

TAUPO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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

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

Tena koutou te whanau o tenei Kura, nau mai haere mai ki te Kura Waenga o Taupo, “te kura pai o Intermediate i Taupo”

We are now officially halfway through term one. And yes, it does seem like we have just finished Christmas and it is already March. Over the last five weeks we have focused on building positive relationships with our students, parents, caregivers, and families through a variety of classroom activities and our team mountain camps (puni maunga o te tīma). Establishing these strong partnerships are essential to the success of Taupō Intermediate School for 2024.

Over the next five weeks we will be focused on re-establishing our teaching and learning routines and developing the learning culture for our students. Technology classes (Food technology, Visual Arts, Soft Materials technology & Science) began this week as well as our afternoon semi-specialisation programmes (Health, Māori, Learning Languages & Physical Education). Our technology and semi-specialisation programme provide opportunities for our students to be taught by and interact with other teachers within the school.

Special congratulations to all the students that were selected to be class leaders for 2024. Our class leaders will create our student council which will be involved in school-wide initiatives and supporting their peers to have a voice at TIS. Along with that, our class leaders have begun working with the Year 12 Taupō Nui-a-Tia College Year 12 PE classes in preparation for their TNT/TIS Overnight Camp in Papamoa on **Thursday 21st March & Friday 22nd March.**

Unfortunately, our afternoon Team Swimming Sports were interrupted at the beginning of the week, but thankfully the weather improved, and we managed to juggle our programmes to have all five teams swimming sports over the last three days. Next Wednesday afternoon (weather permitting) we will be having our swimming finals so we can select our first team to represent our school at the **Super 11 Swimming Sports in Rotorua on Friday 22nd March.** If your child has made the finals, or you just want to pop in and see the swimming event you are more than welcome.

School will be closing at 12.30pm on Wednesday 20th March for a paid NZEI union meeting.

Ngā mihi nui
Brent Woods
Principal/Tumuaki

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

TEAM RUAPEHU CAMP - MOTUTERE BAY



What a fantastic camp team Ruapehu had last week down at Motutere. This was an awesome opportunity to get to know our students outside the classroom and to appreciate our unique environment in our region.

A special thank you to all our technology teachers that did an outstanding job organising and running our activities over our three-day adventure.

It was great to see our akonga perform our school waitas and haka with a lot of mana and pride.

Although, our first day experienced some rain it did not dampen our spirits or experience.

What a great way to kick off the year for team Ruapehu!

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. I also wanted to acknowledge that Axel Crocker (room 7) who finished third of the TIS team at the across the lake swim for the 1 km. Also, a big thank you to parents for bringing your swimmers along, and Mr Dodunski 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

KIDS GREENING TAUPŌ

Show our plants some love on VALENTINE'S Day

Kids Greening Taupō invited our students to show our plants some love on Valentines Day by getting stuck into the garden and native planting areas around our school to release the plants from weeds so that they can breathe again.

A HUGE thank you to the following classes for getting stuck in and helping our plants along with a bit of watering, weeding, and mulching.

Room 1 Miss Garland

Room 2 Mrs Jones

Room 5 Mr Somers

Room 9 Mrs Keeley

Room 24 Ms Adams

The prize of ice-cream for the whole class went to

Room 9 so well-done Room 9 😊



Exciting times ahead as our Gully Project goes from strength to strength!

2024 sees Tane Lawless creating a masterpiece on one of the walls in our native plant Gully Project area. Kids Greening Taupō have secured funding as follows to ensure this project goes ahead.

Taupō District Council: \$1000

Kids Greening Taupō: \$1000

Contact Energy: \$2000

Our students are excited to work alongside Tane as this creation comes to life.

A huge thank you to TDC, KGT and Contact Energy.

Without your support, this would never have happened.

***Ngā mihi,
Ms Brunton.***

LAPTOP PROGRAMME 2024

Taupo Intermediate School 2024 Laptop program.

Thank you for all the support that our community has again shown this year for our laptop program. Without this support the program would not be possible, and we would not, as a school, be able to offer the integrated programmes that we do.

We are however, restricted as to how long we can keep the lease option available to our community as we need to complete our lease agreement with the finance company. Therefore, Friday 8th March is the very last day that caregivers will be able to take advantage of this scheme.

We are proud that over the last 10 years we have been able to offer this facility to our community and take away the stress involved in organising individual agreements for students without credit checks.

We believe that the community has supported us in this by there being so few defaults on payments and we very much appreciate this.

If you have signed up but have not been able to make the deposit in time we understand and will endeavour to make sure that your child has access to a desktop or loaner laptop in class.

If you would like to sign up, then please contact the school office ASAP.

After Friday 8th March.

Cash advances will be the only way to be a part of this scheme.

I thank you personally Taupo Community for the support you have shown.

Jon Wood

H.O. Computer technology

UNIFORM REMINDER

All students are to wear covered shoes to Technology classes.

Parents please remind students of their Tech days.

NO Hoodies are to be worn at school.

Taupo Intermediate School Uniform

Boys shorts \$30

Girls Skort \$32

Polo \$25

Jersey \$80

Track pants \$40

P.E T-shirt \$30

P.E Shorts \$25

Polar Fleece \$58

Boys Socks \$11

Cap \$15

Bucket hat \$17

Jacket \$70

Roman Sandal \$60



Footwear: Plain Black shoes or Roman sandals are required.

Please purchase directly through Brand Fuel.

