



**Newsletter Number: 21**

**Date: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

**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 an incredible time at our school, and we want to take a moment to celebrate the many students who are embodying the TIS values and making a positive impact on our learning community.

We've loved seeing your hard work in the classroom. It's been exciting to have learning conversations with so many of you about your progress in reading, writing, and math. We encourage you to keep your focus on those next steps and continue pushing yourselves to improve by two or more sub-levels to achieve accelerated progress. Your dedication is truly paying off.

We're so proud to see so many of you getting involved in school-wide activities. It's awesome to see students participating in everything from sports and band to kapa haka, Dance NZ Made troupes, ICAS competitions, and Science Fair. Your involvement makes our community vibrant and dynamic.

A huge congratulations to our students who were part of the TIS Culture Tour! You performed beautifully for Taupo, Tauhara, and Waipahihi Primary Schools, and gave a fantastic community performance on Tuesday evening. The tour was a wonderful opportunity to showcase the performing arts talent at TIS and to prepare for upcoming competitions. The positive feedback we received from other school staff and the community was a testament to your talent and hard work. A special thanks to Jon Wood, Holly Clarkson, and Ida Ngatai for their incredible mahi and dedication to these performance groups.

We also want to thank the outstanding student facilitators who assisted during the Science Roadshow last week. The 'hands-on' scientific activities provided a fantastic learning opportunity, and your efforts were truly appreciated by the Science Roadshow staff. They commented on your willingness to go above and beyond and how respectful you all were.

It is inspiring to see our school values of THINKING, INVOLVEMENT, and SHOWING RESPECT making such a positive difference in our learning community. Keep up the amazing work, TIS!

**Ngā mihi  
Brent Woods  
Principal/Tumuaki**

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

# **T.I.S BOARD CORNER**

## **Māori Whanau Engagement Hui**

**Purpose:** To share Action Plan from our previous hui, to share achievement levels for our Māori students as a cohort, in Numeracy and Literacy and to gather more feedback from you, our community.

**Date: Thursday, 21st August**

**Time: 5.00pm - 7.10pm**

A light supper and bread rolls will be provided.

All welcome.

Taupō Intermediate Board



## **BOARD ELECTION**

### **NOMINATIONS CLOSED – PROCEED TO VOTE**

Nominations have now closed for our board elections and as there were more nominations than positions available the election will be continuing to a vote.

The Taupo Intermediate School Board received a total of fifteen nominations for three vacancies when nominations closed on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

**Keep an eye out for voting information as this will be sent to all eligible voters no later than Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August.** The voting packs will contain all the details on how to vote in the election as well as candidate statements and photos from the candidates that provided them.

**The voting will close at 4pm on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September and the results will be available on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September.** The candidates who receive the most votes will be elected to the board and the results will be shared with the candidates and our Taupo Intermediate community.

**If you have any questions about the election process, please contact the Returning Officer directly on 0800 VOTENZ (0800 868 369) or [election@electionpilot.nz](mailto:election@electionpilot.nz).**



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

## **TIS Sports Bulletin – Cross Country Season & More!**

The Cross Country season is officially underway, and our students are already making their mark! We kicked off with a team of 10 travelling to Tauranga for the Super 11 Cross Country Championships — a highly competitive event with over 50 runners in each division. TIS athletes rose to the challenge with some outstanding results:

- **Nyla Grigg** – 6th place (Year 7 Girls)
- **Pablo Stewart** – 6th place (Year 7 Boys)
- **Kiara Bullock** – 7th place (Year 8 Girls)

The following day, 22 of our students completed their **Rod Dixon 100km Marathon Training Programme**, finishing their final kilometres alongside all other participants in a fantastic community event (Taupo Marathon). After 12 weeks of consistent lunchtime running, it was great to see the gains in fitness and endurance pay off!

