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Dear parents, caregivers, students, families, and the wider community.

E nga mātua, e nga kaitiaki, e nga tauira, e nga whānau, me te iwi whānui.

It has been another week of celebration here at Taupō Intermediate School!

Recognition and Excellence

We are incredibly proud to celebrate many students who achieved their bronze, silver, and gold medals this week across our prestigious awards: the Principal's Award, the Donovan Bixley Award, and the Bevan Docherty Award.

It is truly exciting to see so many of our students working hard, being involved, and striving for excellence in the diverse range of opportunities on offer at our school. We encourage all students to continue setting goals and working towards these highly valued recognitions.

Upcoming Events & Community Opportunity

· Athletics Qualifiers Meet on Monday 10 November, we will be running our Athletics Qualifiers meet at Owen Delaney Park. Over the last few weeks, we have been trialling the athletics events, and the top qualifiers chosen will compete to make the TIS Athletics Team. This team will go on to represent the school at the upcoming Super 11 event. We wish all competitors the best of luck!

· Professionals Expo - Don't forget that on Wednesday 12 November between 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm, we will be hosting the Professionals Expo in our school hall. This is an important opportunity for our TIS parents, caregivers, whānau, as well as the wider Taupō community, to see what agencies are available to assist our children and ourselves. We encourage everyone to attend!

Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) Success

Last week, some of our EOTC activities and overnight camps were unfortunately affected by the weather. However, this week, Rooms 22, 8, 21, and 1 have been exceptionally fortunate to have some of the most stunning weather we have seen for a while!

I have loved the opportunity to connect with students both on camp and on their return, checking in to hear about their highlights. For some, it was the challenge of rock climbing, for others the thrill of white-water rafting, and for a few, the simple joy of the overnight stay at Memorial Hut with their friends. It is fair to say that our students are thoroughly enjoying their two-day EOTC experiences. These opportunities provide invaluable life skills and create lasting memories.

Lunchtime Sports Champions!

A huge congratulations goes out to Room 16, who are the champions of the Quoits lunchtime sports competition for Weeks 2-5!

Even more impressively, they managed a lucky win against the staff team this week!

Well done to Room 16 and all students who participated in the lunchtime sports - it's fantastic to see such healthy competition and engagement.

Ngā mihi nui,
Brent Woods
Principal/Tumuaki



T.I.S SPORTS



CO-ORDINATOR NEWS!

Sports Bulletin

We're now halfway through the Summer Sports season, with both Volleyball and Touch entering the competitive end of their leagues.

Please continue to encourage your students to turn up each week—consistent attendance gives our teams the best chance to perform at their best.

Last Friday, we held our House Athletics Sports, and it was fantastic to see so many students getting involved and giving their all. The results were as follows:

Boys Participation:

3rd - Ngauruhoe

2nd - Ruapehu

1st - Tongariro

Girls Participation:

3rd - Ngauruhoe

2nd - Tongariro

1st - Ruapehu

Overall House Results (based on participation and event points combined):

3rd - Ngauruhoe

2nd - Tongariro (973 points)

🏆 1st - Ruapehu (985 points)

Well done to everyone for creating such an awesome atmosphere and showing great school spirit!

Next up, we have the TIS Athletics Championships on Monday, 10th November at Owen Delaney Park. Students were selected to represent their house based on results from the House Athletics. Notices have been sent via HERO to all selected students, and names are also displayed on the Sports Noticeboard.

The overall TIS Athletics Champions will be decided by the total number of points earned across their events. Students can take part in up to six events (if qualified), but only their best four results will count toward their final total.

We're looking forward to a great day of competition and hope this stunning weather continues!

SUPER 11 VOLLEYBALL



SUPER 11 VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Tauranga – Friday 31st Oct

It was an incredibly early start, 6:20am, for the Year 8 girls' team and all were amazingly on time. Well done ladies. We made good time to Tauranga, and our first game was at 9:00am.

There were 11 Year 8 girls' teams in total, and we had 3 games in our pool to start. First up we played Tauranga and the girls found their groove, us ahead, then Tauranga then point for point. We unfortunately lost 31/35 but it was certainly a close game. Next was Te Puke and we lost 28/46. They certainly had extremely skilled players and were a great competitive team to play. Next was Illminster and the girls put some fantastic sets together & communicated well to win 37/29.

While waiting for results we had hot chips for lunch. We were coming 3rd in our pool so for the playoffs we first went up against the mighty Rotorua & lost 27/30. It was a nail-biting game to watch. The girls were starting to get tired after an early morning start and long day but dug deep to win against Kaitao 33/25. We gained 8th place out of the 11 teams and the girls took away a wealth of experience.

