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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.

We have hit the **midway mark of Term 4**, and it has been an amazing term with so much happening in classes, around the school, and within our community!

EOTC Events: A Quick Pivot

The week started with some challenging news regarding the **Tongariro fires**, which unfortunately affected our plans for overnight stays during our Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) events. This meant we needed to execute a **quick pivot!** We successfully re-organised and changed our EOTC events into **fantastic day trips to Tūrangi**. We appreciate the flexibility and positive attitude of our staff and students in adapting to these changes.

Athletics Success

When the weather turned "grotty," our planned qualifier athletics day was cancelled. This meant we needed to improvise! We ran our qualifier events at school on Monday and Tuesday to ensure our top athletes were selected for Wednesday's **Taupō Schools Athletics Meet** at Owen Delaney Park.

- **Congratulations** to all the athletes who competed!
- A special shout-out to the students who **placed in their events**.
- It was exciting to see TIS **clean up in the Year 7/8 girls' and boys' relays!**
- We are incredibly proud that **TIS won the overall school trophy again!** What an achievement!

Lunchtime Sports: Bench ball Blitz

Our new round of lunchtime sport got underway this week with the introduction of **'Bench ball'**. Our students have truly embraced the healthy competition between classes and are showing their competitive spirit, along with fantastic sportsmanship. Good luck to all classes as they head into rounds 2 and 3!

Taupō Agencies Expo Success

On Wednesday evening, we held our first-ever **'Taupō Agencies Expo'** in the school hall from 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm.

- It was fantastic to see all our local agencies that support our students and families come together, willing to share advice and support with our wider community.
- Thank you to all the **parents, caregivers, and whānau** who attended the afternoon/evening.
- A special thank you to **all our local agencies personnel** for generously giving up your time to make a difference for our TIS community and the local area.

We look forward to hosting this valuable event again in **2026!**

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T.I.S SPORTS



CO-ORDINATOR NEWS!

Super 11 Beach Challenge and Triathlon – Gisborne 2025

Last week, a group of Taupo Intermediate School students travelled to Gisborne to take part in the annual **Super 11 Beach Challenge**, hosted by Gisborne Intermediate. It was a fantastic few days away, full of competition, courage, and teamwork — and a big thank you goes to our hosts for their warm hospitality.

Thursday saw the Beach Challenge events get underway, and TIS started strongly.

- *Te Rerewai Meihana* placed **3rd in the Flags**, with *Kiara Bullock* finishing **10th**.
- The **Beach Relays** followed, with competitors showing real bravery in the challenging surf conditions. *Jack Simpson* demonstrated outstanding resilience and perseverance to get through the waves and complete his leg of the race.

Friday's focus was the **Triathlon**, which was run in reverse order this year.

- In the *Year 8 Girls'* race, *Lola Bradley* produced a dominant display, leading from start to finish to take **1st place**.
- In the *Year 8 Boys'* division, *Pablo Stewart* put in a great performance to finish **3rd**.
- To round off the competition, *Pablo, Lola, Kiara, and Stanley Foley* teamed up for the **Mixed Team Relay**, racing superbly to earn a well-deserved **silver medal** in a thrilling sprint finish.

It was a great way to end a memorable trip, with all students showing the TIS values of **courage, perseverance, and teamwork**. Congratulations to everyone who took part and represented our school with pride!





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CO-ORDINATOR PHOTOS





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Taupo Inter-School Athletics Championships 2025

Taupo Intermediate School were proudly crowned the **Taupo Inter-School Athletics Champions for 2025** after a fantastic day of competition at Owen Delaney Park.

The build-up to the event wasn't easy, with poor weather causing the cancellation of our own school athletics championships. However, this didn't deter our students. They showed real commitment by stepping up the very next day to try and qualify for their specific events. In some cases, the level of competition at these qualifiers was even tougher than what they would face at the Taupo Championships — and perhaps this experience was exactly what prepared them to perform under pressure when it really mattered.

When it came to the big day, TIS athletes rose to the occasion. They displayed outstanding resilience, focus, and team spirit throughout the day. When the pressure came on, our athletes didn't shy away — they stepped up, making that final jump, throw, or sprint that often made the difference between a place on the podium and valuable points for the school.

The results were exceptional, with **TIS winning 14 gold medals**, breaking **two Taupo records** — both in the **800m**, thanks to *Pablo Stewart* and *Kiara Bullock* — and **podium finishes in every event**.

