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Kia ora koutou te whanau o tenei kura,
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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:

“Always believe in yourself and always stretch yourself beyond your limits. Your life is worth a lot more than you think because you can accomplish more than you know. You have more potential than you think, but you will never know your full potential unless you keep challenging yourself and pushing beyond your own self-imposed limits.”— Roy T. Bennett, *The Light in the Heart*

Roy T. Bennett is the author of *The Light in the Heart*. He loves sharing positive thoughts and creative insight that has helped countless people to live a successful and fulfilling life. He hopes that his writing will help you become what you can become.

This last term comes to an end tomorrow, and I can hear the long sighs of relief, maybe some with that ‘I’m glad that’s over’ to the sense of huge achievement and satisfaction. I am positive that we will all agree that we are very tired and will without doubt be looking forward to the holiday break.

A time when we can recharge those batteries in readiness for Term 3, sounds like an electric car, but we will not be receiving the \$8,000.00 subsidy, in fact we will not be receiving any subsidies or wage increases for the next three years - actually, is it an \$8,000 subsidy or is it up to \$8,000 for an electric powered vehicle. You think that I do not even mean a single word I say, it is only words and words are all I have.....

If the truth is that all public servants like nurses and teachers will not be getting a pay rise for the next three years, then let us hope we still have enough nurses and teachers to fill the vacancies that will occur as people start to look at opportunities in other countries.

On Monday, our teachers held an Industrial meeting to look at this very situation and what future action will come about. In my opinion the important issue is the review published; www.puatanga.org.nz which I encourage you to find the time to read.

Pūaotanga: a new dawn, a new pathway ... emerging/unfolding ... toward enlightenment.

This Review has been commissioned by the education union NZEI Te Riu Roa, in response to concerns raised by its members over staffing in primary schools. The reviewers actively engaged with a wide range of individuals and organisations, asking their lived and expert opinions about the extent to which current staffing is fit for purpose, and how we can ensure we have the staffing needed for all tamariki to reach their potential.

Currently we do not, and there are huge inequities in the system that are disadvantaging our tamariki and we need to stand up and take some action on behalf of Primary and Intermediates throughout the country.

Even though we work in an inequitable environment I know we go above and beyond to ensure that our students are given the best opportunities to be able to experience all the different activities that we either put on or ensure we attend events put on by other schools.

- Our own school Science Fair – certificates and medals being presented at tomorrows assembly.
- The Inter- School sports events – recently the BOP Mountain Biking, the Wall Climbing, the Under 48 kg Rugby and 1st XV games versus Rotorua Eastern Bays team, Motocross Championships to finish the term off.
- Education cultural venture to Wellington by CWAA classes
- Year 7 EOTC trips to Waiouru and overnight stay at the Memorial Hut on Ruapehu
- Literacy quiz trip along with the EPRO Tech Challenge
- Massive projects with Taupo Kids Greening and the Blue light Programme.
- Parent / Teacher / Student Interviews
- Major sponsored Community Clean- up
- The winter sports programme with Basketball on Tuesday evening, Hockey on Wednesday evenings and Netball on Saturday from morning to afternoon games as well as those students who are involved in Saturday Rugby and Football.

These are those things that we have put a lot of time and effort into and for this I thank: Our students for getting positively involved and performing way above expectations. Our teachers for their organization and support – coaching managing and supporting. Our Parents who are always willing to support in so many ways and for that we are very grateful. Our community who supports us and recognize that we are an active school trying hard to be positive out there – let down by a few – but not worth spending the valuable time on.

STAFFING - Today see the last day for two of our teachers who are leaving after spending the first two terms with us **Ashleigh Moat – Room 12**, who is returning to Gisborne to take up another teaching position and we welcome back Cheyenne Campbell who has been away on family leave. **Karis Anderson – Room 18**, who is taking up an option on another career pathway. We thank them both for their work and input into our school.

Next Term we welcome on board Sam Blake who is one of our Deputy Principals at our school. Sam Blake has been a senior member of staff at Dilworth School in Auckland, is a Taupo lad and we welcome him home.

