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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.

Winding Down 2025 – Finish Strong!

We hope this newsletter finds you well as we approach the final weeks of what has been a fantastic 2025 school year.

Second Report Conferences: Thank You!

A huge thank you to all the parent, caregivers and students who attended our student conferences on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday this week, following your child's second written report. It has been incredibly exciting reading the students' reports and witnessing the significant progress being made in Reading, Writing, and Mathematics throughout the year. We are so proud of their efforts!

Finishing the Year with the TIS Way

As the year begins to wind down, it is crucial that we all help our Tamariki maintain our TIS values and finish off a very successful 2025 year. Our students have truly thrived in academic challenges, performing arts events, and in the sporting arena, with several noticeable successes along the way. Let's keep that momentum going!

Important Dates & Celebrations

Please mark your calendars for these key upcoming events:

Event Date & Time Notes

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Awards Assembly (Last for 2025)	Tuesday 9 December @ 10:00 am	Celebrating the TIS Way with medals for student involvement.
Year 8 Graduation Dance	Thursday 11 December @ 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	A celebration of our Year 8's two years of middle schooling.
Year 8 Prizegiving	Friday 12 December @ 1:00 pm	Note: Year 7 students go home at 12:30 pm. Supervision will be available for those who need it.
Year 7 Prizegiving	Monday 15 December @ 1:00 pm	Note: Year 8 students go home at 12:30 pm. Supervision will be available for those who need it.
Final Day of Term 4	Tuesday, 16 December @ 12:00 pm	School finishes at 12:00 pm.

2026 Student Leaders Selection

Next week, we will be completing the final selection process for our 2026 Student Leaders.

This is always an exciting time for staff and students as we see potential leaders stepping up and displaying their communicative skills and willingness to work with their team members. This is never an easy process, as we have so many awesome Year 7 students who have put their hands up throughout the year. We look forward to announcing our new leaders at the Year 7 prizegiving!

Farewell to Our Year 8 Leaders

Next Thursday evening's Graduation Dance will be a special opportunity to celebrate our outgoing Year 8 students. They have been awesome role models and have led our Year 7's through some significant changes this year. They have certainly embraced the TIS Way and demonstrated to our Year 7 cohort how to relate to our school. We are excited to celebrate their successful two years with them!

Thank you once again for your continued support this year.

Nāku noa, nā

The Taupō Intermediate School Team



T.I.S SPORTS



CO-ORDINATOR NEWS!

Sports Bulletin

As the term winds down, we are all hoping the weather improves so our Touch Semi Finals can finally go ahead. There were plenty of disappointed students once again this week with the Wednesday night league cancelled due to the weather. Both the **TIS Chargers** and **TIS Titans** have made the Semi Finals, and we look forward to seeing them in action once conditions allow.

Our **Sport Leaders** enjoyed an inspiring visit to the **High-Performance Centre in Cambridge**. Students were given a guided tour of the facility, watched Bryony Botha motor pacing as she tested new aerodynamic technology in preparation for the LA Olympics, and even had the opportunity for a "have a go" ride on the velodrome themselves.

The highlight of the day was meeting Olympic Gold Medallist Elysse Andrews, who generously spent time answering the girls' questions.

A huge thank you to all my **2025 Sport Leaders** for your support, leadership, and the energy you brought to so many TIS events this year. I look forward to welcoming a new team in 2026. Applications will open in Week 2 of Term 1.

Our final event of the year is the **TIS Triathlon Championships**. All students competing should be at Wharewaka on Monday evening at 5:30pm for a 5:45pm race briefing and a 6:00pm start.



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CO-ORDINATOR PHOTOS



ROOM 8

POETRY

My special poem to Dad.

You are summer always keeping me warm and happy

You are a river always running with me

You are a plane taking me place to place

You are a harmonium always teaching me new notes

You are always hard-working making money by making shoes

You are a dragon always big and strong

You are a shield always protecting me

You are a mirror always watching over me

You are a blanket always keeping me warm

Also I love you very much.

