



TAUPO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL



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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".

Dear Parents, Caregivers, Students and Whanau

E nga mātua, e nga kaitiaki, ngā ākongā me te Whanau

As we head to the end of the year, we begin to reflect on the journey of our students throughout the year. We consider all the things they have achieved and all the changes and sacrifices they have made to get the rewards that they have strived towards. These always bring fond memories as we all celebrate in the successes of our students.

We also reflect on the 'what if' or 'if only'. However, we can't dwell on missed opportunities, but we can focus on making the most of the opportunities that lie ahead.

Firstly, let me apologise in advance as next week is a little disruptive with school finishing early on a few days as we try to finish the year a little differently. These are the key events happening next week with timings.

- Tuesday 12 December 2023
 - Year 7 Prizegiving from 1.00pm to 3.00pm.
 - Year 8 students leave at 12.00pm.

- Thursday 14 December 2023
 - Year 8's last day
 - Year 8 Prizegiving from 1.00pm to 3.00pm
 - Year 7 students leave at 12.00pm.

- Thursday 14 December 2023
 - Year 8 Graduation Party from 6.30pm to 9.30pm

- Friday 15 December 2023
 - Year 7 Only Day finishing at 12.00pm

Please Note: *If your child needs to stay at school until 3.00pm on Tuesday and Thursday, please let your child's class teacher know.*

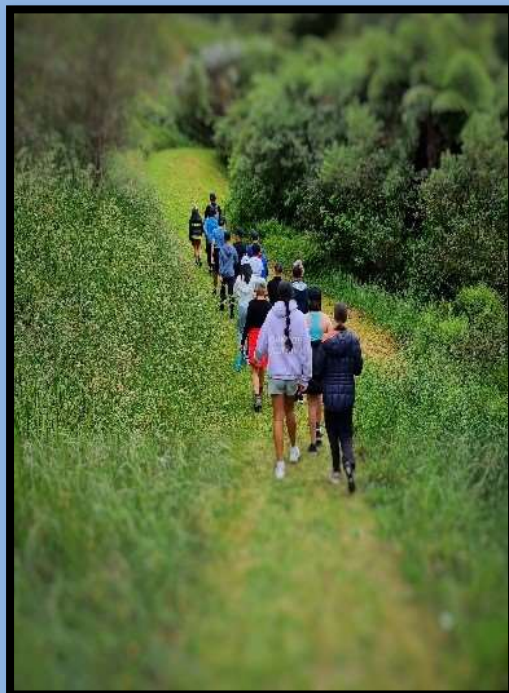
Thank you for your anticipated support next week.

Ngā mihi
Brent Woods
PRINCIPAL/TUMUAKI

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ROOM 9'S MAUNGATAUTARI TRIP

On Wednesday morning we met at school at 7:00am ready to begin our journey to Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari. After what seemed like a decade, we arrived at the never-ending predator free fence before being welcomed in by Phil and Jake (two tour guides). They soon displayed a slideshow and explained how the mountain operates. After a quick morning tea break, we set off into two groups, one towards the wetland and the other towards the bush. In the gorgeous bush, we discovered many different species of native birds, insects, and plants as well as learning about how they track pests. While down at the wetland we hunted for Tuatara and uncovered 14! To finish our adventure, we thanked Phil and Jake then returned home with an ice-cream at hand.



AQUAPARK FUN ~ ROOMS 9,10,11



On Thursday this week the classes room 9, 10, and 11 (Team Totara), went to the aquapark. The aquapark is like a bouncy castle on the water with obstacles, slides, and a giant swing. My favourite part of the water park was the swing. The swing starts on a platform, and it swings out over the pond then you let go once you are over the water. We really enjoyed our time at the aquapark, and we are thankful for staff and the parent help that made this happen.

Finn Dunbar



TEAM MIRO ROOM 19,20,21

Team Miro (Room 19, 20, 21) have had their day trips this week. We went to Dropzone, and the three classes took part in bowling, the trampoline park and mini golf.

We then headed to Wharewaka Point for a swim and play on the playground.

The second trip was to De Brett's hot pools where the kids played on the slides and soaked in the pools followed with a pizza lunch at the park in town.

Our third day was a team day at school. The kids dressed in their team colours.

We did art, board games and laptop challenges.

The leaders then organised five rotations of sports for the team to participate in.

In the afternoon we had a sausage sizzle and swim in the school pool.

All the kids were exceptionally well behaved on all three days. It was a great way to end the year!



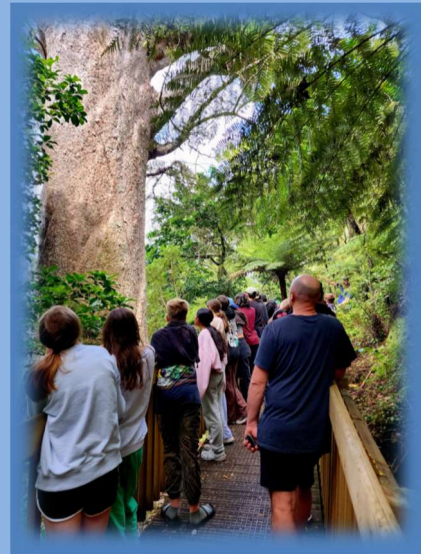
NEW ZEALAND'S OLYMPIC AMBASSADOR CALLUM GILBERT VISITS T.I.S.

