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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.**

Week 8 has been another exciting and high-energy week for TIS students! We extend a huge thank you to everyone for your continued support.

Welcoming Our 2026 Cohort

It was terrific to host our prospective Year 7 students from contributing schools this week. We are certainly looking forward to having this group as our Year 7s in 2026!

- **Year 6 Orientation Days:** On Monday and Tuesday, we welcomed Year 6 students for their orientation days, hosted brilliantly by our talented student leaders.
- **Targeted Class Assessments:** Wednesday was assessment day for our potential 2026 Year 7 CWAA students.
- **Targeted Learning Activities:** Thursday featured a great activity day for students interested in our Year 7 boys' and girls' targeted learning classes.

It was wonderful to see so many students engaged and focused during their visits.

School Awards Assembly Celebration!

We hosted our biggest Awards Assembly for 2025 yet, celebrating the significant achievements of our students!

- **Medal Success:** Nearly 500 medals were awarded, highlighting the exceptional level of involvement across the school.
- **Award Recipients:** Almost 150 students received their Bronze, Silver, or Gold Awards for our Bevan Docherty, Donovan Bixley, and Principal Awards.

Special thanks to all the parents, caregivers, and whānau who attended. Your support and encouragement are what help make your child so successful!

Note on Awards: Due to an influx of award cards over the last few weeks, our next Awards Assembly will be held in Week 10.

Sporting Success: Striving for Excellence

TIS continues to 'strive for excellence' in the sporting world, and we have several teams and athletes to celebrate this week! Thank you to everyone who attended and supported our students at these events.

- **Super 11 Athletics Meet:** Congratulations to all our athletes who competed last Friday. Once again, one of our sporting teams has excelled at the Super 11 event, achieving several outstanding performances and placings.
- **Boys' Cricket Festival:** Congratulations to our boys' cricket teams who enjoyed a successful festival at Owen Delaney Park. While there were no placings at this event, a few of our teams went through the day either undefeated or with only one loss—a fantastic effort!

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Sporting Success: Striving for Excellence

. **Wednesday Evening Touch Module:** It is always exciting seeing our students involved heavily in after-school sport! Congratulations to everyone involved in the touch module. Special thanks to the parents, caregivers, and whānau who are coaching, managing, and supporting these teams.

. **Friday Evening Volleyball Competition:** Congratulations to all the students involved in the volleyball competition.

Thank you for your commitment and determination throughout the competition. Special thanks to Ms Wood for organising and overseeing the teams each week.

Musical Talent Shines Bright

On Thursday, a small but dedicated contingent of our talented musicians participated in the All-Brass Academy Day held at Centre Stage.

Congratulations to the following students for their continued commitment to learning their instruments and going the extra mile to be in a performing orchestra:

Bianca Condon, Julian Webster, Isla Dearlove, Kauri Crabb, Sophie Jones, Mikayla Blackbourn, Kahlia Crocker, Levi Hemopo, Pippa Walker, Martin Jung and Ashlee Stokes

Have a fantastic weekend!

Nga mihi nui

Brent Woods
Principal/Tumuaki





T.I.S SPORTS



CO-ORDINATOR NEWS!

This week marked the final Super 11 event of the year and our last round of Kiwi Sport tournaments. For many of our incredible Year 8 athletes, this was the last time they pulled on the TIS sports uniform—doing so, as always, with pride, passion, and a commitment to excellence.

Super 11 Athletics – Tauranga

Last Friday, our athletes travelled to Tauranga for the Super 11 Athletics, and what a day it was! This was one of our strongest performances in recent years, with our students showcasing exceptional talent and determination against tough competition.

A special congratulations to **Te Rerewai Meihana**, crowned **Year 8 Girls Athletic Champion** after winning **1st in both the 100m and 200m** and earning **2nd in Long Jump and Discus**—an outstanding all-round performance.

Well done also to **Luca Bennett**, the fastest Year 8 boy on the day, winning the **100m in a new Super 11 record time**.

Other notable results:

- **2nd – Lola Bradley (Yr 8 Girls 1500m)**
- **2nd – Isla Gilmour (Yr 7 Girls Shot Put)**
- **3rd – Tea Bosshart (Yr 7 Girls Long Jump & High Jump)**
 - **3rd – Jade Hirst (Yr 7 Girls 200m)**
- **3rd – Kauri Kururangi (Yr 7 Boys High Jump)**

A huge congratulations to our entire Super 11 team for their effort, teamwork, and exceptional results. You made TIS proud!

Kiwi Sport Cricket Smash – OD Park

Yesterday we had five boys' teams take to Owen Delaney Park for the Kiwi Sport Cricket Smash. The boys performed extremely well, showing great batting form with some impressive high-scoring totals and sharp catching skills across all teams. Most importantly, they all had a fantastic time representing TIS.

