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Kia ora e te whānau,

This week has been another outstanding showcase of student achievement at Taupō Intermediate School. We were delighted to acknowledge a wide range of accomplishments, including:

- **The appointment of 10 new school leaders**
- **The introduction of 14 sports leaders**
- **114 students receiving Term 1 - 100% Attendance Awards**
- **Over 60 Excellence Medals awarded across the Bevan Docherty, Donovan Bixley and Principal's Award categories**
- **Recognition of our Outstanding Students of the Week**

These celebrations reflect the high levels of engagement and the strong culture of striving for excellence that continues to grow within our school. Thank you to all whānau who attended our assembly - your support is deeply appreciated.

SMART Tool Assessments

This week we began our school-wide assessments in reading, writing and mathematics using the Ministry of Education's new SMART tool. We aim to complete these assessments by Friday 15 May.

The SMART tool will support us to:

- **Analyse achievement data**
- **Identify next learning steps**
- **Strengthen our reporting to parents and caregivers**

We look forward to sharing school-wide data in future newsletters.

Winter Sports

Our winter sports season is now underway. Hockey has completed its second week, Monday night basketball began this week, and Saturday morning netball commences tomorrow.

We encourage all students to:

- **Demonstrate respect and sportsmanship**
- **Acknowledge their supporters**
- **Compete with integrity and fairness**

These values are central to our school's expectations.

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

ATTENDANCE CORNER

Attendance Progress Report: Term 2 Week 3

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%
Week 3	69.90%	12.28%	6.93%	10.89%

Summary of Key Trends

The school's overall attendance profile across the first three weeks of Term 2 shows significant fluctuation, particularly in the Regular Attendance (90–100%) category. Week 1 began strongly, followed by a notable drop in Week 2, with a partial recovery in Week 3.

Across the lower attendance categories - Irregular, Moderate, and Chronic - patterns suggest that while some students improved in Week 3, others continue to require targeted support and intensive recovery strategies.

Overall Patterns & Insights

1. Regular Attendance is trending below expectations

The drop from Week 1 to Week 2 was substantial, and Week 3's recovery was only partial. Sustained attendance promotion is needed to support this upward trend.

2. Irregular Attendance remains elevated

Weeks 2 and 3 show a large group of students hovering just below the regular threshold. We find this group is the most responsive to early intervention.

3. Moderate Absence remains relatively stable

This group is small but persistent. We are continuing to provide support and strategy, such as check-ins, goal setting, and attendance incentives for these targeted students.

4. Chronic Absence is increasing

The rise from 7.57% to 10.89% over the first three weeks is a significant concern. We are actively monitoring students in this category and working to strengthen whānau engagement to support consistent school attendance. Our attendance team is collaborating closely with Taupō Attendance Services, who are assisting us through home visits and direct conversations with families. Together, we are identifying additional supports and strategies to improve attendance, re-engage learners, and ensure every student has the opportunity to succeed.



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](#)



T.I.S SPORTS



CO-ORDINATOR NEWS!

It has been fantastic to see Winter Sport get underway this week.

The Winter Basketball League tipped off on Monday night, and there is already a lot of potential showing across all of our teams. It was great to see students out competing, supporting each other, and enjoying the start of the season.

Our hockey teams battled hard on Wednesday, with every team involved in close contests. These competitive games are exactly what we want, as they continue to challenge and develop our players throughout the season.

Netball also gets underway tomorrow, and we are looking forward to seeing all the hard work from trainings transferred onto the court.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank the students who have stepped up to volunteer as coaches and umpires for the local primary school teams. I have been extremely impressed with their enthusiasm, leadership, level of control, and support for the younger students. Their efforts have been greatly appreciated by both the primary students and parents.

Today, Taupo Intermediate hosted the Super 11 Golf Tournament at the Taupo Golf Course. We had over 50 golfers taking part in a very competitive tournament. It was fantastic to see students representing their schools with great sportsmanship and enthusiasm throughout the day.

Sign-ups next week will be for:

Ambrose Golf Tournament in Rotorua (9th June)

Super 11 Mountain Biking (29th May)

Super 11 Rock Climbing (12th June)

AIMS Games nominations for individual sports have now been selected. Letters will go out next week to successful applicants who will join our AIMS Games teams. (Netball, Hockey, Boys Football, Girls Football and Basketball)

Many thanks for all your continued support of TIS Sport!

