

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”*

**Dear parents, caregivers, students, families, and the wider community.
E nga mātua, e nga kaitiaki, e nga taura, e nga whānau, me te iwi whānui.**

I hope everyone had a fantastic Easter holiday period and enjoyed the opportunity to recharge and make the most of the beautiful weather. It seems a little strange to have an Easter break then return for a few weeks and then begin the April holidays.

Over the weekend it was great to see our school facilities being used alongside Tauhara College and Crown Park for the NZ Orienteering Championship that was organised by Taupō Orienteering and Orienteering Bay of Plenty. There were over 500 runners participating in the sprint event held on Friday in Taupō, and then they headed to Rotorua for two days to complete the championship event.

It has been great to see some of our teams taking advantage of our local landmarks and venues to further explore and learn about our local area as part of their social science inquiry learning. Giving our students opportunities to participate in education outside the classroom experiences is important to broadening their knowledge and understanding on Taupō.

Special thanks to the parents who have supported our teachers and enhanced our students learning.

Next week Mrs Chapman and I are very excited to be taking our Year 8 School Leaders to Gisborne for a Leadership Camp. Our 20 school leaders will be meeting and interacting with leaders from Ilminster Intermediate – Gisborne, Northcross Intermediate – Auckland and Taradale Intermediate – Napier. Over the two days our school leaders will be involved in a range of activities and leadership training sessions.

We are all excited that this programme has been resurrected after COVID and looking forward to establishing strong relationships with other Intermediates.

***Ngā mihi nui
Brent Woods
Tumuaki/Principal***

***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***

TEAM PIHANGA

On the 3rd and the 4th of April Team Pihanga set out to learn about and explore our local area. We had two trips. One to the new town front where a host talked us through the meaning of Te Atea and what the sculpture represents, followed by a tour of the Tuwharetoa exhibition in the museum. We then visited the local park and were told about the how the new playground represents the battle of the mountain's legend. We then enjoyed lunch and a swim/paddle at the lake front. Our second trip was a trek Tauhara Maunga. Congratulations to all the students who got involved and persevered through the challenges



SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY

Term one – Week 10

This week in Science

This week Year 7 students were learning about one way that scientists carry out scientific investigations – using scientific method. Their purpose was to find out which type of acetic acid produced the most carbon dioxide gas when it reacted with sodium bicarbonate. In other words, which vinegar and baking soda reaction produced the best reaction. At the end of this messy investigation, their results showed that balsamic vinegar had the best reaction due to it having the highest acidity.



Year 8 students designed and conducted a scientific investigation into whether salt water or fresh water retained heat the longest. They learnt about the density and buoyancy of salt and fresh water before designing an experiment to test their hypothesis. They used the burners to heat the different types of water to a temperature that they decided on, and then decided how to measure how much heat was lost over a certain period of time. Their results showed that sea water retained heat longer due to its density.

TEAM PIHANGA - CLASSROOM TRIPS

Room 19 and 20 classroom trips to Te Atea, Museum and
Lake Front.



T.I.S. UPCOMING EVENTS

TERM ONE

Monday 8th April - Leadership Camp for
2024 Year 8 Leaders

Tuesday 9th April - Leadership Camp for
2024 Year 8 Leaders

School Holidays 13th - 28th April

TERM TWO

Monday 29th April - First day of Term two

Friday 31st May - School Closed due to
Teachers Only Day

Friday 3rd May - Super 11 Golf - Te Puke

Friday 17th May - PINK SHIRT DAY

Friday 31st May - SCHOOL CLOSED -
Teachers only day

Monday 3rd June - SCHOOL CLOSED -
Kings Birthday weekend

Thursday 6th June - Epro8 Challenge -
Year 7 & 8 5pm-8pm T.I.S.

Friday 7th June - Epro8 Challenge - Year
5 & 6 9.30am-12.30pm T.I.S.

Friday 7th June - Super 11 Mountain
Biking - Rotorua



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

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)

FRIDAY SPECIALS – Students to listen
out to the morning news.





T.I.S SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR

I hope you had a good Easter.

Last week we saw the first Ki-O-Rahi Festival take place at Crown Park. We had all seasons in one day, but this did not dampen our students' spirits. We had 5 teams entered and we got through the rounds in sunshine. Three of those teams the TIS Panthers, TIS Cougars and TIS Jaguars made it through to the Semi Finals. The heavens opened at this point and the Semis were played in wet and slippery conditions. **TIS Panthers won their Semi making it through to the final. They then went onto win the Final crowning them the Taupo Ki-O-Rahi year 7/8 Champions.**

Thank you to John Kupa and all the parents who assisted on Wednesday.

We had our final hockey trial last week. Thanks to the Taupo Hockey Association. All Hockey teams are now up in the Sport Office. We are still short of a few Coaches, so if you can help, please let me know. Next week a notice will be sent out finalising details. Season starts on Wednesday 1st May.

Basketball is in the process of being organised. Thank you to Alex Jones for organising and liaising with the Great Lake Taupo Basketball Association to get this up and running. If your child is still interested in playing, then please let Alex know...

Next week is the last week of term and we have the Girls Cricket Festival on Wednesday 10th April.

Sam Bradley
Sports Co-ordinator



**TAUPO INTERMEDIATE
SCHOOL**



Taupo Intermediate School Board Casual vacancy for a parent representative

A casual vacancy has occurred on the school board for an elected parent representative.

The board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection.

If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Request for a by-election should be sent to:

Jason Clarke (Presiding Member)
Taupo Intermediate School Board
22 Kotare Street
Taupo 3330

Email:
presidingmember@taupointermediate.co.nz

by: Monday 6th May 2024

STAFF SNAPSHOT

Kia ora,

My name is Andrea aka "the positive affirmations lady".

I am part of the Support Hub team and next term I will be running Programmes supporting our students with their social and emotional learning.

During my time outside of school I enjoy playing football being in the outdoors with my Tamariki and spending time with friends and whānau.

Ngā mihi

Andrea MacLennan-Southgate
Teacher Aide
Hauora Hub



Digital Citizenship Competition

Year 7's had to complete a poster and Year 8's made a movie highlighting an aspect of Digital citizenship which raises awareness of cyber safety at Taupo Intermediate School.

The winning Year 8 movie was shown in assembly and awards given to 1st place - Molly and Kelsey from Room 3 and 2nd place Finn, Quade, and Oscar from Room 24.

In Year 7, 1st place went to Karys MacIntosh from Room 22 and second place went to Vicky Munoz-Eiras from Room 20. Congratulations and thank you to all that participated. Here are the winners from Year 7.



“Dyslexia – a difference – not a disability

Dyslexia is a condition that impacts on people of all ages. It gets in the way of children mastering literacy and sadly this results in many children underachieving at school. Many drop out early. A child with dyslexia grows up to be an adult with dyslexia. Many adults with dyslexia do not get to achieve to their potential. Many spend a lot of energy masking their challenges.

Where / When?

REAP Central Plateau
73 Titiraupenga Street
TAUPO

Tuesday 16th April 2024
(2 Sessions available)

1.00pm - 3.00pm
&
5.30pm - 7.30pm

(No Cost)



Register by 12th April
Please phone: 07 378 8109
or

Email: reception@reapcentralplateau.nz

'Please share invite with family & friends'

Mike Styles is a researcher, consultant and trainer in dyslexia and related neurodiverse conditions. Mike's presentations are for parents, educators, employers and people with dyslexia themselves on understanding dyslexia and how to make the best of their dyslexia. Dyslexia comes with many positive features.