Upcoming Event – TIS Triathlon

Our final event on the sports calendar for 2024 is the **TIS Triathlon**, held in partnership with Tri Sport Taupo.

 **Monday 8th December**

 **Wharewaka**

 **6:00 PM start**

Sign-ups have been open all week. Please ensure your son/daughter is a **competent swimmer**, as the course includes a **250m open-water swim** into deep water.

A non-competitive triathlon will take place in **Term 1**, designed as a preparation event for **Ironkidz**.

Touch Summer League

The Touch League is going extremely well, with our teams showing big improvements each week as they move up the table. Wednesday's games featured fast attacking play, strong defence, and great teamwork across all teams. Awesome effort from everyone involved!



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CO-ORDINATOR PHOTOS





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Room 10 Day Trips

Last week on Wednesday and Thursday (19th and 20th of Nov 2025), Room 10 took their learning outside the classroom. They endured a long bus ride to Turangi to explore climbing abilities at the Hard as rocks rock climbing center. After a quick safety briefing, the students showed off their skills. It was a blast, with students having a go at both climbing and belaying each other.



Tongariro River Rafting

The next day, we locked in at the Turangi rafting center. We had a safety briefing and then we were given gears to borrow. Some students were nervous, but once we were on the water it was smooth sailing. The Tongariro river rafting was an incredible experience. Both days were full of laughter and later exhaustion but surely will do it again 100%!



Tongariro River Rafting



Turangi Climbing Gym



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Rock Walls & River Rapids: Room 10 on the Move!

Room 10 had an action-packed two days of adventure to end the year on a high!

On Day 1, we headed to the Turangi climbing gym, where students challenged themselves on the rock and boulder walls, conquering new heights and cheering each other on.



"It was really fun! We learnt heaps while we were out on the water, and the instructors were really kind and wonderful." - Lawrence

"It was really fun and I'll definitely do it again." - Payton

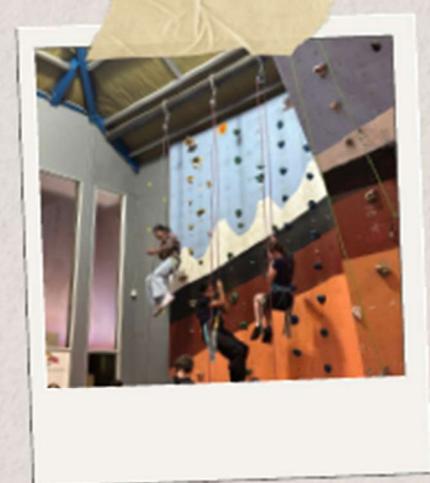
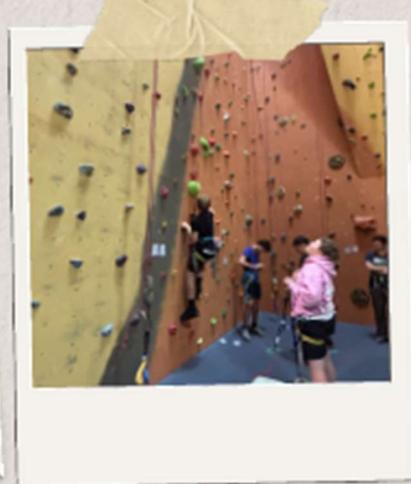
"Camp was so fun but my favorite day was the white water rafting. Going over all the waves and jumping in was so fun! When we jumped in the water it was so cold, but it was fun we were splashing the other boats and they were splashing us" - Maddie.



Rock Walls & River Rapids: Room 10 on the Move!



Day 2 took us to Tongariro River Rafting, where everyone geared up, worked as a team on the rafts, and experienced the excitement of riding the river. It was an unforgettable trip full of courage, teamwork and fun memories.



"It was really fun and a great new experience for us. Everyone loved it."
- Mansanjh

"It was really fun!" - Cyrus

"It was enjoyable, scary and fun!" - George

"Rock climbing was really fun, but the only scary thing was being up so high. I loved the play zone there, and it was fun to jump off once I got to the top."
- Laurance

Brass Day Out

Yesterday, we had a fantastic celebration of musical progress featuring students from various Taupō schools and talented adults to accompany us.

Between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., this small group took centre stage by storm to practise and perform four distinct musical pieces: "Discovery March" and "Breakdance Brass" by John Edmondson, the hymn "Eventide" by W.H. Monk, and "Somewhere Out There", co-written by Linda Ronstadt and James Ingram. These pieces were conducted by Matt West and Gary.

