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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.**

We've officially reached the halfway point of Term 3, and it's been a busy and exciting time for our students! Here's a quick update on some of the recent and upcoming highlights.

Board Triennial Elections

The nomination period for this year's triennial Board Elections has now closed, and we're excited to have 15 candidates putting their names forward. We'd like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who has shown an interest in supporting our school's future direction. Three of our current board members - Jason Clarke (Presiding Member), Chris Berriman (Parent Elected), and Brad Graham (Co-opted) - are seeking another three-year term. They are joined by 12 other candidates who are keen to be involved in the TIS journey. We wish all the candidates the very best during the voting process.

Student Successes and Upcoming Events

Yesterday, our **MathsMatters** interclass competition showcased the skills of our top mathematical minds. A huge congratulations to all the students who represented their classes with such fantastic enthusiasm! Our winning teams are now preparing to represent the school at the Interschool MathsMatters competition later this term.

This week, our creative talent is in the spotlight as our individual dancers and dance troops take to the stage for the **Dance NZ Made** competition on Thursday and Friday. We are excited for them and wish them the very best!

Looking ahead, the **Zespri AIMS Games** are just a few weeks away. A heartfelt thank you to all the parents, caregivers, and whānau who attended the team meeting on Monday night. Your support and the hard work behind the scenes are what make these incredible sporting opportunities possible for our students.

Property Update: Outdoor Turf Canopy

It's been exciting to watch the rapid progress on our new **outdoor turf canopy**. Over the last two weeks, we've seen the installation frame go up and the electrical wiring installed. This week, the canopy itself has been put on, and next week we look forward to the installation of our new sound system and lighting.

This has been a long-awaited project, and it's fantastic to see it finally come to fruition. The Board is planning an official opening closer to the end of the term, and we know this will be an amazing facility for our entire community to enjoy for years to come.

**Ngā mihi
Brent Woods
Principal/Tumuaki**

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 6th August 2025.

Keep an eye out for voting information as this will be sent to all eligible voters no later than Wednesday 13th 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.

We have a Voting Box in our School Office with a list of the Candidates:

Existing Board Members:

Jason Clarke – Presiding member (parent elected)
Chris Berriman – Finance committee (parent elected)
Brad Graham – co-op elected

New Candidates:

Lauren Anderson-Carr
Fiona Bell
Simon Bendall
Pia Carpenter
Emily Kara
Jagdeep Kaur
Monika Kumar
Raelene McCarthy
Fiona Miller
Ebony Paaka
Hamish Robertson
Tracey Sainsbury

The voting will close at 4pm on Wednesday 10th September and the results will be available on Tuesday 16th 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.



T.I.S. SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR NEWS

We started our week with the TIS Cross Country Championships. It was a beautiful winter's day – perfect conditions for some great running – and our athletes did not disappoint. Three school records were only narrowly missed by a matter of seconds. It was fantastic to see so many students get involved, whether in the competitive race or the social run. Well done to our overall medallists

	YEAR 7 GIRLS	YEAR 7 BOYS	YEAR 8 GIRLS	YEAR 8 BOYS
1st	NYLA GRIGG	BEN PRIDHAM	KIARA BULLOCK	PABLO STEWART
2nd	SKYE CONWAY	LUCA MCKENZIE	LOLA BRADLEY	CHAD ATKINSON
3rd	KAURI CRABB	JACK GIBSON	SOPHIE LYONS	HUNTER TAZEWell

Team Winners: Ruapheu

We wish our TIS champions the very best of luck as they go forward to represent our school at the **Taupō Inter-Schools** on **Tuesday, 26th September**.

We now enter the final week of Winter Sports with Semi-Finals and Finals for Netball and Hockey. In Netball, **TIS Pulse, Magic, Rebels, and Force** are playing for 1st and 2nd place, while TIS **Steel, Stellar, and Stars** are competing for 3rd and 4th.

In Hockey, **TIS Quick sticks**, undefeated all season, are through to the Final, and **TIS Stars and TIS Thunders** through to the Semi-Finals in their division.