**Standout results from the event included:**

- **Kiara Bullock** – 1st in U13 Girls 5km, **Nyla Grigg** – 3rd in U13 Girls 5km.
- **Cooper Marriott** – 1st in U13 Boys 5km, **Jack Gibson** – 2nd, **Leo Whelan** – 3rd
- **Liam Dunbar** – 1st in the 10km event

A huge **congratulations** to all our runners who took part — your dedication and effort were inspiring!

## **Upcoming: TIS Cross Country Championships**

Our TIS School Cross Country Championships take place this coming **Monday, 11th August at Spa Park**. We're looking forward to a fun and competitive day of running. Students should wear their **house colours**, and schedule for the day: -

- 10:15am – Year 7 Girls Competitive Race**
- 10:35am – Year 7 Boys Competitive Race**
- 10:55am – Year 8 Girls Competitive Race**
- 11:15am – Year 8 Boys Competitive Race**
- 11:45am – 1km Fun Run (All students participate)**
- 12:30pm – House Relays**

## **Tough Guy & Gal Challenge – Thank You**

A massive **thank you** to all the parents who volunteered to drive and supervise at the **Tough Guy & Gal Challenge**. Your help made it possible for so many students to enjoy this muddy, challenging, and exciting event!

## **Coaching Visits: Rugby & Badminton**

This term, we welcome coaches from **King Country Rugby** and **Kiwi Sport Badminton** into school to run coached sessions with students on **Thursday**.

A friendly reminder that all **students** must be in the correct **PE uniform** to take part:

- **Blue PE top**
- **Plain black shorts**

White T-shirts, blue school skorts or shorts are not part of the PE uniform and students wearing these will unfortunately not be able to participate.

**Thank you for your continued support and look forward to cheering on TIS in the Semi Finals of the local Winter Sport Leagues.**





# T.I.S. SPORTS PHOTOS





# COMMUNITY SPORT EVENTS

## Upcoming events Up to end of 2025

We have planned a series of town rogaine events starting from late August until the end of the year. So mark the dates in your calendar.

- Details will be publicised closer to the events.
- Start times will be between 10.30 and 11.30am
- Entry will be via EnterO
- We are hosting one of the events for the Northern Regional championships weekend on our new map Opepe. This will be a great event and will have courses for all ages and abilities.

### Taupo 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rogaine Series

Date	Map	Event Courses (Classes)	System
7 <sup>th</sup> September	Tongariro Domain	F60: Foot Rogaine 60 Minutes	Clip cards
21 <sup>st</sup> September	Brentwood	F60: Foot Rogaine 60 minutes	Clip cards
		M60: MTB Rogaine 60 minutes	Clip cards
5 <sup>th</sup> October	3 Mile Bay	F60: Foot Rogaine 60 minutes	Clip cards
		M60: MTB Rogaine 60 minutes	Clip cards
19 <sup>th</sup> October	Botanical Gardens	F60: Foot Rogaine 60 minutes	Sportident
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Spa Park	F60: Foot Rogaine 60 minutes	Sportident

Entry fees (includes 1 copy of the map)

Online:

- Individuals \$7 for members and \$12 for non-members
- Teams \$12 for members and \$17 for non-members
- Extra maps for teams: \$3 for members and \$6 for non-members.
- \$5 to Hire Sportident




## JUNIOR & MINI MASTERS 2025

**24 - 26 SEPTEMBER**

**WEDNESDAY 24**  
12pm Registration / Putting Champs  
9-Hole Ambrose - Tauhara 89

**THURSDAY 25**  
9 & 18 Hole Stroke Play - Centennial  
Long Drive at Taupo Golf Club

**FRIDAY 26**  
9 & 18 Hole Stroke Play - Tauhara  
Prizegiving

ENTRIES CLOSE  
WEDNESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER  
ENTER ONLINE  
[www.taupojunormasters.golfgenius.com](http://www.taupojunormasters.golfgenius.com)

