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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.**

Kia ora koutou,

As we head into Week Five, there is a real sense of pride and positive energy across Taupō Intermediate School. It has been fantastic to see students embracing the many opportunities already on offer — from sports registrations filling quickly, to lunchtime activities kicking off again next week, to students already reaching the summit of Mount Tauhara. Physical Education is in full swing, and the involvement and enthusiasm on display is something we are very proud of.

Meet, Greet and Goal-Set – Next Week

A reminder that our Meet, Greet and Goal-Set sessions are taking place next week. These meetings are a valuable opportunity for whānau to connect with your child's teacher, share your aspirations, and discuss the goals and expectations you have for your child this year.

At TIS, we believe student success is strongest when school and whānau work in partnership. Our goal is not only to support each student's ambitions, but to walk alongside families in achieving them.

If you have not yet booked a time, please do so via the Hero app or by contacting your child's teacher directly. If the scheduled times do not suit, we warmly encourage you to arrange an alternative time. We genuinely hope to see every whānau represented.

TIS Excellence Passports

We are very excited to share that our newly redesigned TIS Excellence Passports are currently with the printers. These have been nearly a year in the making and reflect the refreshed structure of our Taupō Intermediate School awards programme.

At the heart of the passport sit our three major excellence awards:

- Bevan Docherty Sporting Excellence Award
- Donovan Bixley Cultural Excellence Award
- Principal's Academic Excellence Award

Each award recognises commitment, perseverance and achievement within its respective pillar. Students can now track their progress clearly within the passport, setting goals and celebrating milestones along the way.

At the culmination of these sits our newly reshaped and reframed Tū Rangatira Award — formerly known as the Ambition Award. Tu Rangatira represents holistic excellence.

It acknowledges students who demonstrate sustained commitment across academic, sporting and cultural domains, alongside service and leadership. It reflects our desire to grow well-rounded young people who strive not only for personal success, but who uplift others along the way.

We are incredibly proud of how this passport brings together tradition and aspiration. It honours the legacy of our awards while providing a clear, structured pathway for students to pursue excellence across multiple areas of school life.

Our goal is to have these available for students during next week's Meet, Greet and Goal-Set sessions. Following this, passports will be available from Mr Blake.

Swimming Sports – Competitors Event

Next Friday we will hold our annual Swimming Sports — and we are thrilled to be hosting it back in our own school pool.

After being without a pool for much of 2026 due to necessary upgrades to the pumping and filtration system, it is fantastic to have it operational again. A big thank you to our caretaker Mark for all his mahi and to Flow Plumbing for all their expertise in getting the new system up and running.

Please note that this year's Swimming Sports will be a competitors-only event, not a full school day. Students wishing to compete will select their events via a Google Form, which will be sent out and must be completed by Tuesday next week.

Bus Update

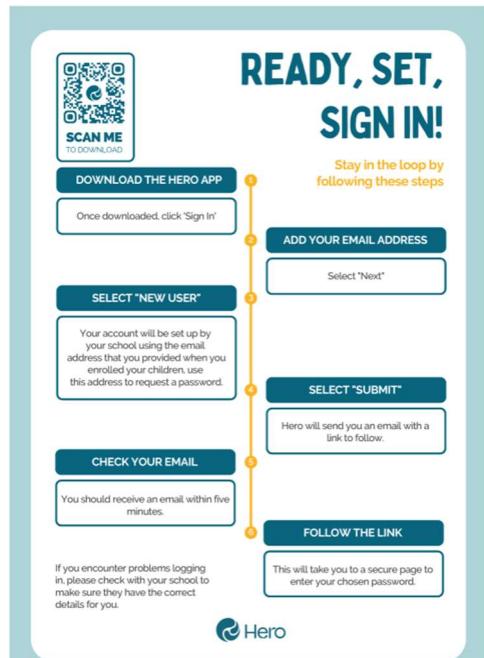
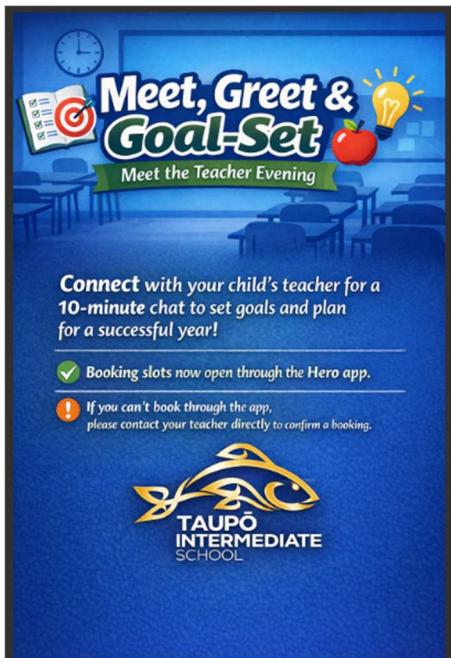
From Monday 23 February, buses will return to the Taupō-Nui-a-Tia College for changeovers. The temporary arrangement at Owen Delany Park has now concluded, and we appreciate everyone's flexibility during this time.

