

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".

Term 3 is quickly disappearing. Someone informed me this week that there was only 145 days until Christmas. It only seemed like yesterday that we were celebrating it with our families. It is always a good sign when time flies, because it means we must be having fun.

This week at Wednesday's assembly we were blessed to have Donovan Bixley presenting to our staff and students. Donovan shared how he is proud to be a Tauponian, and how with a strong work ethic and resilience you can achieve your dreams (a good message for all of us to remember). We are very grateful that Donovan Bixley is always willing to share with our students and give back to the community he is passionate about. We are forever grateful for that.

Super 11 Winter Tournament

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Super 11 Winter Tournament last Friday. It was exciting to have the boy's rugby team, mixed hockey team, girls netball team, boys & girls football teams participating in their Super 11 tournaments. For our mixed hockey team and girls netball team it was a good dress rehearsal before the Zespri AIMS Games later in the term.

The results from the tournament were Mixed Hockey = 1st Boys Rugby = 5th Girls Netball = 5th Boys Football = 5th and Girls Football = 4th.

Congratulations to all our students for their excellent sportsmanship and effort throughout the day. You were all great ambassadors for Taupo Intermediate School.

Special thanks to the staff & coaches for preparing the teams and thank to the supporters who assisted with transport and attended the tournament too.

Noumea Exchange (John Mariotti College)

Thank you to the parents/caregivers that attended last week's Noumea Exchange meeting to discuss the possibility of billeting the 18 students visiting from John Mariotti College early term 4.

If you are interested in billeting a John Mariotti College student, please email Alice Adams (aadams@taupointermediate.co.nz) to receive all the relevant information.

A friendly reminder to parents/caregivers that have already offered, we need your police vetting forms and two forms of identification as soon as possible, so these can be processed.

Once again, thank you for your anticipated support.

Nga mihi nui
Brent Woods
Principal

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

DANCE NZ MADE BROTHERHOOD PERFORMANCE



What a fantastic experience to be a part of.

Thank you to Stussy and Mereana for their outstanding commitment and talent towards organising the boy's performance, we are extremely grateful, and could not have done it without you.



The boys had a lot of fun and looked fantastic in their brotherhood costumes. They demonstrated the TIS values and were outstanding, throughout the day, participating in a range of workshops and rehearsals. We are all proud of their efforts. Well done Room 1 boys!

"MEETING THE SILVER FERNS"

Thanks to Althern Glass and Netball Skills roadshow for running a competition that 1000's entered, and we were some of the lucky 60 to be selected to have a training session with some of the silver ferns. Up close and personal TIS 7A Pulse netball team interacted with Gina Crampton (WA & C), who ran a fancy footwork/fitness drills session.

My personal favourite, powerhouse Peta Toeava (WA & C) who did some ball skills and some clever passing techniques, and finally the team favourite shooter Bailey Mes.



Each of the Pulse team had prepared some questions to ask the Silver Ferns, such as nutrition, recovery, training during the off-season and they were very generous with sharing their wisdom with younger players.

After some game time where our team showed their talent to Silver Ferns, we all then got to fan girl on to have balls, bags, shoes, T-shirts, and of course some pictures were taken with them. Now we're all excited to watch this year's world cup and thrilled to have met some extraordinary athletes.

Finally, a massive mihi to Shar Levaø, the team coach who entered us into the competition, and who's passion for netball and developing players has hugely benefitted the year 7A team in 2023.

GNS Science competition

Last week a group of Year 7 and Year 8 students designed and built a model geothermal power station to enter the GNS Science Competition. They worked tirelessly every morning tea and lunch time to complete the model by the deadline of 5pm Friday. The model included a working turbine, a water pump reinjecting water into the ground, and steamers located inside the cooling towers.



