

TAUPO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Making a positive difference through the T.I.S Way

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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”.

Welcome to Term 3. We are looking forward to an exciting term focused on the **T.I.S. WAY**. Our students are being challenged regarding their **THINKING, INVOLVEMENT & SHOWING RESPECT**.

Over the first two weeks of term 3 we are focusing on the TIS Way and establishing our Teams within the school. Next Wednesday, being the 26 July 2023, we will be doing our first ‘**TEAMS**’ challenge with our staff and students wearing their team colours, school assembly and activities.

New Staffing

We were very disappointed to receive Room 16’s teacher (Ms. Pam Wood) resignation during term 2. However, we are very excited to have appointed Ms. Pam Wood as the new permanent Technology -Visual Arts teacher starting at the beginning of Term 3.

We are excited to announce that Mr. Elmar Kok will be Room 16’s class teacher beginning on Monday 24 July 2023. Matua Elmar comes with a wealth of knowledge regarding middle schooling education. He will be a wonderful asset to Taupo Intermediate School.

We have appointed Ms. Lynn Sebastian and Ms. Andrea MacLennan to be our Hauora Programme Facilitators which will be operating for terms 3 & 4. The Hauora Programme is a Ministry of Education funded programme which will operate alongside our class programmes. Students selected will be involved in school and community-based projects.

School Organisation

At the end of term 2 we shifted 11 classes and rearranged our school layout. We are aware that change is always disruptive, hence why the move was made at the end of term. Special thanks to the TIS staff who spent additional hours setting up their room so they were ready for term 3. The reason for this change was to develop more cohesive teaching teams, give students a team identity within our school and to develop more opportunities for teams to work together to achieve their goals and the school-wide goals going forward.

Jean Mariotti College, Noumea Visit

In Term 4 Week 3, we will be hosting Jean Mariotti College from Noumea. They will be visiting Taupo from Tuesday 24 October to Friday 3 November 2023. We are looking for 18 families to billet these students during their stay in Taupo. There will be a Parent Information Evening held on Wednesday 26 July at 6.00pm in the TIS staffroom. If you are interested in billeting one or more of these students, please come along to the evening. *Please Note: Year 7 students that billet Jean Mariotti College students will be prioritised for the proposed 2024 Noumea Trip.*

Term 3 is going to be a very busy term with a lot of events happening. I encourage all our students to be involved and take the opportunities being provided for them.

Nga mihi nui
Brent Woods
PRINCIPAL

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



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Taupō District Council

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY TIPS

The school bus is one of the safest ways to travel.

To keep your children safe, please follow these steps when picking up or dropping off students at the bus stop and teach them about staying safe.

FOR PARENTS

If you pick up or drop off children at the bus stop:

- Wait on the same side of the road as the bus stop, where safely possible.
- Park your car well away from the bus stop or other children.
- Teach children about safe bus behaviour and practice it with them.
- Encourage children to wait quietly at the stop and to keep away from the road.

If your children make their own way to and from the bus stop:

- Teach and walk your child along the safest route.
- Choose the route with the fewest road crossings and least traffic.
- If they have to cross the road after getting off the bus, teach them to wait until the bus has moved away and they can see up and down the road clearly.
- Dress them in brightly-coloured or reflectorised clothing that can be easily seen by drivers.
- You could also encourage your school to establish a bus warden system.