In school, we still have Kiwi Sports, Rippa Rugby, and Badminton running. The **Rippa Rugby Tournament** will be held on **Tuesday, 16th September**, and we envisage taking 8 teams. If anyone can help with managing a team on the day, it would be greatly appreciated.

The popular **Tough Guy & Gal Challenge** is on **Wednesday, 20th August**. Final details have been sent out on the app – we're looking forward to a wet, fun, and muddy day out! Thank you to all the parents helping on the day.

Good luck to all our teams playing this week, and a huge thank you to our coaches and team managers. We couldn't do this without you – you've given our students the opportunity to play, grow, and achieve their goals.



SAUSAGE SIZZLE FUNDRAISER

Saturday 16th August 10am at PAK'nSAVE

Support our Taupo Intermediate
Hockey team heading to **AIMS GAMES!**





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 50th Anniversary Rogaine Series

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

#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

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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, check us out on facebook or visit our website to register at tauporowing.co.nz










SPEECH WRITTEN BY **JAYDE WIGGAN RM 21**

The power of accountability:

Honestly! I think accountability is one of the most important things we need more of in our school. It might sound like a big word, but it's really just about being honest and taking responsibility. It means not blaming someone else or making excuses—just owning your actions. If more people actually took responsibility, things would feel way better here. Less drama. More trust. More respect. So let me ask you: **What kind of school do we want to be part of?** One where people make excuses? Or one where we take responsibility and have each other's backs? Here are three reasons why accountability matters.

Reason 1: Accountability Builds Trust

We all mess up sometimes—that's just life. But what really matters is how we respond. If you own it and say, "Yeah, I messed up," people respect that way more than if you lie or pretend it didn't happen. Trust isn't about being perfect. It's about being honest. And trust is what holds friendships, teams, and classrooms together. If you own your mistakes, people trust you more. One study found that teams who took responsibility had way more trust—**42% more**—than teams who didn't. So think about it: Would you rather hang out with someone who's real and honest, or someone who hides everything and blames others?

Reason 2: Accountability Helps You Grow

You can't improve if you're always pointing fingers. Accountability means saying, "That was me, and I'll try to fix it." That's how you grow—in school, in friendships, in life. Even famous athletes and leaders talk about their mistakes and how they learned from them. Growth comes from owning your actions, not hiding from them. So do you want to stay the same, or actually get better from your mistakes?

Reason 3: Accountability Affects Everyone

When people don't take responsibility, it drags everyone else down. It's like a ripple effect. Think about a group project when someone doesn't do their part, or when a friend won't admit they were wrong. It builds tension. It causes drama. But when someone steps up and says, "That's on me," it changes everything. Accountability isn't loud, but it's powerful. And it spreads. So why let one person's lack of accountability mess things up for everyone?

In Conclusion

Accountability isn't just about admitting when you mess up. It's about being real, even when it's easier to pretend. It's the difference between a school where people fake it, and one where we have each other's backs. I'm not saying we need to be perfect—but if we were all a little more honest and responsible, things would change.

Don't you want that? I know I do.

So if you want things to change, it starts with accountability. Own your actions. Be real. And don't wait for someone else to act first.

Let's be the kind of school where people step up—not step back.

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)

