

# TAUPO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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Kia ora koutou te whanau o tenei kura,  
te kura Waenga o Taupo

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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".**

**"Starting in music, where I get a chance to connect with the lyrics of a song, I learned so much about performing on stage and connecting to your audience and to what you're singing about. Singing is very emotional. Every song has its own purpose. — Naturi Naughton**

I want to start by thanking and congratulating the Kapahaka performing group, for their outstanding performance and support at the opening of our Intermediate Middle school conference, hosted by myself and the NZAIMS executive at Wairakei Resort, celebrating 100 years of Intermediate schools in New Zealand.

I, along with Matua Colin Rangī were so proud of our group who supported our Korero and show cased the waiata and haka we have been learning. They truly understand the whakatauki – quote, that starts this newsletter. **'KA MAU TE WEHI E HINE HE TAMA ME " I WANT TO THANK AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE WORK AND SUPPORT FROM Rana Keely and Karen Turdeich for our Kapahaka group. 'He nui te aroha ki a korua, nga wahine toa'**

I also thank my staff who I know support our group and work within their classes to ensure that the rest of our students also feel a part of the Tikanga o te Kaupapa Māori. **"Nga mihi koutou"**

To you, our parents thank you for the continued support for what we do and may this support continue. Next week we have a contingent of athletes going to represent us at the **Zespri AIMS Games** and we wish them all the success and that they feel proud to represent us all. **The Netball, Mixed Hockey, Mountain Bikers and Swimmers and all the coaches and managers I thank you for all your preparation. Best wishes from us all.**

**On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2022 all our staff at Taupo Intermediate School** attended a Professional Development Course, working with Michael Carr-Gregg – Australian Psychologist who also spoke to all the Intermediate Principals at our Conference held at Wairakei 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2022.

#### **Michael shared some thoughts and ideas:**

- **The growth of the adolescent brain and the circumstances and consequences that are associated with this development**
- **The rising depression and anxiety among Kiwi youths**
  - o *Since the onset of the Covid – 19 pandemics, admissions of children and adolescents to hospital following self – harm events have increased by 25% in the 15–19-year age group and 50% in the 10-14 age group*
  - o *Over 5600 young people presented to hospital emergency departments around the country with self-harm in 2021 alone*
- **Why Michael Carr-Gregg is a fan of Intermediate Schooling**
  - o *A successful early adolescence is pivotal to a successful adulthood*
  - o *Ostensibly designed to bridge the gap between primary and post primary schools*
  - o *Provides specialist courses to suit the educational needs of early adolescents.*

*His website has a mountain of material for you as parents and I recommend you visit the site. Michael is one of Australia's highest profile psychologists, author of 14 books, broadcaster and a specialist in corporate mental health, families, parenting, children, adolescents, and the use of technology for mental health.*

**We also be worked with Joseph Driessen - on using attachment strategies to improve relationships and managing challenging behaviours. He states that this attachment starts form home and an early stage of development.**

1. *When we work with our own children we nurture them, stimulate, and soothe*
2. *The child responds and becomes emotionally bonded or attached to the parent.*
3. *The child now feels secure and plays and explores and the parent encourages autonomy.*
4. *If the child feels anxious, it turns to the parent for help and once supported and the child resumes exploring and learning (Safe haven)*
5. *The parent guides the child to keep it safe and teaches it the social contract.*

#### **Secure Attachment in the classroom:**

**1. Form secure relationships with their teachers easily 2. Are confident and curious 3. Are full of energy 4. Are socially skilled 5. Can communicate well 6. Can emotionally self-regulate 7. Are willing to take reasonable risks 8. Able to take part in sustained activities**

I am positive that our staff have benefit hugely from these sessions, as it has provided some ideas and support, some more tools in our toolbox for us to cope with the stressful times we are all having in schools. Your parental support is vital and has supported us in having a successful and fulfilling day.

**Have a fantastic weekend, I still believe in our All Blacks!!!**

**Wiremu**

# BAY OF PLENTY SCIENCE FAIR



On Thursday August 18<sup>th</sup>, six of our students presented their exhibits at the Bay of Plenty Science and Technology Fair in Rotorua. They displayed their scientific investigation or invention and were interviewed by the judges. It is quite an intense experience, and they really need to know their topic inside out. Matthew Fagan in Year 7 presented his scientific investigation into the factors affecting a perfect cupcake. Samuel Sapsford and Liam Watkins-Purvis from Year 7 presented their invention of the Wall Defender to protect walls from graffiti. Nicholas Ross from Year 8 presented his investigation into the heat energy stored in different varieties of nuts. Bailee Sweetman from Year 8 demonstrated how you can use a refractometer to identify when sugar levels changed in different fruits. Oscar Sweetman from Year 8 presented his findings about the safest material to wear around open fires. The students represented our school admirably.



"Being a part of **TIS Groove** was an incredible experience!

The more we practiced and communicated, the more we grew not only as a band but became friends with people we would not usually hang out with. The day of Band quest came fast, and the pressure was building but we all came together to remind each other of the fun we would have performing as a band. Supported by our families and each other, we walked out on stage to perform. The fog machines and blinding lights made it impossible to see anything except our parents' phones flashing as they took photos! Although we were nervous, it was all over in six minutes. It was great day: going to the Hamilton Botanical Gardens, doing a professional sound check, and seeing the other bands play. Mr Wood and Ms Keeley pushed us to do the best we could and - although we didn't get a placing -- we made new friends and had an amazing new experience." **By Olivia & Aimee**

## T.I.S - BOY'S & GIRL'S SEVENS TEAMS

Miss Haynes and Mrs Turdeich took the girls and boys sevens team to Mount Maunganui which both teams performed exceptionally well and played some outstanding rugby throughout the day. The boys won all their group games to progress into the play off stages and finished the day in **third place** as a result. Despite some impressive tries, incredible team spirit and determination, the girls unfortunately fell short in the group stages. Both teams deserve to be extremely proud of their performances.

