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**Dear parents, caregivers, students, families, and the wider community.**

**E nga mātua, e nga kaiiaki, e nga taura, e nga whānau, me te iwi whānui.**

Welcome back to everyone! Term two is underway, and our students have quickly settled back into school and classroom routines. The major focus for our students this term is to know where they are at in their learning, especially knowing their levels in reading, writing and mathematics and the next steps they need to take to accelerate their learning.

As you would have seen in the media earlier this week, the Government announcements related to some of their key initiatives for education - 'Phones Away for the Day', and Attendance. The **'Phones Away for the Day'** is focused on eliminating the use of mobile phones at school. You may remember at the end of 2023, Taupō Nui-A-Tia College, Tauhara College and Taupō Intermediate School sent out a survey to our community. A letter was sent at the beginning of this year outlining our expectations. The TIS model of students not being allowed phones at school has been in place for several years. Students are encouraged to hand their phones in to the office each day. If students decide to keep their phones in their bags, then they are not to be taken out during school hours. If they are, then they will be confiscated and then returned to the child's parent/caregiver when they come to the office to collect it. Overall, this procedure works for our TIS students and families with minimal disruption to teaching and learning. ***Your support reinforcing this would be appreciated.***

The second announcement was targeting attendance **'Everyday Matters'**. The Ministry of Education over the last few years has adjusted the attendance target. The target now is for all NZ school students to achieve 90% attendance rates. We know that if students aren't at school, teachers can't teach them, and students can't learn. At TIS our attendance rate generally sits around the 85% mark each term. While we are not quite making the Ministry of Education's target figure, we are not too far off. ***How can we achieve 90% attendance Target?*** School to provide a safe, caring, and fun learning environment for students with a wide range of extra curricula activities to engage them in. Parents/Caregivers - With the colder and wetter months coming, ensure that your child is kept warm and dry and has the essential school uniform for terms two and three. ***Together we can strive to achieve the 90% target.***

#### **Highlights for Week 1**

- Everyone returning to TIS for another exciting term.
- 'Technology Excellence Awards for Term 1' were presented to our students for their outstanding achievement in Science, Food Technology, Visual Arts and Soft Material at school assembly.
- Newly refurbished science room being available for technology classes.
- Three teams participated in the Taupō Kiwi sport T-ball competition.
- Student leaders being actively involved in organising upcoming school events such as Pink Shirt Day and lunchtime activities.
- Production practises getting underway.
- Students challenging themselves to make the EPro8 teams.

It's hard to believe that I have completed one year at this fantastic school. It just seems like yesterday that I started. I am looking forward to another exciting and busy term at Taupō Intermediate School. As always, thanks for your ongoing support to make TIS the best for your child and our students.

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

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*"Make a positive difference through the T.I.S way"*

# WHAKATAUKI

## This Week's Whakatauki:

*Ki te kotahi te kakaho, ka whati; ki te kapuia, e kore e whati.  
If a reed stands alone, it can be broken; if it is in a group, it cannot.*

# T.I.S. EVENTS CALENDAR



## Term Two 2024



Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	29/4	30/4	1/5 T-Ball Festival Crown Park	2/5 EPRO 8 Internal Series	3/5 Super 11 Golf Te Puke EPRO 8 Internal Series
2	6/5	7/5	8/5	9/5	10/5
3	13/5	14/5	15/5	16/5	17/5 Pink Shirt day
4	20/5 Rugby League Workshop	21/5 Rugby League Workshop	22/5 Rugby League Workshop	23/5 Rugby League Workshop	24/5
5	27/5	28/5	29/5	30/5	31/5 Teacher Only Day / No School
6	3/6 King's Birthday (Public Holiday) 	4/6	5/6 Half Day / Parent Teacher Interviews	6/6 EPRO 8 Challenge	7/6 Super 11 Mountain Biking- Rotorua Greening Taupo Day
7	10/6	11/6	12/6	13/6	14/6
8	17/6	18/6 Vaccine Clinic for Boostrix All Year 7's	19/6 Interschools Swimming –AC Baths	20/6	21/6 Super 11 Rock Wall-Taupo Super 11 League– Rotorua
9	24/6 Rippa Rugby Kiwi Taster	25/6 Rippa Rugby Kiwi Taster	26/6 Rippa Rugby Kiwi Taster	27/6 Super 11 Indoor Bowls –Tauranga	28/6 Matariki (Public Holiday) 
10	1/7	2/7	3/7 Orienteering Big Day Out– Spa Park	4/7	5/7 Last Day of Term Two

**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](mailto:admin@taupointermediate.co.nz)

# SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY

## A brand-new science room



The long-awaited science room opened this week. The old wood technology room was cleaned and updated over the course of the last few months and although it is still a work in progress, most of the equipment was moved and set up over the holidays. The room is much larger so there is a lot more space.

This term has a science focus in the classrooms, with students carrying out a scientific investigation for the Science Fair. More information about this will come out in next week's newsletter.



# TEAM TONGARIRO

## TONGARIRO SHOUT OUT IS KAIDEN!



Kaiden is a great student and helps others when they need it. When others around him are being distracted he is focused and always finishes his work on time, showing our TIS values.

