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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.**

What a busy week it has been at Taupō Intermediate! We're proud of our students for their enthusiastic participation in a wide range of activities and grateful to everyone who helped make them happen.

College Visits and Choices

Our Year 8 students had an excellent opportunity this week, visiting Taupō-nui-a-Tia College and Tauhara College. A huge thank you to both colleges for their warm welcome and for showcasing the fantastic opportunities available for our students. These visits are a key part of helping your child make a well-informed decision about their secondary education. We hope many of you were able to attend the recent information evenings as well.

Adventures and Achievements

On Wednesday, our students were inspired by a visit from author Des Hunt, who shared his passion for storytelling with us. Meanwhile, a large group of our students got down and dirty at the Tough Guy Tough Girl Mud Challenge, showing great teamwork and resilience.

The next day, our school band 'Music Overdrive' had an incredible half-day experience at a local recording studio. A special thank you to AVP team for giving our students a glimpse into the world of professional music production. It was a truly memorable experience.

Community and Connection

We held our second Māori Whānau Engagement Hui this week. While we were disappointed that our kapa haka group couldn't perform due to their kaitiaki (guardian) being unwell, the hui was a success. It was a valuable opportunity to share the school's direction with the community and to get your feedback. Thank you to the board, staff, and parents who attended.

A Note on Industrial Action

Like many schools across the country, we've had some disruptions this week due to industrial matters. We had two PPTA staff members on strike on Wednesday and our NZEI staff attending a Paid Union Meeting on Friday afternoon.

Please know that we do our best to continue providing quality learning for our students with reduced staffing during these times. We appreciate your understanding and continued support as the government and unions work to resolve these matters.

**Ngā mihi
Brent Woods
Principal/Tumuaki**



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

Sports Bulletin

It's been another great week at TIS with the conclusion of the **Taupo Association Winter Sport Leagues**.

In **netball**, it was fantastic to see all our teams come together and play so well. Thinking back to that very first Saturday back in May, the improvement across the board has been outstanding.

- Our **Year 8 Pulse** team had a nail-biting final that went into extra time, narrowly missing out by just one goal. They battled right to the end.
 - **Magic** saved their best game for last, winning the **Year 7/8 League** and being crowned **Intermediate Champions**.
 - **TIS Mystic** also had a nail-biting match against Hilltop, matching goal for goal but unfortunately just missing out by 1 goal 24-23. But great to watch
- **TIS Rebels** finished 2nd in their division, with **Stellar** and **Steel** taking out 3rd and 4th place. This gives our Year 7 teams great confidence looking ahead to next year.
- In the Social Leagues, **Sting** and **Firebirds** played some strong final games, with TIS Sting winning their division. While **Force** impressed with excellent attacking play to finish 2nd.

In **hockey**, the camaraderie and support among players stood out once again – from smart passing and knowing where teammates were, to the cheering from the sidelines. The atmosphere on Wednesday night was electric.

- **TIS Quick sticks** had a tough match in their final against Kura but came through to remain **undefeated all season** and were crowned **2025 Champions**.
- **TIS Stars** won their semi-final 4-2 showing great resilience and belief to secure 3rd place overall.
- **TIS Ice** and **TIS Thunder** had hard-fought semi-finals to close out what has been a challenging but rewarding season.

A huge thank you to all our **parents and coaches** for your time, energy, and support in making these competitions possible. Because of you, our students have the chance to pursue their goals and develop as athletes.

We look forward to celebrating and acknowledging both our players and our coaches at the **Sports Evening on Thursday, 11th September**.

Finally, a special mention to all the students who competed in the **Tough Guy/Gal Challenge** – a muddy but fun-filled day, with plenty of smiles and resilience on show! Thank you again to the parents who supported making this a great day.



T.I.S SPORTS



CO-ORDINATOR 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

#LOVETAUPŌ
16TH TAUHARA PARTY HOLE

ENTRIES CLOSE
WEDNESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER
ENTER ONLINE
www.taupojunormasters.golfgenius.com

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








DANCE NZMADE

Massive congratulations to all those who participated in DanceNZMade last Friday!

We are super proud of every student that got involved. The amount of time and effort put into our performances was outstanding and it all paid off!

We had 85 students involved in 4 performances for TIS. We had 57, yr7&8 students from across the school, all from different classrooms. A mix of dancers and non-dancers wanting to try something new.

Our HipHop Troupe "Rebellious" and Open Group "Soul Bossa Nova", performed with such energy and skill proudly representing our school.

We had 28 students from the Boys Class that performed their Fresh Prince of Bel Air, school inspired performance "Brotherhood". Winning an excellence in choreography award and qualifying for Nationals.

Our Jazz Troupe "Purple Hat" were the Yr 7&8 champions, qualifying for Nationals. They walked away with 1st place in their section and an award in excellence in choreography.

We're very proud of all the students that participated and stepped outside of their comfort zones, performing for a sold-out audience with such passion, skill, and pride.

We hope to continue this level of involvement and success at Nationals in September and into the future.



MATHSMATTERS

📍 Taupo Intermediate School – MathsMatters Results 📅

Congratulations to all our outstanding mathematicians!

