



Newsletter Number: 01

Date: Friday 30th January 2026

**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.**

Welcome, Welcome, Welcome!

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a very warm welcome to all our new staff, our new Year 7 & 8 students, and their whānau to Taupō Intermediate School. A huge thank you to all the parents, caregivers, and families who attended our official Mihi Whakatau on Thursday morning. It was fantastic to see so many Year 7 & 8 parents and caregivers present for this special celebration.

A Great Start to 2026

It has been an amazing start to the year! Our teachers have hit the ground running, quickly establishing systems and structures within their classrooms. It has been exciting to visit classes and see students already deeply engaged in their learning and establishing positive relationships with one another.

I have particularly enjoyed seeing our Year 8 students stepping up as leaders and acting as buddies for the new Year 7 students. This reinforces the distinct advantages of having composite classes, where our senior students can mentor and support our new arrivals.

Stay Connected with the HERO App

Taupō Intermediate uses the HERO app as our Student Management System. This is our main source of communication between school, parents/caregivers, and students.

I encourage all parents, caregivers, and extended family members to download and log in to the HERO app for Taupo Intermediate. This is essential to keep you well-informed of school happenings, alerts, and events.

School Bus Transport Information

We are currently developing our school bus lists for the different routes provided by the Taupō Transport Network Group and Tranzit. We will be formalising these lists by the end of next week, which includes checking the eligibility of students to use this service.

Please Note: This service is only provided for students living more than 3.2 km from the school.

Student Placement Our Deputy Principals have finalized class lists using previous school records and student preferences. Please note that late enrolments may not have received their specific friend requests. We ask that you allow a few weeks for your child to settle in. Experience shows that once initial nerves subside, students form positive relationships quickly. If you still have concerns after this period, we will review placements at the start of **Week 3**.

Student Stationery

Thank you to all the parents and caregivers who have already visited Office Products to purchase their child's stationery for the start of the year.

If you have not yet purchased your child's stationery, we encourage you to do so as soon as possible. This ensures your child is fully ready for learning by the end of next week at the latest.

I am looking forward to another exciting and successful year ahead at TIS.

**Nga mihi nui
Brent Woods
Principal/Tumuaki**

Ngā mihi nui ki te hunga katoa I āwhina mai kia angitu ai tā mātou mihi whakatau.

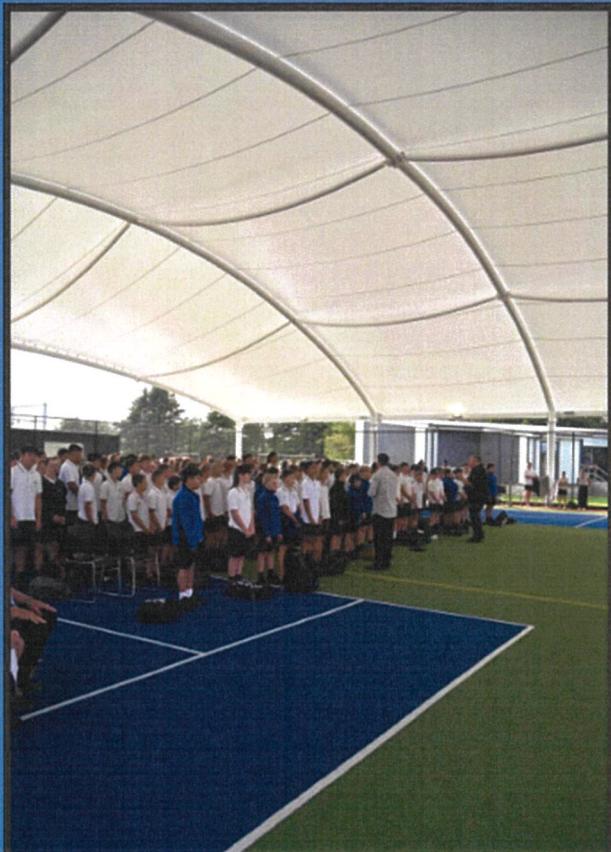
A huge thank you to all of those who helped to make our mihi whakatau a success. And a huge thank you to all of those who attended. It was a huge turnout from our community and it has been wonderful meeting our new Year 7 students.