A bit about this amazing student:

Things he Likes:

Listening to Music

Things he Likes about school:

Lunch and Maths 😊

What he does in their spare time:

Plays Roblox and Tennis

His inspirational quote is:

My mother says: "Those that matter don't mind those that mind don't matter"

# TECHNOLOGY AWARDS TERM ONE

## Top students in Technology for Term 1



Congratulations to the students who received the top technology awards for Term 1. They have all stood out to their teachers as students who enthusiastically embrace the challenges that they are presented with in the 4 different technology classes. These student have received awards for overall excellence or for outstanding effort and participation.

Well done students, we've thoroughly enjoyed teaching you and we are very proud of your efforts.





# **T.I.S. SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR NEWS**

Welcome back to Term Two. We had a lovely start to our term with the T- Ball Tournament on Wednesday. We had three teams entered and everyone played well and displaying great sportsmanship. Well, done to TIS Q who won all their games and TIS R for only losing one (in a very entertaining game) against TIS Q!

We are very excited to have the Winter Codes starting this week. We begin on Saturday with the Netball, Monday Evening Basketball and Wednesday the Hockey. Thank you to all the staff and parents who have given up their time to coach and organise so far. Please could you ensure that students wear the correct uniform and safety gear for all their matches.

I am still missing a few Codes of Conduct contracts from the students. Please could they be returned as soon as possible. If you need another one I have them in the Sports Office. Looking forward to a great 2024 winter season and good luck to everyone in their first match of the season.

We had our first fitness session for all team players today. It went very well. It consisted of a variety of Plyometric and strength exercises, focusing on improving explosive power and agility. All students are welcome to take this opportunity and get fit for their chosen sports.

Finally, I am loving the job as Sports Coordinator at TIS. Thank you for your patience and support over Term 1 as I adjusted to the role. From next week I will be in the Sports Office on a Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Have a great weekend.



# KIWI KIDS COMPETITION

In the last three weeks of term and first week of term four (catch ups only) we will be running the Kiwi Kids competitions for Science, English and Maths. These are optional tests and an opportunity for students to complete a test in exam conditions. These tests are completed online. These tests cost \$9.90 per subject. Any students who get merit or excellence will be acknowledged on the principal's academic award. There is a notice at the office if you wish your child to participate.

This notice needs to be returned to the office with payment by the 14<sup>th</sup> of May.

Please contact Megan Chapman  
[mchapman@taupointermediate.co.nz](mailto:mchapman@taupointermediate.co.nz) if you have any questions.

# 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 - (PRE-ORDER  
BY THE TUESDAY BEFORE.)

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



## 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:** by: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
[presidingmember@taupointermediate.co.nz](mailto:presidingmember@taupointermediate.co.nz)

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Hato Hone  
St John



# STAFF SNAPSHOT

*Tihei mauri ora*

*Ki te atua, tena koe*

*Ki nga mate, haere haere haere atu ra*

*Ki te whanau, nga mihi nui ki a koutou*

*Ko Brent Woods toku ingoa*

*Noreira tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa*

*Welcome to you all. My name is Brent Woods, and I am the proud Tumauaki/Principal of Taupō Intermediate School. I relocated from Auckland just over a year ago to fulfil my new leadership role. Prior to beginning at TIS I was the Tumauaki/Principal at Otahuhu Intermediate School in Auckland for 16 years. In my education journey I have experienced teaching in Junior Primary (4 years) and have spent my last 30 years working in and leading Intermediate schools. Teaching and leadership is definitely a passion. My goal is to create a team that will make Taupō Intermediate School the best middle school in the country.*

*My partner (of 25 years) Donna Harper and I were very excited to make the move to Taupō and leave the hustle and bustle of Auckland behind us. Thankfully Donna has family in Taupō which made the transition easier for both of us. Fortunately, Donna secured a wonderful office managers job at Apex Windows, who have made her feel very welcome and part of their tremendous team. The hardest thing with leaving Auckland was leaving my son Kieran behind. While he is 29 years of age, we have a very close father/son bond. To me this has been the greatest change to moving here.*

*Outside of work my passion is family, football, cricket, and indoor cricket. While I haven't ventured to far away from family and work since my arrival, I'm keen to get back involved in these sports and develop some new interests related to Taupō.*

*Lastly, I'd like to acknowledge the board, staff, students and the Taupō for accepting me and supporting me as I begin this wonderful journey at Taupō Intermediate School.*



# T.I.S. UPCOMING EVENTS

## TERM TWO

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April - First day of Term two**

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May - School Closed due to Teachers Only Day**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May - Super 11 Golf - Te Puke**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May - PINK SHIRT DAY**

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May - SCHOOL CLOSED - Teachers only day**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - SCHOOL CLOSED - Kings Birthday weekend**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June - Epro8 Challenge - Year 7 & 8 5pm-8pm T.I.S.**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June - Epro8 Challenge - Year 5 & 6 9.30am-12.30pm T.I.S.**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June - Super 11 Mountain Biking - Rotorua**

## NETBALL 2024

**Netball games start this weekend. Each team has two twenty-minute games. Please check Taupo Netball Centre website for further details.**

**Netball fees are due now. If you haven't already paid the school \$75, please do so asap. Either cash at the office or online (be sure to reference NETBALL and your child's name).**