**#LOVETAUPŌ**  
16TH TAUHARA PARTY HOLE

**9 HOLES**

entry fee  
**MINI**  
\$50 entry

**18 HOLES**

entry fee  
**JUNIOR**  
\$90 entry

**1 OVERALL WINNER**  
2 X AGE GROUP DIVISIONS, STROKE & STABLEFORD PRIZES

U17 BOYS U17 GIRLS U13 BOYS/GIRLS 9 HOLES BOYS/GIRLS

TAUPO JUNIOR GOLF & MINI MASTERS 2025 PROUDLY SPONSORED BY

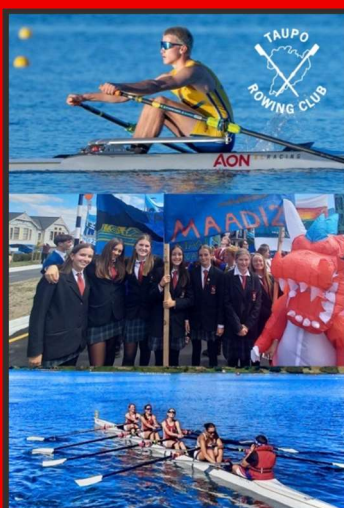










## Always Wanted to Start Rowing? Here's Your Chance!

Free Learn to Row Programme  
For Students Years 8 - 13  
Starts Sunday 17 August 2025

- Fun and friendly club
- Enhance your teamwork skills
- Get competitive and race if you want to, or just soak up the good vibes and have fun out on the water!
- Coxswain places also available - a great way for year 7 & 8 students to learn about rowing

For more info, email us at [info@tauporowing.co.nz](mailto:info@tauporowing.co.nz), check us out on facebook or visit our website to register at [tauporowing.co.nz](http://tauporowing.co.nz)



# T.I.S CULTURAL TOUR

**Kia Ora mai tātou e te whānau kanikani, te whānau waiatatia, me te whānau haka!**

It has been a busy term getting ready for the Give Back Cultural Tour. I have seen our students and teachers from our School Band, our Dance Crews and Our Kapahaka getting along and making friendships from this beautiful positive ordeal. I am very humbled to be a part of it all. I am so glad Matua Hone asked our group to be a part of it because it is an experience that I will treasure forever. Haka people love music and performing, we also love to be around like minded people that share our passion. Thank you to all of our supporters, we can't make things happen without you. From drop offs to pick ups, kai preparation for our weekend practices and making sure that students have all their Haka gears. Every little thing helps. Haka with Te Tira Kapahaka o Taupō Taniwha has been incredible. I am so proud of every member. We are so ready for Taiopenga! That's enough from me. Here's a little kōrero from 1 of our Kaihaka, Guadalupe.

**Nōku te honore, nā Kōkā.**

## Why do you love kapahaka?

I always love to go to kapahaka, I think it is a safe place and I always want it to be Wednesday so I can go there. I love it because of the people. When we're singing with my friends and everyone I always smile, because I really enjoy it. Kapahaka is not only about singing but is also about being a family and a team.