There will be a school Powhiri for Sam at 10.30am Monday 26th July 2021.

Kia kaha kia manawanui

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou, me te aroha

Let us rise and shine next term – term 3 when we expect to be reviewed by the Education Review Office – ERO.

Going Bush and beach for a while so you all take care, travel safe and be careful out there.

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TIS Sticks hockey team would like to thank Wayne Murtagh, Murtagh Crane Hire for kindly sponsoring a set of hoodies for the players. Thank you.

It's a Rocket, it's a Plane.... No, it's Science Fair!

This year students made an extraordinary effort and almost filled the hall with science fair and technology project boards on the **25th of June 2021**. Students now have the option of also doing it as a power point presentation which results in less boards in the hall. Nevertheless, the content and enthusiasm of students rose to the challenge once more.

The winners for the year 8 science category are:

- 1st – Ruby Walker R22 “Paper waste awareness”
- 1st - Chelsy Harris R22 “Can you change a plants circadian rhythm?”
- 2nd – Leroy Walker R22 “Electrifying Electrolysis”
 - Highly commended:
 - Elsie Plummer R22
 - Angela Schur R22
 - Riley Staddon R2
 - Aspyn and Manaia R11
 - Loata and Nathan R11

The winner for the year 8 technology category is:

- 1st – Greer Dixon R3

The winners for the year 7 science category are:

- 1st – Oscar Sweetman R5 “Wind showdown”
- 2nd – Bailee Sweetman R5 “Better Burgers”
- 2nd – Lydia Curtis R4 “Stinky Science”
 - Highly commended:
 - Charlotte White R15
 - Lucy Samuel R5
 - Nicholas Ross R5

The winners for the year 7 technology category are:

- 1st - Carly Arnold R5
- 2nd - Frankie Bishop R5
- 2nd - Ashton Wilkinson R5
- Highly commended:
- Maz Parkes and Jack Staples Rm 15
- Ollie Hammond – Rm 16

The boards shown in the picture are some of the technology projects that will be taken to the Bay of Plenty Science Fair competition on the 19th of August to represent our school in Rotorua. There are several boards chosen for this event, they are:

Year 8:

- Greer Dixon R3
- Chelsy Harris R 22
- Leroy Walker R22
- Emma Putt R22

Year 7:

- Lucy Samuel R5
- Bailee Sweetman R5
- Lydia Curtis R4
- Oscar Sweetman R5
- Ashton Tattersfield R5
- Carly Arnold R5
- Frankie Bishop R5
- Ashton Wilkinson R5 Nicholas Ross R5

Congratulations to all the winners and good luck to the students who will compete at BOP.

Finn Bolton and Sam Brear competed at the Dirt Guide trail race on the 26th of June at Ohakuri. Finn came 4th overall in the mini class on his 125cc bike. Sam competed in his first Junior race; he came 8th overall in his class.



Maz Parkes, Mikayla Griffiths, Harrison Fletcher, Reeve Lee, and Layne Pepper competed at the **2021 Taupo Winter Series.**

Round 3 on the 27th of June. Their placings overall were: Maz – 3rd, Mikayla – 7th, Reeve – 11th, Harrison – 15th, Layne – 28th.

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Technology at play

TEMPLE OF DOOM: MINECRAFT COMPETITION WINNERS – On behalf of the Robotics Club we would like to thank all those that entered. We were blown away by your amazing builds which made judging extremely difficult. You should all be very proud of yourself.
FIRST PLACE WINNERS: JACOB, BRIGHTON & JACCOBY (R13)
SECOND PLACE WINNERS: ANGELA & HAYLEY (R22)
THIRD PLACE WINNER: MADDOX (R9)
PRIZES HAVE BEEN KINDLY DONATED BY PLAYTECH

A BIG THANK YOU to Robotics Club members, Tim (R21), Oscar & Cole (R5) for helping judge the winners. Special thanks all to Jessica (R5) for helping organise the competition and making the awesome poster!