It is encouraging to see the progress being made at Taupō-Nui-a-Tia College, and we wish them all the best as they continue working through their current challenges.

It is exciting to see so many initiatives and opportunities underway so early in the year. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to welcoming many of you on site next week.

Have a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Ngā mihi,
Brent Woods
Principal/Tumuaki



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

AT T.I.S

PE News - Week 2: Ki-O-Rahi

We are now in Week 2 of our PE sessions and students have been fully engaged in learning and playing Ki-O-Rahi. Participation has been outstanding, with fantastic energy and enthusiasm from both students and teachers.

Students have been developing their skills through targeted drills and a variety of modified Ki-O-Rahi games to build their understanding of the rules, teamwork, and strategies. This week, students also had the exciting opportunity to put their learning into action by playing a full game of Ki-O-Rahi!

It has been awesome to see everyone getting involved, supporting one another, and enjoying the experience together. The positive attitudes and high level of participation have made this unit a huge success so far, and we look forward to seeing skills and confidence continue to grow.

From the PE Team – Dee and Charne



ZARA - ROOM 8

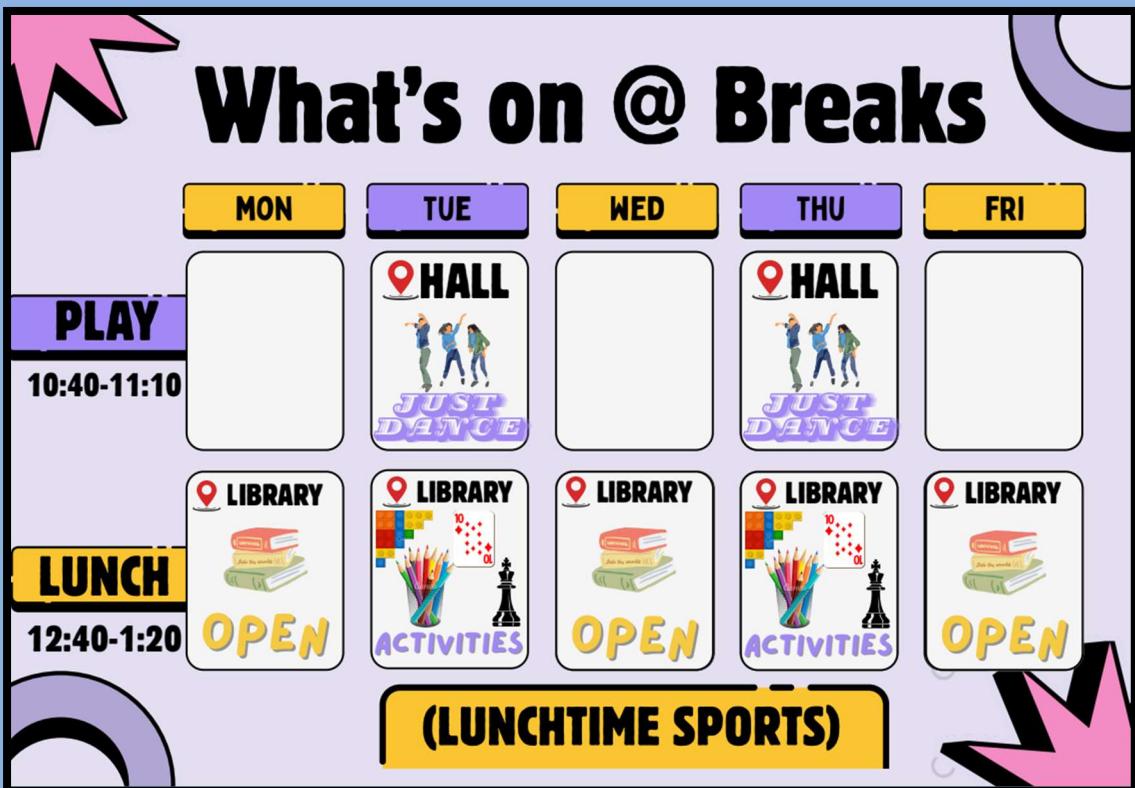


“MANA AKE BREAKTIME ACTIVITIES”

Mana Ake Wayfinder Nicole Grey is excited to expand from Rm 11 in 2025. For 2026 there will be different spaces open on a Tues & Thurs, and we are working on getting both things open consistently across every day.

Nicole welcomes students to suggest ideas of how we can better use the spaces and things they would like to do!

Also, would love to chat to any parents/adults who would like to volunteer to supervise in these times. Email: Nicole.Grey@lakesdhb.govt.nz



“Donations Welcome”

A large group of students enjoyed brightening the place up with chalk on our first Library activity day - as this is a consumable the school welcomes donations so students can continue this activity regularly. Any old board games, outdoor lawn games, bubbles, art pens/paper, or picnic blankets/cushions are also most welcome.





T.I.S SPORTS



CO-ORDINATOR NEWS!

