our Charter and Annual Budget and discuss our plans for student and staff wellbeing. Specifically, we talked about behaviour and the new Blue Light programme introduced this year. This programme is run in conjunction with the police and Blue Light, helping our students to develop skills to positively manage themselves, relationships with others and build resilience. It is part of the TIS Way.

When we have problems with the behaviour of students, it stops kids getting the best out of school. As parents and whanau, please help us by encouraging your tamariki to respect themselves, others, and the environment.

One of the big problems we have is social media. Students are not allowed to use devices or access social media accounts at school, but the damage caused using social media outside of school can have lasting effects on how your kids feel about themselves, their friends and school. Please do not let your kids have their own social media accounts until they are old enough. For most social media kids need to be at least 13 years old to legally create an account. Even then, think hard on this and be informed.

We hope that you and your kids are enjoying being part of Taupo Intermediate School. We have 8-9 Board meetings each year and everyone is welcome. Our 2021 Charter will be available next week through our School App. Please take time to read this - we would love your feedback! Have a great **IRONMAN** weekend - special thanks to the teachers who are representing Intermediate and manning our drink station.



### **CONGRATULATIONS!!**

**Dante Minhinnick** - Room 24 **came first** in his age group at the Cambridge athletics pentathlon a couple of weeks ago.

**Dante** also competed in the **Athletics Children's Champs** in Tauranga on Saturday coming **first in 200m and Long jump, 2nd in 100m and 3rd in Shotput.**

**We're super proud** of this group of [Taupo Intermediate School](#) Kids Greening Taupo Rangers and Leaders. They helped explain a big project to 12 classes, one after the other. They confidently talked about biodiversity, our special native trees, and invasive weeds in front of hundreds of their peers. The next step is working with [Blue Light Taupo](#) to clear the weeds from this gully, save the amazing native trees that are there and turn this into a magical learning space. It is a big project, but we are giving it our best shot!

(As mentioned on the Kids Greening Taupo Facebook page)



**Cohen Ludlam, Riley Burley and Kahlia Evans** went to the **BMX Nationals 2021** in Rotorua Sat 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> March. Unfortunately, Cohen was caught up in a crash in the Semi Finals so did not place. **Riley came 19<sup>th</sup> overall and Kahlia came 6<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Year 8 DT STEAM Challenge.**

This week students have been racing their Sphero robot powered recycled boats across the school pool. Students have been collaborating in groups, over the last few weeks to design and build their boats. They have been using research on hull design and propulsion, learning about the forces that effect a boat in water, and using Tinker card software to see their designs come to life. Congratulations to all those students who participated.

**Cycling NZ - North Island School's Championship race in Auckland.** Taupo intermediate were well represented at the event. There were over 50 different intermediate schools and colleges been represented by the MTB community. For Taupo intermediate school the results were amazing!

#### **Cross country**

##### **Year 8 boys**

Louie Cameron 2nd place

##### **Year 8 girls**

Antonia shepherd 2nd place

##### **Year 7 girls**

Olivia shepherd 2nd place

Regan Adurn 3rd

#### **Enduro**

##### **Year 8 boys**

Zander McEwen 6th place

Downhill, Zander got DQ



### **North Island Cycle Championship Race**



**Winners of Year 8 DT Steam Challenge**  
**Vienna Rm12 & George Rm20**