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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.**

Before we dive into our school updates, I would like to extend our deepest condolences and best wishes to the Taupō nui-a-Tia College board, staff, students, and their wider community. The devastating fire that has impacted their teaching and learning spaces is a tragedy for our whole town, especially following such a wonderful start to the 2026 year. Please know that we are all feeling for you as you navigate this significant challenge. TIS stands with you as you work through this school and community disaster.

Life at TIS: Being the Best You Can Be

It has been an absolute pleasure to experience our first full week with our students. Seeing our teaching, learning, and technology programmes in full swing has been a highlight, and it's wonderful to see our students embracing everything TIS has to offer.

Our assembly this week focused on the theme: "Being the best that you can be." We discussed the importance of setting both achievable short-term goals for the year and long-term aspirations that help shape a future direction in life. I have particularly enjoyed my time wandering around the school and popping into classes, where many students have approached me to share their personal goals and dreams.

Important Dates: Meet, Greet & Goal Set

In Week 5, we will be holding our Meet, Greet & Goal Set Teacher evenings. These sessions provide a vital opportunity for parents, caregivers, and students to share information and focus on the goals we want to achieve together in 2026.

Please join us on:

- **Wednesday 25 February: 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm**
- **Thursday 26 February: 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm**

How to Book: To book your appointments, please visit the HERO app.

I look forward to meeting you there and hearing more about your child's aspirations for the year ahead.

Property & Facilities Update

We are committed to continuously improving our environment to provide the best possible space for our Tamariki. We have some exciting progress to share:

- **Swimming Pool:** I am thrilled to announce that the pool filtering system replacement is now complete. This means students will have access to the pool very soon!
- **Roofing Projects:** The Ministry of Education has approved the roofing replacement for Room 1–11.
- **Rooms 7–11:** Work scheduled for the April holidays.
- **Rooms 1–6:** Work scheduled for the July holidays.
- **Carpet Replacement:** We have also received approval for classroom carpet replacements, with the specific timing still being negotiated.

It is exciting to see these projects underway as we work hard to refresh the look and feel of our school. Thank you for your continued support and for being such an integral part of our school community.

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

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

TAUPŌ TRANSPORT NETWORK GROUP

Temporary Change to Bus Transfer Location

Following the recent fire at Taupō-Nui-a-Tia College, we have been advised that, for the next two weeks, demolition work will be taking place on the damaged area of the site. During this time, heavy vehicles will be using the back entrance, which means the current bus transfer location is not considered appropriate or safe.

As a result, we have had to temporarily relocate the bus changeover point.
For the next two weeks, all bus transfers will take place at Owen Delany Park.

Tranzit has been working closely with Council and our team to ensure that this change of venue is safe and that bus operations can continue smoothly. We will also ensure that staff are present at Owen Delany Park to support students during the transition and changeover process.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation while this temporary arrangement is in place. Student safety remains our priority, and we will keep the community informed if there are any further updates.

Taupō Transport Network Group



Meet, Greet & Goal-Set
Meet the Teacher Evening

Connect with your child's teacher for a **10-minute** chat to set goals and plan for a successful year!

✓ Booking slots now open through the Hero app.

! If you can't book through the app, please contact your teacher directly to confirm a booking.

**TAUPŌ
INTERMEDIATE
SCHOOL**

HERO APP



READY, SET, SIGN IN!

Stay in the loop by
following these steps

1 DOWNLOAD THE HERO APP

Once downloaded, click 'Sign In'

2 ADD YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

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.

If you encounter problems logging in, please check with your school to make sure they have the correct details for you.