Under the guidance of Mere Maniapoto and Tyson Taikato, we were able to welcome our Year 7 students, their whānau and our new staff members within the confines of a beautifully conducted mihi whakatau, . Thank you also to Paora Te Mahuri and Tia Rakei for sitting on the pae for our manuhiri. With this being a new process, we appreciated everyone's support, immensely.

Our staff were amazing. Things were changing minute by minute, but our staff stepped up, got stuck in and helped where they could.

A special mention to Mere Maniapoto, who played a big part behind the scenes, in helping us to pull this together. Ngā mihi nui ki a koe, a Mere. I appreciated all of your time invested in helping us out and we look forward to working alongside you and Tyson as we continue to build upon the foundations that were laid on Thursday.



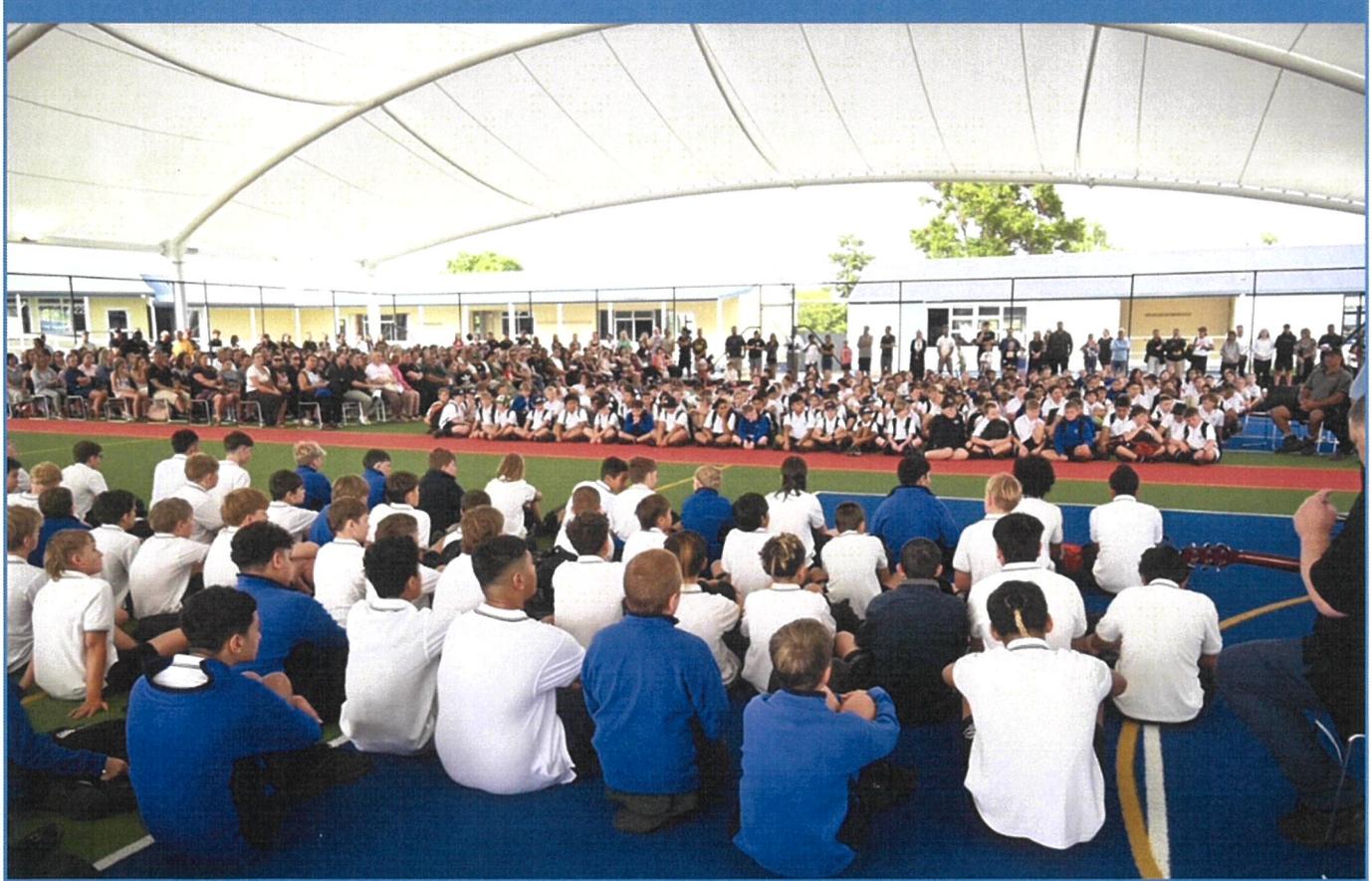
















Hero

The learner-centred software powering New Zealand schools.



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App Store



Get it on
Google Play



If you download the HERO app and when it asks you for a password just click forgot password and you can submit a new one. If you just use your email address you have given the school.

Ready, Set, Sign In!

Hero's sign in flow is safe and secure, with access controlled by the school. If you're a caregiver at a Hero school, stay in the learning loop by following the steps below.

1. Go to the Hero App

Select the relevant link below to download the Hero App, or click to log in via a browser.



2. Add your email address

Then select 'Next'.

3. Select "New User"

Your account will be set up by your school using the email address that you provided when you enrolled your children. Use this address to request a password.

4. Select "Submit"

Hero will send you an email with a link to follow.

5. Check your email

You should receive an email within five minutes.

6. Follow the link

