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**Dear parents, caregivers, students, families, and the wider community.
E nga mātua, e nga kaitiaki, e nga taura, e nga whānau, me te iwi whānui.**

It has been a remarkably calm and productive week here at TIS. Walking through the school and visiting classrooms, there is an excellent "feel" about the school, with both staff and students deeply engaged in their teaching and learning.

Refining Our Positive Culture (PC4All)

Last week, our staff took the time to revisit our 'Positive Culture for All' (PC4All) journey, which has been our focus for the last two years. With several new staff members joining our team this year, it was a timely opportunity to re-align our vision.

We spent time reflecting on:

- What is going well? (Celebrating our progress in consistency and classroom harmony).
- What needs to happen? (Identifying our next steps for growth).
- What our Future Looks, feels and sounds like: Re-evaluating how we want PC4All to resonate across the school in the years to come.

There was a strong consensus among the team that our core school values—THINKING, INVOLVEMENT, and SHOWING RESPECT - are truly being lived by our students and staff every day.

Assemblies: Celebration & Performance

This term, we are trialling a new assembly structure: Odd weeks are dedicated to Celebration, while Even weeks focus on Performance.

At this week's Performance Assembly, the energy was high!

- Room 8 stepped up with a fantastic line-dancing number.
- The Performing Arts Technology classes surprised us all with a high-energy "flash-mob" dance.

It is terrific to see our students stepping out of their comfort zones, being active, and bravely accepting the challenge of performing in front of their peers.

TIS Excellence Awards Passports

A huge congratulations to the many students who have already started getting their TIS Passport activities signed off! These passports are a great way for students to show their involvement in school life.

I am personally looking forward to presenting the first round of TIS Excellence Awards next week. This is a reminder to all students to keep pushing yourselves and get those passports signed.

Community Spirit & Iron Man 2026

We want to wish the very best of luck to all the incredible athletes participating in the Iron Man event this Saturday. It is a massive undertaking that requires immense dedication.

A special shout-out and best wishes go to Mr. Ben Claxton (Principal of Taupō-Nui-a-Tia College). We know many of our families will be out on the course, and the TIS community will be cheering you all on as you push toward that finish line!

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school and our students' journeys.

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

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

ATTENDANCE CORNER

ATTENDANCE UPDATE: Staying on Target!

We are officially past the halfway mark of the term, and it's time to check in on our big goal: **having 85% of our students attending school 80% or more of the time.**

Here is a quick look at how we've been tracking over the last fortnight:

ATTENDANCE RATE FOR THE SCHOOL

Attendance Threshold Rates

	Regular 90%-100% Maintenance & Recognition	Irregular 80%-89% Early Intervention	Moderate 70%-79% Support & Strategy	Chronic Below 70% Intensive Recovery
Week 5	70.74%	16.83%	5.41%	7.01%
Week 6	67.54%	18.04%	7.21%	7.21%

While we are still technically "in the green," that dip in Week 6 shows we are right on the edge. Whether it's the recent **cold snap** keeping everyone under the covers or just those classic **mid-term blues** setting in, we need your help to keep the momentum going.

Why Every Day Counts

The math is simple: **the more children are at school, the better their academic results.** Every day in the classroom is an opportunity for a breakthrough, a new friendship, or a lightbulb moment. Consistency is the key to success, and we want every student to have the best possible shot at reaching their potential.

Let's finish the term strong! Please encourage your child to be at school every day - we love seeing their faces in the hallways and classrooms.

WEEK 7/8 CHALLENGE - REDUCING LATENESS TO SCHOOL

The Power of the First 10 Minutes!

Did you know that the most important part of the day at Taupō Intermediate happens between **8:50 AM and 9:00 AM**?

When students arrive after the bell, they miss our morning karakia, vital daily notices about sports trials and cultural groups, and the "road map" for their day's learning. Arriving just 10 minutes late every day adds up to **two weeks of missed school** over a year!

We love seeing our tamariki settled and catching up with friends before the 8:50 AM bell. Let's work together to give every student a stress-free start to their day.

Aim for the gate by 8:40 AM!

BOARD CORNER

Please note that the Presiding Member email address previously in use is no longer active. All correspondence for the Presiding Member should now be sent to:

sbendall@taupointermediate.co.nz

PERFORMING ARTS

By Jayde Wiggan, Ruby Popham and Kaia McIntosh

Performing arts your years at learn how to studio; you get to dive deep into dancing brought community. Now, is never one to



is an experience that you will remember, even after Taupo Intermediate school. In Preforming arts, you make and create your own musical track on Fender to explore different musical instruments and how your Imagination. Not to mention, acting and out our confidence and creativity in front of a large here's how our experience in performing arts forget.

