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

With the short week due to King's Birthday, we've once again packed five days of activity into just four!

On Tuesday, we welcomed Selena Hinchco from Coactive Education Consultancy, who continued her work with our teachers on developing effective explicit teaching strategies. This professional learning supports our strategic goal of strengthening teaching and learning across our school.

Wednesday was action-packed with our competitive swimmers taking part in a mini swimming sports event. This served as a trial to select our team for the upcoming Taupō Interschool Swimming Sports next Wednesday. We're proud of their efforts and determination.

Meanwhile, on the professional development front, Brent Woods and Michelle Patterson attended the NZAIMS Science of Learning Conference in Auckland from Wednesday to Friday - gaining valuable insights to bring back to our school.

On Thursday, Sam Blake and members of our Board participated in the EONZ Safety Management Systems workshop held in Taupō. The Board remains committed to building staff capability and supporting continuous improvement.

A highlight of the week was Green Day, which was a great success! Our students, alongside members of the wider community, continued their support for Greening Taupō, making a meaningful impact on our local environment. A heartfelt thank you to all the parents and caregivers who helped make the planting event such a rewarding experience for our students.

Today, our Super 11 Mountain Biking team headed off to compete in the Super 11 event. We look forward to sharing their results with you in next week's newsletter.

As always, thank you to all our parents and caregivers for your continued support and involvement in your child's learning and development at Taupō Intermediate School.

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

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T.I.S. SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR NEWS

Sports Bulletin – Week in Review

As the weather begins to close in, our TIS athletes continue to shine!

 **Wednesday night** saw our hockey players take to the turf in tough, bleak conditions – and they played amazingly well. Huge credit to their determination and teamwork under pressure.

 **Week 2 of the Rod Dixon Run Programme** was another success, with a special visit from a nutritionist who spoke about the importance of fuelling our bodies before runs and recovering properly afterward. It was great to see such enthusiasm and the range of thoughtful questions from our students.

 **Our TIS Swimming Championships** were held this week, and what an event it was! There was some excellent technique on show and plenty of fast swimming. The **Year 7 girls' competition** was especially fierce, showcasing the depth of talent we have. The relays at the end were a crowd favourite – full of excitement and school spirit.

A huge congratulations to all swimmers who took part. It was inspiring to see so many students step out of their comfort zones to challenge themselves in the pool.

A big thank you to our **Sport Leaders** who excelled in their roles as timekeepers and recorders – your support made a real difference. Also, a special thank you to the **parents** who helped the event run so smoothly.

And finally, congratulations to our 2025 TIS Swimming Champions:

- **Year 7 Boys**

 Max Pierce

 Aaron Huang

 = Beau Turnbull & Jack Gibson

- **Year 7 Girls**

 Ella Newth

 Shiloh McQuinlan

 Kauri Crabb

- **Year 8 Boys**

 Jack Simpson

 = Levi Hemopo & Stanley Foley

 Julian Webster

- **Year 8 Girls**

 Te Rerewai Meihana

 Lola Bradley

 Kiara Bullock

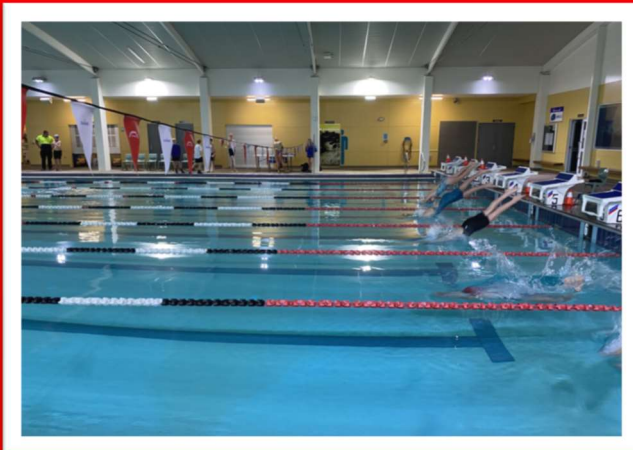
House Competition Results

- Overall, 2025 TIS House Champions: Ngauruhoe
 - 2nd Tongariro
 - 3rd Ruapehu

Well done to all swimmers!



