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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.

As we reach the halfway point of Term 2, it's a great time to reflect on the energy and learning taking place across our school. Despite the weather not quite cooperating this week, our classrooms have remained full of focus and progress.

Our dedicated staff continue to embed a range of explicit teaching strategies as they refine and develop their teaching and learning environments. We're particularly enjoying the continued collaboration with Selena Hinchco as part of our professional learning journey into the science of learning. This work is already having a positive impact in classrooms, helping our students engage more deeply with their learning.

We would like to thank all the parents and caregivers who have made a conscious effort to ensure their children arrive at school on time. There has been a noticeable improvement this week, with more students in class and ready to learn at the start of the day—mahi pai!

This week we were proud to host the Waikato/Bay of Plenty EPro8 Challenge events. On Wednesday evening, we welcomed Year 7 & 8 teams from across the region, followed by the Year 5 & 6 teams on Thursday morning. It was a fantastic opportunity for our scientifically and mechanically minded students to put their problem-solving skills to the test in a fun and competitive environment.

Our own EPro8 teams—A Team, Geeks with Gadgets, and The Warriors (Up da Wahs!)—represented our school with determination and creativity. A special congratulations to our 'A Team': Angus Eyre, Aiden Zheng, Ashlee Stokes, and Andy Berriman, who tied for first place and, after a technical countback, finished a very impressive second overall. We wish them all the best for the upcoming semi-finals in Rotorua on Tuesday 10 June.

Adding to the excitement on Thursday was the arrival and installation of the new Northern Health School facility on our site. Six modular buildings were transported all the way from Petone and carefully lifted into place throughout the day. The project concluded with a blessing of the site and buildings at 3:15pm - a special moment for all involved.

As always, thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's learning journey. We look forward to what the second half of the term will bring!

Nga mihi nui
Brent Woods
Principal/Tumuaki




T.I.S. SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR NEWS

We're now halfway through the term, and winter sports are well underway. A huge **well done** to the following teams for their fantastic wins in their respective codes:


TIS Pulse, Magic, Rebels, Sting, Quick sticks, Stars, and Ballers – awesome effort all round!


As the weather cools down, a reminder that if students are wearing thermals under their playing uniforms, they must be **plain blue or black**.


 **Super 11 Futsal** - Last week we had the **Super 11 Futsal Tournament**, and our TIS team played exceptionally well against some strong opposition. They made it to the 7th/8th playoff and secured **7th place** after a 5–3 win over Otumoetai.

Congratulations to the team:

Kruse Stewart, Liam Dunbar, Justin Sainsbury, Paddy Parkes, Benji Farrier, Eli Wood, and Chorton Tamang – your attitude and effort both on and off the court were outstanding. Well done, boys!

 **Rod Dixon Marathon Run Programme** - On Tuesday, our students participated in **Week 2** of the Rod Dixon Marathon Run Programme. They completed a fun 3km session at Spa Park with Aimee Elliott. Next week, a **nutritionist** will speak to students about how to fuel their bodies before we head back up to Spa Park for more running!

 **Swimming Sports – Next Wednesday!** A final reminder that **entries close today** for the **TIS Swimming Championships** being held on **Wednesday, 4th June**. The first race kicks off at **10:00 AM**. Don't miss out!

 **Super 11 Rock Climbing – Sign-Ups Open** - Sign-ups are now open for **Super 11 Rock Climbing** in the Sports Office. This is a **competitive speed climbing event** – students will be timed over 2 climbs, so previous climbing experience is recommended.

Lunchtime Sport – House Competition

Lunchtime sport kicked off this week with **Unihoc**, but numbers were a little low due to the weather. In the girls' game, **Ruaepo** won a close match **3–2**. This year, lunchtime sport will run as a **House competition**, so please encourage students to get involved and support their House!

Don't forget – **participating in two lunchtime sports** is one of the challenges for the **Bevan Docherty Award**.

One of the highlights this week was seeing the **Stars Netball Dream** team dress up in purple to cheer on their coaches playing in the afternoon. It was a fantastic show of team spirit and a great demonstration that beyond the skills you teach, it's the **mark you leave**, the **impression you make**, and the **inspiration you provide** that stays with our students long after the final whistle. To all our coaches – the time you give is **invaluable**, and we truly appreciate your commitment and support.

Enjoy the long weekend!
TIS Sports



T.I.S. SPORTS PHOTO'S



KIDS GREENING TAUPO

Thursday 5th June – Non uniform day –
Students to wear green to school

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT OF KIDS GREENING TAUPŌ!



The environmental education sessions and native planting projects that they provide for schools, ECE centres and the community are all free! This is their one fundraiser of the year.

\$ Please bring a donation to dress up in green for the day!



\$ If you are going to their big event, make sure to have another donation ready for a venison sausage from Epro, or veggie soup from The Bistro.



WE ARE
PAINTING THE TOWN
GREEN AGAIN!

GREENING TAUPŌ DAY

5TH JUNE 2025



Or go to: www.greeningtaupoday.org.nz/make-a-donation

T.I.S STAFF NEWS

STAFF SNAPSHOT



Kia ora, My name is Wendy Marais, and I am delighted to be part of this wonderful school community. I have been in the teaching profession for 14 years, and it has truly been a rewarding journey. Teaching is my passion, and I feel grateful every day to be doing what I love. I began my journey at T.I.S in November 2024, and I am currently the classroom teacher in Room 2. It has been a joy getting to know the students, staff, and families here. My family and I moved to New Zealand almost three years ago, and we have loved every moment of our time here. I have two beautiful children, and as a family, we treasure spending quality time together. One of our favourite activities is camping. I look forward to continuing this journey with you and getting to know more members of the school community.

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NZMSM COMPETITION



The following students from Taupo Intermediate entered our competitions last weekend and here are their results

Lilly Cripps - 2 Silver
Reid Pepper - 1 Bronze, 1 Highly Commended
Bianca Condon - 1 Gold, 3 Bronze
Sadev Thelge - 1 Silver, 2 Very Highly Commended
Te Rerewai Meihana – 1 Gold, 1 Silver and Trophy for Boogie Woogie

The teachers from NZMSM would like to extend their congratulations.

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)**

KAPA HAKA AT T.I.S

Kapahaka is in the hall every Wednesday at the start of lunch. If you are serious about Kapahaka please turn up on time ready to go. We only have 15 practices left. We are learning all new songs except for the haka. Our haka will be Hoake. We have learned 3 new songs so far. We have 3 left to go. Keep shining my Kapahaka stars.

Nōku te iti nā, Kōkā.

NEXT GEN

YOUTH 8-16 YRS

10- WEEK PROGRAMME

- FUNCTIONAL FITNESS
- MOVEMENT SKILLS
- AGILITY
- STRENGTH
- COORDINATION

& FUN!

**1 X 45MIN SESSION
PER WEEK**

Starting Term 3 2025

NEXT GEN

We're proud to launch **NEXT GEN**

A 10-week youth program built for kids and teens aged 8-16, designed to help them thrive in and out of the gym. This isn't just fitness it's confidence-building, skills-focused, and fun! We're teaching the next generation how to train smart, move well, and grow stronger physically and mentally.

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Hands-on coaching in functional fitness
- Learn to safely and confidently use gym equipment
- Build athletic skills, strength, and resilience
- Develop discipline, teamwork & self-belief
- Become a part of our gym community

PRICE:

\$150 PER TERM

**GROW CONFIDENCE. BUILD
STRENGTH. JOIN THE NEXT GEN**

TI.S IMPORTANT **UPCOMING DATES**

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