**Guadalupe**

## The Concert Experience.

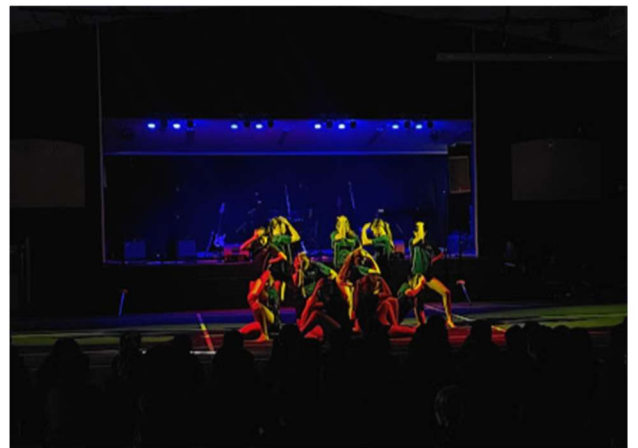
As we got to the school our palms were sweaty, this was the first performance for the day. We watched the Kapa Haka then the dance, then it was our time. As we got onto that stage everyone started clapping. We got into our positions and Aaliya the lead singer introduced our band members. Once that was finished we introduced our first song, which was Valerie by Amy Winehouse. After that was done we moved on to our next song. Into Yesterday by Sugar Ray was our next song. We finished the next song and everyone was getting into all the songs we performed. After that song I hyped up the crowd. They loved it. After that we moved on to our next song. This song was sung by Linkin Park, In the End. This song is a Rap song and everyone was enjoying it. After this song was finished everyone clapped. Then the second to last song came up. Wherever you will go by The Calling. This was a slow and nice song that got everyone ready for the last song. After we finished this last song I got ready and announced the last song, Before you leave by Six60, but before we started we introduced a new member of the band Piggy, he was on our drums and was like our good luck charm. Then the last song. I got ready and the Kapa Haka and dance started clapping with the song. It was beautiful. As it got closer to the end we got sad to finish. Then the last song finished and the biggest applause came our way. Once that was done we all got on stage and started singing He Honore all together. The we said our last goodbye and headed back to school.

**Aaliya Singh**



# T.I.S CULTURAL TOUR

## PHOTOS



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# 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)