Te Whatu Ora

Health New Zealand

Lakes - Community Oral Health Service

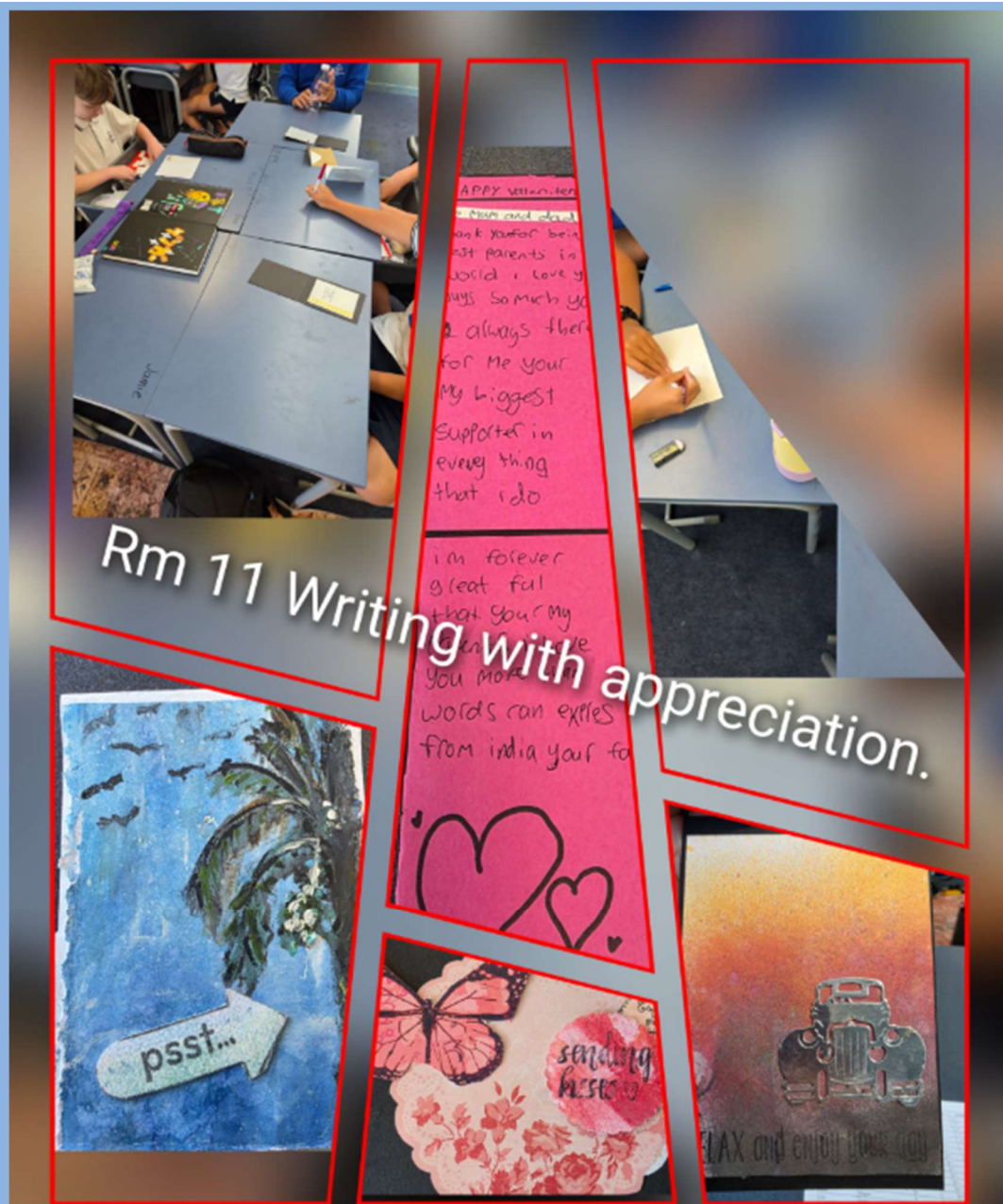


To Parents/Guardians of Taupo Intermediate School students:

Your child will attend the Taupo Hospital Dental Clinic for their examinations and any treatment required. Children will be called over from school in small groups for an initial exam appointment.

Consent forms will be issued if your child requires dental treatment. Please complete and return to the school office as soon as possible.

Year 8 students will also bring home a second form to be completed, as from year 9 they will be transferred into the care of a Dentist of your choice in town. This service is still free until they are 18 years of age.





T.I.S SPORTS



CO-ORDINATOR NEWS!



Sports News

We're excited to be back into sport at TIS, kicking off with our first **Kiwi Sport Hockey sessions** this week. It's been great to see students dusting off their hockey sticks, having fun, and getting back into the game.

