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Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.

Welcome back to Term 2! The term has started exceptionally well, and it was fantastic to see our school community come together for our first Celebration Assembly on Wednesday. This assembly was a true testament to our motto of 'striving for excellence' and highlighted the incredible momentum we are carrying forward from the start of the year.

Our students continue to impress us with their dedication, and we are incredibly proud of the progress made across all areas of school life.

Celebrating Success

During our assembly, we had the pleasure of acknowledging several key achievements:

- **TIS Excellence Awards:** Congratulations to our latest winners for their outstanding contributions.
- **Leadership Badges:** Our new Class Leaders were officially acknowledged and presented with their badges. We look forward to seeing you lead with pride.
- **Term 1 Technology Awards:** Congratulations for your outstanding achievement and hard work in your technology classes in term 1.
- **Maths Whizz:** A massive shout-out to the 140 students who received certificates for accelerated learning in this program.
- **Youthtown:** Thank you to the team for their engaging Kī-o-rahi presentations, which added great energy to the day.

Property & Facilities Update

We've been busy over the holidays ensuring our environment is top-notch for learning. Improvements include:

- **Roofing:** Replacements are complete for Rooms 7 & 8 and Rooms 9–11. (Rooms 1–6 are scheduled for the July holidays).
- **Security:** A full upgrade of the school alarm system.
- **Admin & Staffroom:** Installation of new blinds.
- **Maintenance:** Deep carpet cleaning, ventilation system servicing, and turf grooming (swept, cleaned, and sprayed).

Zespri NZAIMS Games: Important Meeting

Following several inquiries at the end of last term, we will be holding an information evening regarding the Zespri NZAIMS Games.

- **When: Tuesday, 28 April 2026**
- **Time: 5:30 PM**
- **Where: School Hall**

If you are interested in your child participating as an individual or as part of a team, it is vital that you attend. This meeting will cover the essential processes, procedures, and entry requirements for this prestigious sporting event.

We look forward to an exciting and productive Term 2 ahead!

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

ATTENDANCE CORNER

Attendance Progress Report: Term 2 Week 1

Attendance Milestone: Term 1 Target Achieved!

A huge thank you to all our parents and caregivers for supporting our attendance goals. Because of your efforts, we surpassed our Term 1 target!

Attendance Category	Percentage of Students
Regular Attendance (90% - 100%)	65%
Irregular Attendance (80% - 89%)	22%
Combined Target (80% or better)	87% (Target was 85%)

Special congratulations to the 114 students who achieved a perfect 100% attendance record for Term 1. We will be celebrating your achievement at Week 3's Celebration Assembly.

Keeping our kids in class is the first step toward excellence!

Here is a quick look at how we are tracking for term 2 week 1:

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 1	82.27%	3.59%	6.57%	7.57%

Plan of attack to beat the "winter blues" in Taupō

This will be no small feat - once that crisp breeze starts coming off the lake, the duvet feels much heavier than usual! However, maintaining that 85% attendance target is key to keeping the momentum going from Term 1.

Here are 5 practical tips to help students stay on track during the colder months:

1. Master the "Pre-Heating" Morning Routine

Cold mornings are the biggest enemy of attendance. To make getting out of bed easier:

- **Warm up the gear:** Lay out school uniforms the night before. If possible, put them near a heater for a few minutes in the morning so they aren't freezing when they go on.
- **Timed Heating:** Set the house heater to kick in 30 minutes before the alarm goes off. It's much easier to start the day when the air doesn't bite!

ATTENDANCE CORNER

2. Focus on "Winter Wellness" Hygiene

Winter often brings seasonal sniffles that can derail attendance.

- **The Basics:** Encourage consistent hand washing and sanitising, especially after being in common areas or using shared equipment.
- **Boost the Immune System:** A balanced diet with plenty of Vitamin C and staying hydrated (even when it's cold) can help ward off the minor bugs that lead to unnecessary days off.

3. The "Layer Up" Strategy

Being cold all day makes school feel like a chore. Ensure students are equipped for the Taupō climate:

- **Layers are Key:** Use thermal under-layers that fit discreetly beneath the school uniform.
- **Dry Feet, Happy Student:** Invest in quality waterproof footwear and ensure students have a warm jacket for break times. If they stay warm during interval and lunch, they'll stay engaged in class.

4. Set a "Buddy Goal"

Accountability is a powerful motivator.

- Encourage your child to check in with a friend each morning via text or at the bus stop.
- Knowing a friend is expecting them at school - or having a specific lunchtime activity planned - gives students a social reason to show up, even when the weather is gloomy.

5. Early Nights for Darker Days

The lack of sunlight in winter can mess with our internal clocks, making us feel more fatigued.

- **Adjust Bedtimes:** Shift the "lights out" time 15–30 minutes earlier during Term 2 to compensate for the extra energy the body uses to stay warm.
- **Screen-Free Wind Down:** Avoid blue light from phones an hour before bed to ensure the quality of sleep is high, making the 7:00 AM wake-up call much less painful.

