

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:

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You must constantly ask yourself these questions: Who am I around? What are they doing to me? What have they got me reading? What have they got me saying? Where do they have me going? What do they have me thinking? And most important, what do they have me becoming? Then ask yourself the big question: Is that okay? Your life does not get better by chance, it gets better by change". Emanuel James Rohn (September 17, 1930 – December 5, 2009), professionally known as Jim Rohn, was **an American entrepreneur, author, and motivational speaker.**

2023 is a year of the Water Rabbit, starting from January 22nd, 2023 (Chinese New Year), and ending on February 9th, 2024 (Chinese New Year's Eve). The sign of Rabbit is a symbol of longevity, peace, and prosperity in Chinese culture. **2023 is predicted to be a year of hope.**

Well, here is hoping we have an uninterrupted year we can have some semblance of a normal year. Thank you all for your efforts in getting our year underway to you our parents and teachers and to those students who have started so positively.

Thank you to those parents who attended the 'Meet the Teacher Evening' and by all accounts this was a productive evening. At this meeting there was an opportunity for our teachers to share with parents how they will operate their classrooms, their organization, and an outline of their programmes – The TIS WAY. Communication channels will have been discussed and some information about upcoming events.

Just to add to these things I want to share some reminders.

REMINDERS:

Our prospectus has several policies and procedures that apply to our school.

- Cell Phones which have banned from use in our school.

CELL PHONES ARE NOT PERMITTED TO BE USED DURING THEIR SCHOOL DAY.

However if your child brings a cell phone to school, it must be handed into the office into a locked box before class starts and picked up at 3:00pm.

The reasons being that cell phones can be used for text bullying and have the capability to download unnecessary information. They are a useful tool but can be used to cause unnecessary grief in our school.
ALL COMMUNICATION TO AND FROM THE SCHOOL NEEDS TO BE VIA THE MAIN OFFICE.

- School uniforms are to be worn with pride and correctly please. There are clear guidelines for what is required.

Uniform

Students are expected to wear and have their full uniform to begin school here at Taupo Intermediate. It is to be worn with pride and a high standard is important. Formal Uniforms (pictured below) and sports track suits are provided to students who represent our school, and must be returned clean and tidy after use.



Standard Uniform Only Available from:

Brandfuel Promotions

32 Oruanui Street Taupo

Ph: 378 1160 After hours; 0274 521 455

Hours: 8:30am – 4:00pm

Monday to Friday

ALL UNIFORM ITEMS WILL HAVE THE TAUPO INTERMEDIATE LOGO:

Jersey – Navy Woollen (Optional)

Polar Fleece – Royal Blue & Navy

Polo shirt – White with Navy Trim

School Socks – Boys – Royal Blue/white stripes

Boy's Shorts – Dark Navy

Girl's Skort – Dark Navy

Physical Education – Black Shorts & Polo style shirt
with Black trim

Plain Navy Blue Trackpants: (available from – Brandfuel) Optional for winter - choice of straight or gathered leg at ankle. (No logos or snap-pants) N.B. Black is not allowed.

The following items may be purchased from local outlets:

Footwear: Black Leather Roman Sandals - Back strap worn done up. No Socks.

Black Leather Lace-up, Nuggetable, Hard Toe/Sole Shoes: (Leisure/sports shoes are not permitted).

N.B. Toe covered shoes must be worn in all technology classes - this is an OSH requirement.

Socks: Girls – White ankle socks (worn with shoes, not sandals). Black Stockings optional for winter.

Boys – Navy School socks (worn pulled up).

Sunsmart Hats/ Caps - your appropriate choice worn correctly, no logos.



IMPORTANT

- * All clothes must be clearly named and looked after.
- * No make-up or nail polish to be worn.
- * Jewellery. One piece of jewellery may be worn apart from one pair of studs/sleepers for pierced ears.
- * Nose-studs, eyebrow studs, tongue studs or any other body piercing are not permitted at school.
- * Plain Navy Blue Beanies / scarves may be worn in winter.
- * There is no need to experiment with outrageous hair colouring - 'au natural'.



* BE PROUD OF WHO WE ARE *

- Thank you to those parents who have signed up for our Laptop Programme and a reminder that instalments are due and need to be kept up to date.

UPCOMING EVENTS 2023

- **Saturday 25th February - Across the Lake Swim - for our students 1 and 2 ks swim @ 3 Mile Bay**
 - o We will need parental support with Kayaks and will send out the appropriate documents seeking support.

Have a great week and thank you for your continued support.

Wiremu Clarke

Principal

A notification from NZEI – Primary Teachers Union

Whakamana tamariki, whakamana kaiako

We all want the best for our kids.

Our teachers love what they do, but not enough funding for schools means that they don't have the time they would like to support all kids to thrive.

We can fix this though. NZEI Te Riu Roa primary teacher and principal members are making the case to Government for the best investment in tamariki. Smaller class sizes, more time for individual students and more specialist learning support staffing would make a huge difference.

Keeping and retaining teachers is top of mind right now, and this term, our teachers will also be meeting to consider a pay offer – and assessing if it's enough to make sure that teaching is valued and is an attractive profession.

That is why teachers at our school will be attending paid union meetings on 28th February 2023 at Waipahihi School Hall at 1.30pm.

Therefore, students will be released from school to go home at 12.45pm – our normal lunch break time.

Those teachers who are union member will attend the meeting whilst those teachers who are not members will supervise the students left in our school.

We understand that this will cause some disruption to you and your household so there will be put into place some limited supervision for students who need to stay at school until 3pm.

School buses will be unaffected and will run as normal on this day.

When we support our children to learn and succeed, we are supporting whānau and communities to thrive. We look forward to another great year in 2023 – and together with your support building the case for better investment in our tamariki.