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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:

“I promise you nothing is as chaotic as it seems. Nothing is worth diminishing your health. Nothing is worth poisoning yourself into stress, anxiety, and fear.” — Stephen “Steve” Maraboli (b. April 18, 1975) was born and raised in Port Washington, New York. He is one of three children born to Italian/Chilean parents. His parents migrated to the United States in the late 1960’s to escape poverty and have the opportunity to build a better life for their future family.

We are steadily working our way to the end of this term with some determination that we will get there before we have any further ‘lock-downs’ or scares that might tip our lives over again.

I believe that if we had a strong vaccination programme that allow for all of us to undertake this method of protection then it would help relieve some of the stress. Not everyone will take this opportunity, but it must be tough for all those families and people who must worry about whether they can open for business or whatever the changes may bring. It will be stressful, and my thoughts are with any of our whanau who are having to endure this uncertainty and certainly to my teaching colleagues in the affected area we support your endeavours.

A few weeks around Easter we had two of our classes in Wellington for an experience and spent two sessions over two days at Te Papa. Parliament, the National Library, travelled in and out daily on the train and one can only wonder where we would be if we have the misfortune to be there when there was an outbreak and then travel back to Taupo? Thank goodness it did not happen, when we were there, but it does show you how easily this could all change. Let us hope it has not travelled anywhere else.

Moving to the future:

- **Monday 28th June – Friday 2nd July 2021 – Parent / Teacher / Student Interviews**
 - Wednesday school will close at 1pm to allow interviews to go right through to 8.30pm
 - Bus will run as per normal – we have limited supervision to look after students for the afternoon. Please ensure students all go home and not visit other schools.
 - Make sure you keep your appointment time.
 - From 5.30pm – 6.30pm Teachers will be taking a dinner break.
 - Science Fair exhibits will be on display in the hall as from Monday 28th June.
- **Monday 5th July 2021 – School will be closed from 1pm so that teachers can attend a NZEI Union meeting.**
 - The buses will again be running as per usual. There will be some limited supervision of students who remain at school.
- **Tuesday 6th July 2021 - Planned day for the Sponsored Clean Up**
 - Only those students who have gathered sponsors will participate or other students will remain at school.
 - Thank you to all those who have supported so far.
 - ALL funds will be used to support our students in Academic cultural and sporting activities.

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TIS eSports

The year 8 Digital Technology students, in Rotation 2 and currently, have been inquiring into eSports (online gaming). In Rotation 2, students coded their own games, using Scratch software and Minecraft Education Edition – the most popular being MOBA (multiplayer online battle arena). A Competition was held in the classroom at the end of the Rotation 2 (see results below). Rotation 3 students are coding games for an eSports Tournament for all TIS students. They will be notifying you all about it next term.

Year 8 Rotation 1 eSports Competition Winners

Rooms 7, 22, 25

FIRST – Liam. R.25 (120 points)

FIRST – Deityn. R.12 (105 points)

SECOND – Greer. R.3 (100 points)

THIRD – Imogen. R.12 (75 points)

Rooms 3, 12, 20

FIRST – Deityn. R.12 (105 points)

SECOND – Greer. R.3 (100 points)

THIRD – Imogen. R.12 (75 points)

Rooms 2, 18, 11

FIRST – Vinny. R2 & Riley. R.18 (150 points)

SECOND – Duncan R.11 (70 points)

THIRD – Noah R.11 (60 points)

2021 TIS Ninja Warrior Championships

During term one and the beginning of term two this year, the Taupo Intermediate School Ninja Warrior Championships were held. All Year 7 & 8 classes were encouraged to practice the Ninja Warrior course over the adventure playground, navigating 12 difficult obstacles in the fastest possible time. Each class put forward their fastest boy & girl for the championships. Each day at lunchtime, a different group (Year 7 girls / boys, Year 8 girls / boys) competed enthusiastically to become the school Ninja Warrior Champion for their group level. After a highly competitive championship, our champions were found. Well done to all the competitors for a great competition. Many thanks to Mr Elliot for designing and producing the TIS Ninja Warrior Trophies! The results are as follows....