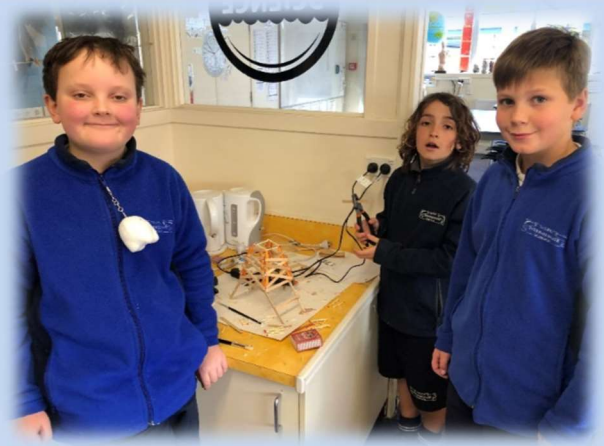
The whole geothermal team



Lead Project Engineers Elisha, Finn, Declan and Oscar



Chief Scientists Anna, Taylor, Emma, and Hana



Electrical operations crew – Jacob, Logan, Harry

It has just been announced today that the students won a Highly Commended award. The judges (GNS scientists) had this to say about their entry.

“This mega-sized entry showed great construction skills – the judges were particularly impressed with the large yet intricate transmission towers! As well as showing sound understanding of how heat from within the reservoir is tapped into to generate electricity, this team also highlighted New Zealand’s richness in geothermal, particularly in the Taupō and Kawerau districts.”

Congratulations to the team! They will be presented with their prizes in a school assembly soon.

In Science this week at T.I.S...



Year 7 students learned about the viscosity of different types of magma. Zoe and Amelia from Room 21 are pictured here conducting the Great Taupo Intermediate Lava Race. Students then learned about caldera volcanoes and recreated the Taupo eruption.



Year 8 students learned about Earth’s systems – the biosphere, the geosphere, the atmosphere, and the hydrosphere. Room 3 (pictured here) created biodomes to investigate whether we can recreate Earth’s systems to sustain life on other planets.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

GUEST SPEAKER

This week, our assembly was graced with the wonderfully inspiring and creative presence of Taupō's very own, world famous, author and illustrator, Donovan Bixley. He recently judged the Greening Taupo Art Competition, and four of our students stood out to him, so he offered his time to come and run a session with them. Well done to Sophie McNaughton, Lily Scarberry, Sofia Baker and Deacon Rambaud. We hope your time with Mr Bixley was productive and inspiring. In his speech, Mr Bixley spoke of the resilience and commitment needed to make his projects succeed. He talked of overcoming failure and rejection many times, to pursue his dream. It was a great speech. Thank you, Donovan Bixley for your time and inspiring and wise words. All the very best at the NZ Book Awards next week. We love your books in our school library - and we all hope that your latest book, Leonardo da Vinci takes out the award!





HOCKEY 2023 - WINTER TOURNAMENT

On Friday the 28th of July a group of 11 students went to Blake Park in Mount Maunganui to compete in the annual 7 a-side winter hockey tournament.

The team had outstanding results taking out their division and winning the mixed competition.

They all demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship on and off the turf. Well done on a great achievement.



BOP NETBALL

We sent our two A netball teams to the Winter tournament at Mount Maunganui last Friday. It sure felt like winter over there too. The wind was freezing!

Both teams came away with a win against Ilminster Intermediate. It gave us all a good idea what the competition is like against other Intermediate teams.

Our girls showed great TIS values by being involved and showing respect to themselves and their opponents. Bring on the AIMS games!



DANCE NZMADE TIS GIRLS

Dance NZ Made Regionals 1st and 2nd August.



A huge congrats to all the students that competed at Dance NZ Made this week.

We had several students compete in the duos, solos, and trios on Tuesday night with Summer Olsen, Nicole Mawson, Imogen Hayter and Scarlett Bennett all receiving awards for their efforts.

Then on Wednesday we had a girl's group and the boys class compete against the other schools in Taupo with the girls group coming away with first place.

They will now be heading to the national competition in Palmerston North in September.



TIS FOOTBALL - WINTER TOURNAMENT

On Friday 28th July, the boys and girls football team travelled to Otumoetai to take part in the winter football tournament. The girls got off to a great start with some early wins and ended up coming 4th (3= but it went to goal countback).