T.I.S. SPORTS PHOTOS



GREENING TAUPŌ DAY

THURSDAY 5TH JUNE



Greening Taupō Day – Rooms 20, 21 & 24

Yesterday, students from Rooms 20, 21 and 24 took part in Greening Taupō Day with a visit to Tauhara Golf Club — rain and all! While the weather wasn't ideal, it certainly didn't dampen the enthusiasm of our students.

The event was a fantastic opportunity for hands-on learning. Students explored a wide range of activities and stalls, including disc golf, pest control and trapping displays, the Taupō Harbourmaster, geothermal power companies, and GNS Science. A real highlight was planting native trees along the back boundary of the golf course to help establish a native bush corridor that will one day connect all the way to Mt Tauhara. Our students worked hard planting, fertilising and mulching to give each tree a strong start.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to our amazing parent helpers. Without your support, we wouldn't have been able to attend the event, and we truly appreciate the time and energy you gave to help make the day a success.

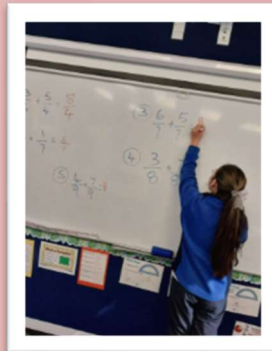
We're so proud of the positive attitude and teamwork shown throughout the day. It was a meaningful and memorable experience for all involved — even with wet shoes and muddy hands!



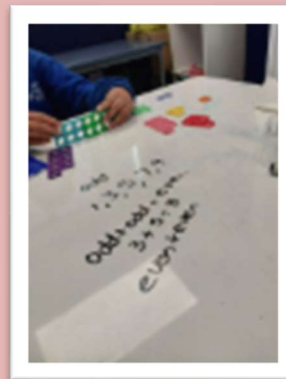
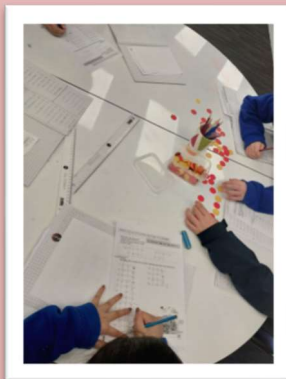
THE SUPPORT HUB

"Children don't get traumatised because they get hurt - they get traumatised because they were *alone* in their hurt."
- Dr. Gabor Maté

We have been learning about fractions. Students use the whiteboard and whiteboard tables to draw pictures to help them solve equations and to visually understand the process.



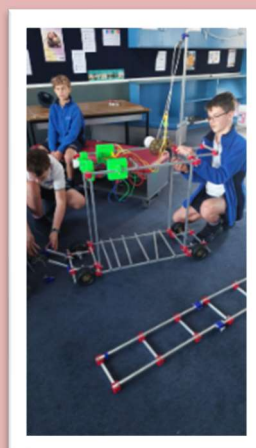
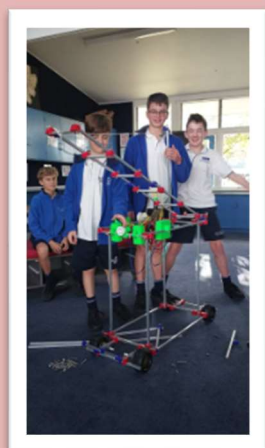
Student adding fractions with same denominator/ Using counters to understand mixed Fractions. A student using numicon frames to understand odd and even numbers.



Please remind your rangatahi that as we head into the colder months 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 are in need of some support around uniforms please get in touch.



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!



T.I.S UNIFORM

REMINDER

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 track suits 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.

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 (includes false nails).
- * 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 *****

T.I.S STAFF NEWS

STAFF SNAPSHOT

Kia-ora, my name is Zoe Fletcher, and I am the teacher in room 1. I have been enjoying getting to know the children and families in my class and there is never a dull moment! I am originally from Scotland, and I came back-packing to NZ in 2004, travelled around from Cape Reinga to Invercargill, settled in Rotorua where I have family and then trained to be a teacher in Napier at EIT/Massey University. My first teaching job was at Wairarapa College where I met my fiancé. Over 20 years, I have been lucky to have been teaching in classrooms from years 2 to 13 so currently I am sitting in the middle years! My favourite things to do in my spare time are being in the great outdoors either mountain biking, swimming in the lake, walking the dog and hanging out with the family.