**Well done to the girls; Tessa Crawford, Poppy Noble, Chloe Wilson, Mikayla Griffiths, Bella Bridgens, Halo Habib, Meretaia Dunster and Kimiora Maaka and to the boys; Liam Callaghan, Dante Minhinnick, Kaydon Messenger, Saxen Reeves, Dizelle Rameka, Daezon Hooper, Chayse Durham, Makaveli Murray, Tae Waiariki, Ryden Afendoulis, Corde King**



## Junior Rippa Rugby Tournament

On Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> of August, Taupo Intermediate School competed at the Junior Rippa Rugby Tournament, held at Taupo's own Owen Delany Park. This event has been two years in the making after being cancelled last year because of the Covid-19 lockdown. It was a tough competition for the 24 students that we took but they had a fantastic day ripping up the field. Our TIS B team had three games against Hilltop, Mountview, and St Patricks. Our TIS A Team played their first three games against Whakamaru, Hilltop, and St Patricks, however they also made it to the semi-finals where they battled it out against Hilltop's A team. The semi-final was a nail-biter with Hilltop taking the lead and the win in the last few minutes.

It was a fantastic day with a lovely group of students who showed incredible sportsmanship and resilience. Well done to all those who competed.



## NISS Equestrian Champs

I really enjoyed going to compete at the North Island Secondary School Champs. Riders and horses from all over the North Island came to Taupo for four days filled with fun, and competition. Over the four days, there was CTR, Show jumping, Dressage, and arena Eventing, with a wide range of levels, I was entered in the dressage where I scored 66.8%, 67.4%, and 73.9% in the preliminary tests finishing 11<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup>, out 55 riders. It was an amazing show. Everyone was there to help you out, and to support you. If I had the chance to go again I would 100% go.

Cianna Cooper and Laurieston Royal Elite

# The School Board of Trustees election

**BOT Election: Please be aware of the tight deadlines around voting day. Voting closes at 4 pm on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September, election day. Posted votes must be received by the returning officer no later than five days after the election date. Late votes cannot be counted, so it is most important that you are returning your voting papers as soon as possible.**

**Every eligible voter should vote to ensure that the elected board represents the community and has a good mix of gender, ethnicity, skills, and experiences. A board that reflects the diversity of your school can make a positive difference to your students' learning.**

## Candidate Profiles

### Chris Berriman



Chris Berriman 42 years of age. Family is an important aspect of my life, watching my children achieve their best is my ultimate goal. I am originally from Tauranga, moving to Taupo in 2020 for my fiancée Angel. I am a father of two children, Eva is heading to Taupo Intermediate next year. Andy my youngest is

currently a year 4 at Wairakei Primary. I have been a member of Wairakei Primary School Board of Trustees since moving to Taupo. Previously was the PTA chairperson for the children's previous school. My background, 25-year career in I.T. Engineer and Consultancy with a long history of technical, team and project management mainly in the Diary, Accounting, Shipping, Legal and Health, Government sectors, and I am now working as an IT Consultant Supporting the local Taupo and wider community. My personal hobbies are Professional reading, Motorsport, and proud supporter the New England Patriots, coaching my children's sport teams, being actively involved in their extra curriculum activities, such as BMX and gymnastics. Regards  
**Chris Berriman**

### Jason Clarke

Kia ora, my name is Jason Clarke, and I am excited to submit my nomination as a parent trustee on the Taupo Intermediate School Board of Trustees. I moved to Taupo in 2020, am married with two grown children and two younger stepchildren. My eldest stepdaughter moves from primary school to Taupo Intermediate School in 2023 and she is very excited about it. We have worked very hard and are fortunate to own a small piece of land that keeps us occupied. I enjoy sports, mainly on the couch these days, but have been an active participant for many years, coached sports teams and continue to coach junior soccer teams locally.

I am employed by NZ Statistics with a specific role as an area manager for Census 2023 within the Taupo-Ruapehu region. I have an extensive background in working with and supporting young people and their families to achieve positive change. I am a Massey University graduate who has many years of operational management experience.

I am passionate about young people achieving the best possible educational and social outcomes within a caring, passionate, well-resourced, and supported school environment. I have relevant prior board of trustee experience, having served as both a parent trustee and board chair, so would bring experience to the role. A highlight of my time as a trustee was being actively involved in raising the achievement rates of students through the establishment of clear goals (understanding where we have been, where we are now and where we want to be), regular monitoring and the introduction of tangible supports for all students no matter where they sit within their learning journey.

In selecting me as a school board trustee of Taupo Intermediate School you will have made a commitment to putting student learners at the center of all strategic decisions that are made. Nāku noa,

**Jason Clarke**

### John McIntyre

I have been on the Taupo Intermediate School Board of Trustees for the past 3 years, and previously served 6 years with Wairakei School Board of Trustees as a member and Board Chair. I would like to provide continuity to the board with re-election, and the heart to my commitment is to our students and their continued achievements.

**John McIntyre**

### Sean Wakelin

*Raised in a family committed to the betterment of our region, I grew up with a strong sense of community purpose, inclusion, and unity, where respect was a highly regarded commodity, and it is therefore only natural for me to run for board member.*

*My mother was a lifelong educator having finished her career as Deputy Principal at Taupo Nui a Tia. She always told me how important a role the board plays in the overseeing and governance of a school and if one could, then you should help.*

*It's to this end that I stand for selection to the school board.*

**Sean Wakelin**