

# TAUPO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

**Striving for Excellence**

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Kia ora koutou te whanau o tenei kura,  
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## *Newsletter 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022*

*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**

“Your hardest times often lead to the greatest moments of your life. Keep going. Tough situations build strong people in the end.” Roy T. Bennett, The Light in the Heart 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.

Presently we are still at Covid level Red and with that the;

- Wearing of masks is still a requirement in classes indoors and on our school buses.
- Hygiene protocols are still being enforced – washing hands, the use of sanitizer and maintain distances as best we can.
- All our Sport and Outdoor Education activities are happening
- If you are sick or showing symptoms, then you are not allowed to attend
- We can gather indoors with up to 200 people at any one time.
- o vaccine Passes as mandatory requirements are removed completely from the 4<sup>th</sup> of April.
- o no contact tracing needed or required.
- o vaccine mandates removed. Only apply to Health, Border and Corrections staff.

Next week we will have an update on what will happen for the rest of the term, and we will send out a notice to that effect

Thank you to all our students and staff who continue to cooperate and support each other through this ongoing pandemic. CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Kian Weston and Olivia Shepherd who competed at the NZ Schools Triathlon Championships in New Plymouth last weekend – Sunday 27th March 2022

The road conditions proved challenging for our group travelling down on Saturday with the road being closed for resealing for 3 x hours on Saturday 11.am – 2pm and then again on Sunday on our return home closed as there was a slip in the Awakino Gorge. This meant a beautiful coastal journey up the West Coast to Waitomo or back through Whanganui either way adding 3 x hours onto a normal journey. Both on the registration and practice day on Saturday and the competition day on Sunday the weather also put some extra challenges on the athletes with strong gale force winds testing the endurance of all of us.

**Kian Weston** with a credible finish - 3<sup>rd</sup> Bronze Medal in the Boys Under 13 event.

**Olivia Shepherd** with an outstanding effort finishing 1<sup>st</sup> / Gold Medal and the National Schools Triathlon– Under 12-year Girls Cup. A point of interest, this cup was won in 2012 by **Tahlia Pook** – Taupo intermediate School.

There were a number of athletes representing our local secondary schools – some ex- students of our school who I was proud to see them continue to perform extremely well and of course **Nicole Van de Kay** who won the Premier event.

Thank you to Cameron Paul the Triathlon Coach, The Taupo Tri- Club and to all the parents for their work in supporting their children.

#### **REMINDER SPECIAL NOTICE FOR THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> 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 / Tranzit 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 14<sup>th</sup> April 2022. and the official Easter break starts on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

Term 2 starts on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022.

Trust you all enjoy your weekend

*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](mailto:admin@taupointermediate.co.nz)**



## **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 TAUPŌ  
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL OFFICE.***

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

**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](mailto:mchapman@taupointermediate.co.nz)

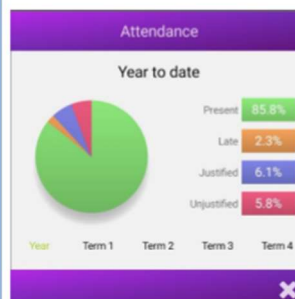
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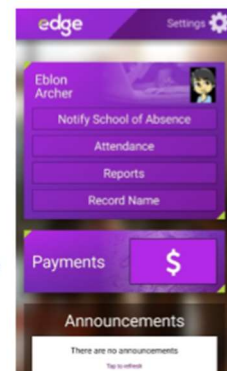
This can be downloaded from either Play Store (Android) or App Store (iOS). Search for musac edge.

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.



## NETBALL 2022

Netball trials have gone well over the past 3 weeks.

**The Year 7 teams have been named.**

**The Year 8s will finish trials today and teams will be named on Monday.**

We are now looking for coaches, managers, and umpires for them.

The season starts first weekend back after the school holidays so it would be great to have teams begin practices before the school holidays.

The fees for this season are \$70 per player, payable to the school office before Term 2.

*During the school holidays there is a 2-day development programme available for Year 7 and 8. Limited spaces. Check out Taupo Netballs Facebook page for more details.*



## Swimming - Orangetheory Epic Swim

This past weekend, Taupo hosted the annual Orangetheory Epic Swim.

An annual open water swimming event of various distances including the New Zealand Open Water Championships.

Sunday 27th March, saw 109 swimmers enter the water to take part in the 1km event. Two TIS Swimmers (that I know of) took part, both having a fantastic swim.

Placing 40th overall and 15th in her age with a time of 15:06 Michaela Mundy

Placing 48th overall and 18th in her age with a time of 15:14 Mia Elliot

## BASKETBALL 2022

If your child forgot to register for Basketball you have been now been given until 6th Wednesday to register online with the Basketball Association.

We already have 6 boys teams registered, but we will welcome more. We need at least 3 more girls to register to enable us to have 2 girls teams.

Boys games will start next term on a Monday and the girls competition will be on a Wednesday.

Basketball is an exciting fun sport to play and the teams will all be all mixed abilities so you don't have to have played before. There will be a meeting for all registered players next Friday at Taupo Intermediate where students will be placed in their team.

All registered players parents have been emailed to ask if they are able to coach or Manage your child's team. Can you please let the Basketball Association know if you are able to coach or Manage a team. Training for these roles is available through the Basketball association and no experience is necessary.

Thank you for your continued support