

TAUPO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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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:

“Middle school students are at a critical time in their lives when making good choices matters - the decisions they make in these formative years have an impact on their future success”. Danny K. Davis (born September 6, 1941) is an [American](#) politician who is the [U.S. representative](#) from [Illinois's 7th congressional district](#), elected in 1996.

Welcome back to Term 2 and I trust that we all had a pleasant time with all our friends and family. For me catching up with the wider whanau was very rewarding after not being able to do so for many months due to our Covid restrictions.

As we are still in the “orange” level we do still have some protocols that we need to adhere to when you want to visit our school.

- **STOP!! ALL VISITORS – PARENTS, CONTRACTORS** to the school must firstly report to the administration office and sign in please.
- There are no visits to classrooms during class hours. Any interviews must be set up at the front office.
- We request that when you enter our office area you wear a mask. Many of us still work or visit a whole lot of different places and as Covid is still active in our community we ask you to help protect our staff and students.
- Mask wearing in our school is not mandatory but is encouraged and any staff member or student will be supported with their free choice.
- All our other protocols of washing hands and using hand sanitizers will continue in our school. This will also help with keeping down the numbers of flu and other winter ailments at bay.
- If students or teachers are exhibiting any cold or flu like symptoms, they will be asked to stay home. Please don't send children to school who say they are unwell with a “if you don't improve during the day then you can come home”. By then it will be too late.

The local District Health Board / nurses have asked that we remind parents that they have been sent permission letters home for MMR – Measles, Mumps and Rubella – Vaccinations. Can you please fill the response form in whether you want your child to get vaccinated or NOT – a nil response is totally acceptable. Today your child will be given another letter asking for your permission for your child to vaccinate. THIS VACCINATION HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH COVID.

LOOKING BACK:

Right at the end of last term a group of riders represented us at the local school's Equestrian competition on site at the Poihipi road complex. Thank you to all the riders and Abby Garland for your organization and support.

LOOKING AHEAD:

It is our intention to work on providing opportunities for our students to participate in even with the current situation.

All our sports programmes are up and running with trials and teams formed, all our interschool sports and cultural exchanges are back on the calendar, and we have started the programme for our Science Fair at our school and the dates for the Bay of Plenty Science Fair have been set. We await the resurrection of the rest of the academic competitions such as the Mathematic challenges.

REMINDERS:

As per the prospectus we would like to remind you no nose piercings and phones at school. We are having a few issues from social media, so please keep an eye on your child's activity – they should not be on social media before 13 years old.

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.

(Please remember to download our Edge Mobile App as we will be phasing out the current app later this term).

Each week students are recognised for showing the TIS Way and being positive. They are recognised with a TIS way card which goes into their whanau group box, and they receive whanau group points, as well as being drawn out for individual prizes. Congratulations to Ansul Rm 7, Tom Rm 22, Jade Rm 10 and Isabella Rm 7 who were pulled out this week.

Within our school we have underway:

- Our NZ Dance Made auditions are complete and our team has been selected and will be coached by Ruby and Karen Turdeich
- The Kapa Haka group will be formed on Friday 6th May 2022 along with the TIS band group with the start of the Specialisation Programme beginning along with the other cultural / craft activities.
- Our interclass competitions – Netball and Football will fill the void of things to do during our breaks.
- Our Boys class tramped over the Tongariro Crossing on Tuesday 3rd May 2022 – awesome effort and a worthy challenge – Thank you to all the parents who also tramped along with Sam Blake and Class Teacher Karen Turdeich – affectionately referred to by her boys as “just like a mountain goat eh” so well done Miss.
- The first Rugby team has been selected – Under 48kgs – have been practicing in preparation for the Bay of Plenty Intermediate Schools Super Competition to be held on Friday 13th May 2022.
- A Girls Rugby squad has been formed with the goal of competing in the Tai Mitchell competition with Intermediate Schools from the greater Bay of Plenty.
- We will hold the first of our Mountain Biking trials on Monday 9th May 2022 in preparation for the Bay of Plenty Intermediate Schools championships. Taupo Intermediate will be running the BOP Mountain bike competition at Craters on 10 June. In preparation for this we need to select our school teams. Students who are interested in being part of a team can trial for this. Our teams will be selected by 20 May. The following opportunities are available for students:
- We have selected our school leaders for 2022 and we plan to meet at a combined Leadership Camp in Auckland, hosted by Northcross Intermediate School – 22nd May – 24th May 2022
- Our golf team will have travelled to Te Puke for the BOP intermediate competition

WINTER SPORTS:

Our netball, hockey, basketball teams have been selected and are beginning their grading games over the next two weeks. Thank you to the many students who have signed up for these teams and I wish you all a successful season and will be there to support you all.