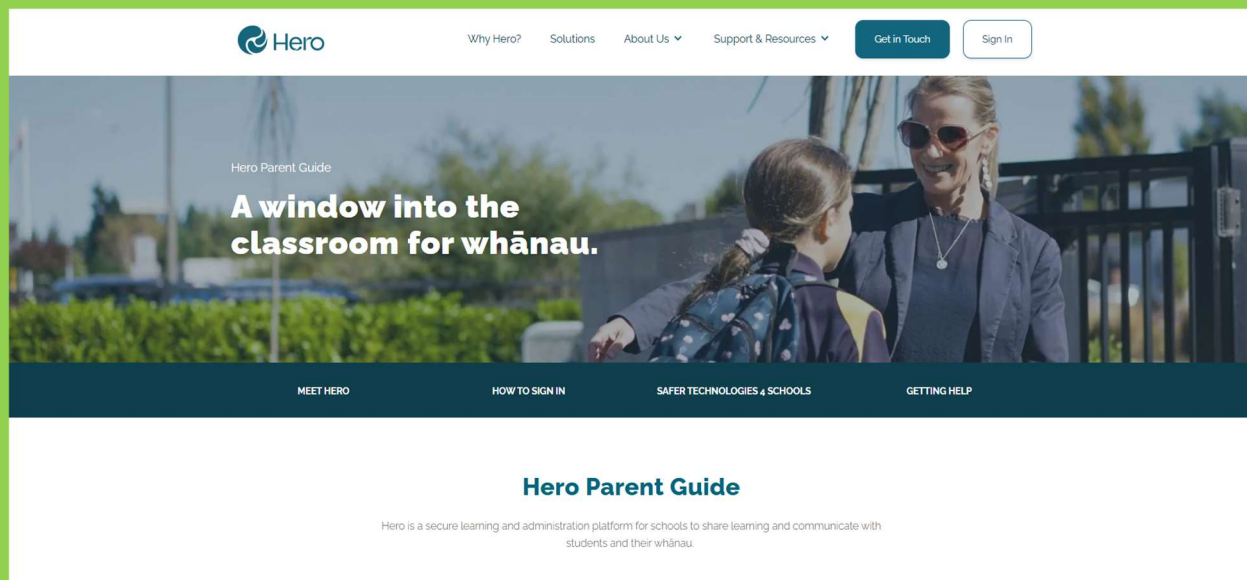


**Sushi & Indian cuisine can be ordered at**

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

## HERO-PARENT GUIDE

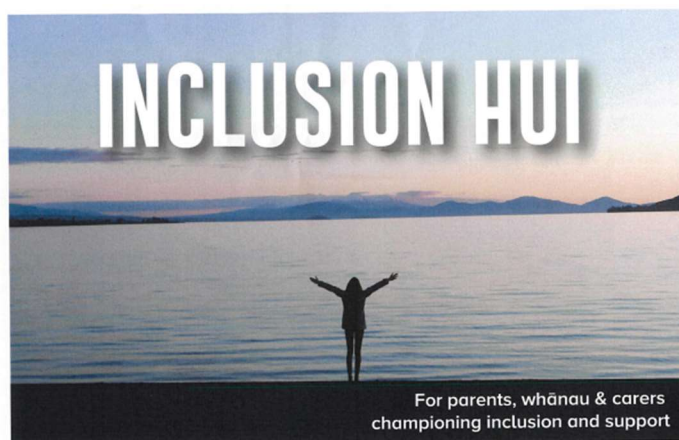
Website for parents for help with HERO <https://our-hero.com/parent-guide>



# THE SUPPORT HUB



Helping Taupō Timebank spread bark around their facility.  
The boys worked hard and were treated to an ice cream.



For parents, whānau & carers  
championing inclusion and support

Join us to share ideas and help create more  
inclusive activities and opportunities for people  
with additional needs in Taupō.

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August**

12:30<sup>pm</sup> - 2:30<sup>pm</sup> or 6<sup>pm</sup> - 8<sup>pm</sup>  
Function Room at Taupō Events Centre

Light refreshments  
will be provided

RSVP: Mel Humphrey  
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# LOCAL COLLEGE VISITS & ENROLMENTS 2026

## ENROLMENTS FOR 2026

### Taupo-nui-a-Tia College and Tauhara College

In August, both Taupō Colleges will be conducting enrolments for the 2026 year. The following opportunities are available for you to find out more about each college.

Taupo-nui-a-Tia College		Tauhara College	
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> August 9.30am to 12pm	Hilltop, St Patrick's, Mountview	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> August 9.30am to 12pm	Taupo Intermediate B
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> August 9.30am to 12pm	Taupo Intermediate A, Tirohanga, Marotiri, Whakamaru	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> August 9.30am to 12pm	Taupo Intermediate A
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> August 9.30am to 12pm	Taupo Intermediate B	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> August 9.30am to 12pm	Hilltop, Mountview, St Patricks, Rangitiki and other contributing schools
Open Evening - Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> August 2025 6:00pm – 8:30pm Taupo-nui-a-Tia College		Open Evening - Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> August 2025 5:30pm – 7:30pm Tauhara College	

Enrolment information will be given to your child during their school visit. If you have not received a pack by 28th August 2025, please contact either college. If you have any questions or would like further information about either school or your child's future education, please feel free to phone or email us using the contact details below.



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## 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 11<sup>th</sup> August**

School Cross Country Day – Spa Park

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August**

Intraschool Mathmatters

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August**

Dance NZMade

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August**

Taupo-nui-a-Tia & Tauhara College

School visit - Yr 8 Students

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August**

Taupo-nui-a-Tia & Tauhara College

School visit - Yr 8 Students

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August**

Tough Guy Tough Girl Challenge

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August**

Whanaui Engagement Hui 4.45pm-7.10pm

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August**

Taupo Inter Schools Cross Country

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August-Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

AIMS GAMES – Netball, Hockey,

Basketball, Swimming,

Cross Country,

Mountain Biking,

Orienteering (Individuals)

Indoor Bowls

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September**

TIS BOARD MEETING 5.30pm

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September**

Ngati Tuwharetoa Schools Festival (to Friday)

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September**

Kiwi Sport Ripa Rugby

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September**

Mathsmatters – Year 5/6

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September**

Mathsmatters – Year 7/8

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September**

Last day of Term 3

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October**

First day of Term 4