

# TAUPO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

## Striving for Excellence

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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:

*“Resilience is accepting your new reality, even if it's less good than the one you had before. You can fight it, you can do nothing but scream about what you've lost, or you can accept that and try to put together something that's good.” — Mary Elizabeth Anania Edwards (July 3, 1949 – December 7, 2010) was an American attorney, author, and health care activist. She was married to John Edwards, the former U.S. Senator from North Carolina who was the 2004 United States Democratic vice-presidential nominee.*

Kia ora koutou katoa mo te tautoko haere tonu i tenei wa uaua, thank you all for your continued support during this difficult time.

Whilst this has been a trying time, I want to thank my staff and students for their efforts in getting our school up and running and instilling some normality back into our lives.

There is currently much debate around the timing of the next holidays and in my opinion, I/we did not want to play around with the rest of this term, so I am pleased to have just received as of 11am today from Iona Holstead Secretary for Education the following memo.

*“Later this morning the Education Minister will announce that school holiday dates will remain unchanged, starting from Saturday 2 October.*

*The Minister has carefully considered advice on how moving term dates presented challenges that would have had a wider and long-term impact by disrupting curriculum and activity plans already in place for students, whānau and educators.*

*Keeping the holidays as they are will avoid adding stress and anxiety to children and their education and wellbeing.*

*The Minister was also aware that an extended length of Term 4 for Auckland would add to fatigue among your students and staff at the end of a school year”.*

We hope that all the re-jigged dates and activities around the end of this term will be unaffected. We plan to finish this term with a lot of positivity, so to suddenly make any changes now, would have destroyed all the goodwill and I would struggle to get my staff and students back up again. Our **Ski trips** were reorganized, and the weather has meant postponements again, because weather you can't control.

I am not sure whether we will be able to secure any further dates so if the ski trip has not been able to go ahead, it is likely that it will not go ahead at all. You will be notified when we get a decision from RAL.

A modified **Mathmatters** celebration is happening before the end of this term.

### MATHSMATTERS – WEEK 10 The plan is this:

1. **Mobiles will all be hung in the Hall by Monday Week 10**
2. **Whole school Mathsmatters poster display – classes will have an allocated space to display your class posters.**
3. **In-School Mathsmatters competition. The top two problem solving team from each class will be brought into the hall for a Mathsmatters problem solving team competition. This will be separated into Year 7's and Year 8's.**

The **TIS has Talent** show has been rescheduled for the first week of next term to give students time to practice and in some cases reform their items.

**Dance NZ made** is scheduled for next term **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021.**

**Kapa Haka members** will need to continue to work on their words and actions in preparation for the Year 6 orientation programme where it will only be possible to select a small representative group – so mahi, mahi.

Some sports events such as the **Hockey Finals** have been rescheduled with the local hockey finals being held on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**. This will give teams the opportunity to train and prepare for their last game. They will send out their venue protocols over the next week, but teams that were already training at the turf will be welcome to have their usual slots again as of today while other spots will be made available on the turf. We will be required to scan in, sanitize, enter the turf from below the pavilion and exit from the opposite side of the turf.

Spectators will be limited in Level 2, but information will be sent out to all out before Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September, so you are aware of the expectations.

**College Taster Lessons at Taupo Nui a Tia and Tauhara Colleges for all our Year 8 students**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021 and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021**

The organization involves **6 x Year 8 classes visiting Taupo Nui a Tia and 6 x Year 8 classes attending Tauhara College on Monday and then on Wednesday they will swap over. They will then get the opportunity to visit both colleges. I will expect our students to be in full and correct uniform for this visit.**

I guess we have all made plans for the next 3 weeks and for the holiday break where I am hoping that the holiday will also see a relaxation of Covid Levels and will allow people to catch up with whanau.

Included in this brief newsletter is a message from Karla Mettrick Logistics Lead - COVID Immunisation Programme - Lakes DHB Rotorua, who are ramping up their response to the vaccination programme.

## COVID RESPONSE – VACCINATION PROGRAMME FOR TAUPO

If any of your community would like to book in for their vaccine, we have lots of appointments available from next week at the Taupo COVID-19 Immunisation Hub (Totara St). The hub operates 8.30am – 3.30pm Tues-Sat. Appointments can be made by visiting [bookmyvaccine.nz](https://bookmyvaccine.nz) or by calling 0800 28 29 26. Essential workers and their whanau as well as Maori, Pasifika and those with disabilities have reserved appointment times also available to them so by calling 0800 to book in you can request access to those appointments that aren't otherwise available to the public.

Mainstreet Pharmacy Taupo have also come on board as a vaccination site and are vaccinating 6pm-7.30pm Sunday – Friday. Appointments can also be made on [bookmyvaccine.nz](https://bookmyvaccine.nz) or 0800 28 29 26 or contact the pharmacy directly.

We are also doing a drive-through event on October 19<sup>th</sup> at the Taupo Events Centre. It is a great opportunity to get the entire whanau vaccinated without leaving the car - **Ngā mihi Karla Mettrick Logistics Lead - COVID Immunisation Programme - Lakes DHB Rotorua.**

*Nga mihi nui*

*William (Bill) Clarke*

*Principal*

### Reminders for Parents and caregivers

Office is open from 8am - 4pm daily. Report absences on our School App - <https://taupointermediate.apps.school.nz/install/> Phone (07 378 8097) or email ([admin@taupointermediate.co.nz](mailto:admin@taupointermediate.co.nz)) the office if your contact details i.e. phone number or address change



### Congratulations to the TIS Dance NZ Made Group

Winning the Year 7/8 Dance NZ Made Taupo Regional Competition. Thanks to Joss Harris and Grace Bilbie who have worked with this team for the last 5 months. This team now head to the Dance NZ Made National Competition in Palmerston North next month. Awarded Golden Tickets: Lucy Samuel, Imogen Law and Breiona Williamson

Other results were: Lucy Samuel 2<sup>nd</sup> Year 7 solo, Mckenize Miers 3<sup>rd</sup> Year 8 solo, Luch Samuel & Aliya Stratford 2<sup>nd</sup> Year 7/8 Duos

### Congratulations

to the four students who competed at the South Waikato Schools MX for Primary/Intermediate in Tokoroa on Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> of June.

For these students it is no big deal to compete at Motocross events in their weekend. In fact, this is their whole world.

It was awesome to see them in their element competing against other schools from across Waikato and representing Taupo Intermediate at the same time.

They managed to walk away with 4<sup>th</sup> place overall despite only being able to enter two classes, 8-11yo 65cc and the 11-13yo 85cc events. This is an incredible achievement.

Taupo Intermediate is so lucky to have these skilled racers as well as many others who were not able to make this event.

**Maz Parkes #259 – 2<sup>nd</sup> overall**

**Layne Pepper #36 – 8<sup>th</sup> overall**

**Mikayla Griffiths #329 – 16<sup>th</sup> overall**

**Harrison Fletcher #47 – 18<sup>th</sup> overall**

## 2021 – Spelling Bee

Nervously, our Year 7 students gathered to compete in the annual TIS Spelling Bee. Challenged by words such as *suspicious* and *psychological*, the atmosphere was intense as clever minds sought to articulate each letter. After four rounds, the top placings went to:



- 1st: Kobe Jessup (Rm 16)
- 2nd: Chase Keates (Rm 8)
- 3rd: Josi Hartung (Rm 24)
- 4th: Tasmsin Ellis (Rm 4)

Well done to all those Year 7 students who entered; it is wonderful to see you participating in our school activities. All the best to the Year 8 students competing next week.