



**Newsletter Number: 12**

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

**Congratulations to Noah Poulsen (Rm11), Louie Coombs (Rm 24), Avery Way-Ferguson: (Rm 24), Sam Mackintosh (Rm 24), Sammy Petrie (Rm 22), Evie Higgins (Rm 9), Thomas Drake (Rm 23) and Kingston Rohipa (Rm 2) who competed in the Waikato/Bay of Plenty Literature Quiz on Tuesday evening in Hamilton. Our two teams competed extremely well and did our school proud. Special thanks to Ms Adams and Mrs Shepherd for taking the teams to Hamilton. A long day for all concerned.**

Last Saturday saw the start of the netball season with grading games underway. It is exciting to see that TIS is well represented again this year. Special thanks to our coaches and managers who have put their hands up for the 2024 season. I look forward to meeting you at the courts.

This week saw the start of our after-school basketball and hockey competitions. Like last year we have many basketball teams and hockey teams participating. As with the netball, a special shout out to the coaches and managers of these teams. I look forward to meeting you all at the recreational centre or at the turf too.

This term I have set a school-wide goal to promote the TIS Way (Thinking, Involvement & Showing Respect) to make a difference to the learning culture at Taupō Intermediate School.

- **Thinking**
  - Students to progress more than 2 sub-levels in reading and writing.
  - Student to be progressing in reading, writing and mathematics towards achieving level 4 or above in the New Zealand Curriculum.
- **Involvement**
  - Encouraging all students to be engaged in one or more extra curricula activities being offered during this term.
- **Showing Respect**
  - For staff and students to treat people the way we want to be treated.
  - To reduce the number of learning and behaviour incidents in the school.

In last week's newsletter I briefly discussed the Government and Ministry of Education's focus on improving school attendance rates to be achieving at least 90% attendance rates. Our overall attendance rate for this year is **88.2% Present, 9.1% Justified Absences** and **2.7 % Unjustified Absences**. As you can see, we are not too far off their expectation. Thank you for prioritising education for your child and our community.

**Next Friday we will be celebrating PINK SHIRT DAY. Pink shirt day is being run by our awesome 2024 student leaders. They will be encouraging all our students to be dressed in PINK and to bring a gold coin donation. As well as the pink dress up, they will be running a bake sale and a range of activities throughout the day.**

Ngā mihi  
Brent Woods  
Principal/Tumuaki

# 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	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 Mid Year Reports sent home
8	17/6	18/6 Vaccine Clinic for Boostrix All Year 7's	19/6 Interschools Swimming Student/Parent Conference's	20/6 Student/Parent Conference's	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

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or email us: **admin@taupointermediate.co.nz**



# VISUAL ARTS

In Term 1 students learnt different genres of art pieces using a range of techniques, strokes, and processes. They then used this knowledge to create their pieces of art.

Year 8's explored identity & cubism by designing a Pablo Picasso portrait using paint, pastel, line, colour & different 3D views of facial features. They turned out amazing.



Two Year 7 classes created a Visual Autobiography to get to know each other using a variety of images to reflect information about themselves. They also experimented with zentangle designs. I loved the variety of colour combinations & designs.



Room 1 used air-dried clay to create 3-dimensional sculptures, demonstrating an understanding of basic shaping techniques and proper handling of materials. Most created bowls painting them like a watermelon or orange, while some created leaves. Scarlett with the help of her teaching assistant created "Audrey" who is adorable. They all did a fantastic job.





# TEAM TONGARIRO

## TONGARIRO SHOUT OUT IS...



Marlee joined our class at the start of 2024. When she started in this class she was not a huge talker but since then she has made a huge turn around. She is now an active member of most conversations involving school and provides different perspectives for questions and can provide good answers. She is also a welcoming and supporting member towards fellow classmates. Everyone in Room 11 welcomes Marlee as a classmate.

A bit about this amazing student:

Things she likes

"Drawing and Writing"

Things she likes about school

"I love creative writing!"

What does she do in her spare time

"Watches Movies and Listens to Music"

My inspirational quote is:

"Be healthy"





# LIT QUIZ 2024

*Can you name the Greek god of time?*

*Which character, carrying a pocket watch, was heard muttering, "I'm late! I'm late!"?*

After competing in our school-based Lit Quiz, the top 8 students were chosen to enter the Waikato Regional Lit Quiz. With great excitement, our two teams travelled to Berkley Normal Middle School in Hamilton on Tuesday, May 7th. We were proudly represented by **Sammy Petrie, Thomas Drake and Eva Higgie** from Year 7; our representatives from Year 8 were **Noah Poulsen, Avery Way Ferguson, Louie Coombs and Sam Mackintosh**.

