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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.**

What an eventful and rewarding couple of weeks it has been here at Taupō Intermediate School! We've seen incredible generosity, adventurous spirit, and dedicated staff working hard behind the scenes to ensure our students thrive.

**Cans for Community: A Heartfelt Thank You!**

We want to send a huge thank you to all the students and whanau who contributed to our can drive last week in support of the Turangi/Tongariro community. Your overwhelming response showed the true spirit of TIS making a difference for others in need.

A special note of appreciation goes to our dedicated board member, Mr. Brad Graham, for generously taking the time to transport all the donated cans down to Turangi for us. Your support is invaluable!

**EOTC Adventures: Navigating the Elements**

This week has seen a continuation of our exciting Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) events, with various rooms participating in rock climbing and white-water rafting.

It certainly seems we have been challenged by the elements lately, from the Tongariro fires last week to the persistent rain weather warnings this week. We are incredibly fortunate to have a strong working relationship with the Turangi companies that host these activities. This partnership has allowed us to effectively manage the health and safety aspects, especially the crucial monitoring of water flow for white-water rafting.

Thank you to Mr. Blake for putting in the extra hours needed to pivot and change plans on the run to ensure safety and continuity. We also extend a big thank you to our parents and caregivers for your flexibility as we negotiated the unexpected changes this week - it is truly appreciated!

**Preparing Our Year 8 Leavers**

This is an important time of transition for our Year 8 students. We'd like to acknowledge the TIS staff who have been holding professional conversations with the Taupō-Nui-a-Tia College and Tauhara College Deans and Learning Support Co-ordinators. This work ensures a smooth and supportive transition for our students moving on to our local secondary schools.

**Looking Ahead: Welcoming Our Newest Students**

Next week, we look forward to meeting our newest cohort! We will be hosting our four major contributing Primary Year 6 students on Monday and Tuesday. Following this, we are excited to meet with the students who have opted for the targeted learning classes for 2026.

**Bench ball Battle and Awards Assembly**

Congratulations to all the students who are currently participating in our class lunchtime bench ball competition! It is great to see the camaraderie, teamwork, and support for your classmates on display. Let's see if we can beat Room 16/17 and have a new class champion crowned!

**Finally, we are very excited about our upcoming Awards Assembly next week!**

**Date: Tuesday 25 November**

**Time: 12:00pm**

Our students have truly embraced the school award system this year, and we will be presenting over 150 medals to students for Bevan Docherty, Donovan Bixley, Principal, and Platinum awards. We absolutely love the way you are all striving for excellence and making the TIS Way live! Have a fantastic weekend!

**Ngā mihi nui,**

**Brent Woods Principal/Tumuaki**

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



**T.I.S SPORTS**



## **CO-ORDINATOR NEWS!**

### **Sports Bulletin**

It has been a quieter week in sport at TIS, but still plenty happening behind the scenes. Today our Taupo Cricket Coaches were in working with our cricket teams, giving them some final skills practice before next Thursday's tournament. We have five boys' teams entered and are still short of three team managers. If you can spare some time on Thursday to help, please get in touch.

On Friday, our Athletics team heads to Tauranga for the final Super 11 event of the year — and the last S11 competition for our Year 8 students. Good luck to all those competing; we hope to see plenty of PBs!

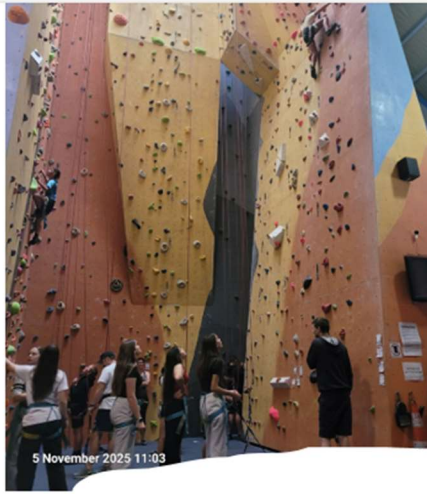
We have tentatively booked the TIS "Competitive" Triathlon for Monday, 8th December, and are just waiting on final confirmation from Tri Sport Taupo. This will be our competitive event, and all students must be competent swimmers as the swim leg is 250m in deep water. Our non-competitive triathlon will take place once the pool has reopened, and we look forward to staging this popular event again.

Next weekend is the Around the Lake Cycle Event, and it's fantastic to see so many students volunteering and taking part in the Huka Teaser. Entries are still open if anyone else would like to get involved.

In summer sports, Touch has been hit hard by the recent rain, with several games postponed. Meanwhile, our volleyball teams are heading into the finals of the Taupo Volleyball League. We look forward to hearing updates from Mrs Woods on how they get on.

Thank you for your continued support of all our sports programmes at TIS.

# WALLS AND WATER CAMP - ROOM 21



## ROOM 21 CAMP!!

Why you should go to camp

By: nashlyn



## Rock climbing

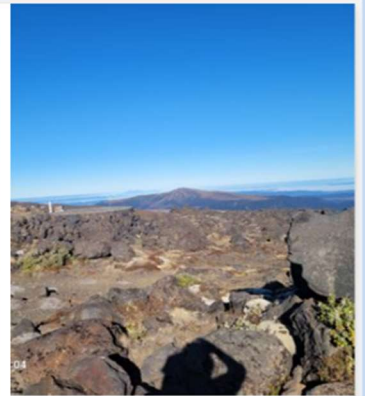
Rock climbing is all about fun and adventure.





