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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 has been another exciting and action-packed week at our school, filled with a strong focus on both academic growth and a celebration of our students' many talents.

This week began with the return of Selena Hinchco from Coactive Education. She continued her invaluable work with our leadership and teaching teams on a significant professional development project. This initiative, which will run until the end of 2026, is dedicated to developing structured and consistent explicit teaching practices. It has been fantastic to see our staff present on their progress and showcase the positive changes they are already making in the classroom.

Celebrations and Successes

Monday afternoon was a showcase of powerful voices at our school speech competition. Congratulations to every student who represented their team and presented their speech with such confidence. A special well done to this year's winners, **Jade Wiggan** (Year 7) and **Angus Eyre** (Year 8).

Our athletes showed incredible grit and determination at the Taupō Schools Cross Country competition on Tuesday. Our teams once again performed outstandingly, and we are thrilled to announce they have retained the **Year 7 & 8 Schools Cross Country Shield!** A huge congratulations to all our runners on this fantastic achievement.

The performing arts take centre stage tonight, with some of our dance troupes performing at the Great Lake Centre and our school rock band competing in the Banquet 2025 heats in Hamilton. We wish them all the very best for their performances and look forward to hearing about their successes.

Thank you to all the parents, caregivers, and whānau for your ongoing support and encouragement. Your involvement is key to our students' success and helps them live out our 'involvement' value every day.

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.



TAKING SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Here's an update about your Taupo Intermediate Staff
Board Election.

Voting Return Rate

9.72%

Days Until Voting Closes

15

*****REMINDER TO PLEASE VOTE (NB: These stats were as at the 27th of August 2025) *****

Please note that these totals only include online voting, as paper-based votes are counted after the close of voting.



T.I.S SPORTS



CO-ORDINATOR NEWS

TIS Sports Bulletin

It has been another action-packed week of sport for TIS!

Basketball Finals

On Monday, the **TIS Ballers** proved they are ready for the AIMS Games by winning the **2025 Intermediate League**. They showed great teamwork and sharp shooting to beat **St Patrick's** in the final – an awesome effort by the boys!

Taupo Inter-Schools Cross Country

Tuesday saw outstanding results from our runners at the **Taupo Inter-Schools Cross Country**, with TIS dominating across the age groups:

- **Year 7 Girls:** 1st *Nyla Grigg* (new course record), 2nd *Skye Conway*, 3rd *Kauri Crabb*
- **Year 7 Boys:** 1st *Ben Pridham* (new course record), 3rd *Jack Gibson*
- **Year 8 Girls:** 1st *Kiara Bullock* (new course record), 2nd *Lola Bradley*, 3rd *Te Rerewai Meihana*
- **Year 8 Boys:** 1st *Pablo Stewart* (new school record), 3rd *Hunter Tazwell*

Both our **Girls' and Boys' Relay Teams** placed **1st**, helping TIS secure the **Intermediate Cross Country Championship for 2025**. A huge [congratulations](#) to all our runners!

NISS Ski Champs

Our ski team headed up the mountain for the **North Island Secondary Schools Ski Championships**.

For many it was their first time ski racing, and they did incredibly well in tough competition. **Isla Dearlove** finished **2nd in local slalom**, and **Aidan Zheng** placed **3rd in local slalom**, both outstanding results against strong fields.

KiwiSport Tasters & Rippa Rugby

This week students enjoyed **KiwiSport badminton tasters**, which were a big hit. Thanks also to **King Country Rugby**, who have been running **Rippa Rugby sessions** at school. A note will be sent out next week on the app for those keen to play in the **Kings Country Rippa Rugby Tournament**, with details on how to register online.

We are still looking for **team managers** for Rippa Rugby on **Tuesday 16th September** – please contact the Sports Office if you can help.

Winter Sports Uniforms

A reminder that **all winter sports uniforms** need to be returned as soon as possible to Libby in the Sports Office. We will be having our Winter Sports Award Evening on Thursday 11th September. We would love to see as many students and parents there as possible.

Good Luck at AIMS Games!

Finally, we wish the very best of luck to all our students competing at the **2025 AIMS Games** next week. Thank you to the parents, coaches, and team managers who have supported and fundraised to get our athletes there. Go hard, play fair, and be the best you can be – we can't wait to hear how you go!



