



**Newsletter Number: 14**

**Date: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

## **Tēnā koutou e te whānau, parents and caregivers,**

Pink Day was a vibrant highlight of our week, reminding us of the importance of kindness, inclusion, and standing together against bullying. A huge congratulations to our student leaders for driving today's Pink Day promotions and celebrations — it was fantastic to see them stepping up confidently in their leadership roles and creating such a positive atmosphere across the school.

This week has been a significant one for our school community. The recent road safety incident involving an ex-student struck by a trail bike has understandably been at the forefront of conversations among our students. Our staff have taken the opportunity to reinforce our ongoing expectations around e-scooter safety and responsible travel to and from school.

We also celebrated Support Staff Week, acknowledging the incredible mahi of our administration team, learning assistants, and caretaker. Their dedication ensures our school runs smoothly, and we are deeply grateful for the support they provide to both staff and students every day.

Our boys' classes sent their heartfelt letters to NZ Veterans — a meaningful act of service and connection that we are very proud of. It was awesome to receive a letter of thanks and acknowledgement this week. Well done to Rooms 22 & 23!

Auditions for our 2026 Production: *Kiwiana* are now underway. It's wonderful to see so many students stepping forward with enthusiasm and creativity.

Winter sports are in full swing, with basketball on Mondays, hockey on Wednesdays, and Saturday netball. Coaches and managers have shared positive feedback about our students' sportsmanship and respectful behaviour — something we always love to hear.

To finish the week, our Boys' and Girls' Super 11 Futsal teams competed on Friday. Ka rawe to all involved.

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

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# ATTENDANCE CORNER

## Attendance Progress Report: Term 2 Week 4

### 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%             |
| Week 4                         | 64.82%                    | 18.97%             | 8.70%              | 7.51%              |

## Comparative Attendance Report: Week 3 vs Week 4

Week 4 attendance shows weaker Regular attendance and higher Irregular/Moderate attendance, indicating more students slipping into risk categories. Chronic absence improved slightly.

### Regular Attendance (90–100%)

- **Change: ▼ 5.08 percentage points** A significant drop, meaning fewer students are consistently attending.

### Irregular Attendance (80–89%)

- **Change: ▲ 6.69 percentage points** A sharp increase—more students are beginning to show early warning signs.

### Moderate Absence (70–79%)

- **Change: ▲ 1.77 percentage points** Moderate-risk students increased, indicating growing disengagement.

### Chronic Absence (Below 70%)

- **Change: ▼ 3.38 percentage points** A positive shift—fewer students in the highest-risk category.

## Interpretation & Insights

- The drop in Regular attendance is the most concerning trend. We need to continue encouraging our students to attend regularly.
- Irregular attendance rising suggests more students are beginning to disengage or the 'winter blues' are already upon us.
- Moderate risk increasing indicates a need for targeted support. Over the next two weeks the Attendance Team will continue to develop interventions to target our students in this category.
- Chronic absence improving is a positive sign - intensive interventions are working to support students and whanau to engage.

# BOARD CORNER

## Introducing Brad Graham (Board Member)

Dear Community, I have had the pleasure of watching my child graduate from Taupo Intermediate, while my younger child is thriving in Year 7.

My commitment to this role stems from a genuine desire to enhance the educational experience for all students, teachers, and staff. During my time on the board, I have been dedicated to listening to the voices of students, parents, caregivers, and the community. Together, we have initiated several improvements and embraced new ideas that reflect what our community desires from our school.

I take great joy in contributing to our school, particularly through outdoor activities, encouraging students to disconnect from their devices and truly enjoy their childhood. I believe in fostering a vibrant environment where learning flourishes and every student can thrive.

Thank you for your support!



## **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, 18th June 2026 at 5.30pm**
- **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August 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**



**T.I.S SPORTS**



## **CO-ORDINATOR NEWS!**

Winter sports are now well under way, with grading rounds for many codes almost completed. Thank you to all of our coaches and team managers for the time, effort, and commitment you continue to put into supporting our students each week – it is greatly appreciated.

