



Newsletter Number: 10

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Tēnā koutou katoa,

The first term of 2026 has come and gone in a flash! It has been a terrific start to the year, filled with exciting opportunities and a vibrant energy throughout the school.

Living Our Values

I want to extend a huge congratulations to all our staff and students for truly living our school values: **Thinking, Involvement, and Showing Respect**. Your commitment to these principles has helped us foster a very positive culture here at TIS.

We have been suitably impressed by the number of students who have stepped up and taken the opportunities on offer during Term One. Student involvement is at an all-time high, and it is wonderful to see so many of you already achieving TIS Excellence Awards this early in the year.

Student-Led Beautification Project

A massive shout-out to our Beautification Team! Today's school **Mufti Day and Easter Raffle** were a huge success. **These funds are going directly toward improving our school bathrooms - specifically adding murals, mirrors, and new hand dryers.** The team's focus is to create a space students can be proud of, with the hope that this renewed environment encourages everyone to show even greater respect for our facilities.

Community Connection & Celebration

Thank you to all the parents, caregivers, and whānau who attended our Celebration of Learning afternoon yesterday. It was a pleasure to see our community back on site.

A special thank you also goes out to those who visited the Taupō Agency Expo on the turf. With the ongoing pressures of rising fuel and food prices, we know that these support agencies are vital for our community. We sincerely appreciate our local agencies for their presence and their ongoing support of our school.

A Message from the Leadership Team

Finally, a huge thank you to the Board and our dedicated staff for all their efforts as we collectively "Strive for Excellence" for Taupō Intermediate School.

We wish you all an enjoyable Easter and a restful school holiday with your children. As the saying goes, the greatest gift you can give your child is your time. Enjoy those moments together.

**Ngā mihi nui,
The Team at Taupō Intermediate School**

ATTENDANCE CORNER

Attendance Progress Report: Term 1 Week 10

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

ATTENDANCE RATE FOR THE SCHOOL				
Attendance Threshold Rates				
	Regular	Irregular	Moderate	Chronic
	90%-100%	80%-89%	70%-79%	Below 70%
	Maintenance & Recognition	Early Intervention	Support & Strategy	Intensive Recovery
Week 5	70.74%	16.83%	5.41%	7.01%
Week 6	67.54%	18.04%	7.21%	7.21%
Week 7	68.80%	18.80%	6.80%	5.60%
Week 8	66.13%	21.04%	8.62%	4.21%
Week 9	69.54%	19.04%	6.61%	4.81%
Week 10	66.53%	21.12%	7.77%	4.58%

Mission Accomplished!!!

We are proud to announce that we have hit our **strategic target for Term 1!**

Our goal was to ensure **85% of our students maintained an attendance rate of 80% or higher**, and the final data shows we have successfully reached this milestone.

Term 1 Trend Analysis

The data shows a positive shift in our "At-Risk" categories. Notably, **Chronic absenteeism (below 70%) dropped significantly** from 7.01% in Week 5 down to 4.58% by Week 10.

While our "Regular" attendees fluctuated due to seasonal illness, our **Early Intervention** strategies were highly effective. We saw the "Irregular" group grow from 16.83% to 21.12%, showing that we successfully moved students up from the Moderate and Chronic tiers into more stable attendance patterns.

Priority Focus for Term 2

- **Maintain the 85% Target:** Keep our combined Regular/Irregular attendance above the 85% mark.
- **Targeted Support:** Continue moving students from "Moderate" (7.77%) into the "Irregular" tier.
- **Celebrate Consistency:** Recognising the **66.53%** of students who have remained in the "Regular" bracket at our next 'Celebration Assenbly'.

Key Achievement: We ended the term with **87.65%** of our students attending 80% or more of the time—surpassing our 85% target!

Congratulations to the staff for their tireless check-ins and to the students for their resilience.

Let's keep this momentum moving upward!

BOARD CORNER

TAUPO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL BOARD CASUAL VACANCIES FOR PARENT REPRESENTATIVES

Casual vacancies have occurred on the school board for two elected parent representatives.

The board has decided to fill the vacancies by selection.

If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Request for a by-election should be sent to:

Presiding member Simon Bendall

Email: sbendall@taupointermediate.co.nz by Friday 24th April 2026

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NZ SIGN LANGUAGE

Celebrate 20 Years of NZSL week with us!



New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL) is a challenging, fun and interactive language to learn.