In week six this term, we were lucky enough to have Callum Gilbert come and talk to the whole school. Callum is one of New Zealand's Olympic Ambassadors. He competed in Canoe Slalom at the Olympic Games in Tokyo 2021.

Since then, he has competed in several World Cup and World Championship races, highlighted by a 5th place at the World Cup in Prague last year.

Callum spoke about the values of trying new things as these experiences can often lead you down paths you never thought possible. A great example of one of "getting Involved".





ROOM 22 – CAMP

Room 22's end-of-year camp took us to the top of the Coromandel for a thrilling adventure. The trip started with a stop at Maungatautari/Sanctuary Mountain, perfectly complementing our unit on Predator Free 2050.

Next, we tackled the zipline, a heart-pounding experience that had most students flipping upside down as they flew through the trees. And despite whispers to the contrary, Mr. Somers did not shed a tear during his brief "rescue" incident.

A short walk from our campsite, we encountered a majestic 1200-year-old Kauri tree, its ancient presence leaving them speechless (or maybe that was the hill). The highlight of the trip was undoubtedly New Chums beach, ranked by Lonely Planet as one of the world's best – a title the class wholeheartedly agreed with. This idyllic spot also provided another opportunity for the ever-enthusiastic parent helpers to try their luck fishing.

After packing up on Friday, we headed home via Rotorua, where we tackled the Luge for one last adrenaline rush, bringing our action-packed camp to a close.

2023 - TOP TECHNOLOGY STUDENTS



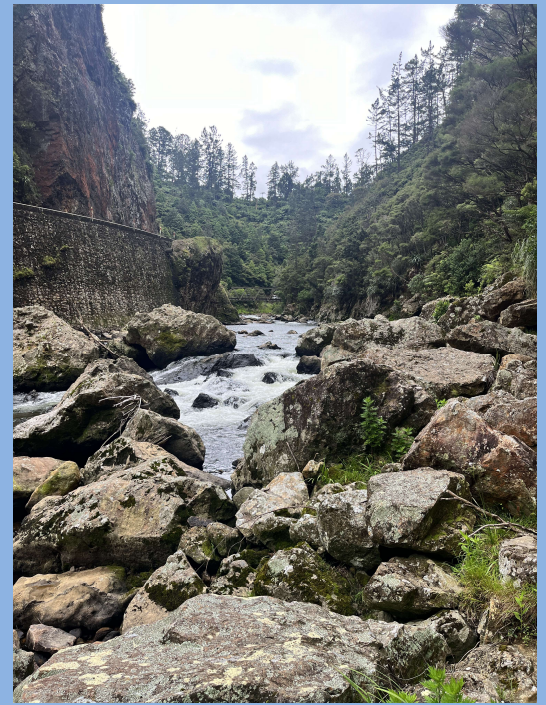
2023 Top technology students

At this week's assembly, the top technology students in each class were presented with their certificates. These are the students who all four technology teachers agreed upon as standing out for their exemplary attitude. Technology is not only about learning new skills, it's about stepping outside of your comfort zone and developing perseverance, adaptability and social skills. Congratulations to all the following students, you have all been a joy to teach.

Year 7	Year 8
Room 9 – Evie Ross	Room 1 – William Eyre
Room 10 – Emma Davidson	Room 2 – Lauren Hine
Room 11 – Levi Woods	Room 3 – Zsheidy Mauricio
Room 12 – Hugo Hartung	Room 5 – Ashe Buckingham
Room 13 – Amy Holdsworth	Room 6 – Makaioh Ionae
Room 14 – Victoria Orozco-Thomas	Room 7 – Lulu Halligan
Room 15 – Prabhleen Rayait	Room 8 – Nevaeh Brown
Room 19 – Taylor Scapens	Room 22 – Benjamin Wairau
Room 20 – Tessa McIntyre	Room 23 – Tennessee Elliott
Room 21 – Axel Crocker	Room 24 – Hunter Robertson
	Room 25 – Dilwyn Price

ROOM 8 & 23 - WAIHI CAMP

Room 8 and 23 went to Waitahweta Camp in Waihi for our year 8 camp. We went to Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari on our way to camp to explore the forest and put our biodiversity learning into a real-life scenario. We also went to the Martha Mone Education Centre, Owharoa Falls, Waihi Beach, AnZAC Bay in Bowen town to swim in the ocean, and Adrenalin Forest to end out an awesome week.



Kawau Island Camp - Rooms 5 & 24



We've had a fantastic week on Kawau Island at Camp Bentzon. All the kids have got stuck in to all the activities on offer such as archery, sailing, kayaking, fishing, and biscuit making. We had a beautiful walk to Mansion House on Wednesday and to Sandy Bay yesterday. Our parents have been outstanding, and we are very grateful to have had them with us this week. Couldn't have



T.I.S. TERM 4

WEEKS 9 & 10

WEEK 9

Wednesday 6th December - Bronze & Silver, Bevan Docherty, Donovan Bixley,
Principal Awards Presented at Assembly (Rooms 1, 2, 3, 22 and 25)

Tuesday 7th & Thursday 8th - Year 7 Activity Days

Room 5, 6, 8, 23, 24 Camps

WEEK 10

Tuesday 12th December - Year 7 Prizegiving 1pm

Thursday 14th December - Year 8 Prizegiving 1pm
(Last day for Year 8)

Thursday 14th December - Year 8 Graduation Dance 6-9pm

Friday 15th December - Last day of school - Year 7 Only - Half day Finish at
12pm