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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.

Welcome Back to Term 4!

Welcome back to a term that is always one of the most exciting, **challenging, and rewarding** at intermediate school - Term 4! While it's an eleven-week term, it's absolutely packed with important events and learning opportunities for all our students.

Accelerating Our Learning

The first major focus is on seeing how far our students have come. Over the next three weeks, we will be conducting our second round of school-wide **formative assessments** in **reading, writing, and mathematics**. We are eagerly looking forward to seeing the results of all the hard work from terms past. The goal for many students has been to achieve accelerated learning, meaning an improvement of two or more sub-levels in each of these core learning areas. This is a significant challenge, and we can't wait to celebrate those who meet it!

Maths Matters Competition

Next week, the competitive spirit kicks in with our annual **Maths Matters Competition** for our Year 7 & 8 students. This event showcases some incredible mathematical talent and problem-solving skills. Please join us in wishing our teams the very best of luck as they compete on **Thursday, October 16th, at 6:00 pm!**

EOTC Adventures

One of the highlights of Term 4 is the chance for classes to get out of the classroom and explore. During **weeks 3 to 7**, all students will have the exciting opportunity to participate in a two-day **Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) excursion**. These adventures are designed to challenge and grow students' teamwork and resilience, including thrilling activities like **rock climbing, an overnight stay at Memorial Hut, and white-water rafting!** More specific details will come from your student's teacher soon.

Looking Ahead: 2026

The busyness of the term also comes with a significant focus on the future. We will be welcoming our incoming students with **orientation days and school visits for our 2026 Year 7's**. Simultaneously, we are ensuring all our current **Year 8 students are successfully enrolled** and prepared for their move to secondary school next year.

Celebrating Achievement

Before the term ended, it was fantastic to celebrate so many students achieving the bronze, silver, and gold levels in the prestigious **Bevan Docherty, Donovan Bixley, and Principal's Awards**. We look forward to continuing this celebration of thinking, involvement and showing respect and character development at our next **celebration assembly** early this term. We encourage everyone - students and whānau alike - to embrace the pace of Term 4. Let's make it our most successful term yet!

Ngā mihi
Brent Woods
Principal/Tumuaki

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



BOARD CORNER



The Taupo Intermediate School Board members

Board members listed

Jason Clarke - co-opted parent member - Presiding Member until February 2026 meeting.

Simon Bendall - elected parent member - Deputy Presiding Member

Deanne Parkes - elected parent member

Fiona Miller - elected parent member

Tracey Sainsbury - elected parent member

Chris Te Whare - co-opted parent member

Brad Graham - co-opted parent member

Calida Brunton - elected staff representative

Brent Woods - Principal

Next board meeting is scheduled for Monday 20th October at 5.30pm

**We would like to congratulate those who
have joined our board.**

**Thank you to all our whanau and families who took part in the
school board elections this year.**



T.I.S SPORTS



CO-ORDINATOR NEWS

TIS Sports Bulletin – Week 1, Term 4

Welcome back everyone! We hope you all had a great holiday break.

A few of our students were in action over the holidays, proudly representing TIS at national and regional events.

Equestrian:

Our TIS Equestrian Team competed in the *North Island Secondary Schools Equestrian Event* — New Zealand's largest junior Team multi-disciplinary competition.

The team of **Maddie Mathews, Addison Rennie, Lucy Terry, and Zoe Stafford** placed **4th overall** in the Year 7/8 Team Championship!

- 1st – Arena Eventing
- 3rd – CTR (Endurance Riding), with points earned by Maddie
- 6th – Dressage
- 5th – Show Jumping/Show Hunter

A fantastic result and a true team effort – well done girls!

Cycling & Mountain Biking:

Our TIS Mountain Bikers travelled to Nelson for the *NZSS Mountain Biking Championships*. On a short, fast, and technical course, **Stanley Newman** claimed **Silver** in the Year 7 Boys race, while **Pablo Stewart** finished **5th** in the Year 8s. Together with **George Newman**, they combined to take **2nd place in the Composite Mixed Teams Relay**.

A great trip away and another strong showing from our talented riders!

Road Cycling:

Lola Bradley swapped her mountain bike for a road bike to race in the *NZSS Cycling Championships*. After leading the road race for much of the day, she finished **6th in the sprint** and backed it up with another **6th in the Points Race**.

Summer Sports Begin:

Touch Rugby kicked off on Wednesday — awesome to see so many TIS students out playing across the fields!

