

TAUPO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Making a positive difference through the T.I.S Way

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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".

Dear Parents, Caregivers, Students and Whanau

We have now completed 4 of our 5 Motutere Park Camps. What a terrific experience for all our staff and students. The focus has been on building positive relationships between the teacher and their class, teachers and their team members from other classes, and an opportunity to meet TIS teachers in another setting. Over the last two weeks we have been impressed with the number of parents, caregivers and whanau who have participated in our manaakitanga evening, as well as taking the opportunity to informally meet our leadership team members, teaching staff and learning assistants. Thank you for taking the time to engage in your child's education and learning journey.

Thank you to all the parents and caregivers for your support with Thursday's lockdown. Unfortunately, these situations occur from time to time, and often they are out of our control. When these events happen, it makes us all review our processes and procedures. We have identified some areas to improve within our school, but it also highlighted the need to promote and ensure all our parents/caregivers have downloaded the school app, which is our main way of communicating to our school community.

A few reminders for parents/caregiver when we are in a lockdown situation: -

- Please stay away from the school site.
- Students will not be allowed out of the classrooms during a lockdown.
- Avoid phoning or emailing the office, as office staff will be involved in other responsibilities at this time.

We appreciate lockdowns are stressful for all parties. The main things are that we make sure that we all work together to keep everyone safe.

With the last of our camps happening next week, we will be quickly moving into a wide range of extra curricula activities over the next few weeks. Students will be reminded to listen carefully and read the daily notices to keep informed of all the happenings.

Thank you to everyone for an awesome start to the year and your ongoing support to TIS.

Nga mihi

*Brent Woods
Principal/Tumuaki*

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

Pihanga Maunga Camp

Last Wednesday Room 18, 19, 20, and 21 set off with excitement and a bit of anxiousness for our team camp at Motutere. The highlights of the camp from the kids were kayaking, team bonding, carving, hiking, volleyball, the games room, making new friends, and most importantly swimming in our moana and popping manu's off the wharf. Learning about the area from a local was a bonus. Thanks to all the whanau who came out for a shared kai and to meet the teachers and a special thanks to the staff that ran the activities for our akonga and helped to prepare the kai.



INTRODUCING OUR NEW **TIS** **SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR**

Kia ora, tātou,

It has been a busy first few weeks of the term for all of us. I was excited to take on the position of Sport Co-Ordinator at the beginning of the year and whilst it has been challenging at times getting up to speed with the TIS way of doing things, it has been a real privilege working with the students.

I began my teaching career in the UK in 1994 as a PE Teacher. Then upon arrival in NZ I was employed as Sport Co-Ordinator at Whangarei Girls High School in 2001. After a successful career as a professional Triathlete racing for NZ I then ran my own coaching company for 10 years. And now I am back at the beginning, organizing sport and opportunities for students once again. Sport, and its social and health benefits is something I am incredibly passionate about and I can't wait to see more and more TIS students take up the wero of being part of a school team.

That starts this weekend with a great number of students representing the school at the Rotary Lake Taupo Across the Lake swim on Saturday and the Wairakei Estate Ironkidz on Sunday.

Next week I will be catching up with the mountain bikers and triathletes as there are a few events on the horizon for them.

Netball, Hockey, and Basketball Trials will take place in weeks 6-8. Sport can't happen without lots of support from adults and part of that support network is coaches and teachers in charge of codes.

I would encourage all of you to consider putting your name forward for a Teacher in Charge position, coach, or manager. The connections you make with students outside the classroom, getting to know a different side to them, is a real privilege and something that can make connections within the classroom easier for you too!

I need coaches for a variety of sports so if you have a burning desire to be a part of TIS sport, or you think you could be a good organizer and manager please email me or just catch me in passing and we can discuss how you can be involved!

All notices for upcoming events will be in the Morning News and I am always available for students to catch up with me in the Sports Office.

Regards,

Sam Bradley

Sports Co-ordinator

Taupo Intermediate School

STAFF SNAPSHOT

Hi everyone. My name is **Rebecca Ingram** and I'm the Learning Support Co-ordinator at TIS. I'm located in Room 14 and a member of the fantastic Support Staff team.

I am here to help support your child with their learning needs in the classroom, neurodiversity, resources, and programmes to be adapted, meetings with families to put a plan in place, and following up on attendance.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you want to find out what our school can offer your child and their specific learning requirements.

learningsupport@taupointermediate.co.nz



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SCHOOL APP

A reminder to parents if you haven't already downloaded our Musac-Edge App, please do so.

This is one of our School's main lines of communication between parents and school.

You can report your child's absence as well as look and see on a day-to-day basis if it hasn't been recorded correctly.

This is important as if it is left as a question mark and not communicated to the classroom teacher or office it will automatically change in our system as a "T" for Truant.

You are also able to download School Reports and pay invoices online.

X Race - Junior Champs - under 12's

One Wednesday 21st Feb some of our students competed with their whanau in a race called XRACE. This is a fun-filled family event - where mum or dad must team together with one of the kids and take on the XRACE course and 10 mystery challenges.

There is a whole series of events throughout the country, and lots of spot prizes to be won, so if you are interested check out the website for event dates.

Heidi Robertson-Wylie took out first place in the year 8 event with her mum, Jess. And then Lola Bradley took out first place in the year 7 event with her mum, Sam. Congratulations to all the competitors!



Justin Sainsbury from rm19 won the year 7 boy's event.



TIS TUCK SHOP

KRISTIE'S KAI

MORNING TEA BREAK – BUY ITEMS AT
TUCKSHOP WINDOW

LUNCH TIME BREAK – Lunch orders by 9am

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 O277113082



NETBALL

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A sign-up sheet has been put on Room 14s window for all those interested in playing this season.

We will be having trials for those interested, after school in:

Week 6 - Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th for Year 7s, Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th for Year 8s. A further trial will be organised for Owen Delany courts on Friday 8th for our top 20 of each year group.

Please complete the permission form that will be sent home today and return it to the school office as soon as possible. Thanks