This week has been busy at Taupo Intermediate School. It kicked off with a team travelling to the **WBOP Triathlon Championships** in Ōhope.

Every competitor gave it their absolute best, fighting hard right through to the finish line. We are incredibly proud of their effort, resilience, and sportsmanship.

✿ Outstanding Individual Results

🏅 **Jack Gibson** – 2nd Place Under 13 Boys

🏅 **Micah Wallace** – 2nd Place Under 12 Girls

♀ Teams Event Results

🏅 1st Place – George Gregory & Benjamin Grant

🏅 2nd Place – Chance Ankers, Kian Thompson & Connor White

♀ Girls Teams Results

🏅 1st Place – Frankie Clark, Leela Thompson & Adelyn Pritchard

🏅 2nd Place – Olivia Richards, Indy Fitness & Nia Simm

A huge thank you to all the parents and whānau who supported the event and helped transport bikes and gear. We couldn't do it without you!

✿ Winter Sports Cluster

On Wednesday, we hosted a very successful **Winter Sports Cluster**, giving students the opportunity to sign up for their chosen winter codes.

Families will receive further information next week outlining:

- Competition and league details
 - Student expectations
 - Coaching opportunities
 - Team manager roles

Many of our sporting opportunities are only possible thanks to the support, expertise, and generosity of our amazing community. We truly appreciate your involvement.

🏏 YEAH! GIRLS Cricket Programme

On Thursday, we hosted the first round of the **YEAH! GIRLS** cricket programme, delivered by the Taupō Cricket Club.

The session was packed with fun drills and games designed to encourage more girls to get involved in cricket. Judging by the laughter and smiles, we expect to see plenty of TIS girls continuing with the programme!

🏏 Girls-only sessions continue:

Thursdays, 3:30–4:30pm

Kaiamana Reserve

Please see the flyer for more details.



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Swimming Sports – Friday 27th February

Our annual Swimming Sports are coming up next Friday at the school pool.

Students will be emailed an entry form to select their events.
To attend the event, each student must enter **at least two events**.

Events Available:

- 25m Freestyle (Front Crawl)
 - 25m Backstroke
 - 25m Breaststroke
- 50m Freestyle (Front Crawl)
 - 50m Backstroke
 - 50m Breaststroke

The top four placings in each event will earn points toward the **TIS Swimming Champion 2026** title.
The day will finish with fun relays and events – always a highlight!