Please be supportive and if you are an “expert” with the rules then buy a whistle take up umpiring and if you think you have the credentials to coach then please ask us to assign you a team.

*Nga mihi
William (Bill) Clarke
Principal*

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Tongariro Crossing 2022

Under the cover of darkness the Boys Class of 2022 rolled into the school carpark carrying their packs and overnight gear. It was only the second day of Term 2, but it was going to be a day that we would remember for years to come!

Our mission for the day was to conquer the Mighty Tongariro. Before we could begin the hike, we had to drive an hour to reach our destination. When we arrived at our shuttle, everyone was still half asleep, cozy and warm in their alpine outfits. It didn't take long before we were awake and ready to go.

Only 300 metres into the walk everyone felt like going home, but there was no turning back because our shuttle had already left. We just had to make the most of it. The cozy layers started to come off as the sun shone down. We couldn't have picked a better day.

After walking for around an hour and a half we made it to stairs. Mrs Turdich had already warned us about the dangerous Devils staircase. We all assumed these stairs were the ones she warned us about. After walking up what seemed like 200 stairs, we were told we had now reached the beginning.

Mars is the only thing that we could compare the next part of the walk to. It was flat and it was red, like the red planet itself. We had made it just over half way up this jagged, rocky and unbelievably steep mountain. A long, narrow ridge with cliffs on each side was the final part of our climb.

There was an overwhelming relief when we finally reached the summit. A huge red crater was one of the first sights we saw, along with three emerald lakes and a large blue lake. This was where we stopped for lunch. Most of us slipped over at least once on our way down to the lake with the exception of our leader, the mountain lion!

The highlight of the trip for me was vlogging using the go pro with Maz, as we ran down the mountain. Although it took us 9 hours altogether, it was definitely a day that we will remember and a goal we have all now accomplished.

*By Tae Waiariki
(Boys Class - Room 1)*



Thank you to Greening Taupo for hosting a great colouring competition to raise awareness about the damage that wallabies cause, and having great prizes.

Wallabies are pests because they destroy native plants when they are growing. If you see a wallaby outside where they usually live you should report it to the Ministry of Primary Industries.

Netball starts this weekend.

The draw was sent out via our school app Edge. Good luck to all the girls!!!
 A coaching workshop is available to all coaches. Although it isn't specific to Intermediate age level, there will be useful tips and tricks on offer. If you can not attend but would like some support, please contact admin@tauponetball.co.nz directly.

School production

The auditions for this are in full swing.

We have been very impressed with the numbers of people coming forward for the lead roles, and with how bravely they have sung on their own in front of the casting teachers and fellow auditioners.

It's looking like we will have an excellent group of talented people.

If your child has not yet auditioned, please ensure that they make themselves known to Mr Wood, Ms Keeley or Ms Voysey early next week as we would like to have these roles finalised by the end of Week 2.

The flyer is titled 'NETBALL WAIKATO BAY OF PLENTY TAUPO NETBALL 2022 COACHING WORKSHOP FUTURE FERNS'. It features a dark background with orange and blue accents. The text includes: 'ALL COACHES & MANAGERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND', 'YEAR 7 & 8 COACHING PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE FOR SUPPORT', 'MAY 8TH YEAR 5 & 6 COACHING WORKSHOP OD PARK PAVILION @ 11AM - 12PM', 'MAY 8TH YEAR 3 & 4 COACHING WORKSHOP OD PARK PAVILION @ 10AM - 11AM', 'FREE netball for each Y 5 & 6 team that has a coach OR manager attend!!', and 'REGISTER ONLINE www.tauponetball.co.nz'. There is a small logo of a fern frond in the bottom left corner.