By Abhyudaya.

You are Autumn, always cool and calm whenever.

You are a forest, always letting me explore new things.

You are lego, always building me up.

You are a piano, always playing lovely tunes.

You are peaceful person, always calm

You are a dragon, always big and strong

You are spear, always protecting me

You are a pillow, always letting me fall back safely

You are a pencil, always writing the way

And I Love You Very Much

By Nicholas



♪ Is your child interested in learning a musical instrument?!
Our 2026 tuition enrolments are now open! ♪

At the Taupō School of Music we offer group lessons for a whole range of musical instruments, for primary and intermediate aged tamariki.

Lessons are held on Tuesdays after school at Taupō Primary School, beginning in late February. The instruments available (subject to enrolment numbers & tutor availability) are:

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| ♪ Music Makers (5-7 yrs old) | ♪ Keyboard (from 8 yrs old) |
| ♪ Recorder | ♪ Flute |
| ♪ Ukulele | ♪ Violin |
| ♪ Guitar | ♪ Clarinet |
| ♪ Trumpet | ♪ Trombone |
| ♪ Saxophone | ♪ Bass Guitar |
| ♪ Percussion (not drum kit) | ♪ Cello |

Instruments are available to hire (other than guitar, ukulele and recorder).

Please visit our website: www.tauposchoolofmusic.org.nz for further information, and to enrol please go to:
www.tauposchoolofmusic.org.nz/enrolment-information

Please get in touch with any questions, our inbox is always open and we are happy to help: info@tauposchoolofmusic.org.nz

All returning students must re-enrol for 2026 – enrolments don't roll over!



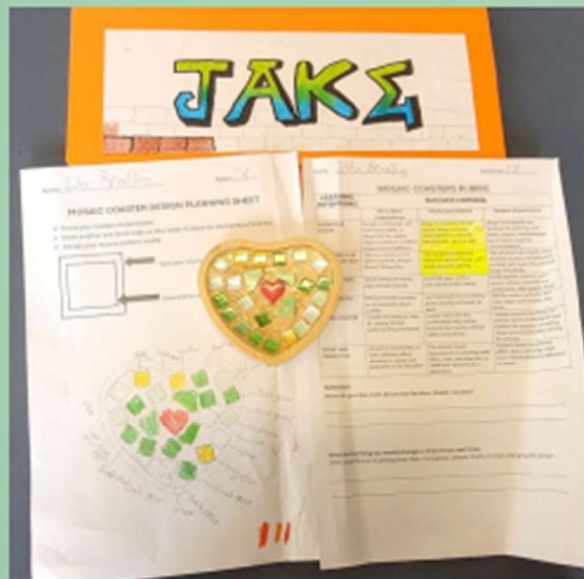
VISUAL ARTS

BAMBOO MOSAIC TILE COASTERS TERM 4 VISUAL ARTS PROJECT

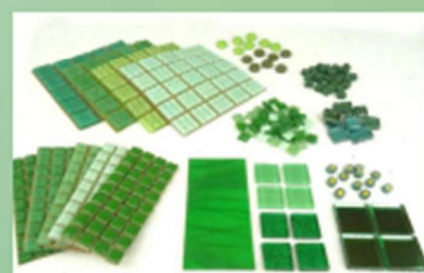
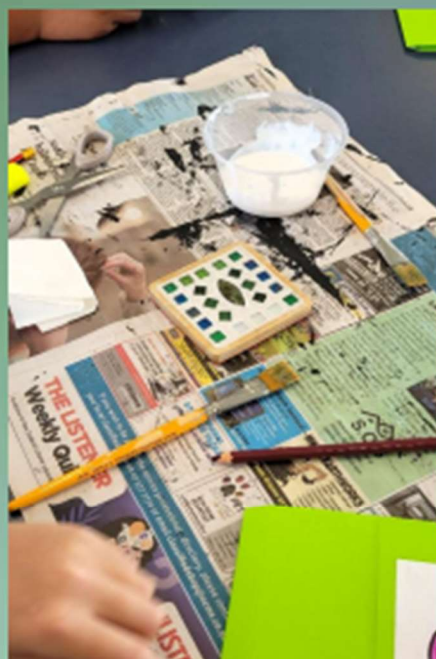
This term, our students explored the concept of *Kaitiakitanga* through a hands-on bamboo mosaic coaster project. As part of our Visual Arts learning, students focused on how space and proportion influence design. They planned their layouts carefully, considering how each tile would fit, balance, and relate to the overall composition.

