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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.**

It's been a busy and exciting couple of weeks at TIS, filled with celebrations and important updates about your child's learning journey.

A huge congratulations to our 10 new student leaders who have shown outstanding leadership this year. We're excited to welcome **Juno De Pauuw, Scarlett Chambers, Jessie Sherman, Indie Jones, Harlem Meredith, Freya Binnie, Luca Harmer-Lowdes, Stacy Young, Declan Penn, and Aaliya Singh** to the team. We wish you all the best and look forward to seeing the positive impact you'll make.

We'd also like to give a special shout-out to all the students truly living the **TIS Values of THINKING, INVOLVEMENT, and SHOWING RESPECT!** It's been a genuine pleasure visiting classrooms, discussing e-asTTle levels in reading, writing, and math, and talking with students about their individual learning pathways. Thank you for sharing your learning journeys with us!

Thank you to all the parents, caregivers, and whānau who attended our first student report conferences on Tuesday, July 29. We were thrilled to see 60% of our school community book conferences through our HERO app beforehand! Our staff thoroughly enjoyed sharing and celebrating your child's learning journey with you.

To all the students involved in extra-curricular activities, you are awesome for getting involved and giving things a go! We love seeing your enthusiasm and dedication. We're also very excited to see the continued improvement in students showing respect for our property and each other. This positive shift is making a significant difference to our school's culture for everyone.

Finally, congratulations to all our students who participated in the science fair competition and created science boards. We'll have more details about this next week!

**Ngā mihi
Brent Woods
Principal/Tumuaki**

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 BOARD CORNER

Following the Community Hui and Māori Hui held last term, a dedicated subcommittee has been formed to develop and action an Action Plan based on the key themes that emerged. This group will meet weekly to ensure progress and accountability.

Some actions are already underway, including advertising upcoming Board meetings and promoting community events each term. A strategic meeting will be held with the Leadership Team to begin reviewing areas of inequity across the school, as this was a significant area of concern and frustration raised during the hui.

At our most recent Board meeting, a key focus was the school's attendance rate. Term 2 attendance rate was at 49% (same as 2024). The Board is working with the school to identify strategies to support and improve attendance across the school.

We are also excited for the live release of our School Docs platform in August. Once live, we will share more information via Hero so that our school community can easily access up-to-date policies and procedures.

Finally, with upcoming Board elections becoming available, we warmly encourage interested parents or community members to get in touch with any questions or to express their interest. We are excited to have already received 8 nominations for the 3 vacancies on our board.

Ngā mihi nui,
TIS Board

BOARD ELECTIONS

NOMINATIONS REMINDER

There is still time for you to get your nomination in to join our School Board. We need three parent representatives to join the Taupo Intermediate School Board. Schooled Election Pilot have been appointed as the Returning Officer for this election. We have already sent out nomination forms by email or by post however, if you need additional nomination forms, or want a copy in Te Reo Māori or another language just contact the Returning Officer directly on 0800 VOTENZ (0800 868 369) or election@electionpilot.nz. The clock is ticking.

Nominations close at noon on Wednesday 6th August. You can email in your nomination, complete it online at www.boardelections.nz or fill it in and drop it off to the school office. You can also send in a candidate statement and smiling photo with your nomination as well. A copy of the electoral roll is kept at the school office and is available to be checked during usual school hours.

Voting papers issued Wednesday 13th August.

Close Poll 4pm on Wednesday 10th September.

Election Day 10th September.



T.I.S. SPORTS

CO-ORDINATOR NEWS

Another action-packed week for TIS athletes!

Local Winter Sports Leagues are heading into their final rounds before Semi-Final and Final evenings. A big thank you to all our coaches, supporters, and students for the positive energy and great performances this season.

Super 11 Basketball & Winter Tournament

Last week, our AIMS Games Basketball team travelled to Rotorua for the Super 11 Basketball Tournament. They faced a tough pool but battled hard to finish 6th overall — a great hit-out and valuable preparation for AIMS.

As well as Basketball, we also had the **Super 11 Winter Tournament**, with six teams travelling to Tauranga for a fantastic day of sport and sportsmanship. Once again, our students performed exceptionally well:

- **AIMS Games Hockey – 1st place: Super 11 Champions**
- **Girls Rugby – 3rd**
- **Year 7 Netball – 6th**
- **Year 8 Netball – 6th**
- **Girls Football – 6th**
- **Boys Football – 8th**

Volleyball

Sign-ups for Super 11 Volleyball team are up in the Sports Office. This competition is for experienced players who have played before — the level of play is always high, with well-drilled teams competing. Please note: Friday Night Taupō Volleyball League for Term 4 will have a separate sign-up next term.