Upcoming Iconic Taupō Events

We also have two exciting local events on the horizon:

- **Across the Lake Swim** (Saturday 28th Feb) - fantastic open water challenge
- **Ironkidz** (Sunday 1st March) - fun and rewarding event for young athletes

These are iconic Taupō events, and it would be wonderful to see TIS students involved and proudly representing our school.

Upcoming Trial Dates

Hockey (Week 5)

Tuesday 3rd March and Thursday 5th March

4:00–5:30pm - Hockey Turf

Netball

Year 8 Trials

Monday 9th March and Wednesday 11th March

Year 7 Trials

Monday 16th March and Wednesday 18th March

The Year 7 trials follow the Taupō 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.

Well, done to all students who have participated this week. Your effort, enthusiasm, and positive attitude make us incredibly proud to be part of the Taupō Intermediate sporting community!





TAUPŌ SCHOOL OF MUSIC

♪ Is your child interested in learning a musical instrument?!
We are taking final enrolments before lessons begin on
Tuesday 24 February 2026! ♪

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. The instruments now available (subject to enrolment numbers & tutor availability) are:

♪ Music Makers (5-7 yrs old)*	♪ Keyboard (from 8 yrs old)
♪ Recorder	♪ Flute
♪ Violin	♪ Saxophone
♪ Guitar	♪ Clarinet
♪ Trumpet	

***Music Makers:** A fun and engaging class for our smallest budding musicians to explore their musicality. Sessions will include a variety of content including percussion, movement, instruments, singing theory and games.

Instruments are available to hire (other than guitar 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!



FOOD TECH NEWSLETTER

FEB 2026



What have we been up to?

We've had a busy and exciting few weeks in Food Technology with Mrs. Kingan!

Students have been getting confident in the kitchen by preparing a range of classics; including fruit smoothies, pancakes, banana chocolate chip muffins and cookies. Along the way, they've also been learning about common food allergies, the difference between dietary requirements and preferences and how to substitute ingredients effectively.

Next week, we'll shift into the design aspect of the Technology curriculum. Working in small groups, students will create an original cookie recipe tailored to a specific customer. They'll spend one lesson designing their product and the following lesson bringing their creations to life in the kitchen!

After that, we'll begin our Global Cuisine unit, where we will explore (and taste) foods from around the world.



THE SUPPORT HUB

A big thank you to Room 11 students Jack Scapens (cook) and Piper and India for the delish waffle. Needless to say, it was devoured. Perfect jam and cream to waffle ratio. This was part of their in class learning with procedural writing.



BREAKFAST CLUB

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.



Performance assembly this week had 2 staff members vs 2 students in Minute to win it challenge. A tissue box was strapped around their waist, and they had to remove 8 ping-pong balls before the minute is up. Lots of fun and laughter. A little fun with student and staff participation!

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.

AGRI KIDS



TIS Agri kids kicked off the week with an amazing trip over to Opepe Farm.

Opepe Farm is providing practical learning opportunities while theoretical learning takes place in the classroom.

These students are competing in an Agri kids' competition at the end of the month.

"Thanks to Hilary and Dave for their initiative and support with this group"

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

2026 January **TERM ONE**

Week 05

Tuesday 24th February - Board Meeting 5.30pm

Wednesday 25th February - Celebration Assembly

Wednesday 25th February - Meet, Greet & Goal Set, Teacher/Parent/Student 3.30pm-5.30pm

Thursday 26th February - Meet, Greet & Goal Set, Teacher/Parent/Student 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

Friday 13th March - Photo Life (Classroom & Individual photos)

Week 08

Wednesday 11th March - Year 8 Vaccinations

Wednesday 11th March - Celebration Assembly on the Turf

Friday 13th March - Photolife - School Photos

Thursday 19th March - TIS Leaders Camp - Papamoa

Friday 20th March - TIS Leaders Camp - Papamoa

Friday 20th March - Super 11 Swimming Rotorua

Week 09

Tuesday 24th March - Board Meeting 5.30pm

Wednesday 25th March - Celebration Assembly

Thursday 26th March - NZSS Triathlon

Friday 27th March - Super 11 Touch Rugby

Week 10

Wednesday 1st April - Performance Assembly

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

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