Come and join the 5 week NZSL course with our NZSL. Qualified teacher.

The Beginners courses are suitable for those with no prior knowledge of an Introduction to NZSL & Deaf Culture. NZSL Level 1a introduces learners to NZ Sign Language (NZSL), the language of the Deaf community and one of the official languages in New Zealand.

Join us and start communicating in NZSL in Taupo with your Deaf Teacher Kelly from Cambridge. Five Saturday classes in mornings or afternoons, you can choose which classes to register.



BEGINNER LEVEL 1A

Learn NZSL in Taupo

COST: \$125 per person

DURATION: 5 weeks

SCHEDULE: Five Saturday classes
(choose your preferred time)

COURSE OPTIONS: Saturdays 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Saturdays 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM

COURSE DATES: 2, 9, 16, 23 May and 13 June 2026

VENUE: REAP Centre 73,
Titiraupenga Street, Taupo

INCLUDED: E-handouts,
Completion e-certificate,
Tea and coffee

Please note: that there might be changes in the schedule such as additional classes to compensate for a public holiday or other cancellations due to low participation. Also, it is important to attend at least 80% of the classes to qualify for certification.

Please be advised that tuition fees must be settled before the commencement of the classes. You will receive a confirmation of your registration.

Topics: Meeting and Greeting, Our Class, Wants and Needs

Limited spaces left in each class, only 14-16 spaces - Register early so you don't miss out!
For more information and to enrol please contact ako@reapcentralplateau.nz



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Wow — what a term we've had!

Our Ki o Rahi lunchtime sports finalists were Room 22 and Room 5. After a skillful and clean game, Room 5 came out on top, winning the Term 1 lunchtime sports shield with a score of 9–6 🏆

Both classes showed amazing sportsmanship, and the talent on display was unreal. The support from their awesome classroom teachers was next to none — you could see how proud the students were! These teachers showed up to every game, giving 100% effort. Not only were the kids beaming with pride, but the teachers were proud too — it was a full-team effort all the way!

We also had our teacher's vs Winning Class game... and wow, it went up another level! It was not an easy game at all — hard! Our Principal Mr. Woods and Deputy Principal Mr. Blake got in amongst it, and we even had John Shaq from Youth town playing. In the end we drew! It just shows the talent we have across our school.

As Term 1 comes to an end, we're sad to see Ki o Rahi take a break, especially since students absolutely loved it. A huge thank you to everyone who gave PE a go — even if it wasn't your cup of tea, you got involved and many of you ended up loving the game. That's what it's all about!

We'll kick off Term 2 with netball for three weeks and we will change into another sport. Enjoy your holidays — we'll see you in Term 2 with bibs and whistles!

PE Team – Dee and Charne



Visual Arts Newsletter

Kiwiana Creativity Shines in Rotation 1

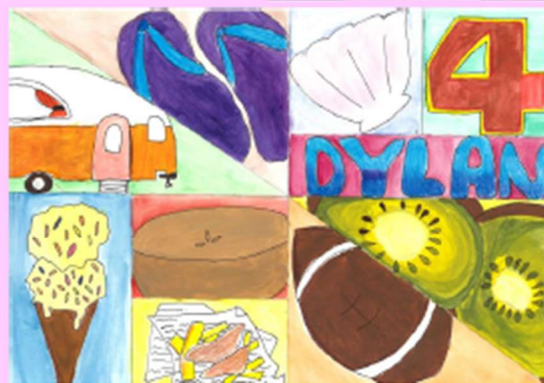
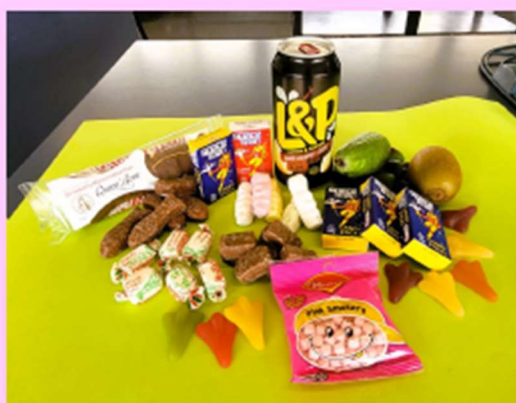
The end of Rotation 1 has resulted in some truly amazing Kiwiana-inspired artwork from our students. Exploring a range of mixed media techniques, students used colouring pencils, acrylic paint, watercolours, and felt pens to bring their ideas to life, adding impressive detail and depth to their pieces.