# WALLS AND WATER

## CAMP - ROOM 21



### Memorial Hut Ruapehu

- Memorial Hut offers beautiful views of Mount Ruapehu, making it the perfect place to explore.

### River Rafting

Join us for an exciting river rafting adventure in Turangi, with fun rapids and gorgeous views!"





## Crave the rush of a roaring river?

- Adults: Around \$189
- Children: Around \$164

Kaia



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## BREAKING NEWS

### WHITE WATER RAFTING IN TONGARIRO RIVER!



if you want a thrilling water experience the tongiriro river rafting is your place to go. They provide life jakets wet suits water shoes etc.

the employees provide mazing customer service and makes the river rafting thrilling heart racing and enjoyable! so if your visiting turangi or even taupo i recommend going!



by charlotte



Come on down to Tongariro to have the time of your life. Your tourist group will love to do this thrilling, adventurous and exhilarating ride.



There are absolutely beautiful views and scenery while having an exciting ride. The garden type mums will absolutely love the scenery.



We are going to crash by twan

## Tongariro

WHITE WATER RAFTING

This is a must-do if you are visiting the turangi area. The waves crash upon the boat and it's such a dopamine rush.

ADVENTUROUS ACTIVITY



## White river water rafting

White water rafting is such a thrilling experience to do. You're challenging the waves working as a team and laughing at each other getting splashed. Even if you fall out the boat which is unlikely your team has your back and helps you get back on the boat. Fighting the waves and learning new skills is surprisingly suspenseful.

So, enjoy it while you can and defiantly try it out you won't regret it!



# **POEM WRITING**

## **ROOM 21**

Eating lots of sugary sweets  
Very kind to others  
Involved in fun activates  
Everyone's funny friend  
- Evie B rm 21

White snow softly falls,  
Cold wind whispers through the trees,  
Winters quiet peace. - Piper.Q rm 21

Lolly-scramble hangout  
Trick,o treat, scary, dressup  
To old for this  
Costume. - Payten,T rm 21

Camp  
Frighting, chilling,  
Climbing, cleaning, playing,  
Turangi, park, gym, charades,  
Eating, paddling, swimming,  
Scary, dirty,  
Memorial-hut. - India P rm 21

In the  
deep blue water,  
A bright and silent  
Lantern floats, bobbing  
Gently, my delicate see through  
Bell pulses with assort rhythmic beat  
A gentle drum in the oceans quiet heart – Kaia M rm 21

# **MATERIALS AND DESIGN**

## **TECHNOLOGY**

 **Shoutout and Thank You to Central Trim!**

A huge thank you to the very generous team at **Central Trim Taupō** for their ongoing support of our **Materials and Design Technology** programme here at Taupō Intermediate School.

The owners have continuously supplied **rolls of material** to Whea Nikki and her classes — a kindness that allows our students to **design, create, and make wonderful projects** from these donations.

Your generosity makes a real difference in our students' learning and creativity.  
**Ngā mihi nui – we truly appreciate your continued support!**

# THE SUPPORT HUB

Any Year 8 families wanting to donate their uniforms  
at the end of the year this would be great to  
Support families in need.

Next week the Support Hub will be opening their  
classrooms for the year 6 visits, we look forward to  
welcoming our new year 7s with the help of our  
student leaders.

## Oranga Tamariki:

*Are dedicated to supporting any child in New Zealand whose wellbeing is at significant risk of harm now, or in the future.*

*Our belief is that in the right environment, with the right people surrounding and nurturing them, any child can and should flourish.*

*Locally our vision is that Taupō are committed to evolving with Iwi, Hapū and our hapori to collectively lead the way in realising oranga for tamāriki and whānau.*

*We are looking forward to connecting with whānau and community in this space, to kōrero,  
answer questions and talk through our processes with those who want to know more.*

## Waiariki Mana Ake

*provides school-based primary mental wellbeing support to students in primary and intermediate schools within the lake's region, and in Kuapapa Māori kura within the Waiariki region.*

*We can support children at school promoting positive mental wellbeing and can provide advice and guidance to whanau.*

*Mana Ake kaimahi can help tamariki learn skills such as:*

- \* Coping with change or challenges*
- \* Managing their emotions*
- \* Building positive relationships*
- \* Overcoming grief and loss.*

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

## **2025 November/December**

### **TERM 4**

#### **WEEK 8**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November – Board Meeting 5.30pm**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November - Orientation Days Tauhara and Taupo Primary visit TIS**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November – Wairakei and Waipahihi visit TIS**

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November – CWAA Testing Day 9.30-11am**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Girls & Boys Class testing Day 9.30-11am**

#### **WEEK 9**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Student Conferences 11.30-6.00pm**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Parent Conferences 3.30-4.30pm**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Parent Conferences 3.30-4.30pm**

#### **WEEK 10**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Graduation Dance Year 8 6-8pm**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Year 8 Prize Giving 1pm (Yr 7 half day)**

#### **WEEK 11**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Year 7 Prize Giving 1pm**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of Term – Half Day – Finish at 12.30pm**

## **2026 January**

### **TERM ONE**

#### **WEEK 01**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026 – School Office Open**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026 – School Office Open**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January – School Closed Auckland Anniversary**

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January – First Day of School Powhiri Year 7 & Year 8**

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January – Open day for parents to meet the teacher informally  
between 2-3pm**

#### **WEEK 02**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February – School Closed Waitangi Day**