Everyone (attendees included) thoroughly enjoyed the musical day and learnt a plethora of new, valuable insights. Smiling faces were all around in the music hall once the concert for parents and teachers was completed. A big shout out to all the adult tutors who took the time out of their week to support us. Just in a day, we transformed from a cacophony into a beautiful harmony reaching across from one ear to another. It was marvelous to be a part of a group. Instead of practicing by ourselves, we appreciated the opportunity of being part of a brass band.

All the young performers have been learning brass instruments such as Trombones, Cornets, Euphoniums, Baritones and Tubas all throughout the school year under the direction of Matt West, (and) or Gary. It has been such a wonderful experience being a part of the brass academy, we recommend being involved in it whenever a new spot shows up.

T.I.S students who have been learning Brass this year have been:

Ashlee Stokes, Bianca Condon, Mikala Blackburn, Pippa Walker, Sophie Joines, Martin Jung, Levi Jackson, Bailey Flecher-Fraser, Julian Webster, Isla Dearlove, Kauri Crabb (who was not here for the concert) and Kahlia Crocker.

By Ashlee Stokes and Pippa Walker.





Travelling overseas in the school holidays?

You must do a **New Zealand Traveller Declaration** when you come back

TravellerDeclaration.govt.nz

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New Zealand Government

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DONATE A BOOK FOR CHRISTMAS!

Harcourts

Kia ora Taupo Intermediate friends and family,

We are collecting donations of **brand new Kiwi books** to gift to kids in need this Christmas as part of the wonderful Kiwi Christmas Books scheme.

2025 has been a very tough year for many families so please consider buying an extra book or two next time you are in a store or online and add it to our **school donation box situated in the school office.**

Picture books, chapter books, middle grade, young adult, fiction or non-fiction – we'd love them all, and we'd love it if it was a book by a New Zealand writer or illustrator.

All books will be delivered to the Taupo Women's Refuge and Te Whare Oranga Wairua-Maori Women's Refuge who will distribute them to the families using their services this Christmas.

No need to wrap the books, and no second-hand books please; these kids are generally having a rough time and deserve something new. (For some this will be their first ever book, for others it will be their first ever Xmas present.)

Donations close on Thursday, December 11th.

You can read more about it here: www.kiwichristmasbooks.org.nz

Thank you for supporting this wonderful cause.

The team at Harcourts Taupo.

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ROOM 21 **LISTON HEIGHTS** **VISIT**

🌿 Room 21 Showing Kaitiakitanga at Liston Heights 🌿

Building connections, sharing joy, and giving back to our community.

Room 21 has been proudly demonstrating Kaitiakitanga this term through a special weekly visit to Liston Heights Rest Home. Each Wednesday, a group of seven enthusiastic students travels with Ms Rokstad to spend the afternoon engaging with residents and helping to brighten their week.

Over the last two sessions, our students have shown exceptional kindness, confidence, and leadership. Week One saw the group create colourful masks with the residents, sparking conversations, creativity, and plenty of smiles. Week Two brought even more excitement with a lively karaoke show. What began as a simple sing-along quickly turned into a joyful event as residents—hearing the music from down the hallway—came dancing and walking out to join the fun. It was an afternoon full of singing, laughter, and beautiful intergenerational connection.

A huge mihi and heartfelt thanks to the Liston Heights Activities Coordinator, the manager and team, and to Nia for welcoming our students so warmly each week. We also extend our appreciation to Mr Blake for supporting and supervising our visits.

Students Laura, Meka, Chloe, Jayde, Piper, India, Evie, and Charlotte represented Taupo Intermediate with pride, warmth, and genuine care.

Their willingness to serve others is a true reflection of the Kaitiakitanga we value in Room 21.

We look forward to many more memorable Wednesdays as these relationships continue to grow. 🌿

ROOM 21 LISTON HEIGHTS VISIT



Rm 21 Kaitiakitanga



Liston heights connection



Karaoke .photos credit
-Nia

THE SUPPORT HUB

This week the Support Hub was open for our Primary Orientation visits. We introduced ourselves, shared what supports we offer and then had the students come in and experience our rooms. It was great to meet our future Year 7 students for 2026 and hope they utilize our space well.



On Friday we had some left over sausages and bread so we had a free sausage sizzle. Thanks to the Boys class who helped cook and organise the event. Great way to show our T.I.S values.



Our trip to Waitomo Caves with some of the ESOL students. Was an amazing day with also crossing the Arapuni swing bridge.