Our **10 Volleyball teams** start their season this Friday at the Events Centre. Huge thanks to **Mrs Wood** for all her hard work organising the teams and fixtures.

Upcoming Events:

- **Tuesday 15th October** – King's Country Rippa Rugby Final
- **Friday 17th October** – Super 11 Touch
- **Friday 31st October** – Super 11 Volleyball
- **Wed 5th–Fri 7th November** – Beach Challenge & Triathlon
- **Monday 10th November** – TIS Athletics Championships (qualifiers held at school; finalists compete at Owen Delany Park)
- **Wednesday 12th November** – Taupō Inter-Schools Athletics
- **Friday 14th November** – Super 11 Cricket
- **Friday 21st November** – Super 11 Athletics
- **Thursday 27th November** – Kiwi Sport Boys Cricket

It's shaping up to be a busy and exciting Term 4 of sport — good luck to all our teams and athletes!

Sam Warriner

TIS Sport Coordinator



T.I.S SPORTS



PHOTOS



STUDENT OF THE WEEK KATIE KRUSE (R3)

This week we proudly celebrate Katie Kruse for demonstrating the T.I.S. Way, not only at school, but out in our Taupō community as well.

Katie recently caught the attention of a local parent who shared a heart-warming story about her kindness and empathy at a neighbourhood park. Katie took the time to include a young child in her play, helping him feel safe and confident to join in and have fun.

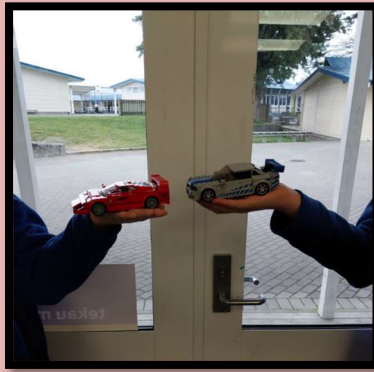
Her actions are a wonderful example of what it means to Think, be Involved, and Show respect — the values we uphold every day at Taupō Intermediate.

Ka rawe, Katie! You make us all proud to have you representing T.I.S. wherever you go.



THE SUPPORT HUB

During term 3, some students attended the Bricks Club in room 14, where they had to work as a team to complete Lego models. Bricks club is to help students with developing clear, concise communication skills and interpersonal skills. The teams completed two models of cars as shown above.



A new Granny reader session has started this term. 12 very fortunate students have been chosen to go and read with our 4 lovely Grannies who come and volunteer a few hours of their time to listen to our students and work on literacy sounds.

He Kāhui Tāngata Trust

He Kāhui Tāngata Trust offer one on one community mentoring for young people aged between 9-13 years. The tamaiti is matched one on one with a safe and trusted adult.

All mentors are volunteers and must have attended an "Introduction to Mentoring workshop" and passed a police vetting clearance.

The tamaiti spends up to two hours each week participating in various, fun, new activities with their mentor.

We aim to offer the tamaiti new experiences and allow a safe space for them to be themselves.

Agencies, school and whanau can refer a tamaiti to the program.

THE SUPPORT HUB

Term 3 Summary

How many students regularly attended school this term?

Regular Attendance

39%

Compared to 42% in Term 3, 2024

Irregular Absence 36%

Compared to 37% in Term 3, 2024

Moderate Absence 15%

Compared to 13% in Term 3, 2024

Chronic Absence 11%

Compared to 8% in Term 3, 2024

What were the main reasons given for absence this term?

1. (M) Illness / Medical Absence 57%
2. (J) Explained and Approved 14%
3. (G) Holiday 10%
4. (T) Unexplained / Trivial 8%
5. (E) Accepted (but unjustified) 7%

How many students were on time to class?

61% of students were on time to class

Definition of lateness depends on school attendance policy.

Family Works Parenting Programme

Looking for parenting advice and support?

Children who grow up with parents equipped with the skills to be effective parents are less likely to have negative social and health outcomes in later life.