This will take you to a secure page to enter your chosen password.

PARENT GUIDE FOR USING THE HERO APP LINK BELOW

<https://our-hero.com/parent-guide>



Buses – Students are able to board the bus with no tag at this time of the year. Bus tags will be allocated in due course to all Bus students.



Catching the school bus to and from Taupo Intermediate School

The Ministry of Education (MOE) sets all school bus routes and policy for school transport eligibility.

To be eligible to travel free on the Taupō Schools Network Service you must live further than 3.2 km (shortest walking route) away from Taupō Intermediate School.

All eligible students will be allocated the required bus fob when signing up to the bus service when starting at Taupō Intermediate School.

This information is recorded for emergency action and as a roll for who is travelling on the bus each day.

Tranzit Coachlines is our locally appointed school bus service provider for Taupō Schools Network.

Our current bus routes are:

- o Wairakei
- o Kinloch
- o Nukuhau Shops
- o Richmond Heights
- o Waitahanui
- o Tukairangi Rd/Acacia Bay (Top shops). Includes Mapara Rd up to Tukairangi Rd
- o Napier-Taupo Rd & Nga Roto
- o Tirohanga
- o Aratiatia – Includes SH5 North of Taupo to beginning of Tram Rd, View Rd & Cnr of Broadlands & Whites Rd
- o Mapara Rd – North of Tukairangi Rd
- o Oruanui
- o Western Bay/SH32 – Includes SH1 north of Taupo, Palmer Mill Rd & Rangatira Point

Turangi Bus Service – Turangi Rentals

As there is no *school bus* from Turangi to Taupō, students must use the private bus company from Turangi and pay for a concession card. This bus drops off and collects students from our school.

For information regarding the Turangi buses, please contact Turangi Rentals on 07 3868226.

Other information:

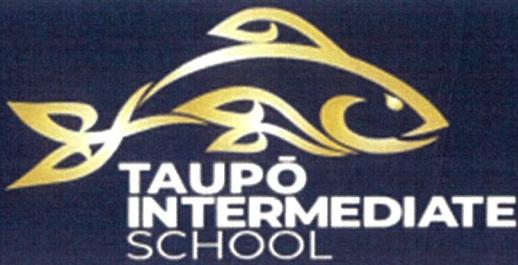
Eligible bus students are only allowed to travel to their parents/caregiver's place/s of residence. They are not to use other buses for personal use.