Bula Vinaka! My name is Mr. Salendra Kumar, and I am proud to be part of this wonderful school whānau. Originally from the beautiful Fiji Islands, I bring with me a strong love for teaching and a deep respect for different cultures and backgrounds. I teach across all curriculum areas, which allows me to work closely with all students and support their learning in a consistent and meaningful way. I enjoy creating engaging, hands-on lessons that encourage curiosity, creativity, and confidence. One of the highlights of my role is building strong relationships with our students, their whānau, and the wider community. I believe that learning is most effective when there is a strong partnership between home and school. I take time to connect with families, understand their aspirations for their children, and work alongside them to support each learner's growth. Outside the classroom, I am actively involved in school activities, cultural events and activities organised for school. I am passionate about creating a positive, inclusive environment where all students feel valued and empowered. Teaching is more than a job to me—it is a calling, and I feel truly honoured to help shape the lives and futures of our Tamariki every day.



T.I.S BOARD INVITATION

Let's Talk: Our School, Our Future **Hosted by the Taupō Intermediate School Board**

Join us for kōrero (discussion) and connection.

We will share what we have been working on behind the scenes over the past two years – the progress we are proud of, the challenges we've faced, and our plans for the future.

There will also be time for questions, open discussion, and an opportunity to share your ideas over a cuppa. Your voice matters, and we are here to listen.

Date: Wednesday 18 June

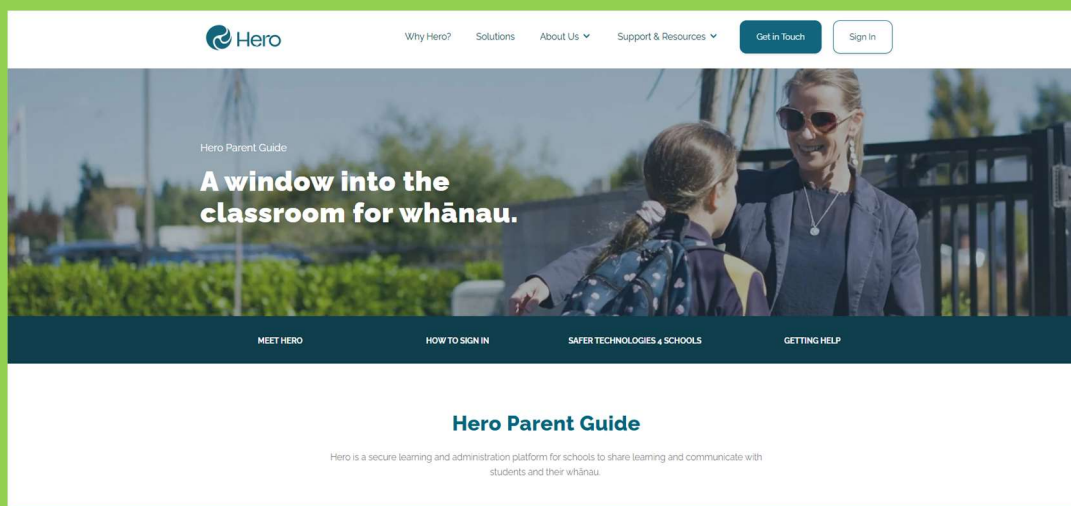
Time: 5:30 PM

Location: Taupō Intermediate School

All parents, whānau, and children are welcome.

HERO-PARENT GUIDE

Website for parents for help with HERO <https://our-hero.com/parent-guide>



T.I.S IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Wednesday 11th June

Inter schools swimming - AC Baths

Friday 13th June

Napier Intermediate Sports Exchange

Super 11 Indoor Bowls

Super 11 Ultimate Frisbee

Wednesday 18th June

Team Ruapehu Matariki Celebrations

Thursday 19th June

Room 17 - Boys Class Weta Trip

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

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 Men**