Last week, TIS hosted the Super 11 Golf Tournament here in Taupo, with over 50 golfers competing throughout the day. Kian Thompson and Lucas Clerke represented TIS and played exceptionally well, especially considering it was their first time playing 18 holes.

Today, our Girls and Boys Football teams are over in Tauranga competing in the Super 11 Futsal Tournament.

Next week, sign-ups in the Sports Office will be:-

Orienteering - The Big O (Wednesday 24th June)

Super 11 Rock Climbing (Friday 12th June)

We will also announce the dates and process for our Aims games Girls and Boys Football Trials.

Another exciting week of winter sport lies ahead, and we look forward to seeing our students continue to challenge themselves, improve, and enjoy representing TIS.

## Winter Wellness Staying well in cooler weather

Cooler weather means more people are likely to get sick with colds, flu, and other respiratory illnesses, such as whooping cough. This increases the risk of these illnesses being brought into your home, workplace, Early Childhood Centre, kōhanga or kura/school.

Use the following messages and actions now to prepare. We recommend sharing this information with staff, whānau and communities by email, social media or notice boards.

### Messages for staff and whānau



Anyone working or living with tamariki should get a flu vaccine to protect them and tamariki against infection as tamariki are at a higher risk of catching the flu and of passing it on to others.



Whooping cough vaccines are free for pregnant women, all children under 18 years old and adults from 45 and 65 years. If you are not eligible for a free whooping cough vaccine, they can be purchased.



### Prevent the spread of illness in your centre



Remind everyone that sick tamariki or staff should stay at home.



Ask whānau to let you know the reason for their tamariki being absent.



Regular cleaning of high touch surfaces e.g. door handles, counter tops, bathroom areas.



Good ventilation is an important way to reduce the transmission of respiratory viruses in indoor spaces where people gather and spend time.



Encourage people to wash hands, cover coughs and sneezes, wear a mask if indoors in crowded areas.



## Vaccines to protect against illness

Increasing our immunisation coverage is the best way to protect our communities from illnesses this winter.

Check you are up-to-date with your immunisations at [healthnz.govt.nz/immunisations](https://healthnz.govt.nz/immunisations). If you have missed a vaccination, it's okay. It's free for tamariki to catch up on most vaccinations, and adults can catch up on lots too. Talk to your healthcare provider to make a plan.

You can also create a free, personalised routine immunisation schedule for your child at: [healthnz.govt.nz/health-topics/immunisations/national-immunisation-schedule](https://healthnz.govt.nz/health-topics/immunisations/national-immunisation-schedule)

**Influenza:** The flu vaccine is available from 1 April every year. It is free for people who are pregnant, over 65 years old, and people at higher risk of getting very sick. Check with you are eligible at: [healthnz.govt.nz/flu-vaccine](https://healthnz.govt.nz/flu-vaccine)

**Whooping cough:** Whooping cough (pertussis) is a highly contagious respiratory disease that is particularly dangerous for babies who have not been fully immunised. Immunisation during pregnancy is the best way to protect the baby until they can start their own immunisations at 6 weeks of age. Aotearoa is experiencing a whooping cough epidemic, so now is a good time to get vaccinated.

**Measles:** New Zealand is at very high risk of a measles outbreak, due to our low immunisation rates and ongoing measles outbreaks overseas. If you are unsure if you are fully immunised it's free for most people to catch up, just contact your usual healthcare provider. Lots of pharmacies also now offer immunisations too.

For more information visit: [healthnz.govt.nz/health-topics/immunisations](https://healthnz.govt.nz/health-topics/immunisations)



### Influenza (flu)

It is recommended that everyone over 6 months of age gets an annual flu vaccine.



### Bexsero (Meningococcal)

Pēpē and tamariki should get their vaccine doses at 3 months, 5 months and 12 months.