Year 8 Results

- 🥇 **1st Place** – Sonny Knox, Benji Farrar, Pablo Stewart
- 🥈 **2nd Place** – Joseph White, Angus Eyre, Martin Jung
- 🥉 **3rd Place** – Josh Bradcock, Patrick Wilson, Reid Pepper

Year 7 Results

- 🥇 **1st Place** – Ella Newth, Indigo Hendra, Kauri Crabb
- 🥈 **2nd Place** – Aiden Zheng, Samuel Mariu-Schultz, Ari Khaleb
- 🥉 **3rd Place** –
 - Sadev Thelge, Andy Berriman, Owen Walk
 - Aaron Huang, Matthew Riddington, Kyle Wrigley

📝 Next Steps:

The **1st and 2nd place teams** from each year level will be representing our school at the **Maths Matters regional competition in Week 10.**

More details will be shared with those students and their families soon.

Well done to everyone who took part – we're proud of your effort and teamwork!



GUITAR LESSONS

- Learn to play your favourite songs!
- Group or individual lessons
- Lessons done at school

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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



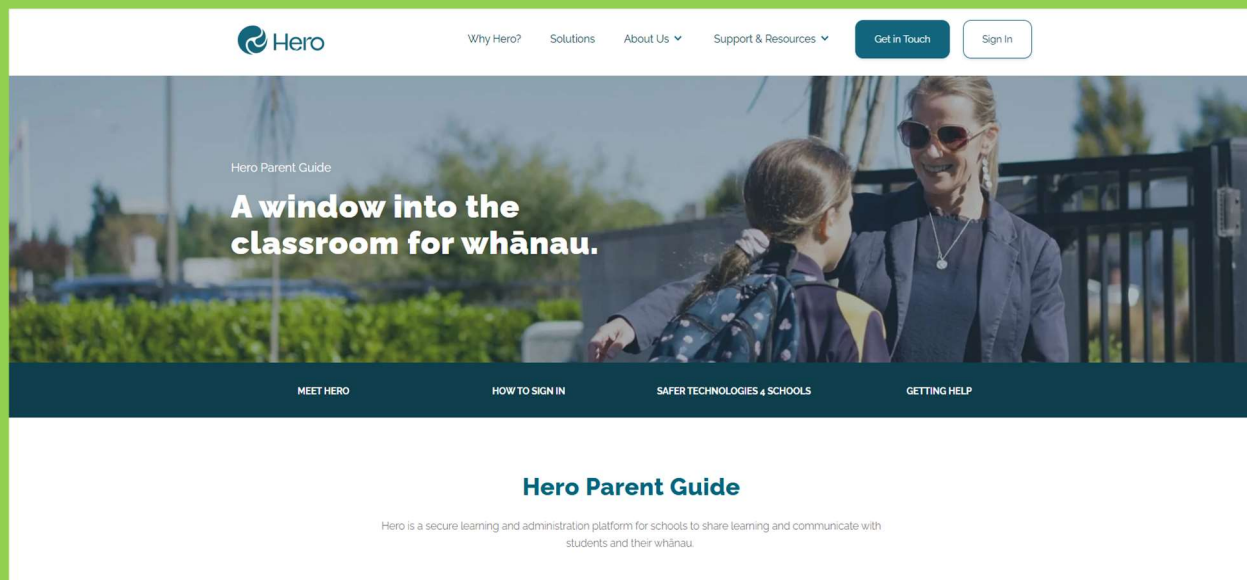
NB: Please note there is no longer any pre ordering of any lunch orders in classrooms
(Please download our School HERO app to view the Tuckshop Menu)



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

A local clean up week was held last week amongst our local schools. We had a few students from TIS volunteer to help clean up our school grounds, the field between us and the hospital and the streets surrounding our school.

Thank you to Ella, Sophie, Indigo, Juno, Sadie, Olive, Mansanjh, Parneet, and Terry.
Some of the girls completed posters to support this cause.



Schools lost property is getting very overloaded. If your child has lost a fleece, it could possibly be in this pile. Please come to Room 13 to check. Alternatively, ensure your child's clothing is clearly labelled so it can be returned to them.



The weather is still chilly so it would be great for our students to be wearing the correct uniform of a blue zip up fleece or navy shell jacket with the school logo on it.



Some of our students spent some time at Real offices connecting with staff and each other.



Taupo-nui-a-Tia

COLLEGE



**WIN
A FREE
UNIFORM**

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

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

and be in to win a free
school uniform

TAUPO-NUI-A-TIA COLLEGE PRESENTS
In collaboration with Taupo Intermediate



PROJECT
Movement

29TH August 2025 || Great Lake Centre
TICKETS AVAILABLE VIA EVENTBRITE
or SCAN THE QR CODE



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

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

Lockdown Practice with Harrison Tew

TIS BOARD MEETING 5.30pm

Tuesday 9th September

Ngati Tuwharetoa Schools Festival (to Friday)

Wednesday 10th September

**Yr 7 & 8 - Fluoride Visits – Dental Nurses
(Classes will be called into the Library)**

Friday 12th September

**Ngāti Tūwharetoa Taiopenga Kapa Haka Festival
Taupō Intermediate on at 10.00am**

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