Tough Guy/Gal Challenge – Wednesday 20th August

Thank you to all the parents who have offered to transport students allowing us to offer more spots. It is one of the most popular events of the year!

Taupō Marathon & Rod Dixon Challenge

Good luck to all TIS students running in the **Taupō Marathon** this weekend, especially those who have completed the **Rod Dixon 100km Challenge**. You have just your final kilometres to run on Saturday — enjoy the special finish chute and VIP tent set up for you!

School Cross Country – Date Change

Due to a clash of events, we have moved our **School Cross Country** to **Monday 11th August at Spa Park**. Thank you for your understanding. More details will be shared next week. Thanks again for all your continued support.

It's another busy, exciting week at TIS, and we love seeing our students thrive through sport!



T.I.S. SPORTS PHOTOS



T.I.S STAFF NEWS

Kia Ora, Hallo, Bula, Bonjour, Kon'nichiwa, Annyeonghaseyo, Hola, Nihão, Ayubowan

Greetings from Room 4. My name is Sarah Hack. I am Hamilton born and raised and since residing in multiple towns around the North Island such as Waouru, Omokoroa Beach, Waiheke Island, Drury, and Glen Afton.

I have my husband, a daughter and a son. My interests range from farming, horses, gardening to tramping, X-stitch, and until recently after having broken my back, sport.

I am the team leader of Team Ruapehu where I have been blessed with an amazing team of teachers, and an amazing team of students.

I am also the classroom teacher of Room 4 with other responsibilities such as Librarian, Lead Teacher of Maths, and member of the curriculum lead team.

I bring to Taupo passion, enthusiasm, knowledge, skills and strategies. Throughout my career I have had the privilege to work in a diverse range of schools with knowledgeable colleagues, awesome proactive Principals, and skilled facilitators in and around Auckland, the Bay of Plenty and the Waikato. I have led multiple schools through both writing and maths professional development. I am International Baccalaureate trained and had the opportunity to participate in international professional development where I then led a PYP School through its first 'exhibition' to support sign off as a recognised IB PYP School.

I enjoy working at Taupo Intermediate! Regards Sarah Hack

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

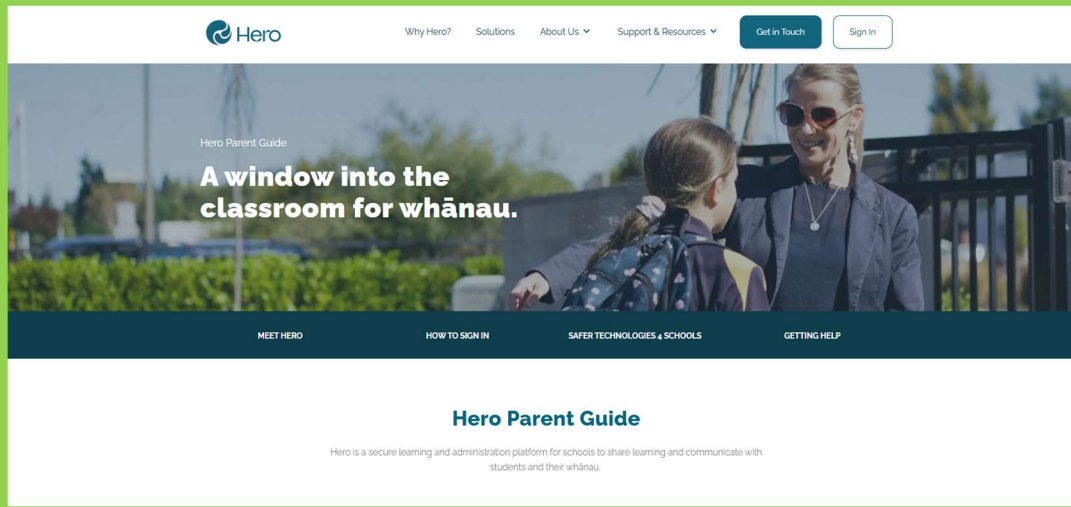
Sushi & Indian cuisine can be ordered at

**They are delivered to our school on a Tuesday and Thursday
and can be collected from the Tuckshop on these days.**



HERO-PARENT GUIDE

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



STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS



Each week in assembly we endeavour to give out awards to celebrate success!