Poetry Collection from Room 10

Fishing

enjoyment, happy
casting, reeling, baiting the hook
fishing is the best
spending, boating, netting
excited, wet
catching fish

by: Chace

Michael Jordan

GOAT, Basketball
Averaging 40, shooting, running
He is the GOAT
dribbling, lay ups, midrange
Chicago Bulls
Black Cat

by: Finn

League

passing, tackling
run, pass, tackle
It is really fun!
running, stepping, tackling
fast tiring
sport

by: Kauri

Lawn Mowing

Fun, hard
Pushing, dumping, weed eating
Lawn Mowing is fun
dumping, clipping, lifting
Dad, Tiring.
Cutting Grass

by: Micah

Basketball

ball, game
dribble, pass, shoot
Basketball is really fun
run, cut, jump
NBA Sport
B-Ball

by: Cyrus

Cricket

passionate, hard
bowling, batting, wicketkeeping
Cricket a worldwide game
talking, laughing, exciting
dangerous, interesting
best game ever!

by: Mansanjh

FLOWER

Flowers, flowers everywhere
Looks so nice, fun and bright
in my hair On my face
in the vase, in the Wind
Everywhere, everytime so
colourful and bright
Rain and rainbows in all day
long

by: Maddie

Basketball

Ball is life
Ankle break your team team
Shooting 3's
King of court
Every shoot counts
Time's Up
Balling all my life
Ain't Davis can't beat me
Living on the court
Love it every time I ball

by: Paradise



Poetry Collection from Room 10

Summer

- S - Sunny days, Sunny Nights
- U - Usually stary
- M - Merry Christmas
- M - Merry days
- E - Everyday happy
- R - Remember today's gift

by: Payton

Turtles

- T - Turtles swimming fast through the sea
- U - Under waves were drifting sea grass hides
- R - Rays of sunlight paint your shell
- T - Time moves slowly while you swim
- L - Lapped by currents, calm and deep
- E - Enter the wonders of the sea

by: Laurance

Winter

- W - Winter days, frosty nights
- I - Icy roads, slippery paths
- N - Nice breeze of winds
- T - Trees full of glitter
- E - Everyone's happy making snow angels
- R - Ring the bell and get hot choco

by: Abbie

Wilderness Night

A shadow moves in the ancient light,
with silent noise in wilderness night
through the spotted sun the swift form of springs

A sudden sight of teeth and wings,
with silky ears and twitching nose,
a hidden life the forest shows

It watches with its historic eye,
a world of jade beneath the sky
from scaled deep to feathered height

An outback in every bite
a simple need, a crucial dance,
caught without a single glance

it leaves no trace upon the ground
A pulse of heat, a breath drawn deep,
secrets that the wild keeps.

by: Noah

Friends

Friends are always futuristic
always Right and realistic
they Include everyone and
Everyday being kind to everyone,
every time
they will Never ever steal a dime
they may be Daring at times
but that is too bad because they
Shine

by: Tegan



Partly used stationery
taking up space?

GIVE IT A FRESH START WITH STATIONERY REVIVE!



We're on a mission to reduce waste by transforming excess or unwanted stationery into 'good as new' resources for schools and tamariki.

By donating, you help cut down on the need for new resources and make sure perfectly good stationery finds its way back into the hands of eager students. We'll refurbish and redistribute these items completely free, ready for the next school year.

Give your old stationery a new lease on life and join us in making a positive impact!

What can be donated?

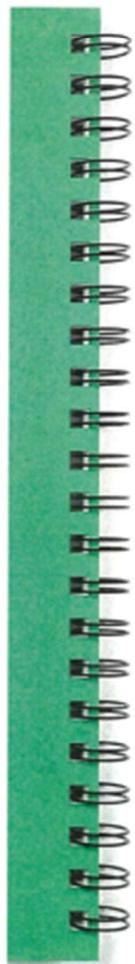
Used or excess items in usable condition:

- Pens, pencils, highlighters, markers, crayons
- Exercise books, notebooks, art books, refill paper
- Erasers, rulers, sharpeners, glue sticks, protractors, scissors
- Calculators
- Book bags, pencil cases

Half-used pencils, named exercise books with some pages written on are all totally fine - we'll give these a makeover before we send them back out!

Please do not dump any
broken items or supplies
in really poor condition.

Some items are not accepted - please do
not donate ring binders, oil pastels, file
folders and sleeves.



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

2025 December

TERM 4

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

Thursday 4th December – Room 16 & 17 Activities in Turangi

Friday 5th December – Room 16 & 17 Activities in Turangi

WEEK 10

Thursday 11th December – Graduation Dance Year 8 Students 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

2026 January

TERM ONE

WEEK 01

Wednesday 21st January 2026 – School Office Open

Thursday 22nd January 2026 – School Office Open

Friday 23rd January 2026 – School Office Open

Monday 26th January – School Closed Auckland Anniversary

Thursday 29th January – First Day of School Powhiri Year 7 & Year 8

Friday 30th January – Open day for parents to meet the teacher informally between 2-3pm

WEEK 02

Friday 6th February – School Closed Waitangi Day