Our next **Kiwi Sport Taster** is Girls Cricket next week then Ki-O-Rahi the week after.

Sport Cluster Day – Wednesday 19th February

Next week we introduce our new **Sport Cluster Day** initiative. Students will sign up for the Winter sports they wish to be involved in. The hall will be set up with each sport represented, with **Year 7 attending at morning interval** and **Year 8 at lunchtime**.

Following this, information will be sent home outlining season details and commitments. We will also be seeking parent support for coaching and managing teams. We truly appreciate the ongoing support of our TIS whānau — we couldn't offer these opportunities without you.

Upcoming Trial Dates

Hockey (Week 5)

- Tuesday 3rd March
- Thursday 5th March

4:00–5:30pm at the Hockey Turf

Netball

- Year 8: Monday 9th March & Wednesday 11th March
- Year 7: Monday 16th March & Wednesday 18th March

(The Yr 7 trials follow the Taupo Netball Association **Year 7 Development Workshop** on Saturday 14th / Sunday 15th March. Students wishing to be considered for competitive teams are strongly encouraged to attend the workshop if possible.)

Sign-Ups Coming Up

Next week we also have sign-ups for:

- **Waikato/BOP Mountain Biking** (students must be competent Grade 3 trail riders or participating in the Thursday night race series, as this is a highly competitive event)
- **Year 8 Touch Rugby**

It's shaping up to be a fantastic and busy term of sport at TIS!



LOOKING TO PLAY FOOTBALL

⚽ Ready to play in 2026?

We're welcoming players aged 4-16 to join our club this season which will start May 2026..

🕒 Registrations close start of March 2026.

👉 Head to our website to register your child's interest.
or via our Taupo Junior Football social media page for more
information



REGISTER NOW

Be eye smart

1. Spend time outside everyday
2. Less screen time - take a break
3. Book an eye test
4. Wear sunglasses



Be eye smart

1. Whakapaua te wā ki waho i ia rā.
2. Whakaitihia te wā ki te mātakitaki mata - tango i ngā wā whakatā.
3. Whakaritea he whakamātautau mō ngā karu.
4. Whakamaua ngā mōhiti rā.



THE SUPPORT HUB

Learning Support groups

Testing for literacy and numeracy support groups will start next week. Teachers have been asked to put forward names of students who may need extra small group support in these subject areas. A message will be sent home to all those students identified via our Hero app with further information on how the groups will run.

BREAKFAST CLUB

You could put breakfast club has kicked off again, 815am till 850am in the hall Mon-Fri.

UNIFORM

Plenty of fleeces available to get ready for winter. Reminder that shoes are black shoes or roman sandals.

BOXING

Boxing with Cam from Ringcraft Boxing has started up with lots of our students getting involved already.



Attendance

Parents are legally obligated to have their children at school each day. Please respond to our school message on Hero if your child is away and the reason for it. If your child will be away for an extended amount of time, put this in the message also so we don't hound you each day.

Teachers are required to phone whanau each afternoon to follow up an unexplained absence, so expect a phone call if you haven't messaged the school already.



MATERIALS & DESIGN

Big shout out to Marianne Elliott from Furnware for their generous donation of Materials. Students will be able to make lots of amazing projects with this high quality material.



Students have enjoyed experiencing and learning new skills in Material and Design.

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

2026 January **TERM ONE**

Week 04

Thursday 19th February – Mount Tauhara Trip – Girls Classes
Thursday 19th February – Super 11 Boys Cricket

Week 05

Tuesday 24th February – Celebration Assembly
Tuesday 24th February – Board Meeting 5.30pm
Wednesday 25th February – Meet the teacher evening 3.30pm-5.30pm
Thursday 26th February – Mount Tauhara Trip – Boys Classes
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 13th March – Photolife – School Photos
Friday 20th March – Super 11 Swimming Rotorua

Week 09

Tuesday 24th March – Celebration Assembly
Thursday 26th March – NZSS Triathlon
Friday 27th March – Super 11 Touch Rugby

Week 10

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

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