Not only did they elevate their performance, faced varied playing styles and strategies, but boosted their confidence, developed resilience, and strengthened the bond with their teammates. Coaching this team was a joy and I was immensely proud of the way they supported each other, how they represented TIS with amazing sportsmanship and manners thanking other teams, coaches, and referees. 🍌🍌🍌

We headed back to Taupō with a quick stop in Rotorua for a well-deserved ice cream, then home. The day wasn't quite over as the girls then had to play 2 games at 4:30pm in the Junior Volleyball Comp at the AC Baths and won both games.

A big thank you to Sam Bradley for helping organise the trip and parents for supporting our students.

Ms Wood



SUPER 11 VOLLEYBALL



ROOM 2

WALLS & WATER

CAMP - WEEK 4



Wow - what a trip! From start to finish, it was packed with thrills, laughter, and unforgettable moments.

On the very first day, we kicked things off with rock climbing. It was super high and a little scary, but guess what? Everyone gave it a go and absolutely smashed it! After that adrenaline rush, we chilled out at the park with our packed lunches and had a bit of a play in the sunshine.

Then came the green light from Mr. Blake - the road was open! So, we hit the road and made our way to the Memorial Hut. The view were absolutely stunning... and *freezing*! We unpacked quickly and dashed outside for some fun in the snow. Cue the epic snowball fight! It was hilarious and totally wild.

We wrapped up the day with some relaxing games, yummy burgers for dinner, and a cozy movie night. Perfect ending to a perfect day.

The next morning, after breakfast, we geared up for the ultimate adventure: WHITE RIVER RAFTING! It was such an incredible experience, full of splashes, teamwork, and excitement.

To finish off our trip, we had lunch at the park and then made our way back to Taupo, tired but totally buzzing from all the fun.

By Mia Kearins – Room 2

STAFF VS ROOM 16

FRIENDLY GAME OF COITS TO END THE SEASON

Coits season is officially over for the year! We ended with a thrilling game between the staff and Room 16. It took a while for the staff team to warm up and find our groove, but once we did, it sure got competitive! A huge shoutout to the great group of kids from Room 4 who were cheering us on.

As they say, to the victor go the spoils. Room 16 won the day with a 4-2 victory. Congratulations to them! A huge thank you to all the staff who participated. There was a very positive vibe and energy which was really nice to be a part of.

Benchball is starting next week. I'll post the rules on the staffroom whiteboard and go over them quickly at the Friday briefing. I have already seen some classes out practicing! If you have any questions about the rules, please let me know, and I can go over them with you.

Mr Phil Somers Rm16



🏆 Lunchtime Sports: Quoits Season Wrap-Up

The first round of our Lunchtime Sports competition has officially come to an end, wrapping up with an exciting showdown between the staff and Room 16! It took the staff team a little while to warm up and find our rhythm, but once we did, the competition really heated up. A big shoutout to the awesome supporters from Room 4 who kept the energy high from the sidelines!

In the end, Room 16 claimed victory with a 4–2 win — congratulations to them on a well-deserved result! A huge thank you also goes out to all the staff who joined in. The positive energy, teamwork, and laughter made it a fantastic way to end the term's first sports round.

Next up is Benchball, starting next week! The rules have been delivered to each classroom and explained during the staff briefing. Some classes are already out practicing — love the enthusiasm!

Mrs Priscila Shepherd Rm17

GEO THERMAL POWERSTATION VISIT

As I stepped off the old rusty bus, I instantly felt the cold wave of air hit me. We visited the Ngatamariki power station, and I was very excited about it. I could smell the eggy stench of sulfur, and chromatic steel. I walked with the class to the canopy, where we were told how to be safe and some cool things about the power station.

Grayson Nicholas



They took us for a tour around the power station. Then they showed us the generators and then we head to go up some very big stairs. When we got to the top, it was very windy and cold.

Then they showed us all of the cooling fans.

Then they took us to one of the wells and it smelt like sulfur.

It was so disgusting.

Jackson Wilson



After we got all our safety gear. The tour guy started to show us how everything worked. I was amazed it was a once in a lifetime opportunity to see. The man said we were allowed to go up to the top to the fans. I was so excited to see all the fans.

Luca Harmer-Lowndes

When we finished the tour Casey politely asked if we would like some grilled patties. Before hesitating my class shouted "yes please!" The burgers were delightful juicy, squishy and tasty.