No Free Rides from Taupō Intermediate to Taupo-Nui-A-Tia or any other location in town. If this happens, students will be asked to leave the bus.

Regular bus users are not allowed to take a friend on the bus for a visit for an afternoon, weekend, or other activities. Please organise other means of transport for these friends wanting to come visit.

In case of an emergency please contact bwoods@taupointermediate.co.nz to discuss a possible solution to these bus related issues.

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Students Travelling on School Buses

Transport assistance is provided as a privilege for eligible students, and not a right. Your Principal may withdraw that privilege if you misbehave.

ELIGIBILITY

- For Year 7 and Year 8 students who are living more than 3.2 km from the nearest school.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Use common sense and courtesy.
- Behave appropriately.
- Look after yourself and others.

The caregiver and the student should ensure they have read and understood the behavioural expectations outlined below. They need to be adhered to for the safety and comfort of all travelling on the school bus.

Please note: When there are no behavioural issues evident, there will be no need to put a 'Code of Conduct Agreement' into practice.

BEHAVIOURAL EXPECTATIONS

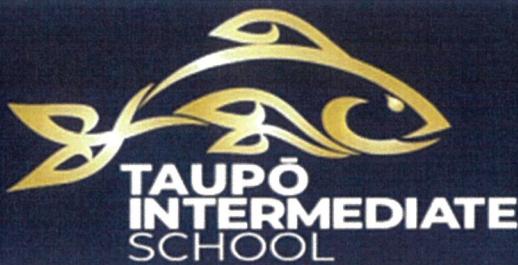
- When I am a seated passenger, I will remain in my seat for the whole journey.
- I will not eat on the bus or throw anything inside or out of the bus.
- If I am a standing passenger, I will stand quietly and not push or move around the bus.
- I will respect other students and their property at all times (this includes pushing, verbal or physical abuse, or any other behaviour that may distract the driver).
- I will use socially acceptable language when conversing with the driver and/or other students and I will not speak at a volume that may distract the driver.
- I will respect the property of the Bus Operator at all times (e.g. refraining from standing on seats or vandalising the vehicle in any way).
- I will not engage in any behaviour that could put the driver and other students at risk.
- I will observe the requirements and instructions of the Bus Driver and the teacher/s responsible for bus duty at all times.
- I understand that any damage I cause to the bus will result in my caregiver being billed for the cost of repairs.
- I must have written permission from my Caregiver to the Principal or Bus controller, if I wish to get off the stop other than my usual one.
- The bus must have stopped moving before I get on or off.
- When off the bus, keep well clear, especially when it is being reversed or turned.

APPROPRIATE BUS BEHAVIOUR IS AN EXPECTATION AT TAUPŌ INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Processes are in place for managing unsafe or unacceptable bus behaviour when they occur.

Caregivers are notified regarding incident reports.

Repeated incidents of unsafe or inappropriate behaviour from individual students may result in the student being banned from travelling on the bus for a period of time.



TUCKSHOP

Morning Tea & Lunchtime items to be brought at the Tuckshop Window

BREAK 1 (MORNING TEA)

10.40AM—11.10AM

Rolls	\$4.00
Chips	\$3.50
Chicken Burger	\$4.50
Mince and cheese pies	\$3.50
Steak and cheese pies	\$4.00
Butter chicken pies	\$4.00
Potato top pies	\$4.00
Sausage rolls	\$3.00
Sausage	\$2.50
Chicken tenders	\$4.00
Chicken cordon bleu	\$3.50
Lasagne toppers	\$3.50
Hash brown	\$2.50
 Sandwiches	 \$3.00
Cookies	\$1.50/\$2.00
Brownie	\$3.00
 Dorito's	 \$3.50
Noodles	\$3.50
Shapes/rice crackers	\$0.50
Primo's	\$4.00
Aqa Lite	\$2.50

BREAK 2 (LUNCH)

12.40AM—1.20PM

Cookies	\$1.50
Cookie time	\$2.00
Brownies/Slices	\$3.00
Dorito's	\$3.50
Noodles	\$3.50
Shapes/Rice crackers	\$0.50
Primo's	\$4.00
Water	\$2.50
Ice block's— Summer only (Term 1 and Term 4)	\$1.00
Hot chocolate and cookie - Winter only (Term 2 and Term 3)	\$3.00



Sushi Orders Start Tuesday, 10th February

Please place your order at the Tuckshop by

9:00am on the Tuesday.

