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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".

Greening Taupo has been the focus for this week. Most classes have been engaged in environmental activities throughout the week, ranging from weeding behind Room 23, planting prep at Crown Park to assist the Greening Taupo team, being involved in the clean-up for our Gully Project and participating in the Painting the Town Green Art competition.

With the finale today, being Green Day mufti day for our students (donations going to Greening Taupo) and 14 classes being actively involved in the Greening Taupo tree planting day at Crown Park. What a fantastic way to link core educational learning to our environment and making a difference for our community's future.

Read more about Greening Taupō Day here: https://www.greeningtaupoday.org.nz/

Read more about the outdoor classroom project

here: <a href="https://www.kidsgreeningtaupo.org.nz/greening-news/intermediate-gully-restoration">https://www.kidsgreeningtaupo.org.nz/greening-news/intermediate-gully-restoration</a>

Staff and student's numbers being affected by COVID-19 continue to increase as it works its way through our community again. We appreciate the understanding shown and the support of our families as we manage the impact on our staff and school.

We know it isn't ideal closing classes, please know that this decision is not taken lightly. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause you or your family.

Thank you, all the parents and caregivers that have assisted us, to ensuring their child has been at school on time, in full school uniform and wearing the appropriate amount of jewellery. Your support with this has been greatly appreciated. It has certainly sharpened up the look of our students at school and within the community.

Special thanks for supporting our staff as they continue to negotiate their claims with their respective NZEI & PPTA unions. Unfortunately, the ongoing negotiations do not seem to be getting any closer to being resolved, which may result in further actions being taken.

Nga mihi nui Brent Woods Principal

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

## GREENING TAUPO WEEK

#### Greening Taupo Week

We have been busy in and around our school this week. Classes have been helping the Greening Taupo team to set up at Crown Park for their big Greening Taupo Day on Friday. We helped to unload some of the 1000s of native plants and place in holes with vermicast or fertiliser, ready for planting on Friday. We helped our native plants around the school to breathe again by pulling out some of the weeds and grasses around them. In Food Tech, we learnt about the issues caused by Food Waste, and ways in which we can help prevent this. We made Crispy Rice Paper Rolls as a delicious way of using up leftovers. We look forward to our Mufti Day as a way of donating back to Greening Taupo, who do some amazing work for us!















# YEAR 7 SCIENCE



**Year 7 students** were investigating the water cycle in class this week. Students used burners and other scientific equipment to model the different stages of the water cycle. They investigated whether fresh water evaporated and condensed faster than salt water.



Students are currently working on their Science Fair projects in class and the expectation is that they will need to do some of the work at home. Thank you in advance to all those caregivers that are helping their children with their projects. I hope it is an opportunity for you to do a fun scientific investigation with your child. I am happy to offer students advice, and I may be able to help if they need to borrow specialist scientific equipment.

The Science Fair will be held in the school hall and will be open to members of the public on the following days:

- Friday 16 June 9.30am 2.30pm
- Monday 19 June 9.30am 2.30pm 5.30pm to 7.30pm with exhibitors
- Tuesday 20 June 9.30am 12.30pm

Students that have entered the Science Fair will be asked to be in the hall on the Monday evening to talk to parents that come through about their investigations.

Our contributing primary schools will also be invited to visit the fair.

Ms Jean-Marie Turanga Head of Science A few of the Art competition pieces that entered in the Greening Taupo Art Competition this week from our school.



# Greening Taupō Art Competition







# CHESS TOURNAMENT

Quinn from Room 14 was placed second in the Chess tournament on Friday at Waipahihi School which was a great achievement, considering he was playing against much more experienced players, most with a higher chess rating than him! Out of the 7 games he played, Quinn won 5, drew 1 and lost 1. This photo of him with the first and third place getters, both from John Paul College.

As a place getter, Quinn has now been invited to play in the Champions Trophy which will be over Labour Weekend in Auckland.



# ART TECHNOLOGY

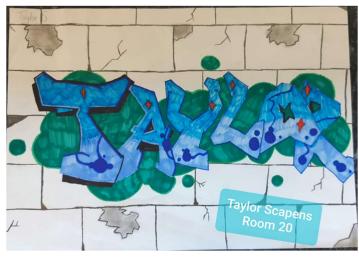
Some Street Art pieces from Art Technology and this piece is titled - This is Me!

















# Intermediate Girls' Group

Join us in a fun, friendly and safe space where you can:

- · socialise
- · learn life skills
- · enjoy indoor and outdoor activities
- share a safe space to talk about challenges
- meet new people and build friendships.



When: Mondays, after school - 5pm Where: Real, 111 Tuwharetoa St, Taupō

To join, contact our group facilitators:

Jasmine 027 373 1861 or Kohine 027 300 6674



Permission slips below or ask at the school office.

#### **NZMSM Competitions**

Students from Taupo Intermediate School entered the NZMSM Competitions last weekend.

Here are their results.

Ashe Buckingham - 2 Gold.

Trophy Winner - Boogie Woogie 12 years, Latin American 12 and under Amy Holdsworth: 1 Gold, 1 Silver and 2 VHC

> Lulu Halligan: 1 silver, 2 Bronze. Laila Te Whare - 2 Silver Molly Hawkins: 1 Gold, 2 HC -

All the teachers from NZMSM Taupo/Tongariro area wish to congratulate these students.



**Photo: Ashe Buckingham** 

### Netball Tournament

On Sunday TIS Pulse and TIS Blues went to a netball tournament in Rotorua. They were both entered the Intermediate A grade, having 5 games each. TIS Blues ended their day coming first equal in their grade with Mokoia Intermediate. Well done to all our girls who attended. You represented our school so well. A massive thank you to the coaches, managers, and supporters of our two teams.

Saturday Netball results
TIS Steel won 17 to 8.
There is no netball this long weekend.



