



Newsletter Number: 02

Date: Thursday 5th February 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.**

It is hard to believe that Week 2 is already behind us, and we have officially landed in February! It feels like just yesterday we were wrapping presents and celebrating New Year's, but as the saying goes, time flies when you're having fun. The energy on campus has been electric, and the year is off to a flying start.

A Huge Thank You

A massive thank you to all the parents, caregivers, and whānau who attended last Friday's 'Pop into Class' afternoon. It was fantastic to see so many of you visiting the classrooms and connecting with our staff.

Your involvement and connection with TIS play a vital role in middle schooling education. We truly value the partnership between home and school as we navigate these important years together.

Establishing Our Foundations

Over the last six days, our primary focus has been on establishing routines, systems, and structures within the classrooms and across the wider school. More importantly, we've been busy developing positive relationships.

Walking through the classes this week, there has been an exciting vibe of engagement. It's been terrific to see our Year 8 students stepping up as leaders. They are taking their responsibilities as positive role models very seriously, which has been instrumental in creating a supportive and welcoming culture for everyone.

Technology Programmes Underway

Technology classes kicked off this week! Students are currently engaging in the first of their five technology rotations. This year, we are proud to offer a diverse range of subjects:

- **Food Technology**
- **Visual Arts**
- **Science**
- **Materials & Design**
- **Performing Arts**

Every student will have the opportunity to experience each of these subjects throughout the year, allowing them to discover new passions and develop practical skills.

Technology Reminder: Safety is our priority. All students must have covered shoes to participate in Technology classes. Please ensure your child has appropriate footwear on their scheduled Tech days.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we settle into the term. We are looking forward to a productive and exciting year ahead. Enjoy the long weekend!

**Ngā mihi nui,
Brent Woods
Principal/Tumuaki**

Te Whatu Ora

Health New Zealand

Waikato

RURAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

School Based Immunisations

Update on 2026 School-Based Immunisation Programme for Year 7 & Year 8 Students

Kia ora Parents / Caregivers,

We would like to inform you of some upcoming changes to the school-Based Immunisation Programme (SBIP) for Year 7 and Year 8 students, which will come into effect in 2026.

As part of national changes to the immunisation schedule, **Year 7 students will now be offered both their Boostrix (tetanus, diphtheria, and whooping cough booster) and HPV (human papillomavirus) vaccinations at the same time.**

Year 8 students, in 2026 will continue to receive their scheduled HPV doses, as per current guidelines.

What this means for your school:

- 2026 will be a busier year for the immunisation programme as we transition to the new model.
- Additional clinic dates or longer clinic times and coordination will be required to ensure smooth delivery.
- We will work closely with you to plan effectively and minimise disruption to classroom learning.
- From 2027 onward, the programme will be more efficient, with fewer visits and interruptions to learning time.

Consent Forms:

For Year 8: They will receive a consent form for HPV only.

For Year 7: Please note that consent forms for year 7 will look slightly different, as they will now include both immunisations (Boostrix and HPV) on a single form.

Please complete the consent form and return it to school ASAP.

We understand the additional time and support this may require from your school during the 2026 transition year, and we are committed to working closely with your team to minimise disruption and maintain a smooth process for staff, students, and whānau.

Your child will be given a consent form to bring home for you to choose whether to have your child immunised by the Public Health Nurses at school.

- Information on the immunisations is included on the consent form which will be given to your child at the information session.
- Please complete the consent form and answer all the questions and return the form to school.
- If your child is not being vaccinated at school please complete section B and return the form to school.
- Please check with your doctor or practice nurse if you are unsure if your child has had a tetanus injection in the last two years. Our PHN's will however check this prior to administration at school.

For further information on these vaccines phone **0800 IMMUNE (466 863)**

If you change your mind at any time regarding immunisation, please contact the Public Health Nurse below.

If you have consented and your child is away on the day of vaccination, they will be offered a catch up within 4 weeks

Public Health Nurse:

Claire Anderson



Phone:

027 5501199

Buses – We have updated information that Students will not require bus tags/fobs this year.



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.



T.I.S SPORTS



CO-ORDINATOR NEWS!

Sport Bulletin

Welcome back — I hope you all had a wonderful holiday. It's shaping up to be another busy and exciting year in sport, kicking off in Term 1 with **Swimming, Triathlon, Ki-O-Rahi, Touch, and Mountain Biking.**

Next week, we will be sending out the full **2026 sporting calendar**, along with a **survey** giving students the opportunity to sign up for the sports they would like to participate in. The survey will also include an opportunity for parents to volunteer as **coaches or team managers**. We simply couldn't offer such a wide range of sporting opportunities without the amazing support of our parent community — thank you!

The sign-up process will run as usual. Upcoming events will be advertised in the **morning notices** and **school newsletter**, after which students can come to my office to sign up. Full event details will then be sent to families via the **HERO app**.

