



**Newsletter Number: 13**

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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.**

**EPro8 Selection Trials & Challenge on Wednesday, 21 May**, our EPro8 trials were held to help select the three teams that will represent TIS in the upcoming 2025 EPro8 Challenge. A big congratulations to all students who participated in the trials. We look forward to seeing our teams in action next **Wednesday, 28 May, from 5.00pm – 8.00pm in the school hall**. Come along and support our young engineers as they take on this exciting challenge!

**Māori Hui – Thank You!** A heartfelt thank you to all parents and caregivers who attended our Māori Hui last night. Your feedback and feedforward on the aspirations for our Māori Tamariki are greatly valued by the Board. This input will help shape the direction of our next TIS community hui as we continue to refine our school's strategic direction.

**Thank You to Our Coaches and Managers** - We are incredibly grateful to all the parents and caregivers who volunteer their time as coaches and managers for our after-school sports teams, including Monday night basketball, Wednesday night hockey, and Saturday morning netball. Your dedication ensures these enriching opportunities continue to be available for our students and their whānau – thank you for the time, energy, and support you give.

**Zespri NZAIMS Games** – Nominations Closing Soon Nominations for the Zespri NZAIMS Games close next week. Our Sports Co-ordinator has been working diligently to ensure all eligible teams and individuals have been registered according to our selection criteria. If you have any questions or concerns, **please reach out to [sport@taupointermediate.co.nz](mailto:sport@taupointermediate.co.nz)**

**Performing Arts Spotlight**, it's fantastic to see performing arts thriving at TIS! Our school band continues to go from strength to strength and gave a stellar performance during today's Youth Week celebration at lunchtime. Meanwhile, our kapa haka group has begun preparations for the Taiopenga Tūwharetoa Festival, and our Dance NZMade teams are working hard ahead of the upcoming Taupō competition. Ka pai to all involved!

**Reminder – Reducing Student Lateness** - A key focus for us this term is reducing student lateness to school. School starts promptly at 8.50am, and it's important that students arrive by 8.30am to give themselves time to get organised and prepared for their day of learning. Being on time sets a positive tone for the day and helps maximise learning opportunities.

**Attendance:** Please remember all students who are late to school for any reason (tutoring, appointments, traffic etc) **MUST sign in at the office when they arrive any time after 9am**. This also applies for any students who leave school early. They **MUST** be signed out at the office first by a parent/caregiver or have an arrangement with the office staff. This all helps us keep track of your child's attendance correctly.

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

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



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

## **TIS Sports Bulletin**

**Another action-packed week in TIS sports!**

### **Basketball**

The Boys Basketball League tipped off this week! It was fantastic to see so many boys enjoying themselves and showcasing some great skills in their first match of the season.

### **Golf**

Our TIS Golf team continued their outstanding form, securing a silver medal at the WBOP Golf Ambrose Championships in Rotorua! Competing against 26 other teams, the foursome of Chad Atkinson, Angus Eyre, Martin Jung, and Liam Dunbar narrowly missed out on gold by just one stroke, finishing an impressive 1-under par. A truly great team effort!

### **Rod Dixon Marathon Runners**

We had our first run session of the Rod Dixon Marathon programme. A nice aerobic 3km. Only 97km's to over go over the next 12 weeks. But as the student set their goals, they worked out that by being consistent it is only 8.3km per week!

### **Futsal**

The TIS Futsal team is currently competing in the Super 11 Tournament at the Mount. Good luck to them for the rest of the competition!

### **Upcoming Events**

- Inter-House Uni hoc Tournament: Get ready for some fast-paced action! The Inter-House Uni hoc Tournament kicks off next Wednesday. Students had the opportunity to sign up for their houses via the Sport Leaders in their classrooms this week.
- TIS Swimming Sports: Entries for the TIS Swimming Sports close next Friday. The TIS Swimming Sports will be held on Wednesday, June 4th, with the Inter-Schools competition following on Wednesday, June 11th.

**A huge thank you to all the parents who continue to support our winter sports programme, which is now well underway!**





# T.I.S. SPORTS PHOTO'S





# THE SUPPORT HUB

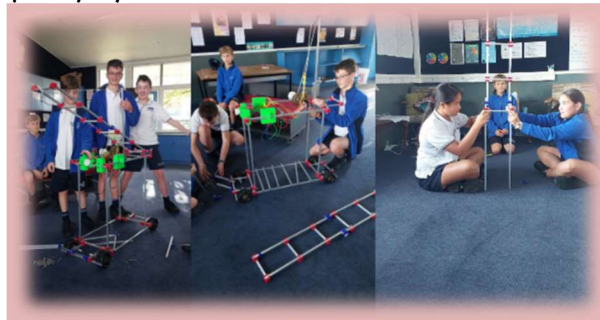
Shared lunch today from several different cultures in the ESOL learning group.



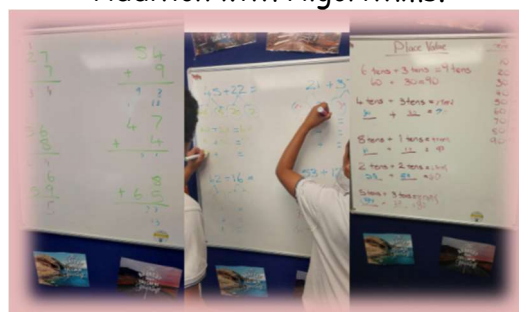
Please remind your Rangatahi that as we head into the colder month's hoodies are Not correct school uniform. We have plenty of jerseys available at the Support Hub for a small donation. All non-uniform will be removed and returned at the end of the day. If you need some support around uniforms, please get in touch. Every morning, we have Breakfast Club from 815am until 850am. We are wondering if any of our lovely parents would be willing to come in and volunteer their time to serve these children Milos and cereals before school?