Starting off, in performing arts, our own music and express create. We have this phenomenal we use to create our astonishing enables us to build up passion for our inner spark and inventiveness. explore our emotional, social, and enjoyment within our work. We had if it wasn't for **Mr. Wood**, the performing arts teacher.



we learn how to design and produce ourselves through the sounds we platform called Fender Studio that and unique tunes. Fender studio what we love and express more of Music is something that helps us academic side while giving us couldn't have gotten as far as we

Of course, we couldn't forget about Acting and Dance same joy and inventiveness that creating music does. combine wonderful music and groovy dancing all individuals' unique personalities out and lets each get to boogie to many remarkable remixes that you after your years at Taupō intermediate school. We done without **Holly Clarkson**, our wonderful dance creative, fun, and we are lucky to have her at our



that brings us the Being able to together brings person shine. You will never forget couldn't have teacher. She is school.

Performing arts is an experience that will inspire you to be creative, inquisitive, and keen to learn more about music. You confident in yourself, and through music, dance, outstanding dance that assembly, thanks to the **Mr. Wood** and **Holly** through music, dance,



learn how to make musical tracks, how to be become in touch with your inner self and acting. We also got to learn this we got to perform at the performance music and dance teachers. We must thank **Clarkson** for helping us on our journey and acting.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AT T.I.S

● PE News — Ki-o-Rahi in Action

Over the past few weeks, students have been fully immersed in learning and playing Ki-o-Rahi, and it has been fantastic to see their skills, teamwork, and confidence grow.

After building foundations through targeted drills and modified activities, students progressed into full 45-minute games. We have seen some fiercely competitive matches, with students giving their all and not leaving anything behind on the field. The intensity, effort, and sportsmanship on display have been outstanding. Passing accuracy, movement, decision-making, and overall game awareness have improved significantly. Students are applying their learning in real time, adapting strategies, and working cohesively as teams.

We have also had several students step up to referee games. This is no small task, requiring strong rule knowledge, fairness, confidence, and clear communication. These students have demonstrated impressive leadership and responsibility while helping games run smoothly.

One of the most pleasing aspects has been the sportsmanship shown at the conclusion of games. The handshakes, acknowledgements, and respect shown to opponents and referees go a long way in reinforcing the values we promote in Physical Education.

With the progress and passion we've witnessed, we are incredibly excited to take this momentum into next Tuesday's tournament. If the energy and commitment shown in lessons is anything to go by, we can expect a fantastic day of competition.

We are extremely proud of the resilience, teamwork, and effort our students continue to demonstrate in PE.

From the PE Team

Dee and Charne





T.I.S SPORTS



CO-ORDINATOR NEWS!

We had great fun at the TIS Swimming Sports last week. There were some great swims, closely fought races, and plenty of fun throughout the day. Well done to all the students who competed and gave it their best effort.

Congratulations also to our 2026 Swimming Champions.

	YEAR 7 GIRLS	YEAR 7 BOYS	YEAR 8 GIRLS	YEAR 8 BOYS
1ST	INDY FITNESS	CAM MCCORD	SHILOH MCQUILAN	MAX PEIRCE
2ND	Frankie Clark	Chance Anker	Ella Newth	Jack Simpson
3RD	Oliva Richards	Nate Spurr	Nyla Grigg	Beau Turnbull

Week 5 saw the start of our Winter Sport Trials with Hockey. A big thank you to selectors and the parents who helped with the umpiring. With over 50 students stepping up and showing great passing skills, it certainly made the job a challenging one for our selectors.

Next week it is the turn of the Year 8 Girls Netball Trials, which will be held on Wednesday 11th March and Friday 13th March from 3:30pm–5:00pm on the school turf. Year 7 students will have their trials the following week. Please also note that the Taupō Netball Association Development Workshop will be held on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th March.

Students interested in attending will need to register through the Taupō Netball Association.

We are hoping to hold Basketball trials in Week 9.

On Thursday, a group of 35 Year 7 students travelled up to Spa Park for a Disc Golf session. Students learned how to throw the frisbee and what lines to take on the course. It was a fantastic session that finished with a mini tournament. Next Friday, our Year 8 students will have their turn. Ki-o-Rahi continues to be very popular in both PE lessons and lunchtime sport.

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to be Team Managers at the tournament next week.

Your help and support are greatly appreciated.

Good luck to all competitors in the Ironman this week and thank you to so many students, parents and caregivers who are giving up their time to volunteer.



T.I.S SPORTS PHOTOS!!



Congratulations to all students who took part in the Across the Lake Swim and Ironkidz!
We had a big presence in the teams race.
The yellow bananas team from the girls class was very noticeable!

Special mention to Ella Newth for 2nd in the 2km Across the Lake and
3rd in Elite 10-12 Ironkidz.

Also Jack Gibson and May Foley who got the bronze in 1km Across the Lake event.



Visual Arts Newsletter

MARCH 2026



What have we been doing?

Ms Wood has enjoyed reconnecting with the Year 8 students and getting to know our new Year 7 students.

This term, students have been exploring *Kotahitanga* (unity) through a personal artwork inspired by their summer holidays and incorporating Kiwiana icons. This learning connects to the *Developing Practical Knowledge* and *Developing Ideas* strands of the Visual Arts curriculum.