Applications have now been sent out for students wishing to apply to be our **2026 Sport Leaders**. I have been incredibly impressed — and slightly overwhelmed — by the number of students who have already come forward. Applications close on **13 February** and are open to **Year 8 students only**.

We are also continuing our partnership with **Kiwi Sport**, with **Ki-O-Rahi** and **Disc Golf** coaches working with our students this term.

TERM 1		
TIS Participation Triathlon	Thursday 12th February	TIS (TBC Due to pool opening)
Waikato/BOP Triathlon	Tuesday 17th February	Ohope
TIS Swimming Sports	Friday 28th February	TIS School Pool
Across the Lake Swim	Saturday 29th February	Lake Taupo
Ironkidz	Sunday 1st March	Lake Front
Kiwi Sport Ki-O-Rahi	Tuesday 10th March	Crown Park
Waikato/BOP M/Biking	Thursday 12th March	Te Miro
Taupo Golf Fun Day	Tuesday 17th March	Taupo
Super 11 Swimming Sports	Friday 20th March	Rotorua
Taupo Disc Golf	Wednesday 28th March	Spa Park
Super 11 Touch	Friday 27th March	Rotorua

I'm really looking forward to another fantastic year of sport at our school.

futures funday



Taupo Golf Club

Tuesday 17 March | 9:30AM

\$20
PER TEAM

Join us for the Futures Golf Fun Day, open to Year 4-8 students — a fun day to learn new skills and enjoy golf with your friends. Teams of four will play a Rotate Golf format (one ball per team, rotating shots 1-4) with great spot prizes. Each team must be accompanied by an adult; please bring clubs and balls if you have them (some provided).

Bay of Plenty
futures
GOLF NZ



Register via your school sports coordinator or contact Sam, sam.kendall@golfnz.org



WAIRAKEI
ESTATE

IRONKIDZ

TAUPŌ 2026

TRIATHLON



swim bike run

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1st
March
2026**



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for 5 to 7 year olds

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& Dash**

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ZONE

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Taupo Hockey 2026

Nau mai ki te tākaro

MINI HOCKEY

- Years 2, 3 & 4
- 11 week competition beginning Friday 1st of May & concludes Friday 31st July
- Weekly games played between 3:30pm – 4:34pm
- Cost is \$70 per player

MAXI HOCKEY

Players each need a hockey stick, shin pads, sneakers & mouth guard

- Years 5 & 6
- 13 week competition beginning Friday 1st of May & concludes Friday the 7th of August
- Weekly games played between 4:45pm – 8:00pm
- Cost is \$90 per player

INTERMEDIATE HOCKEY

- Year 7 & 8
- 14 week competition beginning Wednesday 29th April & concludes Wednesday 12th of August
- Weekly games played between 3:45pm – 7:15pm
- Cost is \$110 per player

Registrations are through your school and children play in a school team





PIANO
LESSONS
ONE - ON - ONE

DURING SCHOOL

Contact Great Lake Music Co. for more info
info@greatlakemusic.co.nz

Taupo Intermediate has a Guitar tutor that comes in on Wednesday mornings during school time.
If you would like to inquire into this, please contact Kris Martin 021 083 27969



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GUITAR LESSONS

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- Lessons done at school

NZMSM Teacher - Kris Martin

021 083 27969

theguitarguynz@outlook.com

www.modernmusictaupo.co.nz

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
Water	\$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	
(Term2 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 school lunch order form

Delivery Date:

Time 12:15

Item	Price	Quantity	Item	Price	Quantity
Salmon Sushi - 4 pce	\$6.4		Salmon Sushi - 6 pce	\$9.6	
Teriyaki Chicken Sushi - 4 pce	\$6.4		Teriyaki Chicken Sushi - 6pc	\$9.6	
Crumbed Chicken Sushi - 4 pce	\$6.4		Crumbed Chicken Sushi - 6 pce	\$9.6	
Avo Sushi - 4 pce	\$6.4		Avo Sushi - 6 pce	\$9.6	
Tuna Sushi - 4 pce	\$6.4		Tuna Sushi - 6 pce	\$9.6	
Mixed Pack - 4pc (Any 2+2)	\$6.4		Mixed Pack - 6pc(Any 3+3)	\$9.6	
Crumbed 2 +Teriyaki2	\$6.4		Crumbed 3 +Teriyaki3	\$9.6	
Crumbed2 +Avo2	\$6.4		Crumbed 3 +Avo3	\$9.6	
Crumbed2 +Salmon2	\$6.4		Crumbed 3 +Salmon3	\$9.6	
Crumbed2 +Tuna2	\$6.4		Crumbed 3 +Tuna 3	\$9.6	
Teriyaki 2+ Salmon2	\$6.4		Teriyaki 3+ Salmon3	\$9.6	
Teriyaki 2+ Avo 2	\$6.4		Teriyaki 3+ Avo 3	\$9.6	
Salmon 2+Avo 2	\$6.4		Salmon 3+Avo 3	\$9.6	
Total			Total		

Crumbed Chicken on Rice - Small	\$8		Crumbed Chicken on Rice - Large	\$10.5	
Teriyaki Chicken on Rice - Small	\$8		Teriyaki Chicken on Rice - Large	\$10.5	
Total			Total		

When you finish order send order form picture to 02108399905



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THE SUPPORT HUB

A quick introduction to the Support Hub.

