



# TAUPO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL



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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".***

**Another exciting week has come and gone, and we are heading quickly towards the term 3 holidays.** It's hard to believe that term 3 is almost over. This week we had our three teams (mixed hockey, girls' netball, and boys' basketball) participating in the 2023 Zespri Games in Tauranga.

**The mixed hockey** was unlucky not to qualify for the top 8 in their division. They needed to win their last pool game 13-0, but only managed a 7-0 win. After 5 days of competition, they managed a very creditable 10th.

**The boys' basketball team** played their hearts out and managed to finish in the top 33-48 teams. A huge achievement considering there were 93 Year 7 & 8 teams participating in this year's competition. Special congratulations to the boys' basketball team for their sportsmanship displayed during the tournament.

**The Year 8 girls netball** team performed extremely well throughout the week. They managed to qualify top of their pool and made the Division B Top 8. That was an amazing achievement. In the top eight playoffs they continued to play high quality netball and ended up finishing 4th. Congratulations on their outstanding achievement and for embracing the spirit of the games by establishing a delightful friendship with the Aparima College, Invercargill netball team. This was certainly a highlight for me during my Wednesday Zespri AIMS day visit.

**A huge thanks to our staff and coaches for giving up their time and the commitment you have given throughout your respective seasons, but all the week at the Zespri Games. Also, a special thanks to the parents, caregivers and whanau that gave up their week, or travelled over to support our wonderful teams. Your support is greatly appreciated.**

On Saturday I had the pleasure to travel to Palmerston North to watch the **DanceNZ Made Interschool finals**. It was terrific to see so many Taupo schools represented (Waipahihi School, Wairakei School, Hilltop School and St. Patricks Catholic School) entered in the Year 3-6 competition and of course Taupo Intermediate School in the Year 7-8 competition. The amount of dance talent in Taupo is phenomenal and bodes well for the future. Our dance troop were fantastic and performed at a very high standard. **Our TIS dance troop** finished as 3rd runners up for Year 7 & 8 section. What a fantastic result considering there were 700+ entries in 2023 for DanceNZ Made. Once again, thank you to our staff and their dance tutor for their tireless work in preparing our dance troops this year. Thank you to all the parents, caregivers and whanau that travelled down and cheered on our wonderful team.

This week we are all looking forward to our **TIS Kapa Haka performing in the Ngāti Tuwharetoa Kapa Haka Festival** being held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at the Events Centre. **Our TIS Kapa haka group will be performing on Wednesday 13 September at 1.00pm.** We wish our kapa haka group all the best for Wednesday.

With our school-wide assessments in reading, writing and mathematics completed, our HoD's are now reviewing our assessment documentation and results. As a staff we are reviewing our class assessment data and comparing the progress made by our students after 6 months of teaching and learning. A challenge for you as parents/caregivers is to ask your child what their assessment results are. All students should know their levels in reading, writing and mathematics. For your child to be working at NZ curriculum levels, Year 7's should be working above 3P/3A and Year 8's should be working above 3A/4B.

**Brent Woods PRINCIPAL / TUMUAKI**

# TAUPO NUI-A-TIA & TAUHARA COLLEGE TRANSITION INFORMATION

## 1. Taupo College's extra transition visits.

Both Colleges will be open for enrolled or yet to Enrol year 8 students and whanau to drop in, ask any questions and have a look around this term and early next term. The purpose of these visits is to ensure incoming students can develop their confidence in the college environment. Please contact the preferred college office to arrange a time.

| School                             | Day & Time  |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Taupō-nui-a-Tia College<br>3761100 | Tuesday afternoons 3:30 - 4:30pm<br>Or any other time by appointment. |
| Tauhara College<br>3789304         | Thursday afternoon 3:15-4:15pm  |

## 2. Taupo-nui-a-Tia Ballot

The Ballot closes this Monday 11th September.

## 3. Tūwharetoa Festival Week:

Taupo-nui-a-Tia and Tauhara College Learning Support Coordinators will have a stand at the Tūwharetoa Festival Tuesday 12th to Thursday 14th September for you to enquire about enrolments or to start the enrolment process.

## 4. Enrolment booth Monday 11th to Friday 15th September (week 9)

Monday 11th to Friday 15th September between 8.15 - 9am and 2.45 - 3.30 each day, we will have Learning Support Coordinators available to help with enrolling your student at either College. Please bring along a utilities bill (less than 3 months old) to provide as proof of address. If you have a birth certificate for your child, please bring that along too. We will be just outside the Taupo Intermediate office, bring your enrolment form from your pack, or we can start a new one.