PHYSICAL EDUCATION



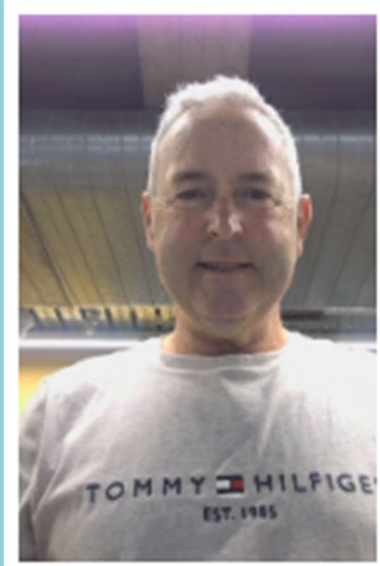
This week in PE has been all about games! We've played full games of netball, along with a side game of Catch10.

Participation has been epic — lunchtime sports have had a great vibe, and it's awesome to see so many students continuing to play even after lunchtime sports finish.

Has been a great Week 3, our final week of netball, before we move into Olympic handball!

Pe team- Dee and Charne

STAFF SNAPSHOT



Kia Ora, Ko Rob Emerson toku ingoa. I originally come from Hawkes Bay where I met my wife of 41 years, Jacqueline (Teacher in Rm 25). We have two children and three grandchildren who all presently live in the Central Coast, Australia. Jacqueline and I moved to Taupo at the beginning of the year, and we are enjoying being part of the TIS team. I teach in Room 22, the boy's class, and they have made me feel very welcome. In my spare time I enjoy renovating homes and playing golf. My background includes 20 years in the army (full time and reserves) as well as sales and youth work, to name a few. Education has been a huge part of my life and started as an army military instructor as well as teaching in youth prison, Malaysia, Australia, sports, military school, primary and high schools, alternative education and many other amazing places. I am really enjoying the boy's class and being able to encourage them at this point and time of their lives.

SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY

Science Technology is a seven-week (14 lessons) rotation. Students spend approximate two lessons on each of the following: thinking like a scientist, chemist, biologist, ecologist, geologist and physicist! Each subject area is following the new curriculum which drives the lesson content.

Last week we were thinking like a biologist where students used microscopes to compare onion cells to their own cheek cells. We then explored how cells get energy and compared how plants vs animals breathe. We finished the topic learning why cells are so small and a process called diffusion was demonstrated with jelly and skittles.

We are currently identifying at various ecosystems in and about the Taupo area. This includes distinguishing between biotic and abiotic factors and how they interact. Student will explore the energy and nutrient flow in food chains and food webs. Next week students will investigate the way human activity can impact on these ecosystems, whether it be negatively or positively!



T.I.S. TUCKSHOP

KRISTIE'S KAI



TUCKSHOP

Morning Tea & Lunchtime items to be brought at the Tuckshop Window

BREAK 1 (MORNING TEA)

10.40AM—11.10AM

Rolls	\$4.00
Chips	\$3.50
Chicken Burger	\$4.50
Mince and cheese pies	\$3.50
Steak and cheese pies	\$4.00
Butter chicken pies	\$4.00
Potato top pies	\$4.00
Sausage rolls	\$3.00
Sausage	\$2.50
Chicken tenders	\$4.00
Chicken cordon bleu	\$3.50
Lasagne toppers	\$3.50
Hash brown	\$2.50
Sandwiches	\$3.00
Cookies	\$1.50/\$2.00
Brownie	\$3.00
Dorito's	\$3.50
Noodles	\$3.50
Shapes/rice crackers	\$0.50
Primo's	\$4.00
Aqa Lite	\$2.50
Water	\$2.50

BREAK 2 (LUNCH)

12.40AM—1.20PM

Cookies	\$1.50
Cookie time	\$2.00
Brownies/Slices	\$3.00
Dorito's	\$3.50
Noodles	\$3.50
Shapes/Rice crackers	\$0.50
Primo's	\$4.00
Water	\$2.50
Ice block's— Summer only (Term 1 and Term 4)	\$1.00
Hot chocolate and cookie - Winter only (Term2 and Term 3)	\$3.00



Sushi Orders Start Tuesday, 10th February

Please place your order at the Tuckshop by

9:00am on the Tuesday.

