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Kia ora koutou te whanau o tenei kura,
te kura Waenga o Taupo
Greetings to all of our families

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Tena koutou te whanau o tenei Kura, nau mai haere mai ki te Kura Waenga o Taupo

Greetings to all our families and welcome to Taupo Intermediate School – “the best Intermediate in Taupo”.

In my opinion:

“Education is the great engine of personal development. It is through education that the daughter of a peasant can become a doctor, that a son of a mineworker can become the head of the mine, that a child of farm workers can become the president of a nation.”- Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela was a South African anti-apartheid revolutionary, political leader, peace activist, and philanthropist who served as President of South Africa from 1994 to 1999. He was the country's first black head of state and the first elected in a fully representative democratic election.

This week we have had the privilege of hosting all our Prospective pupils for 2019 from all the contributing schools in the district.

I have to be very proud of the efforts of all our students and teachers here who have prepared and presented brilliantly all the great qualities of our school, and to all the classroom teachers and students who got about their business in support of this important week.

- **A HUGE THANK YOU FROM HIM AND FROM ME**?

I am positive that we have excited the minds of our year 6 students and my meetings every night this week with the parents have helped alleviate any anxieties and answered many questions.

We will now look forward to the enrolments so we can start planning and preparation for next year, yes it is that time of the year and we have still much to do before the end of the year.

❖ **BOARD BLURB**

A very warm welcome back to everyone for our last term of 2018. Term 3 passed so quickly and the two board meetings we held last term were full and productive. The Board has been working on reviewing the Charter, reporting format and shaping our graduate profile.

To date we have reviewed the Maths, Literacy, Science and Cultural Responsiveness areas of the curriculum with the leadership team and a further special meeting is being held on 12 November to review the other curriculum areas. It was a treat to spend time with the teachers and have a good look at the learning plan for subject areas, the achievement results and professional development focus. A very big thanks to our teachers for their hard work - it is so exciting to see how passionate you are about helping our kids to learn!

We have also been progressing our interim Principal Appraisal and the new Ski Lodge Trust facility.

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Creepy Town and TIS has Talent! Both events were just amazing! It was also amazing to receive the Sportsmanship Cup at AIMS Games - well done!

It is great to see so many students involved in school life over the winter and take advantage of the smorgasbord of opportunities on offer. A big thanks to all the teachers and our management team who make it all happen - **Cheers Vanessa Donald – Board Chairperson**

And speaking of getting things done before the end of the year:

❖ **ABEL TASMAN TREK 2018**

This coming Sunday we farewell a group who will be heading to the Abel Tasman National Park for our annual trek. The group will be meeting at school at 7am on Sunday the 28th of October and hoping to get away by 7.10am.

Return Time: On Friday the 2nd of November we get into Wellington at approximately 11.45am and hope to arrive in Taupo at about 6pm.

- **28th October- travel via vans from Taupo to Kaiteriteri (overnight in cabins/motorcamp)**
- **29th October- tramp 4hrs/11.5km Marahau to Anchorage Hut**
- **30th October- tramp 3hrs/9.5km to Bark Bay Hut**
- **31st October- tramp 4hrs/11.5km to Awaroa Hut**
- **1st November- tramp 2hrs/5.5km to Totaranui (water taxi to Kaiteriteri, then drive to Picton and stay overnight in cabins**
- **2nd November- return to Taupo**

Students travelling are:

Riley O’Callaghan, Chloe Triggell, Justin Rainbow, McKayla Hill, Sophie Webber, Billie Hawke, Callum Pettman, Rachel Mace, Pippa Nalley, Dylan Gardiner, Josh Wigram, Grace Parker, Ashlee Partelow, Lucah DeRoo, George Crawford and Amelia Hamilton along with Rhiannon McMillan and Baz Haydon and Alison & Clyff Harrington.

❖ **NOUMEAN CULTURAL EXCHANGE – Tuesday 30th October – Thursday 8th November 2018**

On Tuesday, we will be picking up the students from Jean Mariotti College, from Auckland airport and driving them back to Taupo to meet up with the homestay families.

We have devised a number of activities both in and out of school over the next two weeks

I want to thank all our host families for taking these students into your homes and trust you will enjoy reciprocating their hospitality when your children were in Noumea.

❖ **SCHOOL CAMPS FOR YEAR 8 CLASSES**

Planning is well underway for our end of year camps and you should have received notification from our teachers regarding cost, clothing and equipment required and also, permission slips including health information. If not please contact our teachers urgently.

Decisions will also have to be made about whether every student will attend. Our students will know the expectations that will allow them to attend or not.

These decisions will be made on Health and Safety grounds, taking into account the total welfare of the whole group and the environment in which we will work. This information will be given to you as soon as.

Year 8 classes are going to on the following dates:

19 th to 23 rd November	Room 1 Whangamata Room 11 Papamoa Room 13 Waihi
26 th to 30 th November	Rooms 2 & 20 Pauanui Room 3 Waimarama Rooms 9 & 14 Napier Room 18 Waitawheta Gorge
3 rd to 7 th December	Rooms 10 & 22 Kawau Island



Have a great weekend , what a feast of sports to be watched , I can't see much in the way of gardening happening and at this stage not too fussed about the weather

Thanks to everyone for the big week for the time effort and continued support

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During the last week of the school holidays a number of our TIS students took part in the NRM Roller Mills Tournament In Cambridge at St Peter's college. They had a very successful tournament playing 6 games over that week and their only losses were to the 1st Auckland East and 3rd Auckland West



ranked teams of the whole tournament. To top it off they had 2 boys named in the tournament team which is very rare for King Country one was our very own CJ, well done CJ!!



Over the holiday break Emma Tindale from room 10 competed in the gymnastics national championships in Tauranga and won the youth tumbling event. So she is officially the NZ Youth Tumbling Champ 2018! Well done Emma. A fantastic achievement!

BOP at the National U13 hockey tournament – Nelson & North Harbour

The Boys team did very well, finishing third, out of 24 teams from throughout NZ. BOP lost their semi final to Auckland, who went on to win the tournament. They played North Harbour, the current champions, for third. Down 2-0, BOP rallied back and won the game 3-2, which was a fantastic effort. The girls were in a difficult pool (the dead pool) and came 17th equal. Players from Taupo Intermediate were: Emma Angland, Sophie Fagan, Rory Mackintosh and Hunter Davey (6th on the goal scoring table from 360 boys).

North Island School Mountain Bike Championships:

During the holidays several students from Taupo Intermediate competed at Tauranga in the North Island Schools Mountain Bike Championships with the following results: U13 Girls - Paige Cameron 4th; U13 - Boys Callum Pettman 7th, Solal Mourot 23rd; U14 Boys - Justin Rainbow 4th, Josh Wigram 14th. Great effort by those students!