



Newsletter Number: 12

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Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.

Term 2 has kicked off with fantastic energy! It has been wonderful to see both our staff and students returning with such a positive mindset, ready to tackle the exciting challenges and opportunities the coming weeks hold.

This week, our primary focus has been on re-establishing our school routines and organisational expectations. Consistency is key to a successful learning environment, and by revisiting these "basics," we are ensuring that the positive momentum we built during Term 1 carries through the rest of the year.

Focus Value: Showing Respect (Manaakitanga)

Over the next two weeks, we are placing a special emphasis on our core value of Showing Respect, particularly regarding how we represent Taupō Intermediate in our wider community.

We want our students to take pride in being part of our school. We are specifically targeting:

- **School Image & Uniform:** Ensuring students are correctly dressed in the full school uniform. This is the first way our community identifies us, and we want that impression to be a sharp one.
- **Bus Behaviour:** Demonstrating respect toward bus drivers and being considerate of students from other schools during the commute.
- **E-Scooter Safety:** Reminding our riders to be mindful and respectful of pedestrians and motorists while traveling to and from school.
- **Sportsmanship:** With winter sports officially getting underway, we are looking for our athletes to lead by example - playing hard, playing fair, and showing respect to officials and opponents alike.

Zespri NZAIMS Games

A huge thank you to the parents, caregivers, and whānau who attended our NZAIMS Games meeting on Tuesday evening. It was great to see such a strong turnout and shared enthusiasm for this upcoming event.

If you were unable to attend or have follow-up questions regarding the games, please don't hesitate to reach out to our coordinators:

Sam Bradley: sportcordinator@taupointermediate.co.nz

Sam Blake: sblake@taupointermediate.co.nz

Thank You

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support of your child's learning journey. The partnership between home and school is what makes Taupō Intermediate such a vibrant place to learn.

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

ATTENDANCE CORNER

Attendance Progress Report: Term 2 Week 1

This report analyses the significant shift in student attendance between the first two weeks of Term 2. While the term began with a strong "Maintenance" focus, Week 2 has seen a sharp decline in "Regular" attendance, coinciding with the arrival of colder autumn temperatures and morning frosts in the Taupō region.

Comparative Attendance Data

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%
Week 2	66.87%	16.67%	7.94%	8.53%

The "Cold Weather" Catalyst

The most striking data point is the 15.4% drop in Regular attendance. Local weather observations for early May 2026 show a transition into typical Taupō winter conditions, featuring:

- Morning Frosts: Clearer skies leading to overnight lows reaching 2°C.
- Sustained Lows: Daily maximums struggling to exceed 15°C–16°C.

Historically, this "first cold snap" of Term 2 triggers a rise in seasonal illnesses. The data reflects this, as students who were in the "Regular" bracket in Week 1 have largely migrated into the Irregular (80-89%) bracket, which saw a massive 13.08% increase. This suggests short-term absences (1–2 days) likely due to the onset of colds, coughs, or flu-like symptoms.

Recommendations for Moving Forward

Health First: We encourage whānau to keep students' home if they are symptomatic to prevent further spread, especially as the "Irregular" bracket grows.

Communication: If your child is moving into the "Moderate" or "Chronic" threshold due to medical reasons, please maintain open communication with their classroom teacher so we can provide the necessary support.

We remain committed to supporting our students through the colder months and look forward to seeing our attendance rates stabilize as everyone adjusts to the change in season.

BOARD CORNER

Board Corner

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](#)

Board Governance Update: EOTC Professional Learning

The Board remains committed to ongoing upskilling to ensure robust governance and management of Taupō Intermediate School. This week, the board completed a specialised online professional learning session focused on **Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC)**, facilitated by Gemma from **Education Outdoors New Zealand (EONZ)**.

The session centred on three critical pillars:

- **Learning & Safety:** Balancing high-quality educational outcomes with rigorous safety standards.
- **Safety Culture:** Developing a proactive, school-wide culture of care for all activities beyond the school gates.
- **The "Three Cs":** Strengthening our communication frameworks through a focus on **Consult, Co-operate, and Co-ordinate**.

This training ensures the Board is well-equipped to support our staff in delivering safe, adventurous, and meaningful outdoor learning experiences for all our students.



T.I.S SPORTS



CO-ORDINATOR NEWS!

Sports Bulletin – Week 2, Term 2,

Week 2 of Term 2 saw the start of the Lake Taupō Hockey League. Well done to all players for showcasing some great skills and teamwork in their first matches of the season. A special mention to TIS Quickshots, TIS Trailblazers, and TIS Firesticks, who all came away with wins in their opening round—an awesome start!

Basketball tips off on Monday, and with it being May 4th, players are encouraged to get into the *Star Wars* theme and have some fun with it. A reminder for all families to ensure you are signed up to your TeamReach Messenger group for team communications.

Netball also gets underway next Saturday. It has been fantastic to see the courts full each afternoon, with players training hard and showing great commitment. Thank you to all the parents who attended the AIMS Games meeting on Tuesday. Your support is greatly appreciated, and we hope the session provided a clear understanding of what is involved.

At lunchtimes in the hall, we have been running futsal trials, which have been a great success. Girls' trials will take place next week for those who have signed up, with the tournament in Tauranga on 15th May.