Bonus Tip: Remember that 85% attendance still allows for the occasional day off if a student is genuinely unwell. By staying consistent on the days, they *are* healthy, you protect their progress for when the winter flu hits!

BOARD CORNER

Welcome back to a new term! We have a busy schedule ahead and some exciting property updates to share from the recent break

Upcoming Board Meetings

Our scheduled meetings for Term 2 will take place in the staff room on the following dates:

- **Thursday, 14 May 2026** at 5.30pm
- **Thursday, 18 June 2026** at 5.30pm

Community members are always welcome to attend.

Policy Reviews: Your Feedback Matters

This term, the Board Policy Committee is focusing on several key areas regarding student safety and logistics. We are currently reviewing:

- **Daily School Bus**
- **School Swimming Pool**
- **Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC)**
- **EOTC Governance Roles and Responsibilities**
- **EOTC Risk Assessment and Management**

If you would like to review these policies and provide feedback for the board to consider, please log on to **SchoolDocs**. Your input ensures our policies reflect the needs and expectations of our school community.

Community Username: taupointermediate

Community Password: tiscommunity

Property & Maintenance Update

The April school holidays were a productive time for our property improvement programmes. We are pleased to announce the completion of several projects designed to keep our environment safe and comfortable:

- **Major Works:** Successful re-roofing of **Rooms 7–11** and a full upgrade of our **security alarm system**.
- **Refurbishments:** New blinds have been installed in the **Administration area** and the **Staff Room**.
- **Annual Maintenance:** To ensure everything is ship-shape for the winter months, we completed heat pump servicing, turf grooming, professional carpet cleaning, and our annual electrical testing.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school's development!

PHYSICAL EDUCATION



This term in PE, we've jumped straight into full netball games to get everyone ready for our lunchtime Sport Shield class tournament 🏐

The vibe? Loud music, sideline dancing, and full support for every class out on court, it's been such a good time!

Only three days in and the competition is already heating up 🔥 That class shield is clearly a hot commodity... and no one's holding back!

Keep bringing the energy, team, we're loving the enthusiasm 🙌

PE department.
Charné and Dee

Helping your tamariki feel settled and confident back at school



Starting a new term can bring big feelings up, even when we're organised and on time! Here are three simple ways to support your tamariki with this.

1 Make space for feelings

Why this helps: Back to school can bring excitement, nerves, friendship worries or tiredness.

When tamariki feel heard, their nervous system settles and they're better able to cope with the day.

Try: "I wonder if part of you is feeling a bit unsure about today?"

2 Keep connection close

Why this helps: Connection builds safety. Even a few minutes of focused time can help tamariki feel grounded before and after school.

Try:

- A slow, calm morning moment together
- A check-in after school without rushing to solutions - just listen
- Sit alongside them while they unwind if that's helpful for them

3 Support, don't solve

Why this helps: Tamariki build confidence by working through small challenges themselves, with us nearby.

This might be friendship wobbles, tiredness, or things not going to plan.

Try: "I get it. What do you think you could try next?"

A steady, connected start helps tamariki feel more confident, capable, and ready for the term ahead.



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T.I.S SPORTS



CO-ORDINATOR NEWS!

Welcome back to Term 2.

A big thank you to all our coaches and team managers who have already started trainings and are busy organising their teams. There is a real buzz around school, with students excited for the 2026 winter sports season ahead.

Yesterday we took part in the KiwiSport T-Ball Festival. It was fantastic to see students having so much fun. They played extremely well and represented TIS with pride, demonstrating excellent values and respect throughout the event. Thank you also to the parents who stepped in to manage teams—your support is greatly appreciated.

Next Tuesday (29th April - 5:45pm in Staff Room) we will be holding an AIMS Games meeting for parents of students who may be selected to attend in their respective sports. This meeting is an opportunity to outline what is required, the selection process, and the expectations around participation, particularly if we are looking to enter additional teams or individual events.

Please see the attached list of sporting events that TIS plans to compete in this term. These opportunities are dependent on selection criteria met, securing coaches and parent support. So we appreciate any help from our community. We start on Tuesday with Boys Futzbul Trials in the hall at lunchtime.

Enjoy the ANZAC weekend, and we look forward to seeing you on the sidelines next week as our winter sports season gets underway.