Students began by sketching their designs and choosing colours inspired by the natural world. They then created their individual tiles, glued them onto the coaster, added felt to the base, and sealed their work three times to protect the grout and ensure it was waterproof and heatproof.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the process and showed great creativity and attention to detail. Their final coasters were outstanding — beautifully balanced pieces they can be proud of!



VISUAL ARTS



THE SUPPORT HUB

TAUHARA COLLEGE

Ballot will take place on Monday 22nd December.
To be considered for the ballot, a completed enrolment,
together with a copy of either Birth Certificate or Passport
needs to be submitted via our website prior to 4pm on
Sunday 21st December 2025.

Bench Ball competition ended with Room 25 as the class champions. This week they played a team of very competitive teachers. Room 24 came out on top with a 3 to 2 win. They had some great strategies, played well as a team and used individual skill sets perfectly. It also helped having some very tall students and some of the 8A netball girls in the class.



Room 10: Poetry Collection

Christmas List

My friend gives me honey
and it is really sunny
He wants Santa
but he got Fanta

Santa is near
because I can see his deer
I want teddy bear
but Santa is not yet here

I want jacket
but I got bucket
Christmas is full of joy
because I'm getting new toy

by: Mike

Santa and Sydney

Big fat Santa
is drinking heaps of Fanta
He was visiting houses
until he bounces

He went down the chimney
and met a little girl named Sydney
She was sleep walking
while Santa keeps talking

Saying you saw nothing
but Sydney said something
He said his good bye
and Sydney started to cry

by: Tegan

Christmas Day

It's Merry Christmas Day
and people are sitting on a hay
People playing Secret Santa
to find out that Santa is drinking Fanta

Christmas is the best
because people gonna rest
Santa is doing Ha ho ho
our Christmas tree is on glow

Everyone goes to church
and will do a Santa search
Walking around the snow
Christmas is coming little bro

by: Rhian

Its Christmas Time

Ho Ho Ho I like Christmas
on Christmas there's no business
on Christmas there's snow
and I love pizza dough

The Christmas lights all in glow
and everything comes in flow
on Christmas people are singing
and its making my ears ringing

On Christmas there's snow flakes
and I love cheesecakes
on Christmas people got Christmas trees
and people are eating lots of cheese!

by: Max

On Christmas Day

Bells ringing, people singing
Music playing, snowballs flying
Dogs barking, snow falling
People falling, kids sailing

Dancing in the snow
Everyone is putting a show
simmering hot Choco under the light
be careful the wind has a bite

Falling snowflakes
freezing plates
Kids playing Secret Santa
While everyone drinks Fanta

by: Abbie

Santa

Santa was putting up his tree
as he hurt his knee
Santa was driving his sleigh
as he hit his prey

He was riding on his deer
as he was drinking his beer
He was playing in the snow
as he wants to go

Looking at the stars
he saw some cars
Santa was falling
as he was balling

by: Maddie

Kiwi Christmas

Merry Christmas and its fun in the sun
Running on the beach oh what a fun
Jandals go flip, sausages sizzle
Pavlova so sweet, I want to whistle

Santa in shorts, he waves with a grin
Whanau all laughing, let the fun begin
Pohutukawa blooms in red and so bright
Kiwi Christmas is pure bright