Luckily there was plenty for everybody so that meant I could get seconds. After I stuffed my face with the juicy burgers I thanked Casey for making this opportunity possible and promised to come back one day.

Ted Robertson

THE SUPPORT HUB

Learning Support, Ministry of Education

Our Learning Support team works alongside schools and whānau to make sure tamariki with complex needs feel safe, valued, and able to succeed in their learning.

If your child needs extra support, the school will make a referral on your behalf. From there, we'll work closely with you and the school team to understand what's needed and put the right help in place.

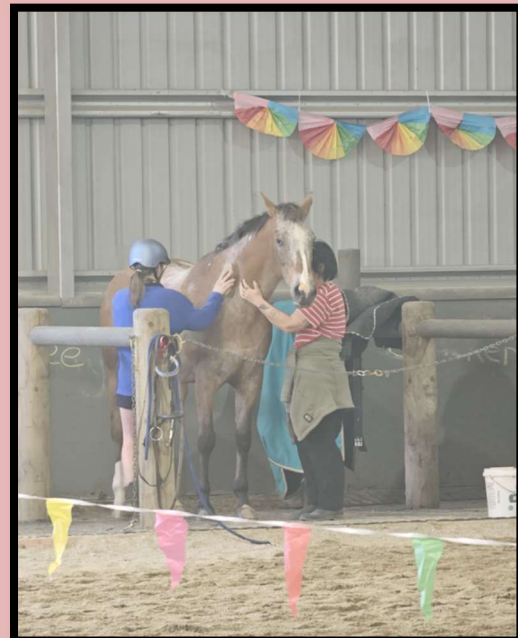
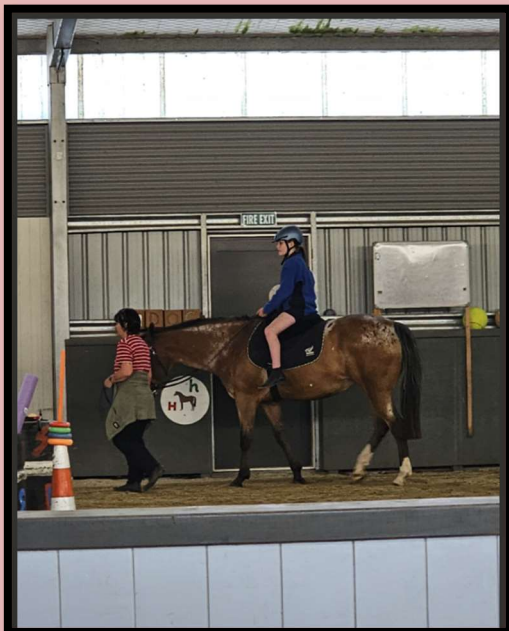
We can help with:

Learning support for ORS-funded tamariki

Behaviour and emotional regulation

Speech, language, and communication needs

If you're worried about your child's learning or behaviour, start by having a chat with their teacher or the school's learning support team.



For Riding for Development on Wednesday it was just Zoe. She got to go outside in the glorious sunshine then afterwards it was learning how to groom the horse and get her ready for some down time.

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

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

TERM 4 **WEEK 6**

Monday 10th November – T.I.S Athletics – OD Park
Tuesday 11th November – Room 5 Walls & Water Camp
Wednesday 12th November – Taupo Interschool Athletics
Wednesday 12th November – Room 9 Walls & Water Camp
Wednesday 12th November - Professionals Community Event 2.30pm-6pm
Thursday 13th November -Room 3 Walls & Water Camp
Friday 14th November – Super 11 Girls Cricket

WEEK 7

Monday 17th November – Room 23 Walls & Water Camp
Tuesday 18th November – Room 25 Walls & Water Camp
Wednesday 19th November – Room 10 Walls & Water Camp
Thursday 20th November – Room 4 Walls & Water Camp
Friday 21st November – Super 11 Athletics

WEEK 8

Monday 24th November – Board Meeting 5.30pm
Monday 24th November - 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 – Parent Conferences 3.30-4.30pm
Wednesday 3rd December – Parent 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

WEEK 11

Monday 15th December – Year 7 Prize Giving 1pm
Tuesday 16th December – Last day of Term – Half Day – Finish at 12.30pm

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.

ALL DETAILS ARE ON **OUR HERO APP**

Walls and Water camp gear list

Tongariro River Rafting Waiver is on hero to be completed
Walls and Water camp Child permission form to be completed
Allergies/wellbeing form to be completed

(PLEASE COMPLETE)

Any queries please email your child's teacher as well
as Deputy Principal Sam Blake (EOTC)