

TAUPO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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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”.

Kia ora Parents, Caregivers, Whanau, Students and our wider TIS community.

While it is hard to imagine that we are already 5 weeks into term one. Our focus for the first five weeks was to establish and build positive relationships with our students and parents/caregivers, as well as begin connecting with our wider community. It's fair to say that we have achieved that through our Year 7 Powhiri at the beginning of the year, Motutere Camps for each of our maunga teams over the last two and a half weeks, plus engaging with community agencies to support our staff and students. We are certainly looking forward to building on these relationships and developing more learning focused opportunities to be connected throughout the year.

Congratulations to our students who participated in the two iconic Taupō events last weekend. Saturday saw the Across the Lake Swim with 20 Taupo Intermediate swimmers taking up the challenge. It was so good to see quite a few of them stepping out of their comfort zone and completing the 1km swim to tick off a requirement toward their Bevan Docherty Award.

Special congratulations to Lola Bradley who finished 1st and Sophie Peirce 2nd in the 12 and Under Girls. In the Boys Jayden Arderne was 1st, Rory Patterson 2nd and Daniel More 3rd rounding out the podium.

On Sunday we had another great turnout at the Wairakei Estate Ironkidz with 3 teams of girls and several entries in the 11-15 age groups. The camaraderie between the teams was awesome. In the Elite Race we had Lola Bradley taking the win with Te Rerewai Meihana coming second. In the boys Pablo Stewart finished 4th with Rory Paterson and Daniel More 5th and 6th respectively.

Next week we will be having our maunga teams swimming sports in our school pool. Students will be encouraged to participate in the competitive and social races during the afternoon session.

Monday 5 March Team Tauhara Rooms 22, 23, 24 & 25, Tuesday 6 March Team Pihanga Rooms 18,19, 20 & 21

Wednesday 7 March Team Tongariro Rooms 9, 10, 11 &16, Thursday 8 March Team Ruapehu Rooms 1, 2, 3 & 4

Friday 9 March Team Ngauruhoe Rooms 5, 6, 7 & 8

On Wednesday 13 March we will be having our competitive finalist from each team competing to make the **Super 11 TIS Swimming Team.**

We are all looking forward to next week as we begin our more structured timetable, with technology and semi-specialisation programme getting underway. This links nicely to whakatauki o tenei wiki -

Whāia te mātauranga hei orange mō koutou. Seek after learning for the sake of your well-being.

This whakatauki refers to the importance of learning for it is key to your wellbeing. If you follow the path of learning, the world will be your oyster.

Ngā mihi
Brent Woods
Principā/Tumuaki

TEAM TONGARIRO CAMP

Team Tongariro Camp

An epic time was had by all at our sunshine filled camp at Motutere.

It was a fantastic opportunity to get to know all the kids in our team, to learn about the area and experience the beauty of the environment and the gifts in our region. The team were spectacular singers both for our guest speaker and in our impromptu singalong – Ms Keeley's favourites were our Kapahaka Waiata although we did cover quite a wide genre – Neil Diamond, Backstreet boys...

Thanks to all the parents who made the trip out. We had very valuable conversations and we really look forward to seeing you at other events this year

From the Tongariro Teaching Team.



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

The Rotary Lake Taupo across the lake swim



Last weekend saw Taupo Intermediate students representing the school in two of our district's most iconic junior events – and they represented us with pride.

Saturday was **The Rotary Lake Taupo across the lake swim**, and we had 20 students representing the school. Some students were there to race, and others participated to work toward their Bevan Docherty awards, all accepted the wero to give it their best.

The lake was a little choppy, but it did not deter them from overcoming their fears and achieving their goals. It was so cool to attend my first event as Sport Co-Ordinator and see faces filled with accomplishment as they came out of the water.

Well done to you all and a special mention to Jayden Arderne for making the podium in the 12-17 years age group. Also, a big thank you to parents for bringing your swimmers along, and Mr Dodunkski for your support on the water.

On Sunday I attended **The Wairakei Estate Ironkidz**. Once again, we had a great representation of TIS students competing, giving it their all. The support and camaraderie for each other was awesome to witness.