Year 7 Girls:

- 1st Lenni Te Wano (Rm 24)
- 2nd Jacqui Simmonds (Rm 14)
- 3rd Kahlia Evans (Rm 21)

Year 7 Boys:

- 1st Quinn Flavell (Rm 14)
- 2nd Austin Wood (Rm 23)
- 3rd Chris Walker (Rm 10)

Year 8 Girls:

- 1st Isabelle Brown (Rm 13)
- 2nd Aria Reeves (Rm 3)
- 3rd Antonia Shepherd (Rm 12)

Year 8 Boys:

- 1st Jacob Campin (Rm 22)
- 2nd Tommy Nation (Rm 1)
- 3rd Matty Wade (Rm 7)



See you all in Term one 2022 for the 3rd annual TIS Ninja Warrior Championships! Mr. Steve McDonald Room 9

BOP MTB Champs

Taupo Intermediate team hosted this event at Craters on 11 June. 110 riders from 9 schools competed over the 6km Tourist Trap loop which was in excellent condition. Despite being "retired" Baz Haydon ran the event assisted by John Kuper who did six laps as the tail end Charlie! Our 15 students acquitted themselves extremely well both on and off the track and were great ambassadors for the school. Six boys and two girl heats were held with the first three boys and first five girls in each heat progressing to the finals. The team's event was decided on points earned during the heats.

Team 1 for TIS (showing heat placing)

- Louie Cameron (1st)
- Jack Staples (2nd)
- Kian Weston (3rd)
- Zander McEwen (4th)
- Antonia Shepherd (1st)

Team 2

- Regan Aderne (1st)
- Harrison Fletcher (1st)
- Riley Staddon (1st)
- Oliver Ashton (3rd)
- Merryn Gibson (2nd)

Team 3

- Dominic Leusink (1st)
- Fabian Rhind (4th)
- Oliver MacLachlan (5th)
- Olivia Shepherd (3rd)
- Bianca Stewart (4th)

This meant that Taupo Team 2 won the overall points competition with Team 1 the runners-up. Impressive results! All five of the TIS girls and seven of the boys qualified for the finals. Unfortunately, Kian Weston succumbed to several injuries and had to withdraw from the final. The students again raced extremely well with Louie clearing out to win the boys race by over 2 minutes. In the girls race it was a clean sweep for TIS with Antonia first, Merryn second and Regan third. Huge thanks to Baz, John and the parents who assisted in running the event and supporting the Taupo teams.



Photos above: BOP MTB Champs competitors with all their medals

Greening Taupo Day the TIS way

On the 4th of June 2021, our school participated in a range of activities to show our support for **The Greening Taupo Day**. It was so much fun, and the students really enjoyed all the activities we had planned for them. The technology teachers all did something else to show how their specialist area could contribute to this worthy cause. In food technology students helped in the construction and establishment of a greenhouse. In sewing they were given the opportunity to make bags for produce using curtain material. In art students made their own colourful gelli plate printing with autumn leaves using a hands-on process. In digital technology they had to create ideas for the gully on mind craft. In science the students were taught how to carefully plant and care for indoor plants. Each classroom received a plant as a gift from the science workshop and is responsible for the care of their plant. We would like to take this opportunity to thank **Mitre 10 Taupo** for sponsoring the plants and **The Warehouse** for the soil and pots they sponsored to make this day a success.



Children who are enrolled with our service are treated at the **Taupo Hospital Dental Clinic** which is situated inside the Taupo Hospital grounds. The children who are due for check-ups are called to the school office to sign out and generally come over in pairs or larger groups. Once they return to school, they report back to the school office and sign in. We are currently seeing Year 8 students but will start seeing Year 7's students next Term. If there are any concerns regarding appointments, please phone us on 378-9470. Kind regards, Taupo Dental Team



On Saturday 19th of June, **Kian Weston** participated in a night running race called The Possum. He took on the 5km challenge and placed 1st, followed by another Taupo Intermediate student Oli Barnett who placed 4th.