### Measles

All tamariki need two doses of MMR at 12 and 15 months. If you're not sure if your tamariki has had theirs just ask your usual healthcare provider.



### Whooping cough

Pēpē and tamariki should get their vaccine doses at 6 weeks, 3 months, and 5 months. Booster doses are offered at 4 and 11 years old.



### Meningococcal

The meningococcal B (MenB) vaccine is offered at 3 months, 5 months, and 12 months old. Under 5s can also get the MenB vaccine for free.



## Preventing house fires



Winter is a higher-risk time for house fires. Over the last 10 years, there have been approximately 54 percent more house fires between

May and July than during the rest of the year.

Many of these fires are linked to heating being used more often in winter – for example, heaters placed too close to things that can burn (like clothes being dried), or simply faulty electric blankets.

In addition, more than 50 percent of avoidable house fire deaths are people over 65. So, this winter, here are a few very simple steps you can take to keep yourself and your loved ones safe.

Just remember to:

- **Follow the “metre from the heater” rule** – keep at least one metre of clear space around heaters and other heat sources.
- **Check the heat before you sleep** – check your electric blanket for hot spots before first use.
- **Chimney alright before first light?** – get your chimney cleaned before the first fire of the season.
- **Cool ash before you stash** – soak with water in a metal bucket.
- **A clean dryer avoids fire** – remove lint before every use.

It is also important that people have working smoke alarms in every bedroom, living room and hallway. This will give you the earliest possible warning to escape.



## Visiting an after hours or urgent care clinic

When you need urgent medical help, and your usual doctor isn't available or you don't have one, After Hours Medical Centres and Urgent Care Clinics can help you. You don't need an appointment, but you might have to wait. For tamariki under 14 years old, services are usually free. Many have lower fees for community service card holders. You can find where centres are located, and their charges, on the [Healthpoint](#) website.

**In an emergency, always call 111.**

### Need more help?

You can call Healthline for free, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on 0800 611 116. Talk to your General Practitioner (GP), pharmacist, hauora Māori provider, or Pacific health clinic.

National Public Health Service | Winter Wellness - ECC, Kōhanga, School, April 2026

**Health New Zealand**  
Te Whatu Ora

# GREENING TAUPŌ DAY

**SAVE THE DATE! - June 4th**

**We are attending Greening Taupō Day 2026!**

**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!****

WE ARE  
PAINTING THE TOWN  
**GREEN**  
AGAIN!

**GREENING TAUPŌ DAY**

**4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2026**

POSTPONEMENT DATE: 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2026



# ROOM - 11

## INNOVATION & CHANGE

**SHARK TANK.**

PRODUCT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS NAME \_\_\_\_\_

**1 THE PROBLEM**  
What problem does your product solve? Describe the product.

**2 TARGET CUSTOMERS**  
Who would buy your product? Why?

**3 PRODUCT DESIGN**  
Describe the design of your product. Include a drawing or sketch.

**4 PRODUCT SPECS**  
Key information

Size \_\_\_\_\_

Materials \_\_\_\_\_

Power \_\_\_\_\_

Features \_\_\_\_\_

Safety \_\_\_\_\_

**5 HOW IT IS MADE**  
Explain your production plan using steps or diagrams.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

**6 PRICE & PROFIT**  
Let's talk about the money! Fill in the costs.

|                    |    |
|--------------------|----|
| Materials          | \$ |
| Packaging          | \$ |
| Advertising        | \$ |
| Total Cost         | \$ |
| Selling Price      | \$ |
| Profit Per Product | \$ |

Logo and branding \_\_\_\_\_

SALES AND MARKETING PLAN  
Provide a brief plan for your business (Who will sell it? How?)