It has been fantastic to see the creativity, effort, and growing confidence displayed throughout this unit. Most importantly, students were incredibly proud of what they created—an achievement worth celebrating - which we did with some Kiwiana treats.



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T.I.S SPORTS



CO-ORDINATOR NEWS!

Sports Bulletin – End of Term

As we wrap up the final week of term, it has been fantastic to see so much student involvement and success across our summer sports.

Our swim team travelled to Rotorua to compete in the Super 11 Swim Championships — a highly competitive event featuring strong swimmers from across the region. TIS recorded some excellent performances, led by Shiloh McQuinlan, who placed 1st in the 50m Breaststroke and 3rd in both the 50m Backstroke and Freestyle.

This success carried into the weekend, where Shiloh competed at the Rising Stars Swim Competition — a renowned event — and was crowned the overall winner in the 12-year-old girls division. She was well supported by teammates Ella Newth and Max Peirce, who also achieved strong breakthrough performances and podium finishes. The highlight was seeing so many year 7 step up to swim in this competition and the team of Indy Fitness, Thea Young, Frankie Clark and Phoebe Redman take 2nd in the year 7 girls relay.

The TIS Mountain Bike team travelled to Wellington for the NISS Mountain Biking Champs and survived a challenging, technical course to bring home two medals. Micah Wallace 1st in Un 13's Girls in the Enduro and Downhill. Stanley Newman, Cooper Marriott and Benjamin Grant showed strong performances in the Cross Country Individual races, but teamed up to win NISS year 7/8 Boys Relay title.

This week, we also enjoyed the “Oh Yeah Girls” Cricket Festival, which was a fantastic way to conclude the summer cricket season. The girls had a great day dressed in bright colours and creating dancing in between some great fielding and batting skills. Thanks to the ongoing support and coaching from Taupō Cricket coaches Sebastian and Shaylah every Tuesday lunchtime.

Thank you to all whānau for your continued support throughout the term. These opportunities would not be possible without you.

Looking ahead to Term 2:

- **The T-Ball Tournament will take place on the first Thursday (23rd April) of the term**
- **Winter sports begin in Week 2**

If your child is part of a winter sports team, please ensure you have joined the appropriate TeamReach messenger group, as coaches are keen to begin organising trainings over the holidays. If you are unsure, please feel free to get in touch.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy Easter, and an enjoyable holiday break!



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PHOTOS!!

Over the weekend of the 21st March the BMX nationals were held in Te Awamutu hosting over 700 riders from around nz. Taupo Bmx club had 16 competitors representing Taupo, 3 of which were TIS students:

Jacob Smith
Kahlia Crocker
Micah Wallace

Coming home with some great results after months of training and hard work.
Kalia raced in 12 girls 20 inch and placed 12th.
Micah raced 12 girls 20 inch & 8-12 girls cruiser placing 1st in both categories.
Jacob raced 11 boys 20 inch and placed 36th.