Sushi will be delivered at lunchtime and can

be collected from the Tuckshop.



Taupo Intermediate Student Starter Stationery Pack

- 1x A3 Scrapbook
- 2x 14B8 Exercise Book
- 4x 1B8 Exercise Book
- 2x 1A5 Unruled Exercise Book
- 2x 1E5 Maths with Margins Exercise Book
- 1x 1B4 Exercise Book
- 2x 3B1 Exercise Book
- 4x Pencils
- 1x Yellow Highlighter
- 2x Glue Sticks
- 1x Eraser
- 1x Ruler
- 4x Blue Pens
- 2x Red Pens



\$26.40 Including GST

Please purchase off the following web address: www.taupo.opd.co.nz
This site enables the option to either pay online and have the packs couriered
or pay online and pick up instore.

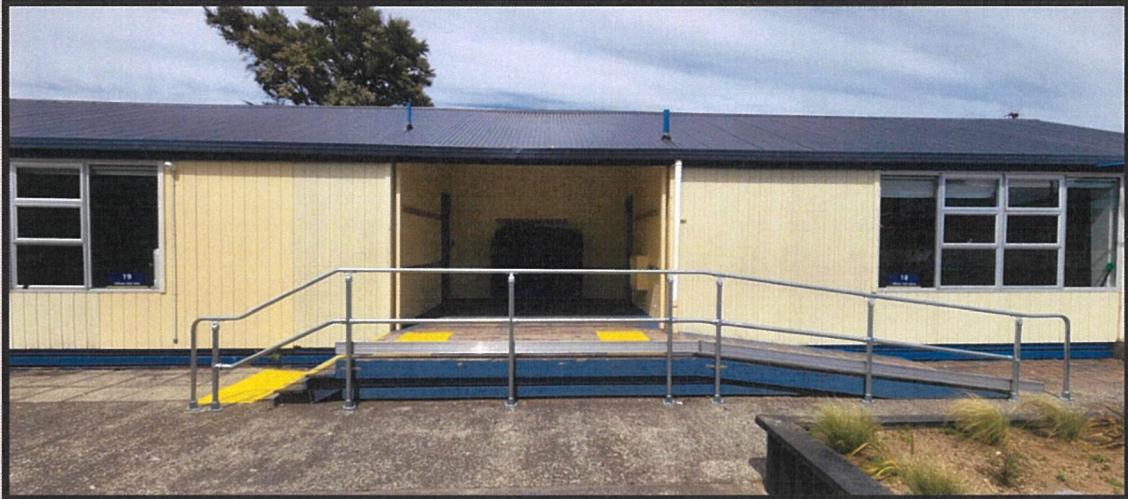
THE SUPPORT HUB

The Support Hub

Please let your child know for 2026, we will now be located in Rooms 20 and 21 (over by the turf).

We also have a selection of uniform (mostly polar fleece) available for purchase at \$2 per item. All proceeds go to more resources for the Support Hub.

On the same note, if you have uniform you would like to donate to the school, please deliver it to the office who will pass it on to us in the hub (nice and clean and ready for resale please).



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

2026 January **TERM ONE**

WEEK 01

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

Tuesday 3rd February – BOARD MEETING 5.30PM

Friday 6th February – School Closed Waitangi Day

WEEK 05

Friday 27th February – School Swimming Sports

WEEK 08

Friday 20th March – Photolife – School Photos

Friday 20th March – Super 11 Swimming Rotorua

WEEK 10

Friday 3rd April – Good Friday – SCHOOL CLOSED