TERM 2 SPORTS CALENDAR		
Friday 8th May	Super 11 Golf	Taupo
Friday 15th May	Super 11 Futzbul	Tauranga
Friday 29th May	Super 11 Mountain Biking	Rotorua
Wednesday 10th June	Taupo Inter Schools Swimming	Taupo
Friday 12th June	Super 11 Rock Climbing	Taupo
Friday 18th June	Super 11 Rugby League	Tauranaga
Wednesday 24th June	Big 'O' Orienteering Day Out	Taupo
Friday 26th June	Super 11 Indoor Bowls	Tauranga



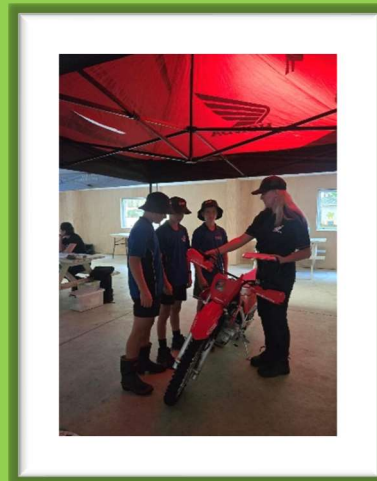
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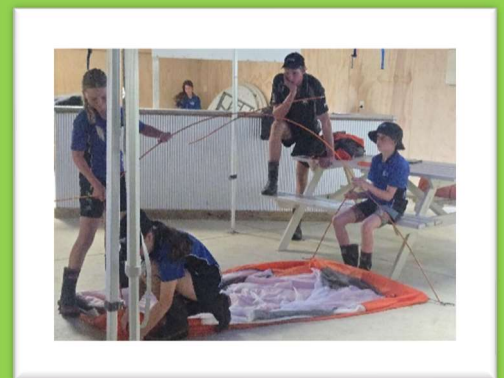
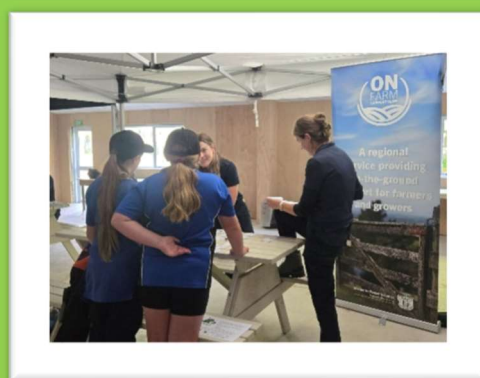
AGRI KIDS

The appalling Weather on Saturday the 28th of March did not stop our strong team of "AgrikIds" travelling to the farm competitions in Te Teko. Led by Parents Hilary and Dave Milne, the five teams coped admirably with the 5 rounds of farming activities they were set.

We had 5 teams in the leaderboard after round 2 (our round). Results were updated after each round. The teams did brilliantly with *George, Lily and Devon* making it to the last cut.



By the end of the 5 rounds against 35 teams, we had 1 team - the Rural Racers : Avery Lee, Jacob Young, Zoey Bismark - in the top 7 and heading into the run-off. It was a tricky course with a combination of physical and technical challenges including organising emergency response activities, finishing building a gate and hanging it, an 'animal muster' using a go- kart and soft toys, creating a pattern using fence tape and pegs.



AGRI KIDS

The other TIS teams were sideline chiring the Rural Racers on. While prizegiving was on, 3 students: Tiarni, Hawaiki, and Ria were busy helping with packing up, earning themselves a Bushbuck drink bottle for their efforts.

Fantastic effort from all the students who took part and worked all term learning some valuable skills.



Our huge thanks to Dave and Hillary for their passion and dedication in making this happen and teaching our budding farmers. Thanks also to Teacher Kate for working alongside the students and the parents who helped manage teams at the event.



SAVE THE DATE! - June 4th

We are attending Greening Taupō Day 2025!

This Arbor Day planting event and festival of environmental education is on Tauhara Road, from 10am. We will be needing parent helpers on the day, so please... **SAVE THE DATE NOW!**

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GREENING TAUPŌ DAY

4TH JUNE 2026

POSTPONEMENT DATE: 5TH JUNE 2026



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FOR **KIDS**
**GREENING
TAUPŌ!**



The environmental education sessions and native planting projects that they provide for schools, ECE centres and the community are all free! This is their one fundraiser of the year.

\$ Please bring a donation to dress up in green for the day!

\$ If you are going to their big event, make sure to have another donation ready for a venison sausage from Epro, or veggie soup from The Bistro.



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4TH JUNE 2026



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KIDS' FUN RUN

4PM FRIDAY 12 JUNE - TAUPŌ LAKEFRONT

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POLAR FLEECES



Plenty of fleeces available at the Support Hub to get ready for winter.
Please send your student along to see Rebecca at the Support Hub

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

2026 - APRIL/MAY/JUNE **TERM TWO**

Week 2

Monday 27th April - Anzac Day observed - SCHOOL CLOSED

Tuesday 28th April - Zespri Aims Games Information Evening 5.30pm School Hall

Week 3

Wednesday 6th May - Celebration Assembly

Friday 8th May - Super 11 Golf Taupo

Week 4

Thursday 14th May - BOARD MEETING 5.30pm-7.30pm

Friday 15th May - Super 11 Futzbul (Tauranga)

Week 5

Tuesday 19th May - OAC - Rock Climbing at Memorial Hutt

Wednesday 20th May - OAC - Kayaking at Memorial Hutt

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