

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:

“Our generation has the ability and the responsibility to make our ever-more connected world a more hopeful, stable and peaceful place.” - Natalie Portman (born Natalie Hershlag, Hebrew: נטעלי הרשלג; June 9, 1981) is an Israeli-born American actress, director, and producer

We have plunged headlong into this term with a number of things already happening while the world around us continues to battle the dreaded Covid 19 Virus.

Yes, there is no doubt we are fortunate to be able to participate in a huge number of opportunities, unlike our friends and whanau overseas, but let us also remember we are surrounded by water and we are not sharing the border with any close countries. The only reason the virus keeps appearing in our country is because we are letting people in with the virus.

So, it is not ‘rocket science’ to maintain a Covid free environment and it is about time we ramped up the Vaccination program if we are going to open more borders, regardless of the spin we keep putting on this. I have on many occasions been asked why School Staff are not considered frontline when we continue to look after students who are children of frontline workers and who everyday are exposed to all the chronic illnesses that still prevail alongside Covid. But no, we just must be patient and wait until the 4th sector are vaccinated whenever that will be.

However, we continue to work on providing our students with many experiences besides the basic academic programs.

This week we have:

- Re-started our Year 7 class with the Blue Light program
- Sent our first Year 7 classes to Waiouru and back up to the Memorial Lodge for their overnight stay on Ruapehu – Room 23 on Wednesday / Thursday and Room 10 Thursday / Friday
- Selected an Under 48 kg Rugby team to compete in the Bay of Plenty Tournament in Gisborne next Friday (14th May 2021).
- Basketball Teams have been selected and this competition is expected to start next week on Tuesday evenings.
- Our Technology Challenge Teams have been practicing this week for the upcoming EPRO competition.
- Started the Hockey on Wednesday after school / evening at the Turf. Congratulations to all our teams who competed, some very pleasing results. The weekly draw will be posted on our School App each week. All queries to Stephanie Jones at Taupo Intermediate.
- Selected a Golf team to compete in the Bay of Plenty Tournament in Te Puke- Friday 7th May 2021.
- Netball starts this weekend with 9 x teams entered the competition. The draw will also be posted on the School App and or is available on the Taupo Netball site. All queries to Rebecca Ingram at Taupo Intermediate.
- Congratulations and thank you to our students involved with Greening Taupo & Bluelight who cleaned up the gully area behind Rooms 1-3
- Congratulations to all our students involved in Volleyball on Fridays.

My directive to all our parents / supporters is to be positive on the sideline and “DON’T GET UGLY”. If you are well versed in the rules, then offer to umpire and if you think you can coach then you should have volunteered for the job. We have several College Students who have volunteered to help us in Hockey, Netball and Basketball which I / we really appreciate, and they need your support NOT your criticism.

I thank all my teachers and parents who have also volunteered to coach, manage and umpire / referee – and to you all thank you so much as we cannot field these teams unless we have your support.

Community Relationships

We at Taupo Intermediate would like to think that we have a real positive relationship with our immediate neighbors but know from time to time that we have the occasional glitch.

We have a special working relationship with our neighbors at the hospital with us sharing their Geothermal resource and heating up our school buildings and swimming pool.

These are outstanding additional services to our school which allows us 24 hours heating at any one time and of course the Geothermal heating of our school pool. It is heated using geothermal power but is NOT geothermal or underground thermal water.

We have also installed heaters into the changing sheds so the transfer from the heated pool to the changing rooms is very comfortable. We will therefore be continuing to offer our students an extension to our swimming season with each class timetabled for 45 x minute lessons without leaving the school grounds.

I therefore request that you as parents encourage your child to take this opportunity to get involved in these extra lessons.

We are very privileged to be able to have these facilities and if we do not support then I will offer the pool to other schools in our area.

To ensure we play our part in this relationship with the hospital I, respectfully instruct those of you who are now parking in the hospital grounds to all cooperate with the request from **Ange Guy – Taupo Hospital Site Manager**

From: Angela Guy - Sent: Wednesday, 5 May 2021 3:17 PM

Kia ora Bill,

Could I please ask that you remind the parents of the children attending Taupo Intermediate that they are not to park on the hospital grounds while waiting to pick up their children after school, unfortunately this is becoming a daily occurrence with numerous cars.

Thank you, I appreciate your assistance with this.

Kind regards, Ange

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Friday 14th May - Under 48kg Bay of Plenty Intermediate Sch. Rugby Tournament in Gisborne
- Wednesday 19th May - Literacy Quiz - CWWA
- Thurs-Friday 20th -21st May - Boys Class to Mount Maunganui
- Friday 4th June - BOP Squash Tournament, Paint Taupo Green MUFTI day
- Monday 7th June - QUEENS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND (Taupo Intermediate - school as normal on preceding Friday 4th June)
- Friday 11th June - Bay of Plenty Mountain Biking Championship - Taupo Intermediate to host.
- Friday 18th June - TAUPO INTERMEDIATE TEACHER ONLY DAY
- Friday 25th June - Bay of Plenty Wall Climbing - Taupo Int. to host
- Monday - Friday 28th- 2nd July - PARENT/TEACHER/ STUDENT interviews - NB: Wednesday start for the interviews is 1.pm - School will be closed for instruction from 1.pm.
- Friday 9th June - LAST DAY OF THE TERM.



Ka mau te wehi nga tamariki i tenei kura Takuwaenga o Taupo. Awesome turn out for our first Kapahaka meeting which is our performance group. Our school incorporates waiata, haka me tikanga into all our classroom programmes, but this is our performing arts group.

Thank you to all those students who entered last terms **MINECRAFT STAR WARS COMPETITION**. I was very impressed by the caliber of the entries, for both the Mega Build and the Speed Build categories, as were the two judges: Michael Howell, *Lego Star Wars Community NZ Administrator* and SILVERSERVA (aka Haldane Critchley) *Lego Star Wars collector*.

MEGA BUILD WINNERS

- 1st - Riley Sime (R.10) *Sith Infiltrator*
- 2nd - Jovarn Merz & Nikita Vdovin (R.23) *Tie Fighter, Yoda, Stormtrooper & R2D2*
- 3rd - Ty Blake, Ryder Gaston & Jackson Lucas (R.17) *Hoth Battle*
- Highly Commended - Leroy Walker (R.22) *Jedi Temple*

SPEED BUILD WINNERS

- 1st - Khyryn Watkins (R.3) *R2D2*
- 2nd - Dominic Leusink (R.5) *Tie Fighter*
- 3rd - Flynn Gaston (R.17) *Endor Ewok Attack*
- Highly Commended - Ryder Gaston (R.9) *Tie Fighter*

Room 23

had a fun couple days away on camp. Day One We started at the Waiouru army museum, Tangiwai - which they loved because we studied it, Ohakune, Whakapapa hut, skits - which were awesome. Day Two: Info centre with activity sheet, walk to falls, hot pools. We could not have asked for better weather, behaviour, and help.



University of Canterbury Kiwi competitions - for Maths, Science, English are now open for those interested to take part. It is \$9.50 per test. This is a good opportunity for students to challenge themselves academically and if they get a merit or excellence it goes towards the Principals Academic award. Please return the form and money to the office by the 11th of May.

Art Club

Thursdays 3 - 4.30
starting week two
The theme this term is mosaics
Cost \$20 for the term.

Permission slips
from the Art Room

TIS Tuckshop

Kristie's Kai

Lunch Specials

Tuesday \$3.50
Sweetcorn Fritters
with Salsa & Sour
Cream



Friday \$5.00
Butter chicken