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CO-ORDINATOR PHOTOS





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2025 TIS AIMS RUGBY 7S

HUNTER TAZEWEILL ZACHARY YOUNG HECTOR MARTIN JACKSON WILSON

JOSEF ARNOLD COACH DOM ARNOLD TEAM MANAGER DEANNE PARKES TEAM MANAGER ROSHELLE ORMSBY

2025 TIS AIMS RUGBY 7S

TE RAMAROA ORMSBY DECLAN PENN LACHLAN BURLEY AJ BROADBENT

PADDY PARKES TE OMEKA ORMSBY BROOKE MERCER LUCA BENNETT

Zespri AIMS GAMES

AGE 13 YEARS
SCHOOL TAUPO INTERMEDIATE
SPORT BASKETBALL 5 ASIDE

CAMERON JUTZEN

ZESPRI AIMS GAMES PLAYER CARD

Zespri AIMS GAMES

AGE 12 YEARS
SCHOOL TAUPO INTERMEDIATE
SPORT INDOOR BOWLS

MIKAYLA BLACKBURN

ZESPRI AIMS GAMES PLAYER CARD

Zespri AIMS GAMES

AGE 13 YEARS
SCHOOL TAUPO INTERMEDIATE
SPORT NETBALL

TAUPO PULSE

ZESPRI AIMS GAMES PLAYER CARD

Zespri AIMS GAMES

AGE 13 YEARS
SCHOOL TAUPO INTERMEDIATE
SPORT MOUNTAIN BIKING

LOLA BRADLEY

ZESPRI AIMS GAMES PLAYER CARD

Zespri AIMS GAMES

AGE 11 YEARS
SCHOOL TAUPO INTERMEDIATE
SPORT SWIMMING

SHILOH MCQUINLAN

ZESPRI AIMS GAMES PLAYER CARD

Zespri AIMS GAMES

AGE 11 YEARS
SCHOOL TAUPO INTERMEDIATE
SPORT BMX

KAHLIA CROCKER

ZESPRI AIMS GAMES PLAYER CARD

Zespri AIMS GAMES

AGE 12 YEARS
SCHOOL TAUPO INTERMEDIATE
SPORT HOCKEY

JUSTIN SAINSBURY

ZESPRI AIMS GAMES PLAYER CARD

Zespri AIMS GAMES

AGE 12 YEARS
SCHOOL TAUPO INTERMEDIATE
SPORT HOCKEY

SOPHIE LYONS

ZESPRI AIMS GAMES PLAYER CARD

Zespri AIMS GAMES

AGE 12 YEARS
SCHOOL TAUPO INTERMEDIATE
SPORT HOCKEY

TRISTAN O'REILLY

ZESPRI AIMS GAMES PLAYER CARD

Zespri AIMS GAMES

AGE 12 YEARS
SCHOOL TAUPO INTERMEDIATE
SPORT HOCKEY

KYLE WRIGLEY

ZESPRI AIMS GAMES PLAYER CARD

COMMUNITY SPORT EVENTS

classic builders

JUNIOR & MINI MASTERS 2025

24 - 26 SEPTEMBER

WEDNESDAY 24
12pm Registration / Putting Champs
9-Hole Ambrose - Tauhara B9

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 \$50
18 HOLES entry fee \$90

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

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

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)

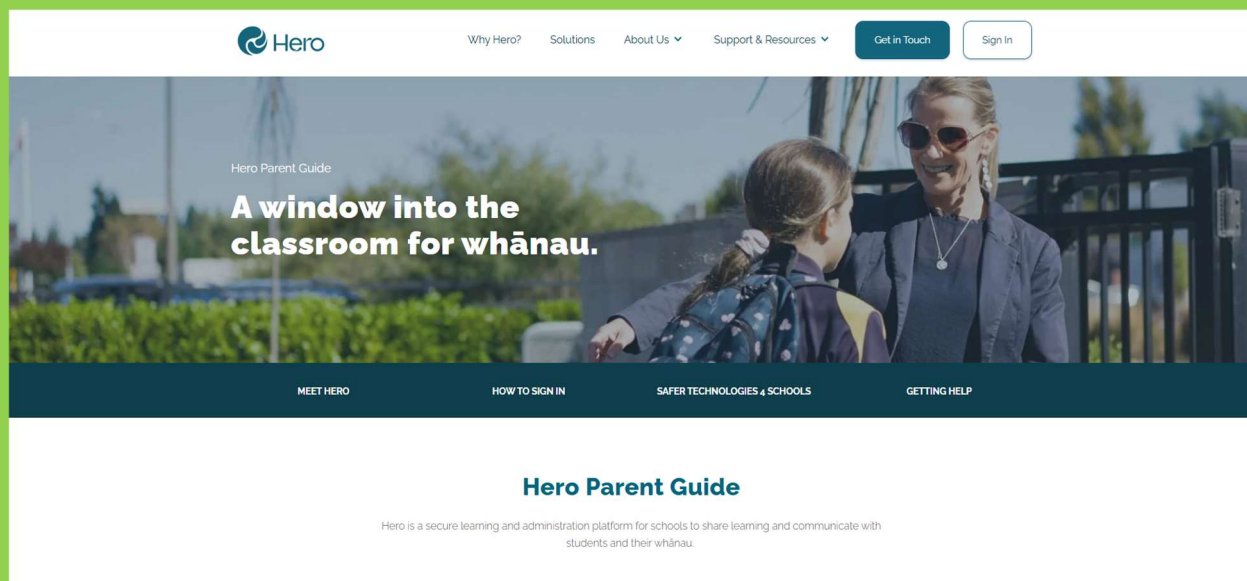


Sushi & Indian cuisine can be ordered at

**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

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.

Boys come over to the Support Hub for a bit of quiet time. Here they are working together creating Robots with our Lego Education Spike kit. Turn taking, sharing, negotiating, instructing, listening and developing friendships.



TAUPO-NUI-A-TIA & TAUHARA COLLEGE

Out of zone ballots for both schools.

Closes on the 10th of September.

Tauhara ballot can be found on their Facebook page.

Nui ballot can be found on their website under zoning information.

It will be drawn on September 11th. Families notified on September 12th.

Schools will send a confirmation email when the application is received to the families.



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



BE IN TO WIN!

A FREE SCHOOL UNIFORM

*To encourage early
enrolments:*

Enrol your year 9
at Tauhara College
before the 10th September to be
in to win a free uniform

TAUHARA COLLEGE

COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE, TINO Ū TOU HIRANGA



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

Friday 29th August-Friday 5th September

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

Monday 1st September

John Parsons Cyber Safety 5.30pm – TIS School Hall

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)

Thursday 11th September

TIS Winter Sports Evening - 7pm

Friday 12th September

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

Tuesday 16th September

Kiwi Sport Rippa Rugby
Year 8 Vaccinations 9am-12noon in the Hall

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