

# 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  
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”.*

Congratulations to all our students who created a Mathsmatters mobile last week. All the mobiles presented have been hung in our hall. As a collective they look amazing. If you are dropping off or picking up your child, take the opportunity to pop in and see the wonderful display.

## Noumea Visit

Thank you to all the parents, caregivers and whanau who have offered to billet the John Mariotti College students who will be visiting New Zealand and Taupo early next term. Thanks for getting all the relevant documentation to Ms Adams so we can get it processed.

## TIS Green Team

Special thanks to our TIS Green Team group who continue to make a difference in our community and school every fortnight. This group quietly go about their business clearing, preparing, and then planting various areas. We are so proud of their commitment and willingness to make a difference for our environment and our community.

Our TIS Green Team group and some classes have been working tirelessly developing our gully at the lefthand side of our entrance way. Through the additional support of Ms Brunton (TIS teacher), Stephan (Camex), Herwi Scheltus (retired engineer) and Rachel (Greening Taupo) we are making some inroads to developing this wonderful native walkway for our students and community to enjoy.

Greening Taupo support our school immensely and a small way that we can pay them back as a TIS community is to support them in their community projects, which are advertised regularly on local radio stations.

## Zespri AIMS Games

Thank you to all the parents and caregivers that attended last night’s meeting to ensure they are up to date with the organisation related to the upcoming Zespri AIMS Games which is fast approaching. **Special thanks to Mrs Jones (hockey), Miss Jones (basketball) and Ms Ingram (netball) and Mr. Blake** for all their behind-the-scenes organisation with entries, budgeting, accommodation, and preparation for the **Zespri AIMS Games** in Tauranga, from **Monday 4 September to Friday 8 September**.

If you were unable to attend the meeting, please get in contact with your child’s coach/manager to get the relevant information.

## Taupo Schools Bus Network

Just a friendly reminder for all our bus students. You require your bus swipe cards to travel on the buses. If you have lost your swipe card, then you need to get a replacement (cost \$10.00) from Mr. Woods.

*Nga mihi nui*  
**Brent Woods**  
*Principal*

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

# **Taupo Brass Academy trip**

Last Friday Ms Keeley took the group of TIS brass learners to the Taupo midday concert at St Andrews Church.

This was a fabulous opportunity for our brass learners to see other students their age playing brass and other wind instruments to a high level.

The Taupo Youth Wind band - conducted by Matt West (our brass teacher) was performing some cool tunes, along with a few high school soloists on clarinet, flute, and cornet.

It's also worth noting that three of our TIS students are in the Taupo Youth Wind band, and it was great to see them performing to such a high level.



## ***'Great Walk Experience'***

Several years ago, we initiated an annual DOC 'Great Walk Experience' for our students. This was to encourage students to see their own country in an active way.

The trip provides students with an opportunity to learn skills and enjoyment of multiday tramping in the New Zealand environment and to further enhance students learning in the areas of personal growth and development, physical activity, safety management, positive attitudes, and leadership.

***For more information regarding this expedition,  
students can collect a newsletter from the front office.***



# **TAUHARA COLLEGE & TAUPO-NUI-A-TIA COLLEGE**

## **Enrolments for 2024 are now OPEN!**

*College enrolment information has been distributed by post or via your child at school. Please contact either college if you have not received a pack by 24th August.*

*If you have any questions or would like further information about the school your child intends to enrol in, please feel free to contact them.*

## **Two Exciting Competitions**

*If you enroll your student by **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> of September (the last day of term)** then you will be in the draw to win a free school uniform!*

*Year 8's can win a free Tauhara School Uniform or a Taupo Nui-a-Tia College uniform.*

*Years 6's can win a free Taupo Intermediate uniform.*

*Be in to win!*

## **Taupo Nui-a-Tia College Ballot for 2024**

*A ballot will take place for those students who do not live in the Taupo-nui-a-Tia College zone.*

*This ballot will take place on **13 of September in Week 9 of Term 3 in 2023**. Spaces will be available for students who will be studying at Year 9 and at Year 13 in 2024. **This will be the only ballot for 2024 enrolments.***

*To be considered for the ballot, a completed enrolment form needs to be submitted to our school office prior to **4pm on 11 of September 2023**. You will be notified of the outcome within 3 working days after the ballot has taken place.*

# **My Neighbourhood Photo Competition**

**Taupō Museum** is calling on young people across the rohe to photograph the everyday things they love about their neighbourhood.

Whether that's the people, the places, special landmarks, shopping centres, playgrounds or works of art, the competition is to celebrate the Jellicoe and Bledisloe exhibition by photographer David Cook. Entries will be printed and displayed at the museum alongside the exhibit.

The competition will be split into three age categories (primary school students - Years 1 to 6; intermediate students – Years 7 & 8, and high school/college students – Years 9 to 13) with prizes up for grabs for the winners in each group. Student entries will be accepted from 18 August to 21 September. Finalists will be judged by photographer David Cook and the museum curatorial staff, with the winners being announced on 3 October.

When Mr Cook moved into Hamilton East, he was drawn to the colourful, creative and chaotic lives of his neighbours. With camera in hand, he explored back-yard mechanics to Sunday roasts, inventing an intimate documentary of a state housing suburb in the 90s, moments before gentrification set in.

Exhibitions curator Kerence Stephen says she would love to see kids and young people take inspiration from Mr Cook's work.

*"His photographs show a slice of life from that era. I'd love to see our local neighbourhoods through the eyes, and lenses of our young people."*

For more information and to enter visit [www.taupo.govt.nz/photocomp](http://www.taupo.govt.nz/photocomp)





## Relationships & Sexuality Education

### Feedback Survey

Parent & caregivers' feedback is essential to understanding what is important to the community about relationships and Sexuality education.

The feedback will help improve and shape the lessons for next year.

Please take the time to complete the survey, link details below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RSE2023whanau>



### 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 0277113082**

### T.I.S. – 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**