With over thirty teams participating, the competition was fierce! Our teams demonstrated their detailed knowledge of a wide range of books and made us proud. Team 1 achieved the highest score of *all* the schools in the category of Insects while Louie won a money prize in a bonus round. It was a pleasure to take these exceptional young people who are enthusiastic about reading!





# **TIS SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR NEWS**

This week saw the start of the Taupo Winter League for Netball, Basketball and Hockey. All three codes starting with grading rounds. Well-done to TIS Magic, Mystics and Stars for winning their first grading matches. Also, to Pulse who are now playing in the adult grade.

In Hockey we had TIS Firesticks and Stars winning their rounds. A special mention to Lucy Terry and Justin Sainsbury for being brave and stepping into the Goalkeeper position for the first time ever. They did some great saves.

In Basketball TIS Dribblers and Dunkers taking out their games. It was great to see all students looking smart in their TIS uniforms and enjoying their first match of the season.

I have had a lot of enquiries about NZ AIMS games. At present we are in the process of going to the Board of Trustees with clarification of EOTC requirements and the selection policy/criteria that teams or pupils must reach to participate. At present if you are interested in coaching a team to go to this Tournament, please could you put your name in writing to myself.

Currently we are seeking coaches for Hockey, Netball, Basketball, Football, Cross Country, Golf, Mountain Biking, Cross Country, Yachting, Tennis and Swimming. Please note that if you do go to manage or coach a team you will need to be police vetted and it involves being away in Tauranga from 7-13<sup>th</sup> September.

Next week I will be handing out letters for students keen to play Rugby League. We are very fortunate to have Blake Ashford from the NZRL coming in to deliver workshops on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May. These players then maybe selected to play in the Super 11 Rugby League Tournament on 21<sup>st</sup> June in Rotorua.

For all ski-ers, I now have the code and details of how to obtain the discounted ski passes for our students. If you have not received an email of these details, please let me know.

Thank you for continued support and see you on the sidelines cheering our awesome teams.



# NETBALL

## 2024

*A great first Saturday of our season. Each team played two games for grading.*

*Congrats to the Magic team for winning both of their games. The Steel, Stars, Mystics and Pulse won one game.*

*Super shout out to all our coaches, managers, and umpires for supporting our girls.*

*Here's to a great season! 🍀*



# 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.



## STUDENT LEADER NEWS

Pink shirt day - 17th of May. Wear pink and gold coin donation. The student leaders have organised activities to spread three messages to stop bullying, ask for help and to be an upstander. They have also organised a bake sale to raise more money for the pink shirt day organisation.

Student leaders have been running games at lunchtime to promote our value of getting involved. Yesterday, was a netball game, last week was rugby.



# STAFF SNAPSHOT



*Kia ora,*

*My name is Sam Blake and I am one of the Deputy Principal's here at T.I.S.*

*I spend most of my free time with my wife and two kids. Every chance I get, I am either hunting, fishing, or exploring everything this beautiful country has to offer.*

*I embrace learning as a life-long journey, learning new skills at every opportunity, whether it be academically or physically. Nature therapy and bushcraft are a passion of mine. Being able to survive not only off the land, but with it, is an important part of my life.*

*As an educator, I focus on building quality relationships with students, whanau and the community.*

*My door is always open so don't hesitate to come in and introduce yourself.*

# 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



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**The theme for this term is Curiosity. As part of this, students will conduct a scientific investigation or a technology investigation.** Most students will do a scientific investigation which must be a fair test. They should start by choosing something they are interested in, or something they really want to test. For example:

- Does listening to music help us concentrate?
- Are boys who play football better at kicking goals than girls who play football?
- Do gamers have faster reaction times than non-gamers?

Students then must design and conduct an experiment to test this. It must be a FAIR TEST...

o They only CHANGE one thing. This is what they are testing e.g. boys kicking goals and girls kicking goals. It is called the independent variable.

o They must MEASURE one thing. This is what changes as a result e.g. the number of goals they kick. This is called the dependent variable.

o Everything else must stay the SAME e.g. keep the ball the same. These are called the controlled variables.

Students then present the findings of their experiments (science fair board, poster, diorama etc) and enter it into the school science fair which will be held in week 8 and week 9. TIS whanau, and students from our contributing primary schools will be invited to come and view the science fair in Week 9.

The other option is a technology investigation. Students may have identified a problem or a need that they want to solve, and they would follow the steps of the design process to develop a product that provides a solution.

Please feel free to contact your child's classroom teacher, or Ms Turanga the science teacher, if you require further information.