A reminder to all students to wear the correct team uniform and appropriate safety gear for all matches. If it's cold when arriving at games, please ensure school fleeces or jackets are worn with plain blue tracksuit pants.

We're looking forward to an exciting term ahead as the winter sports season gets into full swing.

Looking forward to a lot exciting games of sports as the winter season gets under way.



T.I.S SPORTS



CO-ORDINATOR NEWS!

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

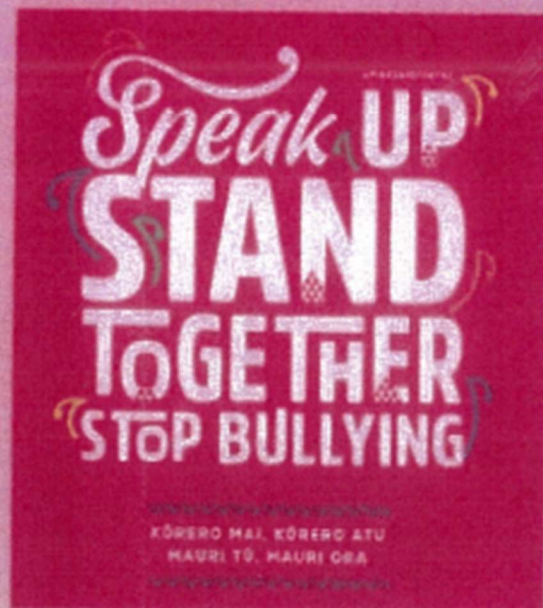


Pink Day 2026!

Dress In Pink
Clothes! Also
Includes A Cat
Walk If you
want to
perform

On Friday
The 15th Of
May 2026

Bake Sale At
School \$3 And
Under please
bring a gold
coin donation



THE SUPPORT HUB



We're excited to share that Youth Week 2026 is coming up, running from 18 May - 24 May, and this year is shaping up to be our best yet!

With the theme "Our Voice Matters", we're going loud and proud — encouraging our Rangatahi to speak up about what matters to them. Youth Week is a nationwide, youth-led celebration of the talents, contributions, and voices of young people aged 12-24, promoting leadership, connection, and positive change within our communities.

This year, we have even more services involved, bringing a wide range of awesome activities to engage and support our Rangatahi throughout the week in their school lunch break. We're also excited to introduce a new website for students, making it easier than ever for young people to see what's on and get involved.

[Our Voices Matter](#) | [Youth Week](#) | [Taupō](#)

Thank you for supporting Youth Week and helping us amplify the voices of our Rangatahi.

THE SUPPORT HUB

BE LOUD BE PROUD

Your Voice Matters

Youth Week

WEDNESDAY

TONGARIRO HIGH SCHOOL

10:45am-11:30am

- BBQ
- Activation Trailer

TE KURA O HIRANGI

12:45pm -1:30pm

- VR Headsets & Games
- Challenges and activities
- Spoken Word Readings

COMMUNITY EVENT

TURANGI SENIOR CITIZENS HALL
2:00PM - 4:30PM

SENIOR SIXES BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

- 3VS Format
- Register your team online or on the day
- Spot Prizes
- BBQ
- Chill Zones



WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SEE @
YOUTH WEEK? FILL IN THE
SURVEY



MONDAY

TAUPO INTERMEDIATE

12:40pm-1:20pm

- Activation Trailer
- BBQ
- Chill Zones - Your Voice Matters - share it in a letter
- VR Headsets & Games
- Challenges and activities
- Spoken Word Readings

THURSDAY

REPOROA COLLEGE

12:20pm - 1:20pm

- Activation Trailer
- BBQ
- Chill Zones - Your Voice Matters - share it in a letter
- VR Headsets & Games
- Challenges and activities
- Spoken Word Readings

TUESDAY

TAUHARA COLLEGE LAKELAND LEARNING

12:45PM - 1:30PM

- Activation Trailer

COMMUNITY

81 YOUNGMAITA STREET

1:45PM-3PM

- Chill Zones - Your Voice Matters - share it in a letter
- VR Headsets & Games
- Challenges and activities
- Spoken Word Readings



YOUR VOICE MATTERS - LITERALLY
SUBMIT YOUR POEM HERE

FRIDAY

TAUPO-NUI-A-TIA COLLEGE

12:50pm - 1:40pm

- Activation Trailer
- BBQ
- Chill Zones - Your Voice Matters - share it in a letter
- VR Headsets & Games
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Hydro slides are an additional cost.

Valid until 31st of July 2026

NO EXTENTIONS



To be eligible to purchase the School Fundraiser, you must have children attending a local school.



Taupo DeBretts
SPA RESORT

Nominate your
Taupo School



ADULT 1

ADULT 2

CHILD 1

AGE

CHILD 2

AGE

CHILD 3

AGE

CHILD 4

AGE

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Bank Account: 01-0427-0143377-000
TAUPO HOT SPRINGS LTD



For Payments, use the name of ADULT 1
as reference.

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

MAY/JUNE/JULY **TERM TWO**

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

Week 8

Tuesday 9th June - OAC Bushcraft at Lake Rotopounamu
Wednesday 10th June - Taupo Inter Schools Swimming

Week 9

Thursday 18th June - Board Meeting 5.30pm-7.30pm
Friday 19th June - Super 11 Indoor Bowls