EPro8 Extension - Some of the creative models our students have built using the EPro8 Kit. They built a Fire Truck with a working headlight and a motorized pulley system to raise and lower the ladder!



Holly's Maths groups - Working on Place Value, Regrouping and Addition with Algorithms.



# T.I.S STAFF NEWS

## STAFF SNAPSHOT

*Kia ora, my name is Rachel, and I am the Office Manager and Personal Assistant to the Principal and Leadership Team here at Taupo Intermediate School. I've been part of the team since the beginning of 2020. You'll find me in the Administration Block — first office on the right, beside reception.*

*Some of my key responsibilities include managing incoming emails to the school, liaising with external companies, communicating with our whānau and wider community via our School Newsletter, HERO App, Facebook page, and Website. I also support the Principal and Senior Leadership Team, assist teachers where needed, help out at the front office and generally work behind the scenes to help everything run smoothly. Our daughter, Maya Wakelin, is in her first year here at T.I.S, and our son, Coby, now attends Taupo-nui-a-Tia College. Outside of work, I enjoy spending quality time with my family and friends. I love socialising, travelling, biking, and taking trips away — and I'm always happy to enjoy my husband's divine cooking! Please feel free to pop in and say hi — my door is always open (and yes, there's a jar of lollies!).*

*I'm always happy to assist parents wanting to contact the Principal or Leadership Team. You can reach me on email [admin@taupointermediate.co.nz](mailto:admin@taupointermediate.co.nz)*

*Ngā mihi, Rachel 😊*



*Kia ora, my name is Andrea aka "the positive affirmations lady".*

*I am part of the Support Hub team, and I run 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*



# Important changes to KIWI KIDS SPONSORSHIP funding renewals

We're writing to let you know about an important change to the way families renew their child's Kiwi Kid Sponsorship (KKS) funding. From June 2025, all renewals must be completed online by the child's primary caregiver via the Variety website. This means School Champions will no longer be able to submit renewals on behalf of families.

This change has been made to ensure that caregivers personally accept the new Child Sponsorship Agreement, agree to our Privacy Policy, and confirm they understand and will follow the KKS programme rules. As part of the renewal, families must now also provide a valid Community Services Card (CSC) as proof of financial eligibility. These steps help us protect privacy, ensure funding is used appropriately, and maintain the integrity of the programme.

We know this is a shift from previous years, and we're incredibly grateful for the support you continue to provide in guiding families through this transition.

School Champions can help caregivers in their school community renew their child's funding if they need support, or you can suggest they contact Variety if they have any questions.

## Summary and FAQs

To help you answer questions from caregivers, please click to read a [summary of changes to the KKS online renewal process](#). You can also read the [School Champion Online Renewals FAQs here](#).

If you have any questions, please contact us at [kiwikids@variety.org.nz](mailto:kiwikids@variety.org.nz)  
Ngā mihi,  
Variety - the Children's Charity

# T.I.S TUCK SHOP

## KRISTIE'S KAI

MORNING TEA BREAK 11-11.30am– Buy Items at the Tuckshop directly

LUNCH TIME BREAK –1.30pm-2pm – Buy Items at the Tuckshop directly



**NB: Please note there is no longer any pre ordering of any lunch orders in classrooms**  
**(Please download our School HERO app to view the Tuckshop Menu)**

## SUNCOURT INDIAN AVAILABLE TO PREORDER



**Taupo Intermediate**  
**School Lunches**

**Yuki Sushi every Tuesday**

**Suncourt Indian every Thursday**

**Order Now !!**

It's simple; all you need to do is register at

[www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz)

and follow 4 easy steps to get started

1. Register an account
2. Add member/s including your name and delivery location
3. Make a payment to have funds in your account before you order
4. Select your lunch and place an order



Term Two - Introducing the opportunity to order Indian for lunch  
with Lunch online.

Please order directly at : <http://orders.lunchonline.co.nz>

(Orders are delivered on a Thursday and can be collected from School Tuckshop)



# **T.I.S IMPORTANT** **UPCOMING DATES**

Friday 23rd May

Super 11 Futsbul - Tauranga

Super 11 Squash

Wednesday 28th May

Year 7 & 8 Epro8 Challenge

5pm-8pm (School Hall)

Friday 30th May

Super 11 Badminton

Monday 2nd June

**Kings Birthday - School Closed**

Wednesday 4th June

School Swimming Sports AC Baths

Thursday 5th June

Greening Taupo Day - Taupo Golf Course

Friday 6th June

Super 11 Mountain Biking -Rotorua

Wednesday 11th June

Inter schools swimming - AC Baths

Friday 13th June

Napier Sports Exchange

Thursday 19th June

Super 11 Rock Climbing -AC Baths

Super 11 Rugby League

Friday 20th June

**Matariki - School Closed**

Wednesday 25th June

Kiwi Sport Orienteering - Big Day out

Friday 27th June

Last day of school for Term Two