COMMUNITY SHOWCASE

TUESDAY 5TH AUGUST

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

TAUPO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL HALL

Taupo Intermediate warmly invites you to a **FREE** evening performance celebrating the incredible talents of our students.

This special showcase is an opportunity for our kapa haka group, dance crew, and school band to perform in front of a live audience as they prepare for their upcoming competitions.

Come along, enjoy the energy, and support our amazing students as they share the results of their dedication and hard work.

ALL WELCOME – BRING YOUR WHĀNAU AND FRIENDS!
Let's celebrate our students' success together.

THE SUPPORT HUB



Learning assistants having some fun with Wellness Wednesday.
Our Learning assistants spent the day planning and connecting with teachers during our student lead conference day. This was to ensure our students are reaching their goals and celebrating their successes.

Term 2 Summary

How many students regularly attended school this term?

 **Regular Attendance**

49%

Compared to 49% in Term 2, 2024

 **Irregular Absence 31%**

Compared to 33% in Term 2, 2024






 **Moderate Absence 11%**

Compared to 12% in Term 2, 2024

 **Chronic Absence 9%**

Compared to 7% in Term 2, 2024

What were the main reasons given for absence this term?

-  (M) Illness / Medical Absence 63%
-  (J) Explained and Approved 14%
-  (G) Holiday 8%
-  (E) Accepted (but unjustified) 6%
-  (T) Unexplained / Trivial 5%

How many students were on time to class?

56% of students were on time to class

Definition of lateness depends on school attendance policy.

COLLEGE **ENROLMENTS 2026**

Enrolment for 2026.



Kia ora koutou,

We're writing together from Tauhara College and Taupō-nui-a-Tia College to share a quick update about our upcoming Year 8 enrolment activities.

Both colleges are now zoned, and to help make things as smooth as possible for everyone, we've coordinated our visits and open evenings to keep the week streamlined and stress-free for contributing schools, students, and whānau.

Both Colleges will contact contributing schools directly to arrange transport for the school visits.

Contributing School Visits to the Colleges.

Taupō-nui-a-Tia College will host:

- Friday Week 5 (15 Aug): Hilltop, Mountview, St Pat's and others
- Mon-Tues of Week 6 (18 & 19 Aug): Taupō Intermediate and others
- Visits run from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Tauhara College will host:

- Mon-Tues of Week 6 (18 & 19 Aug): Taupō Intermediate
- Thursday of Week 6 (21 Aug): Hilltop, Mountview, St Pat's and others
- Visits also run from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Open Evenings for Whānau and Students

- Taupō-nui-a-Tia College: Wednesday evening, Week 6 (20 Aug)
- Tauhara College: Thursday evening, Week 6 (21 Aug)

We're both excited to welcome your students and give them a chance to explore our two amazing high schools. Thanks for your ongoing support in making enrolment week a success for our ākonga and their whānau.

Ngā mihi nui,

Ben Hancock – Principal, Tauhara College

Ben Claxton – Principal, Taupō-nui-a-Tia College

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

Monday 4th August

TIS Cultural Tour

Tuesday 5th August

TIS Cultural Tour

**TIS Cultural Tour Performance Night
6.30pm TIS School Hall**

Friday 8th August

Super 11 7s Rugby

Thursday 14th August

Intraschool Mathmatters

Monday 18th August

**Taupo-nui-a-Tia & Tauhara College
School visit - Yr 8 Students**

Tuesday 19th August

**Taupo-nui-a-Tia & Tauhara College
School visit - Yr 8 Students**

Wednesday 20th August

Tough Guy Tough Girl Challenge

Thursday 21st August

Whanaui Engagement Hui 4.45pm-7.10pm

Tuesday 26th August

Taupo Inter Schools Cross Country

Friday 29th August-Friday 5th September

**AIMS GAMES – Netball, Hockey,
Basketball, Swimming,
Cross Country,
Mountain Biking,
Orienteering (Individuals)**

Monday 8th September

TIS BOARD MEETING 5.30pm

Tuesday 16th September

Kiwi Sport Rippa Rugby