Sushi will be delivered at lunchtime and can be collected from the Tuckshop.

SHARK TANK RM 11 - INNOVATION AND CHANGE!

SHARK TANK RM 11 INNOVATION AND CHANGE



**INNOVATORS
THINKERS
FUTURE MAKERS**

THESE ARE OUR FUTURE MAKERS - THE PEOPLE WHO WILL NEXT RUN OUR WORLD

THEIR IDEAS ON INNOVATION AND CHANGE FOR OUR FUTURE. WATCH THIS SPACE AS MORE IDEAS DEVELOP.

LIGHTNING PROOF FISHING ROD

Can fish in storms!
Fish with safety and confidence.



WATER TABLE FISHTANK

Clipable plates catch food so nothing spills!
Happy fish, clean water.



CATNIP COVERED TABLETS

Give your cat the calm they crave - no scratches, just snuggles.



ELECTRIC WHEELCHAIRS REMODELED

Smarter, faster, more comfortable - mobility for everyone.



MAGNETIC PILLOW 4 CAR WINDOW

No sore necks on long drives.
Comfort that sticks with you.



CATNIP CAT BLANKETS

Soft, cozy, and catnip infused - happy cats, happy families.



A NEW MONEY

Avoid foreign exchange.

Stronger together, better future.



ROCKET WITH NON-EXPLODING FRONT

Stops space debris.
Breaks up on re-entry.
Safer space travel for our future.



SOLAR POWERED WARMING JACKET

Stay warm. Save energy. Powered by the sun.



MOTORBIKE THAT RIDES ON WATER

Adventure without limits.
Ride the waves!



IDEAS TODAY. SOLUTIONS TOMORROW.
INNOVATE • CREATE • INSPIRE

SHARK TANK RM 11
LEADING THE CHANGE



Room 11 has been buzzing with creativity, problem solving, and big thinking as students became inventors, designers, and future entrepreneurs. Our young innovators explored real-world problems and created exciting new ideas to improve life for people, animals, transport, technology, and even space travel.

From lightning-proof fishing rods and motorbikes that ride on water, to solar-powered warming jackets and redesigned electric wheelchairs, students showed incredible imagination and determination. Some inventions focused on helping families and pets, including catnip blankets, calming cat tablets, and magnetic travel pillows for comfortable car rides. Other students tackled global challenges with ideas such as safer rockets to reduce space debris and new forms of money to avoid foreign exchange problems.

Shark Tank RM 11 has encouraged students to think critically, work collaboratively, and believe that their ideas can make a difference in the world. These are our future makers - the thinkers, creators, and leaders who may one day shape the future for us all. Watch this space as even more amazing ideas continue to develop! Watch this space as we release more project ideas .

TAUPŌ SECOND-HAND SKI & BOARD SALE

10AM SUNDAY 17TH MAY 2026

GORDON'S, 5-7 TAMAMUTU ST, TAUPŌ



CASH ONLY EVENT



To register gear for
sale scan here
or visit

<https://forms.gle/PUgNoqcDzwDD8SxZ8>

FOR MORE INFO CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK
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T.I.S IMPORTANT **UPCOMING DATES**

MAY/JUNE/JULY

TERM TWO

Week 4

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

Friday 15th May - Super 11 Futsal (Tauranga)

Friday 15th May - Pink Shirt Day at School (gold coin donation)

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

Friday 12th June - Super 11 Rock Climbing Taupo

Week 9

Wednesday 17th June - Celebration Assembly

Thursday 18th June - Board Meeting 5.30pm-7.30pm

Friday 19th June - Super 11 Indoor Bowls

Friday 19th June - School Reports home to parents

Week 10

Monday 22nd June - Leadership Camp

Tuesday 23rd June - Leadership Camp

Wednesday 24th June - School Speeches

Friday 26th June - Super 11 Indoor Bowls

Week 11

Wednesday 1st July - Celebration Assembly

Friday 3rd July - Last day of Term 2