Laughing with all my cousins
Whole family buzzin'
You know you can't deny
We have a Merry Kiwi Christmas

by: Kauri

Holidays

Holidays are the best
Everyone is feeling blessed
Everyone chill on the lake
while sizzling meat or steak

Enjoying the beautiful movie night
and going to different places and sight
The girlies gonna slay
while all the kids gonna play

Always being tired from normal days
It will be great on Christmas day
I will sleep and eat
but I miss the team when we say trick or treat

by: Mansanjh

Room 10: Poetry Collection

The Dog

My dog found a stone
around the corner he found a bone
He was having fun
while running around the sun



He swam in a puddle
to find out there was trouble
The dog went to the ocean to find a whale
and found out it's wearing a veil

The dog was digging in a flower garden
just for a lady to say pardon
The dog found a sock underneath a rock
He then heard a big round pop

by: Payton

Football

Football is so fun
I want to buy a gun
Football is so hard
I might get a red card



People call football soccer
it is a real shocker
With football you use ball
make sure you don't fall

In football you use a goal
but in golf you use a hole
Football is the most popular sport
I need to go to the airport

by: Micah

The Hopping Rabbit

The rabbit found a parrot
and it's holding a carrot
The rabbit went for a hop
and then stop and heard a pop

The rabbit had a habit
when he saw something, he had to have it
The rabbit had a fluffy tail
and a stuffy sail

The curious rabbit had to tell it
but the first he needs to spell it
He heard the bell
and hurried to see who fell

by: Abbie



Little Birds

The birds can fly
sometimes they are shy
The birds always chirps
you will hear them near the church

Little birds are cute
and always ready for their route
Always ready to eat
eat everything even meat

They make their own nest
I know they're the best
Little birds are my new pets
and definitely no regrets

by: Sophia



Little Big Cat

My cat likes to eat
He always greet me when I'm home for a bit
He is playful
and also grateful

He is always curious
and sometimes by mysterious
He is cute and fluffy
and also nifty

He is funny
and super chubby
He likes being sneaky
and likes being sleepy

by: Melihirdy



Cricket

It is a game full of passion
Cricket itself has compassion
The eleven players in the team
being cricketer will always be a dream

People love to watch and play the game
players got a lot of name and fame
This game of a bat and ball
but there are lots of ups and fall

The game have its own smoothness
some players can actually feel the darkness
Its a game which is never gonna end
but the hardest part is to defend

by: Mansanjh



My Turtle

My turtle's shell is very green
but its very clean
It has sharp claws
but definitely no flaws

My turtle has massive head
just enough for his bed
he has an amazing swimming pattern
feels like he's on Saturn

My turtle has long legs
and loved protecting his little eggs
My turtle has wonderful spots
and always crawled into the pots

by: Laurance



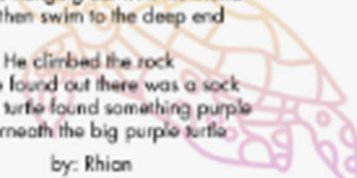
Purple Turtle

He lived in the sea
to find out he was a flea
He wants to live all alone
but he found heaps of bone

He swam in the puddle
to find out there was a trouble
He was hanging out with his friend
and then swim to the deep end

He climbed the rock
and he found out there was a sock
the little turtle found something purple
underneath the big purple turtle

by: Rhian



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

2025 December

TERM 4

WEEK 10

Tuesday 9th December – Awards Assembly 10.00am (last for 2025)

Thursday 11th December – Graduation Dance Year 8 Students 6.00-8.00pm

Friday 12th December – Year 8 Prize Giving 1.00pm (Yr 7 finish at 12.30pm)

WEEK 11

Monday 15th December – Year 7 Prize Giving 1.00pm (Yr 8 finish at 12.30pm)

**Tuesday 16th December – Last day of Term – Half Day –
School Finishes at 12.00pm**

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

WEEK 05

Friday 27th February – School Swimming Sports

WEEK 08

Friday 20th March – Photolife – School Photos