



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".

Dear Parents, Caregivers, Students, Families & the wider TIS community
Welcome to all our new staff, students, and families to Taupō Intermediate School.

New staff, Year 7 & 8 Powhiri

This year started with an amazing powhiri to welcome our new staff, new Year 7 & 8 students and families to our wonderful school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents, caregivers and family members that attended the powhiri. Your attendance at this event has set the standard for engagement throughout the year. I would also like to acknowledge Te Omeka Ormsby for delivering the whaikorero on behalf for the manuhiri, as well as the students from Wairakei Primary for their supporting waiata. Special thanks to our Year 8 kapa haka students who came in to perform on behalf of the tangata whenua. Thank you for making this a wonderful occasion for all.

Motutere Bay Camp

Over the next three weeks all our staff and students will have the opportunity to attend the Motutere Bay Camp. Each of our maunga teams have been designated three days. As below:

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| Monday 12 February to Wednesday 14 February | Team Tauhara | Rms 22, 23, 24 & 25 |
| Wednesday 14 February to Friday 16 February | Team Pihanga | Rms 18, 19, 20 & 21 |
| Monday 19 February to Wednesday 21 February | Team Tongariro | Rms 9, 10, 11 & 16 |
| Wednesday 21 February to Friday 23 February | Team Ngauruhoe | Rms 5, 6, 7 & 8 |
| Monday 26 February to Wednesday 28 February | Team Ruapehu | Rms 1, 2, 3 & 4 |

We are very excited to be providing the Motutere Bay Camp at this time of year so that we can focus on building positive relationships (manaakitanga) and enjoying education outside the classroom while the weather is great. As there is **no cost** to our students, we are hoping that all students will be in attendance for their three-day EOTC experience.

Invitation to You All: To continue building on the manaakitanga we are encouraging parents, caregivers, and families to join us on the first night of their child's camp for a shared kai between 6.00pm to 7.45pm.

We all look forward to meeting you on these evenings.

Term one has certainly started with a hiss and a roar. The TIS Team are certainly up and running and focused on achieving our four strategic goals – Hauora me te Ora (Health & Wellbeing), Akoranga kounanga me te Akoranga (Quality teaching & learning), Whakaurutuanga (Engagement) and Ā-Ahurea (Culturally Responsive). Our new strategic direction will guide us over the next three years to become the high performing intermediate that we want to be.

We look forward to meeting you all over the next three weeks out at Motutere Bay Camp manaakitang evenings. If you are unable to make it, don't hesitate to make yourself known to your child's class teacher or any member of our staff. Together we will make a positive difference at TIS.

Ngā mihi
Brent Woods
Tumuaki/Principal

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TAUPO SCHOOLS SURVEY

Happy New Year to all our community. Thank you to everyone who responded to the Taupō Schools Phone Survey sent out at the end of 2023. The comments were almost unanimous about supporting a phone ban during learning time, however, there were mixed opinions on having a total ban during all school hours.

Recently, the principals of Taupō Intermediate, Tauhara College and Taupo-nui-a-Tia College held a hui to discuss a common approach to one part of the new government's 100-day plan - requiring all state and state-integrated schools and kura to have cell phone rules in use. The requirement from the government is that phones are, 'away for the day,' meaning cell phones either do not come with the student to school or are switched off and left in bags or lockers during the full school day- this includes break times.

Although all three of our schools have current cell phone rules in place to some extent, this type of requirement from the government is new to all of us and it will take a bit of time to get things working smoothly. There are some logistical issues around phone storage during the day that need to be considered as well as what types of exemptions will be appropriate for each school.

During Term 1, the intention of all three schools is to run an education programme on the expectations we have of our students regarding phones away for the day. The education programme will include aspects of digital citizenship, choices, and consequences, as well as what breaches of cell phone rules will include. It is likely it will take a little bit of time for the students and staff to get used to this new requirement.

It is important to note that if students do make the decision to bring a cell phone to the school grounds, they do so at their own risk. The school is not responsible for any loss or damage caused to any cell phone.

Some survey respondents indicated that some parents like their children to have a phone to communicate with them after school. Cell phones will need to be handed in to the office each morning and to be picked up from the office at the end of the day.

NOTE: If a parent or caregiver needs to contact their child urgently during the day, they should call the office.

As we navigate this mandate from the Government we will continue to review and adapt our processes in this space.

Thank you for your understanding and support of this kaupapa.

Join the Kids Greening Taupō 2024 Team!



Applications are open now for this year's Student Leadership Teams .

If you love getting out in nature and making a difference to our environment, apply now!

See Kids Greening Taupō Facebook page or Greening News on our website for more information.



Applications close
16th February

www.kidsgreeningtaupo.org.nz/greening-news/slt/2024



'If any students are interested in the environment and want to become part of the Kids Greening Taupo Student Leadership Team, please apply to Kids Greening Taupo, BEFORE 16th February. This is not run by the school but happens outside of school hours. Rachel and Heidi offer our green fingered students some amazing opportunities and experiences.

This is not part of our School Green Team. Ms Brunton will arrange to meet students interested in joining our School Green Team in Week 6 or 7, once camps have finished and our Tech programme is underway. If students have any questions, come to Ms Brunton in the Food Tech room.'

**Thanks
Calida.**