Students began by brainstorming and developing sketches using line, while building their understanding of colour theory by blending primary colours to create secondary and tertiary colours.

They are now transferring their chosen designs onto their final artworks and applying paint with growing confidence. Mixed media such as colouring pencils, felts, and watercolour will be used to add detail and depth.

Once completed, students will outline their icons in black Sharpie to create contrast and make their work stand out. We look forward to seeing the individuality and creativity reflected in their finished pieces.



Rm 11



History in the making



mine spanish flu Gabrielle
and captain cook



Musket wars chch



TDS
TAUPŌ MARIST
JUNIOR RUGBY

REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN

TAKING REGISTRATIONS FOR ALL GRADES FROM
U6, U7, U8, U9, U11 AND U13s

REGISTER NOW AND SECURE A SPOT
 IN ONE OF OUR JUNIOR MARIST TEAMS

TAUPO MARIST JUNIOR RUGBY

Craters CLASSIC
 BY BIKE TAUPŌ

Craters Classic
Saturday April 18th 2026

Kids Craters
Friday April 17th 2026

biketapuō
WWW.CRATERSCLASSIC.CO.NZ

TAUPO SWIMMING CLUB

-CLUB NIGHT-

12TH MARCH

COME ON DOWN TO THE AC BATHS FOR AN EVENING OF SWIMMING FUN.

5:30- 6:45

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL
TAUPOSWIMMINGCLUB@GMAIL.COM

TAUPO SWIMMING CLUB

And 

Invite you to their

OPEN DAY

20th March
 3.30-4.30/5pm

Come and see what squad and club swimming is all about. We ask that all parents please stay

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL
TAUPOSWIMMINGCLUB@GMAIL.COM

THE SUPPORT HUB

Learning Support

Literacy and Maths support classes will be up and running from next week. All the students have been tested and a letter will be sent home today via Hero to let families know if their children will be participating in these small group supports. Bernie is the Learning Assistant taking maths. Holly and Donna are the Learning Assistants taking literacy.

TAUPO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
AGENCY EXPO

Your Community, Your Connections, Your Future!

DATE: APRIL 1st, 2026
TIME: 12:30 PM - 4:00 PM
LOCATION: ON THE TURF!

Sports Clubs & Demos
Fun Games & Activities!
FREE GIVEAWAYS!

taupo blue light empowering youth
GREENING TAUPO
ANAMATA HEALTH + WELLBEING FOR EVERYONE
New Beginnings
real ahakoa te aha Southern Lakes
Growing Through Grief

TAUPO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
Budget House
HE KĀHUI TĀNGATA
biketaupo RIDE CENTRAL
YOUTHTOWN SINCE 1932



Breakfast club has kicked off well this term.

Breakfast club runs from 815am till 850am every day and ensures our students have a good start to their day with food and connection in the hall. Students do their own dishes showing our TIS values.

STAFF SNAPSHOT



Ko kurahaupo te Waka
Ko Manawatu te awa
Ko Tauarua te Maunga
Ko Rangitane te Iwi
Ko Te Rangi te paia te Hapu

Kia ora, my name is Kim Crofskey and the students call me Whaea Kim.

I was born and raised in the Manawatu Palmerston North.

I have three grown children who also live in the Manawatu.

I live just out of Taupo Reporoa with my Husband and 2 border collies.

We also run a wood business Axe Man Firewood and deliver around the Taupo area.
I enjoy fishing on the lake and sea fishing. Lovely to be a part of the T.I.S Team.

I Look forward to getting to know the students and working
alongside staff of Taupo Intermediate.

Nga mihi, Whaea Kim

DR CRAIG HARRISON PRESENTS...

UNDER PRESSURE

HOW TO THRIVE IN A HYPER
COMPETITIVE YOUTH SPORT WORLD

A talk for athletes, parents, & coaches

TAUPŌ | 26 MARCH

Tickets at eventfinda.co.nz



T.I.S IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

2026 MARCH TERM ONE

Week 07

Monday 9th March - Room 15 Museum Visit
Wednesday 11th March - Year 8 Vaccinations
Wednesday 11th March - Celebration Assembly on the Turf
Thursday 12th March - R24 & R25 Museum Trip
Thursday 12th March - Te Miro WBOP Mountainbike Champs
Friday 13th March - Photo Life Visit(Classroom & Individual photos)
Friday 13th March - Kiwi Sports Tasters Disc Golf - Year 8

Week 08

Wednesday 18th March - Performance Assembly
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 - Yr 7 Vision Hearing Technician visiting
Wednesday 25th March - Celebration Assembly
Thursday 26th March - NZSS Triathlon
Thursday 26th March - Board Meeting 5.30pm-7.30pm
Thursday 26th March - Yr 7 Vision Hearing Technician visiting
Friday 27th March - Yr 7 Vision Hearing Technician visiting
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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