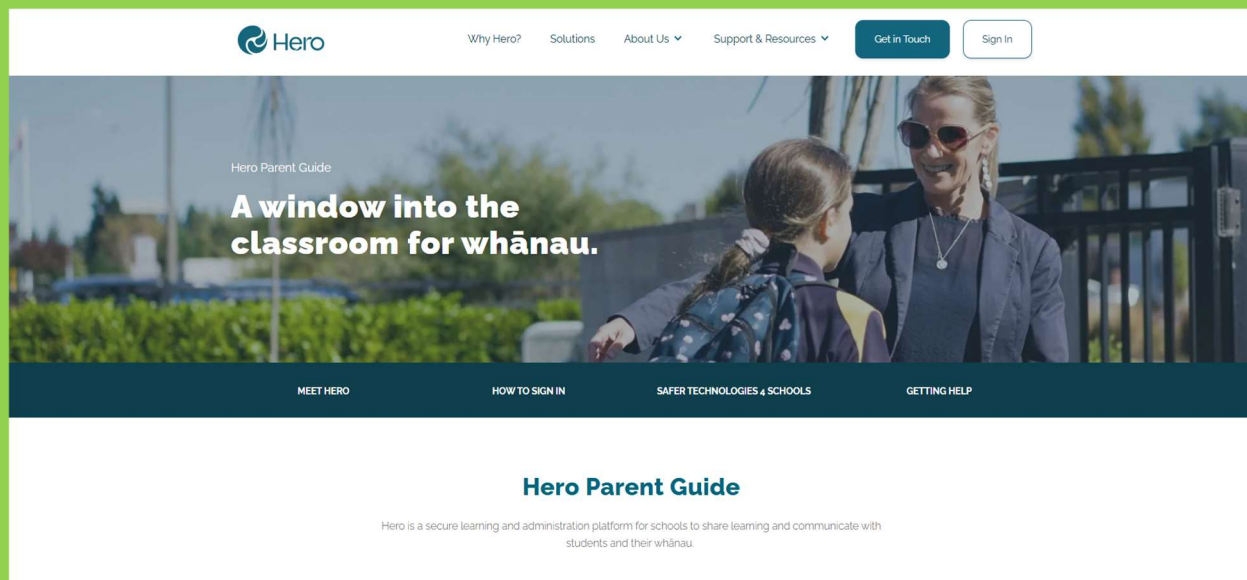


Sushi & Indian cuisine can be ordered at

**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>



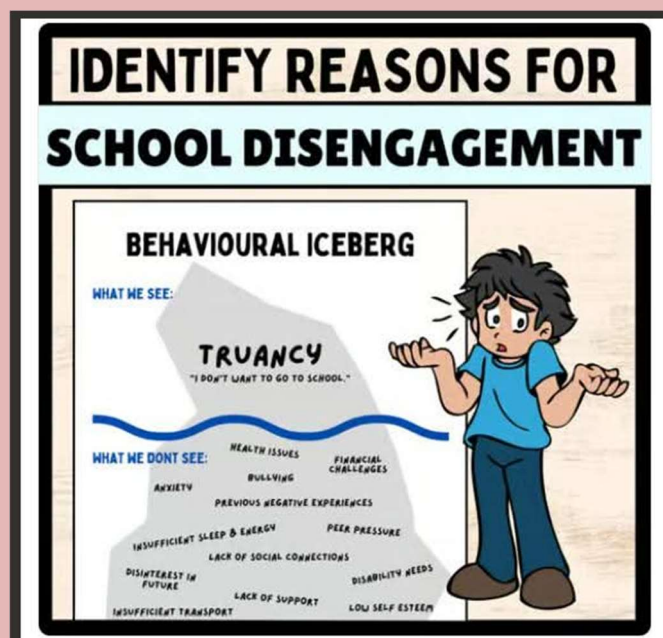
THE SUPPORT HUB

Just a reminder to families that if your child arrives late to school during the day, they **MUST** sign in at the office first. If you have sent a message to school about a reason for them being late (appointment/tutoring etc) they still must sign in when they arrive.

This also applies to leaving the school grounds early. If your child needs to leave for an appointment or tutoring, please collect them from the office and sign them out.



A group of students getting ready to be involved with Clean up week with the Taupō District Council. Our students are using the TIS values: Getting Involved and Showing Respect for the environment.



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



Taupo-nui-a-Tia

COLLEGE



WIN A FREE UNIFORM

Prizes valued at over \$500.00
two sets to win!

Enrol your year 9 Student
at Taupo-nui-a-Tia College
before 6/10/2025

and be in to win a free
school uniform

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

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)
Indoor Bowls**

Monday 8th September

TIS BOARD MEETING 5.30pm

Tuesday 9th September

Ngati Tuwharetoa Schools Festival (to Friday)

Tuesday 16th September

Kiwi Sport Rippa Rugby

Wednesday 17th September

Mathsmatters – Year 5/6

Thursday 18th September

Mathsmatters – Year 7/8

Friday 19th September

Last day of Term 3

Monday 6th October

First day of Term 4