TAUPO COLLECTIBLES Event

DOOR SALES GOING TO LOCAL CHARITIES

GREAT LAKE CENTRE

5 STORY PLACE, TAUPO, 3330

SATURDAY 27TH JUNE 10AM - 3PM

\$5 CASH ENTRY PER PERSON
KIDS UNDER 10 FREE

ACTION FIGURES, GAMING, COMICS,
VINTAGE/RETRO, TOYS, TRADING CARDS,
FUNKO, DIECAST, VINYL, TV/MOVIE, SPORT,
ART, COINS

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ROOM 11

BRINGS NZ HISTORY

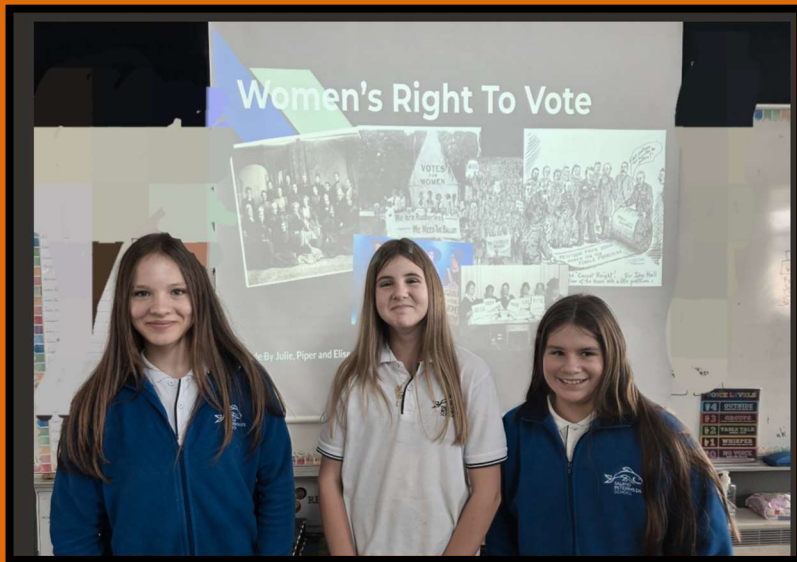
TO LIFE

Students in Room 11 have been hard at work creating engaging and informative presentations as part of their "NZ History in the Making" learning. Two more standout projects were proudly shared this week, showing both creativity and deep understanding.

India Prater explored the impact of the Spanish Flu, presenting a detailed and realistic hospital model that demonstrated how sick people and how they were cared for during the pandemic. Her use of a hands-on display helped bring history to life and made a complex topic easier.

Rubi Popham focused on the voyages of Abel Tasman, creating an eye-catching model of his ship alongside a map of his journey. Her project highlighted the importance of early exploration in shaping New Zealand's history.

Both students showed excellent effort, creativity, and confidence in sharing their learning. Room 11 continues to impress with their ability to turn history into meaningful and memorable experiences.



Room 11 Nz history - making history presentations.

First up were Jayde Wiggan presented a thoughtful report on the Pike River Mine tragedy, sharing how the 2010 disaster led to major changes in workplace safety in New Zealand.

Then Piper Quinn presenting with Elise white and Julie presented about women's right to vote, highlighting that New Zealand was the first country in the world to grant women voting rights in 1893.

All students showed confidence, teamwork, and excellent research skills—well done.

ROOM 11

The christchurch earthquake devastation diaorama by Grace Dheda
And the musket wars reenactment model by Laurence Harrison and Devante.

RM11 HISTORY IN THE MAKING



Christchurch earthquake
by Grace Dheda

Musket wars by Harrison,
Laurence and Devante



By Harrison/Laurence/Dev
In the nz musket
war there was about
20000 to 40000 deaths
The war was fought
with the musket
war was about 1830
to 1840
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THE SUPPORT HUB

The first Agency Expo went off without a hitch yesterday. It coincided with our Celebration of Learning. We had approximately 10 agencies around the turf offering information on what services they provide. Andrea was manning the Bluelight BBQ with free sausages for families who came through.

A few different raffles and spot prizes were handed out by these other organizations also.

If we didn't catch you this time, hopefully you can come along when we host again in Term 4



THE SUPPORT HUB

Staff vs Students (Room 5 class champions) Ki O Rahi match was held yesterday on the bottom field.

While Room 5 came out strong and held the lead for most of the game, the staff found their groove and strategy and ended up with the win.

Congratulations to Room 5 for a great game and thanks so much to the boys from Youthtown for bringing their knowledge and expertise to our staff team.



ROOM 8



Zara Tanner from Room 8 made this lovely booklet about her trip on Leadership camp at Papamoa Beach



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

2026 - APRIL/MAY/JUNE

TERM TWO

Week 1

Monday 20th April - First day of Term Two
Wednesday 22nd April - Celebration Assembly

Week 2

Monday 27th April - Anzac Day observed - SCHOOL CLOSED

Wednesday 29th April - Room 15 Mount Tauhara Trip
Friday 1st May - Super 11 Lightweight Rugby Gisborne

Week 3

Wednesday 6th May - Celebration Assembly
Thursday 7th May - BOARD MEETING 5.30pm-7.30PM
Friday 8th May - Super 11 Golf Taupo

Week 4

Friday 8th May - Super 11 Futzbul (Tauranga)

Week 5

Wednesday 20th May - Celebration Assembly

Week 6

Friday 29th May - Super 11 Mountain Biking Rotorua

Week 7

Monday 1st June - Kings Birthday - School Closed

Wednesday 3rd June - Celebration Assembly
Thursday 4th June - Epro 8 Challenge
Thursday 4th June - Greening Taupo Day
Friday 5th June - Epro 8 Challenge
Friday 5th June - Super 11 Pickleball or Ultimate Frisbee