Our space includes Rooms 18 and 19 for literacy and numeracy learning groups, Room 20 as the Support Hub and Room 21.

Our team consists of Emma Voysey as Support Hub Manager/Senco, Andrea MacLennan as Support Hub Manager, Rebecca Ingram as Learning Support Co-ordinator and our fabulous Learning Assistants - Donna Shaw, Bernie Gallagher, Holly Clarkson, Merenea Hurae, Kel Crickett, Nia Maxwell and Carol Davis.

We cover such supports as uniform, lost property, food, regulation strategies, group activities, learning needs, and much more.

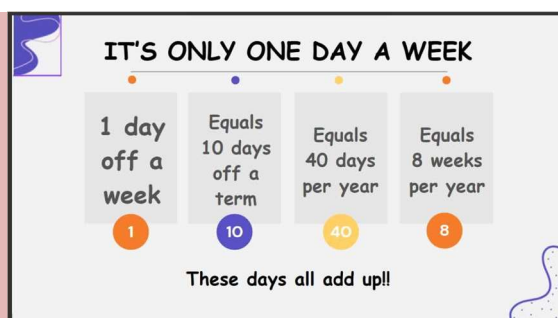
Some of the groups we've had going previously are Young Pioneers, Boxing and Jujitsu, RFD, Seasons, Youthtown, Real Counselling and Aspire.

Attendance

Things to remember:

- Encourage your child to sign in at the office if they are late for any reason.
 - Sign your child out at the office if they are leaving early.
- Ensure all your contact details are up to date so we can contact you if needed.
- Respond to the school text message sent via our school app HERO with the reason why your child is not at school so we can code it correctly.

TIS is in the process of developing an Attendance Handbook. The link to this will be shared with our community via our website, once it has been discussed with the BOT. It will outline our schools' processes with regards to obtaining positive attendance rates, roles and responsibilities of everyone from whanau to class teachers, management and external agencies.



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

2026 January
TERM ONE

Week 02

Friday 6th February – School Closed Waitangi Day

Week 03

Tuesday 7th February – Board Meeting 5.30pm
Thursday 12th February – School Participation Triathlon

Week 04

Thursday 19th February – Super 11 Boys Cricket

Week 05

Tuesday 24th February – Celebration Assembly
Friday 27th February – School Swimming Sports

Week 06

Wednesday 4th March – Year 7 Vaccinations

Week 07

Tuesday 10th March – Year 8 Vaccinations

Week 08

Friday 20th March – Photolife – School Photos
Friday 20th March – Super 11 Swimming Rotorua

Week 09

Tuesday 24th March – Celebration Assembly
Friday 27th March – Super 11 Touch Rugby

Week 10

Friday 3rd April – Good Friday Easter (School Closed)

T.I.S STAFF **(CONTACT INFORMATION)**

TAUPO INTERMEDIATE STAFF

Board Presiding Member: Jason Clarke (presidingmember@taupointermediate.co.nz)

Principal: Brent Woods (bwoods@taupointermediate.co.nz)

Deputy Principal: Sam Blake (Year 8 Dean) (sblake@taupointermediate.co.nz)

Deputy Principal: Michelle Patterson (Year 7 Dean) (mpatterson@taupointermediate.co.nz)

Sports Coordinator: Sam Bradley (sport@taupointermediate.co.nz)

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Room 17

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Room 18

Donna Shaw (Literacy Support)

Room 19

Bernadette Gallagher (Numeracy Support)

Room 20

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Room 21

Rebecca Ingram LSC Support Hub (learningsupport@taupointermediate.co.nz)

Room 22

BOYS CLASS Rob Emerson (rEmerson@taupointermediate.co.nz)

Room 23

BOYS CLASS Phil Somers (psomers@taupointermediate.co.nz)

Room 24

GIRLS CLASS Priscila Shepherd (pshepherd@taupointermediate.co.nz)

Room 25

GIRLS CLASS Jacqueline Emerson (jEmerson@taupointermediate.co.nz)

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Holly Clarkson/Merenea Hurae/Kelvin Crickett
Cameron Bradley/Nia Maxwell/Dee Campbell

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