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After hours: 0274 521 455

Hours: 8:30am– 4:00pm

Monday– Friday



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)



STAFF

SNAPSHOT

Te Arawa te waka
Putauaki te maunga
Tarawera te awa
Tuwharetoa ki Kawerau te iwi
Hahuru te marae
Ko Ms Brunton taku ingoa

Tēnā koutou kātoa

If food is your passion, then I'm your person! You can find me in the Food Technology room, helping students to create dishes, taste new and exciting dishes, experiment with different ingredients. We have an absolute ball in Food Tech!

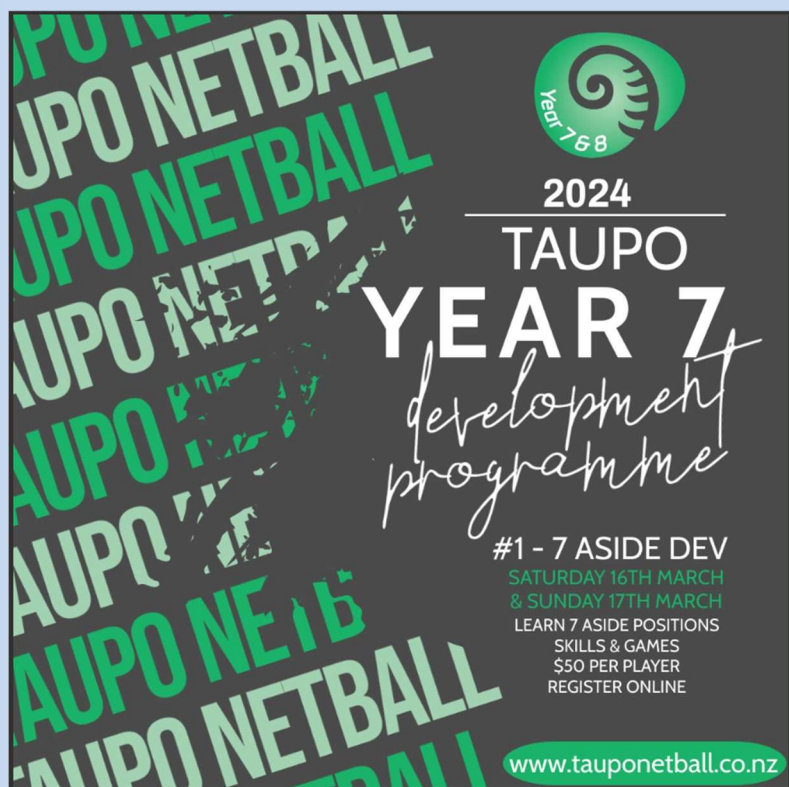
My hope is that your child, mokopuna, niece, nephew, stepchild is inspired to come home and cook for you, for their whanau and for themselves.

We also grow herbs and some basic vegetables in our classroom, so that students can see how simple it is to grow your own produce and become aware of ways to reduce Food Waste.

Outside of Food Technology, I LOVE our bush and native forests, so I also run the Green Team which has seen our Gully Project continue to fly. With the help of Kids Greening Taupō, we planted 100s of native plants in the Gully area last year and have Tane Lawless on board this year to come and further enhance the area with some of his murals.

Ngā mihi maioha 😊

Calida Brunton



TAUPO NETBALL
2024
TAUPO
YEAR 7
development
programme
#1 - 7 ASIDE DEV
SATURDAY 16TH MARCH
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LEARN 7 ASIDE POSITIONS
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\$50 PER PLAYER
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TIS SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR NEWS

It has been another busy week at school with teams having their Swimming Sport preliminary qualification. It was great to see the students getting involved, supporting each other, and demonstrating our school values.

Swimming sport finals is this coming Wednesday - 13th March, there'll be all the usual finals along with fun participation relays. Bring on the challenge between the houses - I can't wait to see this for the first time since taking up the position of Sport Co-ordinator. There's a rumour the students have challenged the staff in a relay - that'll be a great way to end the day.

Last Saturday the TIS staff ran the Bike Special Support Aid Station for Ironman NZ. As always it was a great day, and the staff were amazing helping the athletes before they departed on their second lap. A big shout out to Cassie Nicholson who raced in the 70.3 Half Ironman also.

It was great to see so many students getting involved in IM whether it was the Kids Fun Run on the Friday morning or volunteering on the day. Once again, the letters from our TIS students were much appreciated by athletes.

This week has been busy with Netball Trials. The number of girls involved and the quality of skills I have seen suggests we are in a good position to select some strong teams. The selectors have such a hard job ahead of them. We have one more trial on Monday to finalise the A and B squads. The names of those players involved on Monday are on the window outside Room 14.

**Monday night we will have the Year 7's trial 3:30pm - 4:30pm
and the Year 8's 4:30pm - 5:30pm at Owen Delaney Netball Courts.**

Hockey information and permission slips went out yesterday. If any student still needs one, come and see me in the Sports Office. This year there will be two rounds of trials. Next week we will be doing the first round of trials at Lunchtime for each year group.

On Monday (11th March) we will start with the Year 7 Boys, then:

**Tuesday - Year 7 Girls
Thursday - Year 8 Boys
Friday - Year 8 Girls**

The second round will be at the Taupo Hockey Turf 4-6pm on Tuesday (19th) and Thursday (21st).

Basketball - It is the same registration process as last year. Please go on to the link below to register your child:

<https://membership.mygameday.app/reform.cgi?formID=92323>

For all winter sports we will be asking for coaches and team managers so if you would like to help in that capacity let me know.

We're only halfway through the term but still lots of opportunities to get involved with Ki-o-Rahi festival in Week 9, Super 11 Swimming and Cricket. With Kiwi Sport coming in next week to deliver Cricket sessions.

Thank you for your continued support and have a great sporting week,

Sam Bradley
Sports Co-ordinator



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