

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:

“Whatungarongaro te tangata toitū te whenua. As man disappears from sight, the land remains”.

This demonstrates the holistic values of the Maori, and the utmost respect of Papatuanuku, the mother of the earth. Our relationships, whakapapa, to our tipuna is founded in the whenua we are bonded to. It is this intimate connection which gives meaning to what it is to be tangata whenua, and joins us to those who went before us, and our mokopuna yet to be.

This week has culminated with a special dress up and planting day today - Taupo Intermediate is in association and supporting the rest of Taupō who will be going green and celebrating Arbor Day with a town wide Greening Taupō Day!

Greening Taupō and Kids Greening Taupō have planted over 136,000 native plants in Taupō.

They work with every school and many ECE centres in the Taupō township, providing free environmental education for tamariki, free professional development for teachers, and free community events.

Education Coordinator – Rachel Thompson Kids Greening Taupo (www.kidsgreeningtaupo.org.nz) along with Andrea Southgate Program Facilitator – Taupō Blue Light Ventures have been instrumental in driving projects in our school with the biggest being recovering ground in the “gully” near the front entrance and bordering onto properties in Rata Street.

A huge job with many trailers loads and trees being removed from this area – particularly the vines which have been strangling growth. Andrea has provided in this newsletter a comprehensive report and background as to why this mahi is important.

As well as the Kids Greening and Blue light, I wish to thank hold-heartedly all who have been involved in this massive programme, those in our school led by Megan Chapman and Mason Elliot and the teachers and students along with the support of the Taupo District Council and at times several volunteers who appear from time to time.

We often see many prominent people who have various views on Climate Change and looking after our environment, but it is us who need to take responsibility with our ‘own backyard’ first before we jump on everyone else, and I believe we have made a significant contribution to our own back yard.

- KA MAU TE WEHI, TE KURA TAKUWAENGA O TAUPŌ -

AIMS GAMES

Today I have finalized the entries that will represent our school at this year’s game – 2nd -6th August 2021.

Some have been requested and supported by Parents and some are placed in by us here at school based on our ability to support, financially, accommodation and transport all very expensive assets.

It is not possible to just enter everything but is better to support those events we can manage and be successful in so this has influenced our selections.

In individual events you had to show some success and skill factors to be able to be entered and in some cases be able to support, transport and supervise on the days/ dates.

I will notify all those who have been entered and let those who have not been successful know that as well. Thank you all for your time and effort – appreciate the support.

Please enjoy the long weekend break which will allow us to pursue something that we may enjoy other than gardening??

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Principal

GREENING TAUPO DAY @ TAUPO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

We raised over \$650.00!



UP COMING DATES

Year 8 Self Defence course - starting Tuesday after Queens Birthday. (Please send in your permission slip ASAP)
6th July - You should have received a letter about the sponsored clean.
11th June - BOP/Poverty Bay Inter-Intermediate Mountain Bike Champs - TIS Hosting
18th of June - Teacher only day - School is closed.
25th June - BOP Wall Climbing - TIS Hosting
30th June - Student led interviews - school is closing at 1pm



Leon Campbell (Room 17) proudly represented T.I.S at the BOP Super 11 Squash tournament on Thursday. His three games all went to five sets, but he pushed through to victory and walked away with third place in his division. Well done, Leon!



Kia ora, as you know we have been running our Blue Light sessions throughout this and last term. Our focus has been on wellness, the four walls of Hauora. When we look after our four walls, we ourselves can remain standing strong through the tough times and the good times, all that life has to throw at us.

This week we have teamed up with Kids Greening Taupo and have been restoring the gully and freeing the 50yr old trees from the Jasmine Jungle that have been strangling them. While you may look at this is just a weeding session, free labour this has been much, much more. We focus on the Whenua, the land, the roots, where you come from. Your ancestry is important to your journey through life. We talk about looking after our Taha Tinana – our physical wellbeing, keeping active. I can tell you that all 8 classes so far have well exceeded their 30minutes of exercise. That Jasmine and Ivy is strong and takes a lot of effort to pull out.

We worked on Taha Whanau – our family, class, social by helping each other cut and pull the jungle apart. The positive language, the teamwork, the competitiveness, the inclusion was impressive. The overall massive effort every student and teacher put in to make a huge team effort has been overwhelming and exceeded all expectations. This all helps regulate Taha Hinengaro – our Mental and Emotional wellbeing, some would say the most important of all. These two-hour sessions have been hard but the positivity and endorphins flowing at the end of each session was contagious.

Last but by no means least Taha Wairua – our Spiritual wellbeing, whatever you believe that to be I know that every student has left these sessions with spiritual ties to that gully. I cannot tell you how many times I heard a student saying, “I just saved that tree”. Each class, each teacher and the whole school should be so proud of what we have achieved so far. We are not done. Keep watching this space.

Ngā Mihi Andrea Southgate (Program Facilitator – Taupo Blue Light Ventures)



TAUPO INTERMEDIATE SKI TEAM 2021

Hi skiers! The weather is cooling down and the mountains have had their first dusting. If you are an experienced skier keen to join the TIS Ski racing team, please collect a notice from Ms. Keeley in Room 5 – ASAP