In the Elite race we congratulate Lola Bradley for winning the Junior Elite division and Te Rerewai Meihana for coming in 2nd. Clearly triathlon is in good shape at TIS! Congratulations to all the other students who gave their best efforts across swim, bike and run, you were all awesome!

This week we had Kiwi Sport coming into lessons and developing Ki o Rahi sessions. It was great to have students come up and ask me how to sign up for the upcoming festival.

I will be asking students to sign up in the Sports Office on Monday - This is the normal procedure. Students sign up at the Sports Office and then you will receive permission slips to allow them to attend any of our sporting trips and competitions.

Next week we have **Netball trials** and in class time we are practising for the **School Swimming Sports** which is happening on **Wednesday 13th March**. That same week we will begin hockey trials.

So please encourage your children to get involved and listen to the Morning News in class so they can come sign up.

Sam Bradley, TIS Sports Co-ordinator

Camp Motutere



TEAM TAUHARA

On Monday the 12th of February at 8:30am, Team Tauhara arrived at the school hall and began loading our cargo into the buses. Chatter and laughter bounced off the walls as we sprang onto our transportation; excitement scattered through the brisk morning air. The trip was quick and easy with the "sweet" sound of *The Wheels on the Bus* remix being performed behind us. At last, we reached our destination: the beautiful, warm and sunny Motutere Bay. The fun could finally begin.



Eagerly, we darted to our first activity which, in my case, was Adventure Based Learning. There, we played a variety of team games and challenges to advance our social and leadership skills. Following ABL, we submerged ourselves in a very investigative bush walk where we searched for different native and endemic New Zealand plants. Lunch was finally upon us. When the sun's blazing rays overpowered our tired bodies, off we skipped to the glistening shore of the lake. After our refreshing dip in the gentle waves, we headed back to camp and started to prepare ourselves for a much-wanted slumber.



The next morning, after breakfast, we dove right into the next set of thrilling activities. With Whaea Nikki and Ms Turanga, we collected strangely large pumice at Waitetoko and then sat on mats under some trees to carve our designs. Pumice lay sprinkled across the grass while we tucked into a delicious meal of ham and salad wraps. Shortly afterwards, we were directed to our next task. After safely crossing the road to the lake side of the campsite, we raced across the concrete to avoid burnt feet. Enthusiastic kids scrambled into kayaks and, before long, we were calmly drifting below Bulli Point.



Overall, my two nights at camp were extremely enjoyable and I took many funny, scary and lively memories home. My highlight was playing bumper boats when whizzing around on the kayaks; my challenge was waking up at 1:00am with my teeth chattering! With that being said, Motutere Bay camp 2024 was very delightful.

By Avery Way-Ferguson – Room 24

STAFF SNAPSHOT

Kia ora everyone,

My name is Emma Voysey. I am the new Student Support Manager at TIS and lead the fantastic support staff team. You will find me in Room 13.

I am here to support Hauora across our school. My role allows me to connect students and whānau with any support they may need to ensure students are engaged, learning, and maintaining high levels of wellbeing.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you are needing support. I am here to help.

You can reach me at:

studentsupport@taupointermediate.co.nz



SUPPORT SPACE HUI

Support Space Hui

Kia ora everyone, we would like to open our support space to any whānau that would like to come in for a hui to have input into our new space. We have a big vision and would love to invite whānau in to share their thoughts as we endeavour to create a support hub within our kura that responds to the needs of our community.

The hui will take place on Thursday 7th March.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP by sending an email to studentsupport@taupointermediate.co.nz and I will send through further details.

Look forward to seeing you there 😊

Ngā Mihi

Emma Voysey
Student Support Manager
Taupō Intermediate

TIS TUCK SHOP

KRISTIE'S KAI

**MORNING TEA BREAK – BUY ITEMS AT
TUCKSHOP WINDOW**

**LUNCH TIME BREAK – Lunch orders in by 9am
in the morning on the day**

SUSHI WEDNESDAY'S (ORDER BY 9AM)



PRIVATE AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING

TUESDAYS, 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 both classes.

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

IRONKIDZ TAUPŌ 2024 TRIATHLON

I volunteered for the bike leg last Sunday
and saw some of our students competing.

They were awesome!

Andrea MacLennan-Southgate
Teacher Aide - Hauora Hub