## 5. Uniform competition closes Friday 22nd September

If your student is enrolled in Taupo-nui-a-Tia or Tauhara College before Friday 22nd September, they will go into a draw to win a free uniform.

Get your enrolment going!

## 6. Tauhara College transition visits

Thursday afternoon "3.15-4.15" Phone the office to book a time. We would like people to call ahead.

This will be available at both Colleges for Weeks 8-9 this term and Weeks 3-4 next term.



## 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 13th 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

# THE TIS GREEN TEAM

How cool is this seat! The Green Team spotted it about to head to the skip bin and decided to repurpose it. They wanted a seat at the top of the gully to sit on and enjoy the view over Taupō.

These boys worked hard over several sessions digging the seat into place and planting trees on each side of it. Mr Hatfield, our awesome caretaker even offered some advice.

Another group got busy moving the old garden boxes around to the Food Tech room, and some spent time digging log round stepping stones into place as well as shifting the donated mulch to our seedlings. The gully space is really starting to transform.

We are seeing bellbirds, tuis and fantails enjoy the space. We are excited to watch it develop over the coming years. We are so lucky to have a native bush walk on our school grounds.

Thanks so much again to the wonderful Kid Greening Taupo Team for all of their support.

*Calida Brunton*



# HAWKES BAY REGIONAL BAND QUEST COMPETITION



The Year 7 band "Take Notice" competed at the Hawkes Bay Regional Band quest competition last week. They were competing against all the other intermediate schools in the Hawkes Bay region.

We had a very successful trip bagging two major awards.

1. Best Vocalists award
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall.

This was only made possible by the incredible amount of hard work and dedication displayed by the band members. Their performance was tight, and they operated as a fantastic team.

Ms Keeley was incredibly proud of them all.



# TAUPŌ DISC GOLF



## AFTER-SCHOOL DISC GOLF

**Mondays, Oct 9th - Nov 27th, 2023**

**3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**Spa Park Disc Golf Course**

(Excluding Labour Day)

For School Years 5-8

**\$120 for  
7 sessions!**

**Discs Can Be  
Provided**

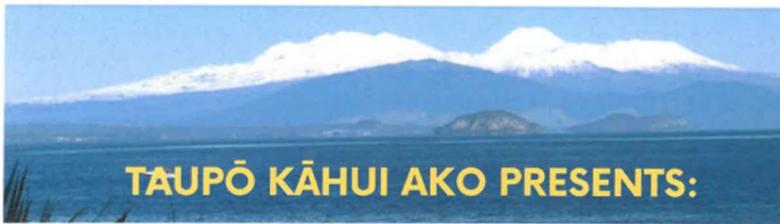
**Includes Club  
Membership**

**Includes entry into end-of-term Junior Tourney!**

Register here:

[www.taupodiscgolf.com/service-page/after-school-disc-golf](http://www.taupodiscgolf.com/service-page/after-school-disc-golf)

Email: [info@taupodiscgolf.com](mailto:info@taupodiscgolf.com)



**TAUPŌ KĀHUI AKO PRESENTS:**

## Trauma Focussed Workshop

**DATE: TUESDAY, 14TH NOVEMBER 2023**

**3:30 ~ 5:45PM**

**VENUE: Taupo Intermediate School**

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER



**Mike Scaddan**  
MEd, Neuro, behavioural and cognitive science  
CEO Brainstems Ltd.

Mike is an educational consultant who works with schools providing PD in the science of learning and is an international author who has delivered keynotes/workshops both nationally and internationally. In addition to this Mike has worked in the field on mental skills in both professional sport and business performance.

The workshop is in three parts and is valuable for teachers from ECE through to secondary school:

- **The Brain:** A presentation that includes the role of the heart in communication. The amygdala and how it copes with stresses and the role of fight, flight, flock and freeze in gender preferences.
- **Adolescence:** The influence of technology on the young brain. The role of addiction when social media sites are located and the methods used to promote it. How and why bullying is such an issue, and assistance programmes that work.
- **Gender issues:** Male and female preferences for learning and living and problem solving. The role of physical skills in teaching and more

### COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Find out more about supporting young learners who have experienced trauma.

Please RSVP by 10th. November 2023  
[leeanne.mason@taupocollege.ac.nz](mailto:leeanne.mason@taupocollege.ac.nz)



## PRIVATE AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING

**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 3 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**

## EVERYONE WELCOME

**FREE EVENT**

**AT TAUPŌ TENNIS CLUB  
& PARTICIPATING CLUBS NATIONWIDE  
10 SEPT 10AM-4PM**



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**All equipment provided.**  
**Prizes, giveaways, BBQ & more.**

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