We look forward to seeing what the curious minds of our future scientists and inventors come up with.

**START CARE**  
Children's Asthma Study

Do you have asthma?  
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**What does it involve?**

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- Reimbursement for travel expenses for parents, and gift card koha for children

**To take part you must:**

- Be between 5 and 11 years old
- Have asthma
- Take separate reliever and preventer inhalers

**Get in touch to learn more:**

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# ATTENDANCE AT T.I.S.

## M.I.S ATTENDANCE TARGET

This month our target is 93% of children here every day and only 5% late every day.  
*Let's meet it and beat it!*



At Taupo Intermediate School, the only way we can work our magic with students is if they are here at school, on time, every day. This is the simplest most important thing you can do for your child.

Skipping days here and there, leaving early or arriving late, all stop your child from having the best chance of succeeding at school.

So please don't be offended if we ask why your child was not at school, or why they are late - this could be via a phone call or even an in person visit.

The only reason a child should be absent is if they are sick, and if this is the case, please let us know as soon as possible.

## **YOUR CHILD NEEDS TO STAY AT SCHOOL ALL DAY!**

PLEASE DO NOT EXPECT YOUR CHILD TO BE LET OUT OF SCHOOL EARLY. STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO STAY AT SCHOOL THE ENTIRE SCHOOL DAY. PLEASE DON'T BE OFFENDED IF WE ASK THE REASON WHY YOU WANT TO HAVE YOUR CHILD RELEASED EARLY. COMING TO GET THEM BEFORE THE END OF THE DAY IMPACTS NEGATIVELY ON YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING.



## **Support Hub Update**

Kia ora everyone,

After a very busy term one we have now started our group programmes in the Support Hub. Donna, one of our amazing learning assistants is running a literacy programme called "Moon dogs". This programme is designed to support students to progress with their literacy skills and bridging gaps so that they are better able to access their learning in class.

Andrea, another fantastic learning assistant on our staff, is running our social/emotional skills group programme which is underpinned by Te Whare Tapa Wha and is designed to support students with social skills and emotional regulation.

In addition to these, we also have students involved with our Mana Ake programme, Growing through Grief, REAL counselling, Anamata, Taupo Family Centre mentoring and He Kahui Tangata Mentoring.

Another awesome achievement for our space has been setting up our lunch programme for students in need. We are always looking for donations for this, if it is easy food, we can simply give out to students without heating etc. Again, we have had some students helping us with this at lunchtimes as well which is great to see.

All the students involved in support programmes have been showing our values of Thinking, Involved, and Showing respect as they show up, challenge themselves, and are respectful of our wonderful learning assistants and their spaces. Ka pai to all our students involved in these! You are amazing!!



# Uniform

Students are expected to wear and have their full uniform to begin school here at Taupo Intermediate.

It is to be worn with pride and a high standard is important. Formal Uniforms (pictured below) and sports tracksuits are provided to students who represent our school and must be returned clean and tidy after use.



## ALL UNIFORM ITEMS WILL HAVE THE TAUPO INTERMEDIATE LOGO:

**Jersey – Navy Woolen (Optional)**

**Polar Fleece– Royal Blue & Navy**

**Polo shirt – White with Navy Trim**

**School Socks – Boys–Royal Blue/white stripes**

**Boy's Shorts – Dark Navy**

**Girl's Skort – Dark Navy**

**Plain Navy Blue Trackpants: (available from – Brand fuel)** Optional for winter – choice of straight or gathered leg at ankle. (No logos or snap-pants) N.B. Black is not allowed.

**Footwear:** Plain Black Shoes or Black Leather Roman Sandals – Back strap worn done up.

**(N.B. Toe covered shoes must be worn in all technology classes – this is a requirement from OSH.)**

**Socks:** Girls–White ankle socks (worn with shoes, not sandals). Black Stockings optional for winter. Boys– Navy School socks (worn pulled up).

**Sun smart Hats/ Caps –** your appropriate choice worn correctly, no logos.

## IMPORTANT

- \* All clothes must be clearly named and looked after.
- \* No make-up or nail polish to be worn.
- \* Jewellery. One piece of jewellery may be worn apart from one pair of studs/sleepers for pierced ears.
- \* Nose-studs, eyebrow studs, tongue studs or any other body piercing are not permitted at school.
- \* Plain Navy-Blue Beanies / scarves may be worn in winter.
- \* There is no need to experiment with outrageous hair colouring – 'au natural'.

**\* BE PROUD OF WHO WE ARE \***

## **TAUPO CONNECTOR EV COLOURING COMPETITION**

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