Helps with:

- Developing parenting confidence
- Communicating clear expectations to children
- Maintaining supportive whānau relationships
- Strengthening sense of whanaungatanga (connection)
- Learning coping strategies for parenting stress
- Getting support to communicate with children
- Strengthen relationships
- Creating an Individual Support Plan catered to specific parenting needs
- Learning about other local support agencies

For details/to register, contact:

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Content:

An initial assessment then
7 two-hour sessions over 3.5 days

9:30am - 2:30pm
14th, 16th, 21st and 23rd October 2025

1. Introduction, foundations for successful parenting
2. Modelling behaviour, "how to play with your child"
3. Parenting styles
4. Positive attention, encouragement, praise and rewards
5. Ages and stages of development
6. The teenage brain
7. Tree of life, key messages, celebration



Presbyterian Support
New Zealand

THE SUPPORT HUB

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE - CHILDRENS GAMES/MOVIE - SPOT PRIZES OF MEAT PACKS AND FOOD

TĀUPO AGENCY EXPO

TAUPO INTERMEDIATE
SCHOOL HALL

Wednesday
12th
November
2025

2:30PM - 6:00PM



AGENCIES:

- YOUTHTOWN
- BLUELIGHT
- BUDGET HOUSE
- STRENGTHENING FAMILIES
- HE KAHUI TANGATA TRUST
- REAL
- ANAMATA
- COMMUNITY POLICE
- FAMILY FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS
- AND MANY MORE

COME CHAT TO THE
PROFESSIONALS AND
SEE WHAT SUPPORT IS
OUT THERE FOR YOU
AND YOUR WHĀNAU

VOUCHERS - COLLEGE AND INTERMEDIATE ENROLMENT SUPPORT

TI.S IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Walls and Water Camp- Class Dates					
Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 3 20-24 Oct	20 Oct Room 24	21 Oct Rooms 7 & 24	22 Oct Rooms 19 & 7	23 Oct Room 19	24-Oct
Week 4 27-31 Oct	27 Oct Labour Day	28 Oct Room 6	29 Oct Rooms 20 & 6	30 Oct Rooms 2 & 20	31 Oct Room 2
Week 5 3-7 Nov	3 Nov Room 22	4 Nov Rooms 8 & 22	5 Nov Rooms 21 & 8	6 Nov Rooms 1 & 21	7 Nov Room 1
Week 6 10-14 Nov	10-Nov	11 Nov Room 5	12 Nov Rooms 9 & 5	13 Nov Rooms 3 & 9	14 Nov Room 3
Week 7 17-21 Nov	17 Nov Room 23	18 Nov Rooms 25 & 23	19 Nov Rooms 10 & 25	20 Nov Rooms 4 & 10	21 Nov Room 4
Notes: - Each class will attend a one-night camp at Memorial Hut, Mt Ruapehu. - All dates are weather dependent — updates will be communicated to whānau if any changes occur.					

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

TERM 4 – WEEK 1

Monday 6th October

First day of Term 4

Life Education booked for the week

Friday 10th October

Turf Canopy Opening

WEEK 2

Monday 13th October - Life Education booked for the week

Wednesday 15th October - King Country Ripa Rugby Final

Mathsmatters Year 5 & 6

Thursday 16th October - Mathsmatters Year 7 & 8

Friday 17th October - Super 11 Touch

WEEK 3

Monday 20th October - BOARD MEETING 5.30PM

Tuesday 21st October

Principal/Deputy Principal visits to Taupo Primary

Wednesday 22nd October

Principal/Deputy Principal visits to Wairakei Primary

4pm Students who are not at a contributing school to visit TIS

Thursday 23rd October - NZEI Strike Action – School still open

Friday 24th October Teachers Only Day – School Closed

WEEK 4

Monday 27th October - Labour Day – School Closed

Wednesday 29th October

Principal/Deputy Principal Visit to Waipahihi Primary

Thursday 30th October

Principal/Deputy Principal visit to Tauhara Primary

WEEK 6

Wednesday 12th November

Professionals Community Event 2.30pm-6pm

WEEK 8

Monday 24th November – Board Meeting 5.30pm

Orientation Days Tauhara and Taupo Primary visit TIS

Tuesday 25th November – Wairakei and Waipahihi visit TIS

Wednesday 26th November – CWAA Testing Day 9.30-11am

WEEK 9

Monday 1st December – Student Conferences 11.30-6.00pm

Tuesday 2nd December – Student Conferences 3.30-4.30pm

Wednesday 3rd December – Student Conferences 3.30-4.30pm

WEEK 10

Thursday 11th December – Graduation Dance Year 8 6-8pm

Friday 12th December – Year 8 Prize Giving 1pm (Yr 7 half day)

Monday 15th December – Year 7 Prize Giving 1pm

Tuesday 16th December – LAST DAY OF TERM – Half Day