

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:

“Leaders aren’t born, they are made. They are made by hard effort, which is the price which all of us must pay to achieve any goal which is worthwhile.” **Vince Lombardi:** Vincent Thomas Lombardi was an American football coach, and executive in the National Football League. He is best known as the head coach of the Green Bay Packers during the 1960s, where he led the team to three straight and five total NFL Championships in seven years, in addition to winning the first two Super Bowls at the conclusion of the 1966 and 1967 NFL seasons.

Well, the end of the term has finally arrived, and we can only reflect on what has now gone and then look toward next term and what that might bring.

Awesome work and effort by all of us here at Taupo Intermediate. We are worthy of receiving high praise for the way we have involved ourselves in the many and varied experiences that have been on offer. I am sure that if you are a student who has set some goals that might be included in the Bevan Docherty award that you will have signed off several events and if you have not then there is still time. I am thankful for the work that our staff who have also put in to organizing and supporting these many events and special mention to our new staff members who have contributed to this effort. I want to also recognize the work that our Board of Trustees have contributed with the leadership of Vanessa Donald and supported by John McIntyre, DJ Tupe, Bridget Hayes, Jacky Later, Kerri Robinson and Megan Chapman.

I am also grateful for the immense parental support assisting and supporting with these events and this is only term 1.

- **Full on Staff active participation in the Length of the Lake Relay**
- **Boys Class tramp over the Tongariro Crossing**
- **Taupo Intermediate Swimming Sports and Triathlon**
- **Across the Lake Swim – 1km and 2km event**
- **72 x students involved in a Leadership Camp with Taupo Nui a Tia @Papamoa**
- **Staff manning the Bike Special Needs Station at the New Zealand Ironman event.**
- **School Photos**
- **Very successful Bay of Plenty Inter-school Touch tournament in Rotorua**
- **Both CWAA (Children with Academic Abilities) classes trip to Wellington**
- **TIS Inter-class Lunchtime Sports – “Ripper Rugby”**
- **Netball and Hockey Trials and teams composed for Basketball to represent our school next term.**
- **Formation of the TIS Band**
- **Waiaata and Haka School wide program well underway.**
- **Dance group in full rehearsal mode**
- **Blue Light** – (Collaborating with Taupo Blue Light and Tash NZ Police School Community Officer to provide a hands-on program about personal Hauora (wellbeing) using the outdoors called ‘Te iti Kahurangi’ - ‘pursue what is precious’. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to problem solve, collaborate, learn life-skills, and develop resilience and positive relationships with other students and themselves)
- **Inter-school Leadership Camp with Northcross, Taradale, Ilminster and Taupo Intermediates hosted here in Taupo.**
- **Greening Taupo** – (who have under-taken a major project with our classes to clean up and restore the gully behind Rooms 1-2)
- **Our teachers have also been writing up the End of Term Reports**

Put all these together with our Property development such as;

- Completion and opening of our two new classrooms.
- Erection of our new Hall Stage
- Installation and use of the Geothermally heated swimming pool.

With projects planned for this next two weeks during the holiday break

- Re-roofing of Rooms 17 and 18
- Geothermal Heaters being installed in the Pool changing rooms.
- New Asphalt being laid in front of the Food, Art, Workshop and Fabric rooms
- Completion of the painting of the new stage in the hall along with laying of the new flooring in the school hall

May we all take time to relax and enjoy our well-deserved break and recharge the batteries as we have another big term coming up. Thank you all for your continued efforts and support. Arohanui

Wiremu - Principal

This past week, 20 of our Taupo Intermediate class leaders

were chosen to participate in a second leadership camp, alongside three other intermediates: Northcross Intermediate (North Shore), Ilminster Intermediate (Gisborne) and Taradale Intermediate (Napier). Combining the intermediates has presented the opportunity to come out of our comfort zones and to put ourselves out there.

We were lucky enough to have the Crusaders under20's to visit and teach us more about leadership and to answer our curious questions. They told us to show empathy, resilience, confidence, to surround ourselves with supportive friends and family, and to keep a growth mindset. They introduced a whole new meaning to vulnerability. To be vulnerable is to put yourself out there. To be vulnerable is to surround yourself with good people and to make new, positive choices.

Over the two days we did a range of activities including Tug of war, ABL activities and relay races. We were also challenged with creating boats from scratch to be able to carry 8 people (separately) during the relay. During this time, we were taught many qualities on what it takes to be an effective leader and how to take up more opportunities in the future. This leadership camp has benefited us all in different ways and has shown us how to be a confident and responsible as leaders for future opportunities for our school.

Here are some of our highlights: I enjoyed collaborating with different schools and working as a team for building the boats -**Willow Allum**

One of my highlights of the camp was getting to know different people from other schools and participating in the activities with my group -

Marlee Ihaka I really enjoyed building and racing our boats -**Manaia Wall** It was very good because we all got to learn about each

other's backgrounds and how well we worked together - **Meadow Peacocke** I loved working with new people and persevering through ABL

activities -**Kiahna Mariu** Making the boats and meeting new people, you have to be vulnerable – Samara Thatcher My highlight was building the

boats –**James Rameka** I really enjoyed meeting the other kids from the other schools –**Oli Barnett**



Monster Mountain Bike Challenge

Kian Weston (Y7) and Xander McEwen (Y8) raced in the Elite boys (U13). They had a great tussle, with Kian leading the whole way until he got caught behind little kids and stuck in gravel on the final corner and overtaken by Xander.

So **Xander McEwen** came 1st and **Kian Weston** 2nd. Congratulations!!

TIS FLAG COMPETITION 2021
Mon 3rd - Fri 7th May ~ First week of Term 2
TO ENTER SCAN QR CODE TO SEE COUNTRIES FLAGS ALREADY FLOWN
CLICK OUT TERM 1'S 2020 COMPETITION: <https://www.tis.school.nz/whakapapa/intermediate>

ENTRY EXAMPLE

Name the countries flag on the flag pole each day.

Research and interesting fact about each country.

Include your name and class!

Place in the box outside the DT room by 3pm Friday!

WOW! GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON!

STUDENT PRIZES

- DE BRETT'S FAMILY VOUCHER
- TONGARIRO RIVER RAFTING FAMILY VOUCHER
- CRATERS OF THE MOON PILES FILE
- TIMBERLINE RACING HUSKIES FAMILY VOUCHER
- ROCK N ROPES VOUCHER
- CHRIS JOLLY SCENIC CRUISE FAMILY VOUCHER

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SPOT PRIZES!

FLY THE WORLD'S FLAGS

Flags being flown are chosen by resident author of 'FLY THE WORLD'S FLAGS' and vexillologist (collector of flags), **Michael M.A. Parkes**, from his extensive flag collection.

SEE ME ELIGIBLE OR ASK YOUR TEACHERS FOR MORE INFORMATION

Our Year 7 and Year 8 CWA

classes travelled safely down to Wellington last week. They soaked up being in a big city. They visited Te Papa Museum, House of Parliament, and the Wellington Cable Car.

(Photo to the right above: Yr7 & Yr8 CWA group) (Photo to the right below: Ms Rana Keeley, Mr Bill Clarke)