The boys finished 5th in their competition facing some stiff early opposition. They managed 2 wins, a draw and 2 losses which put them into a plate semi-final for 5th place that ended in a dramatic penalty shootout. Max Drysdale in goal kept the boys in the games with brave goal keeping and even managed to pull out a couple of saves in the semi-finals.

Well done to Reid Higgie too for pulling out a couple of dramatic goals. It was a fantastic day in the bay and the year 7s are already forward to next year and a better placing!

The TIS girls team started the tournament well with wins over Gisborne Int 1-0 and Whakatane Int. 3-1. After a third-round bye, we began the biggest challenge of the day with four back-to-back 30-minute games.

Our game against Mount Maunganui ended in a 1-1 draw, followed by a hard-fought loss to Tauranga Int 1-2. Next was Te Puke Int. who we convincingly beat and then we finished against Otumoetai Int losing 1-4. Congratulations to all the girls for their outstanding individual performances throughout the day that made us a very successful team.



POPPY NOBLE – FIFA WOMANS FLAG BEARER

Hi, my names Poppy, I recently got selected to be a flag bearer at the women's FIFA world cup.



The job the flag bearer is to carry on the big FIFA women's flag. All the flag bearers had to be there 5 hours before the game so that we could practice and train for an hour and a half.

There were 6 people per flag and there were 5 different flags there were the two small FFIFA flags and then the 2 country's that were playing both had their home flags then the 5th flag was the giant flag.

My job was to carry on the big blue FIFA flag at the start of the match with the other 5 people in my group.

We had to wait for 3 and a half hours after we had trained and practiced, so we played football inside. This was a very cool experience. I got to work with lots of people that I hadn't met before. For dinner they gave us hot dogs and salad.

I also got to keep the kit that they gave us to wear on the pitch. In the kit I got shorts, a t shirt, pants, a jersey, a Beni socks, football boots, and a bag.

BOP RUGBY 2023

Last Friday the rugby team travelled to Mount Maunganui to participate in the Intermediate School's Winter Tournament.

In the round robin we had a narrow lost to Rotorua Intermediate before having a convincing win over Katikati. Finishing second in our pool gave us the opportunity to play in the top four.

Unfortunately, we came up against a strong Mount Maunganui Intermediate team and again we had a narrow lost. Our final game was against Omokoroa Intermediate, which we won 17-15. This meant we ended up finishing 5th overall.

Every player gave every game their all. There was awesome running by Dazon Hooper, Te Kiriwera Hurae and Carter Studd-Proctor, while defensively Alaster Roberts stopped many opponents by his excellent tackling.



Private after school Tutoring.

Alpha to omega literacy program

MON, TUE, and Thursdays 3.15 to 4.15.

This program gives practical help in reading, writing, and spelling for children with learning difficulties including dyslexia.

The cost is \$20.00 per student per session.

The student may attend one or all three lessons.

Enrolments forms are at the office or message me so I can drop the forms off to your student in class.

Limited spaces available.

Any queries phone. Donna Shaw O277113082

TIS – BOARD NEWS

The Taupo Intermediate School Board met on Monday 31 July 2023. Key topics of discussion were –

- **Northern Health School possibly being onsite at TIS**
 - Board met with MOE representative to discuss the proposal and have their questions answered regarding hosting NHS on our school grounds.
 - There has been no decision made at this stage, but further discussion will be happening.
- **Enrolment Scheme for TIS**
 - Board met with MOE representative regarding the proposed enrolment zone for TIS.
 - The board discussed the need for a zone and the impact this would have on our out-of-zone schools and parents.
 - Board requested further time to consult this matter with our community.
- **Staff Well-being**
 - There was further discussion regarding the teacher & reliever shortage within Taupo & New Zealand. What is the impact on our staff and our community?
 - The board are fully committed to providing additional professional learning for staff to ensure all staff are upskilled to meet the needs and challenges related to teaching and learning.

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday 4th September @5.30pm