It was a superb all-round team performance. [Congratulations](#) to everyone who competed and represented Taupo Intermediate with pride and excellence.

A special **thank you** to all the Taupo Athletics, Kiwi Sport, staff and supporters who helped with supervision, organisation, and encouragement throughout the day.

TAUPO INTER	SCHOOL	CHAMPIONSHIPS					
YR 8 GIRLS		YR 7 BOYS		YR 8 BOYS		Yr 7 Girls	
Te Rerewai Meihana	1st 100m	Ben Pridham	1st 800m	Luca Bennett	1st 100m	Skye Conway	1st 800m
	1st Long Jump		1st 400m		2nd High Jump		2nd 400m
	2nd High Jump		2nd 100m				
	2nd 400m		3rd Long Jump	Pable Stewart	1st 800m	Jade Hirst	2nd 100m
							2nd Long Jump
Jacoli Nortje	1st Shot Put	Kauri Kurukangi	1st High Jump	Ted Robertson	1st Long Jump	India Prater	2nd High Jump
Kiara Bullock	1st 800m	Jack Gibson	2nd 800m	Te Ramoara Ormsby	3rd 100m	Kauri Crabb	2nd 800m
Lola Bradley	2nd 800m	Dorian Milne	3rd Shot Put	Te Omeka Ormsby	1st Shot Put	Ebelia Smit	2nd Shot Put
Lucy Terry	3rd 100m			Martin Jung	2nd Shot Put	Isabellla Sapsford	3rd Long Jump
				Paddy Parkes	3rd 400m	Mikayla Blackbou	3rd 400m
						Isabellla Sapsford	3rd Long Jump

WALLS AND WATER

CAMP 2025 - ROOM 1

Camp was real fun, starting with the rock climbing in Turangi on the first day spent around an hour and a half there, then before we went up to the hut our class went to the playground just down the road from the rock climbing place to have a run around before getting back on the road, before we went straight up to the hut rm 1 went to a little walk that was named Te Porere Redoubt walk, it was the last major battle of the New Zealand wars.

Before we went up to the memorial hut we went to the Visitor centre and walked around the store to have a look at all the things that were in the shop, we went into this movie theater that was in the centre, there was a documentary that was on the screen, we all watched that for about 15-20minutes.

Then we went up to the memorial hut to set up our rooms for the night. Shortly after settling into our rooms that we were staying in, some afternoon tea was ready for our class to have, there was some hot chocolate and some home baking to enjoy. Not long after that, dinner was ready for us to eat. It was burgers, everyone ate the burgers then we had showers and got ready to watch a movie or to chill in our rooms to finish the night.

The next morning around 7:00am we all woke up to have breakfast. The options for breakfast were toast, cereal, weetbix or some peaches, after breakfast everyone went to get ready for the day. Everyone was ready, and packed up our rooms, a few students vacuumed each of their own rooms and just cleaned up the rest of the hut.

The hut was cleaned and then we were all ready to walk down to the vans, everyone started walking down the hill and after about 15min we made it to the vans and put all the bags into the vans, and we were ready to drive to the White-water rafting. Room 1 got to the rafting carpark in Turangi, we ate a little snack before the rafting, everyone got dressed for the White-water rafting.

All of us hopped into the bus that took us down to the river, we got into the groups that we were going to go down the river in, we got into the raft with our group and started the White-water rafting. It was almost 2 hours that we were on the river, the rapids were so fun!

The water was so beautiful and clear, you could see everything that was under the water. After the White-water rafting was done, we hopped back onto the bus so that we could go back to get changed. Everyone had finished getting changed and then we walked back to the vans, then we drove back to Te Kapua Park to eat some hot chips before we got in the vans for the last time. Room 1 got back to Taupo Intermediate; we all unloaded the vans and then we all went home.





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.

AGENCY EXPO



A big thank you to all the agencies that came to our first community evening. A great time spent networking. We had a few parents and staff through too.
28 members completed the survey.

The winners of our 6x spot prizes are Nia, Wendy, Pia, Karlene, Nikki and Sophie.
We will notify you by text message about prize collection.

A massive thank you to Sarah with the Blue light BBQ trailer for your sausages, Linda and the Attendance advisors for your prize donations and Anamata for you bags of goodies.

Attached is the QR code for our survey.
If you have a spare 2 minutes please scan it and complete.

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

TERM 4

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

Tuesday 25th 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)

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)