

TAUPO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Striving for Excellence

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Kia ora koutou te whanau o tenei kura,
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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:

“Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift of God, which is why we call it the present.” - Bill Keane was an American [cartoonist](#) most notable for his work on the newspaper comic [The Family Circus](#). It began in 1960 and continues in syndication, drawn by his son [Jeff Keane](#).^{[1][2]}

We are slowly but surely working our way to the end of the term and of course we have had notification of changes to the Covid, and I want to share the initial changes that will occur here if any.

The Traffic Light system has been reviewed. We are remaining at Red, but Red is adjusting to the shift in society's vaccine status, transmission rates, hospital admissions etc.

Friday 25th March 11.59pm

- MASKS are still to be worn every day in class and on the school buses – This has been a huge ask and I want to thank each one of you for your cooperation and support.
- Our present health Protocols will remain in place:
 - with all visitors to our school having to check into the office and wearing masks
 - Washing of hands and the use of sanitizers
 - If you are sick or showing symptoms, then you are not allowed to attend
 - We will be able to gather indoors with up to 200 people at any one time.

Monday 4th April, @ 11.59am.

- vaccine Passes as mandatory requirements are removed completely.
- no contact tracing needed or required.
- vaccine mandates removed. Only apply to Health, Border and Corrections staff.
- All our sports programmes including winter sports and inter-school programmes to be reinstated with organizations required to set up their protocols- we are looking at our organization for term onwards.

Any further changes will be notified as they come to our notice from the Ministry of Education and Health.

SPECIAL NOTICE FOR THURSDAY 14TH April 2022

Taupo Intermediate School will be closing earlier at 1.00 pm for instruction while our staff attend a meeting.

We are asking that parents/ caregivers and students ensure that they have necessary means of getting home at the end of our school day.

If your child is a school bus student travelling on the Nimons / Transit system, the normal service is available, for all schools, but the students at Taupo Intermediate will have to remain until 3pm if they are going to use this service on Thursday. You may therefore wish to make alternative arrangements for your child. Please contact the school office if you are not able to.

NO OTHER SCHOOL IS AFFECTED BY OUR EARLY FINISH – SO BUSES RUN AS NORMAL – please check your own school apps for their special arrangements

The last day of this term is Thursday 14th April 2022 and the official Easter break starts on Friday 15th April 2022.

Term 2 starts on Monday 2nd May 2022.

Have a great weekend and all the best to Kian Weston and Olivia Shepherd who will be competing in the NZ schools Triathlon Championships in New Plymouth.

*Nga mihi
William (Bill) Clarke
Principal*

T.I.S OFFICE – Parents & Caregivers if any of your contact details change, please call us 07 378 8097 or email us: admin@taupointermediate.co.nz



It has come to our attention that there is a viral TikTok challenge circulating where students cause themselves to faint on purpose, some of our students have decided to copy this dangerous challenge.

The teachers have spoken to their classes, but we hope you will reiterate this at home. This is very dangerous as students restrict air to their brain which could cause permanent brain damage, mini-strokes and potentially death.

TikTok has had a lot of negative media and many of the challenges posted cause us a lot of strife at school.

TikTok is only meant to be for students over 13 years of age and we are asking for your support to either stop your child using TikTok or at least use it in the safest way possible, under supervision.

[Here are some tips on how to keep safe on TikTok](#)

<https://www.netsafe.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/TikTok-Family-Safety-Toolkit-NewZealand.pdf>

EDGE MOBILE APP – After a lot of research and comparison of Apps used to simplify attendance, payments and communication between home and school we have decided to move from School Apps to the Edge App which integrates completely with our student management system and will offer more benefits for our whanau, staff, and students. We are phasing out the current app and the Edge App will be utilised exclusively from Term 2.

You can also access the website online if you prefer using this link: <https://parent.edgelearning.co.nz/>

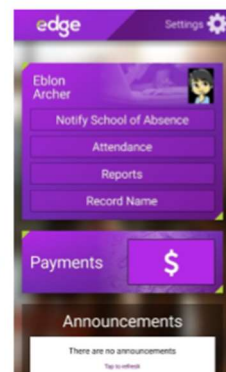
Any queries please contact Megan Chapman (Deputy Principal) on: mchapman@taupointermediate.co.nz

Edge Mobile App



This can be downloaded from either Play Store (Android) or App Store (iOS). Search for musacedge. Once installed you will be asked to make up a 4 digit pin then enter your Edge email and password.

In the app there is a series of labelled tiles that when tapped bring up information on your child's contact details, timetable, attendance, achievement and related data. We will also push announcements and notifications to the app. We would like you to send 'Notify School of Absence' notifications to the school. After 3 minutes of non-use the Edge app will log out and require you to enter your 4 digit pin to re-open.





AFTER SCHOOL PRIVATE LITERACY TUTORING AVAILABLE

(MONDAYS TO THURSDAYS - 3.15PM-4.15PM)

**LIMITED SPACES ARE AVAILABLE SO IF YOU ARE
INTERESTED, PLEASE GET YOUR CHILD TO
PICK UP AN ENROLMENT FORM THE TAUPO
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL OFFICE.**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE LEAVE YOUR
CONTACT DETAILS AT THE OFFICE
(PH: 07 378-0897) FOR DONNA OR KATIE.**

MICHAEL PARKES, NUKUHAU RESIDENT, AUTHOR & VEXILLOLOGIST (COLLECTOR OF FLAGS) GIFTS HIS ENTIRE FLAG COLLECTION TO TAUPO INTERMEDIATE.