FOR CHILDREN

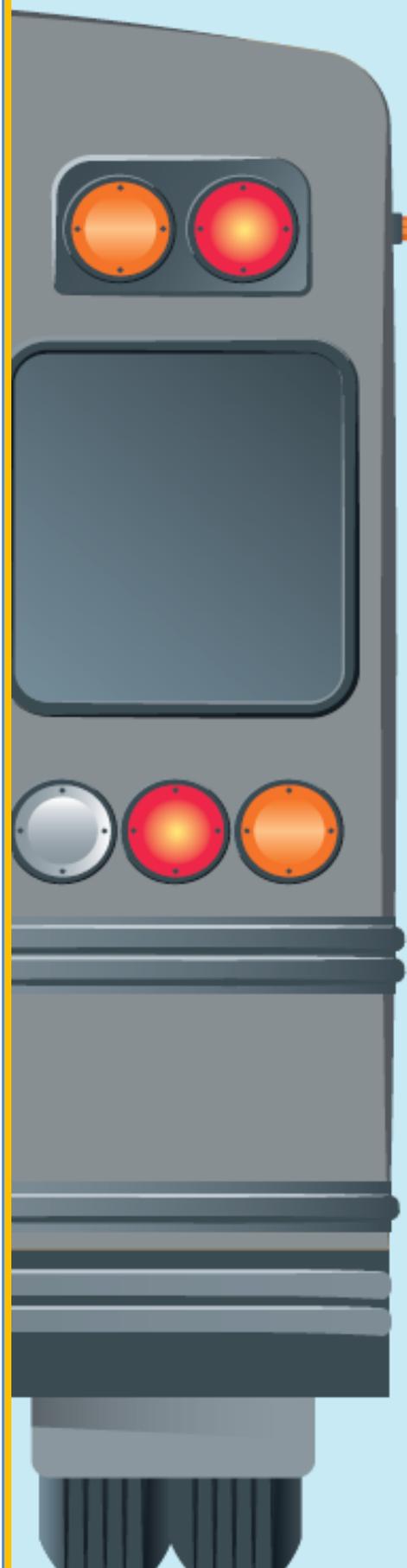
Waiting for the bus:

- Wait at the nominated bus stop.
- Keep well away from the road edge.
- Wait quietly, avoid playing games where you might end up running onto the road.

Getting on the bus:

- Form a single line.
- Make sure the bus has stopped fully before you try to get on.
- Let younger children on first.
- Be patient and let those in front of you get on without pushing.
- Carry your school bag as it may get caught in the door if you wear it.





On the bus:

- Quickly choose your seat and sit down.
- Put your bag on your lap or under your seat to keep the aisle clear.
- Stay in your seat until the bus has stopped.
- Follow what the bus driver or bus warden tells you to do.
- If you have to stand, put your bag on the floor and hold onto a seat back or handrail.

Getting off the bus:

- Wait until the bus has fully stopped before getting off carefully.
- Be patient and let those in front of you get off without any shoving or pushing.
- After you get off the bus, wait well away from the road edge until the bus has moved off.
- If you need to cross the road, wait until the bus has left and you can see clearly up and down the road before crossing. Always use the kerb drill to cross.
- Stand well clear of the bus if it's turning or reversing.
- Setting up a school bus warden system

Bus wardens are responsible senior students who help promote safe school bus behaviour. The warden's tasks are to:

- Help students travel to and from school safely.
- Help parents look after their children.
- Notify bus drivers of any passenger changes and prevent students from distracting them.
- You can suggest that your child's school sets up a bus warden system. Together the school, bus operator, parents and the local police school community officer decide whether a system is needed.

Find out more on setting up a bus warden team in the school traffic safety manual:

bit.ly/3yDYfAO

Or scan the QR code here!





Congratulations! Kids Greening Taupō is absolutely thrilled to extend our congratulations to Taupō Intermediate School and your outstanding students on winning the 1st prize for your remarkable achievements during Greening Taupō Day! Your students' initiative and dedication to spearhead projects that support the environment is truly commendable, and this recognition is a testament to their exceptional work.

It is inspiring to see young leaders taking charge and making a positive impact. Your school's support for these initiatives further highlights your commitment to nurturing and encouraging your students' passion for environmental stewardship.

In recognition of your outstanding efforts, I am delighted to inform you that you will be receiving \$1000 from Contact Energy. This generous contribution will provide invaluable support to help plant and further develop your gully project, enabling you to create a lasting and meaningful impact on our natural surroundings.

Once again, congratulations on this well-deserved achievement. Your dedication to sustainability and empowering your students is truly commendable. I am confident that your future endeavors will continue to inspire and create a brighter, greener future for all.

Ngā mihi
Heidi Pritchard

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Upcoming Events

Matariki Event 2023

Wednesday July 26, 9:30-11:30

Ricket St

Bring along your workmates, school or kindergarten and celebrate with us!

This event is put on in collaboration with Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board, with free kai thanks to Miraka. Come along and learn about Matariki, plant some trees, and make a wish to Hiwa-i-te-Rangi.



[Find out more here](#)



Some of the students art celebrating Matariki



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