

TAURANGA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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Principals Report to the Tauranga Intermediate PTA / Home and School Meeting held on Tuesday 16th May 2017 @ 7pm.

Dear Members

The sincere thanks from staff is extended to our PTA / Home & School Group for their hosting of our staff dinner meal at the end of term one formal student conferences. All staff, very much appreciate your time and the sumptuous meal you provided.

We would also like to extend to you our thanks for the smooth movement out of the school at lunchtime due to the inclement weather on the last day of Term One when the cyclone struck.

Staffing

We are fully staffed for the commencement of Term Two with the following changes taking place:

- We are delighted to announce that Blake Carlin has won the Principalship of Pyes Pa School and he commenced in this position at the beginning of Term Two.
- Consequently, Emma Ranui was appointed to Blake's vacant position as Relieving Deputy Principal (Learning and Teaching) from the commencement of Term 2 until the end of the year.
- Kirsty McKenzie has been appointed as Acting House Leader (Tawa) to fill the vacant position created by Emma's move.

In late Term Two after our ERO visit we will advertise nationally for a permanent Deputy Principal (Learning and Teaching). The successful candidate will commence in this permanent position at the beginning of 2018.

ERO visit

ERO will visit for two weeks commencing on Monday 19th June 2017. There will be an opportunity for ERO to talk to you as a Home and School Group. The leader of the ERO Team will visit us this Friday 19th May to set the timetable for the visit.

Roll Audit

Tauranga Intermediate has been selected for a roll audit to take place on Thursday 25th May 2017. This is a process by which MOE officials visit to verify that the numbers we claim to have on the 1st March 2017 are actually true and correct.

For your information here are the 1st March figures and on the basis of these we are funded.

1st March total roll: 1278 plus 9 Room 43 attached
Grand total = 1287 students

Comprised of: Year 7 Male 350 year 8 Male 290 Total Male **640**

Year 7 Female 356 year 8 Female 282 Total Male **638**

Total 1278

Within this grand total of 1287 we have 1250 mainstream, 28 fulltime international and 9 attached (room 43) = total 1278

Within this total we have 263 out of zone students which is 20.5% of our roll.

Within this total 505 students identify as Maori which is 39.51% of our roll.

Whanau Te Maro (Matai House)

You may be aware that Tauranga is hosting the World Junior Squash Championships in mid July of this year. Whanau Te Maro has been invited to perform the welcome at the opening ceremony. This is a great honour for our school and Whanau Te Maro.

Enrolments 2018.

The process for our Colleges is commencing. We have received the following information from Tauranga Boys College.

Here are some important dates for TBC –

Early Term three – visit by TBC staff and distribution of enrolment packs.

Monday 24th July – Out of Zone applications open and close on Friday 1st September.

Open night will be held on Thursday 10th August 6 – 9 pm in the TBC Gym.

Note Tauranga Girls College will have their open evening on the same night.

Orientation morning for all accepted incoming Year 9 boys to TBC will be on Thursday 23 November 2017 9am to 12 noon.

COL (Tauranga Peninsula Community of Learning)

We are in a COL with Tauranga Boys and Girls Colleges, Tauranga Primary, Welcome Bay, Gate Pa and Oropi Primary Schools. Our focus is upon Cultural Competence and learning how to better engage all our students. Tauranga Intermediate has one external Col teacher and that is Ngaere Durie. We have 6 internal Col teachers and they are Jacob Plummer, Jess Boerema, Kim Abbot, Wendy Campbell, Matthew Short and Karen Mills. These teachers coach and mentor our teachers and students.

Consistent with the vision of the new Minister of Education Nikki Kaye we are trying to help reach the goal of 80% of all students achieving at the National Standard by the end of Year 8 and 85% of year 12 students passing NCEA level two.

T.T. Toward Transformation

We are very fortunate that we are one of six schools in the APPLE T.T project. Five of our staff have been selected to work for three days each term to upskill themselves in the latest IT learning techniques. These five are Michelle Flynn, Monika Dewan, Jacob Plummer, Maria Veronese. They are coached by an APPLE facilitator and our school leader is Holly Bridger. Their task is to coach and upskill our staff.

TAI's – Targeted Action Inquiries

Because our focus is upon accelerating learning for Maori Boys in particular each staff member this year is allocated 4 Maori boys. They look at the data for each boy and decide where the greatest acceleration is required. They choose one area e.g. reading, writing or maths.

Their task is to meet with the four boys daily and get them ready for school and then track their data and help them with their learning. In this manner we are giving extra to about 240 male Maori students.

School Production

We are very excited about our production that has been written by Carol and students in an environmental theme. Carol will present to the PTA tonight.

Assessment / National Standards

Jana will give you all a plain language description of National Standards and what it means and how to measure you son / daughter.

Have a great evening

Regards

Brian