Mason Elliott has known Michael Parke since Lockdown 2020, when he approached him to help with a flag competition, he was planning on running at school.

Michael has helped ever since, by choosing flags from his extensive collection to fly during the competitions.

Michael began collecting flags in 2005, when he lived in Thames. He started with an Irish and Estonia flag, gifts from his brother on his travels. In 2007 he moved to Taupo, erected a flagpole, and began gradually acquiring flags. He purchased flags from shops around NZ and the world and even had flags specially made that he was unable to source. His obsession grew and grew. One year he spent almost \$9000 on flags from Aliexpress. In 2012 he published a book, 'FLY THE WORLDS FLAGS'. It took him 2 years to complete the research for the book and he thoroughly enjoyed the process. A second edition has also been published.

Sadly, due to continuing health problems, Michael has had to sell his house in Nukuhau and move into a care facility closer to his family in Auckland. He has generously gifted his entire collection of over 2000 flags, including handmade shelving and his flagpole, which he flew a flag upon every day, to the school.

Michael is so happy that his collection of flags is going to the school, where student's teachers and the public can continue to enjoy his flag collection and learn about different countries from around the world, including our own.

TIS FLAG COMPETITION 2022
Week 9, Term 1
TO ENTER!

Student entries need to be handwritten and include:

- YOUR NAME & ROOM NUMBER
- THE NAME OF THE COUNTRY'S FLAG NEXT TO THE DAY IT WAS FLYING ON.
- A FACT ABOUT EACH COUNTRY.
- PLACED IN THE FLAG BOX OUTSIDE DT ROOM THIS FRIDAY - BEFORE 2.50PM

MAJOR PRIZES - AWARDED TO ENTRIES WITH THE LEAST AMOUNT OF SPELLING & PUNCTUATION MISTAKES.

WOW! GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON!

CHRIS JOLLY FAMILY CRUISE

WATOMO ADVENTURES

REDWOODS TREEWALK

THE BEST NATURE & ADVENTURE EXPERIENCE IN THE WORLD CANOPY TOUR DOUBLE PASS

FLY THE WORLD'S FLAGS
Third Edition

ALL ENTRIES GO IN THE DRAW FOR SPOT PRIZES

TEACHERS & STAFF WILL BE JUDGING THE WINNERS

Ex Nukuhau resident, author and vexillologist (collector of flags) has been involved in the TIS Flag Competition since 2020. This year he donated his entire collection of 2200 flags to Taupo Intermediate!



The Flag competition returns this term, the 7th run at Taupo Intermediate, with amazing prizes generously donated by local businesses. Michael Parke continues his involvement with the competition, and we will continue to honour 'The Flag Man's legacy.

Cohen's selection into the NZ Mighty 11's BMX Test Team and his upcoming trip to Australia.

The Mighty 11's Junior Test Team is an international cultural exchange with BMX Australia. The Trans-Tasman series is normally raced at the BMX NZ North Island Titles in New Zealand in October and a selected Australian BMX event.

Riders who are eleven years old from all over Australia & New Zealand are invited to compete against each other in trial day to establish the "Mighty Eleven" Team for that year.

There are two parts of the "Mighty Eleven" experience. Firstly, is to trial for the Mighty Elevens Team which Cohen did so well to achieve the fourth selection spot earlier this month on the 11th of March prior to the BMX National Champs in Hamilton.

Once successful the selected team race against the Australians for the "Mighty Eleven Trans-Tasman Trophy".

Secondly, is for all eleven-year-old boys & girls to race in the "Mighty Elevens Special Class" to establish the overall "Mighty Eleven" rider.

The teams are normally billeted with local families, however due to the COVID-19 pandemic the "Mighty Elevens" teams have been unable to travel to Australia or New Zealand for the last few years and with the borders only recently opening again, the selected children will all have at least one parent travelling alongside them for support on the eight day tour.

The international exchange started some 30 years ago, when a rider from the Ipswich BMX Club in Brisbane was tragically killed in a car accident. His mother gave the club a trophy to be used in his memory. A close friendship between the president of the Ipswich BMX Club & some New Zealand members, meant a vision was built out of their love of BMX and for a Trans-Tasman BMX exchange to begin.

Cohen will travel to Brisbane, Australia for eight days in on 4th April, to bond and train with his new team-mates before competing on the 8 & 9th of April at the Oceania Championships held at the Sleeman BMX facility in Brisbane.

This is an amazing experience & one that many young BMX Racers aim towards that are coming through the younger BMX age groups in both countries.

The Oceania Championships is fast approaching, and Cohen is determined to train hard and make sure he is at peak fitness for the Trans-Tasman event.

Adding to Cohen's excitement is the opportunity to face the Aussies and perform a NZ Team Haka

before displaying their prowess on the track at the Championships.

Cohen is super excited and honoured to be selected for the Mighty 11's Test Team and just wants to race well representing his country and Taupo while doing the best he can.

Attached are some photos of Cohen racing and making the Team selection at the Trials.

Kinds Regards

Kylee & Bryan Ludlam