CUSTOMER REVIEWS \_\_\_\_\_

FUTURE IDEAS \_\_\_\_\_

**SHARK TANK RM 11**  
**INNOVATION AND CHANGE:**

**RM 11** **INNOVATORS THINKERS FUTURE MAKERS**

THESE ARE OUR FUTURE MAKERS - THE PEOPLE WHO WILL NEXT RUN OUR WORLD  
THE IDEAS CONTINUE. WATCH THIS SPACE AS MORE IDEAS DEVELOP.

**LOCKABLE DESK**  
Keeps your space and stuff secure. Biometric access, access, tamper-proof.

**DROPDOWN DESK**  
Personal secure workspace with instant dropdown worktop desk, rearview camera. Stay safe.

**BOOKMARK TIMER**  
Track your reading time or focus intervals. Integrated clip-on design.

**WHEELCHAIR WITH FAN**  
Beat the heat! Adjustable cooling airflow for user comfort.

**DOG DREAMS COLLAR**  
Smart collar with GPS tracking, health monitoring, and remote treat storage.

**MOLDABLE SUPPORTS**  
Personalized, ergonomic support that conforms to your needs. Perfect for writing.

**"MAG MUG"**  
Spill proof, stays put. Integrated magnet in the mug base. For home and travel.

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Spill proof, stays put. Integrated magnet in the mug base. For home and travel.

**LOCKABLE TABLE TRAY**  
A secure tray for travel. Locks your valuables and keep your space private.

**OUR PROJECTS**

| Project 1 | Project 2 | Project 3 | Project 4 | Project 5 |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 11        | 12        | 13        | 14        | 15        |
| 16        | 17        | 18        | 19        | 20        |

**MORE IDEAS TODAY. SOLUTIONS TOMORROW.** **SHARK TANK RM 11**  
INNOVATE · CREATE · INSPIRE LEADING THE CHANGE

Innovation is buzzing in Room 11 part 2 as our "Future makers embrace innovation and change for our Shark Tank entrepreneurship project. It's about so much more than just a cool invention; these students are currently rolling up their sleeves to draft full-scale business and marketing plans. We're training them to think through every critical detail—from identifying real-world problems and calculating production costs to targeting the right customers and crafting a pitch—well before they ever hit "launch." By teaching them to navigate these steps now, we're giving them the toolkit they'll need for the many successful businesses their futures surely hold. They aren't just dreaming about the future; they're building the skills to lead it.



We're now officially one month out from Pillar to Pou Pioneers - our kids' fun run on the Taupō lakefront.

Friday 12th June | 4pm | Ages 4-15

A reminder that schools can still take part in our fundraising initiative:

Families receive 10% off entry using your school code, and 10% of every entry is donated back to the school.

The school with the most entries will have its donation doubled.

We'd love your help sharing this with your school community.

More info and entries:

[www.pillartopou.com/kids-event](http://www.pillartopou.com/kids-event)

# T.I.S TUCK SHOP

## KRISTIE'S KAI

**MORNING TEA BREAK 10.40AM-11.10AM**

(Buy items at tuckshop window)

**LUNCH TIME BREAK 12.40-1.20PM**

(Buy items at tuckshop window)



**SUSHI AVAILABLE - Every TUESDAY (Order at tuckshop by 9am)**

# CAR WASH FUNDRAISER

SUPPORT OUR HOCKEY TEAM!

*Every wash makes a difference!*

|   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| <p><b>LOCATION:</b></p> <p><b>111 Rifle Range Road</b></p>  | <p><b>DATE &amp; TIME:</b></p> <p><b>SATURDAY 23 MAY</b> 1:00 PM~4:00 PM</p> <p><b>SUNDAY 24 MAY</b> 9:00 AM~3:00 PM</p> | <p><b>CLEAN CARS, STRONGER TEAM!</b></p> |
| <p><b>CASH AND CARD ACCEPTED!</b></p> <p>THANK YOU FOR HELPING US REACH OUR GOALS!</p> <p><b>GO TEAM!</b></p> |  |  |

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPONSOR

**Harcourts**  
Taupo Rentals & Holiday Homes  
www.taupo rentals.co.nz

# Pink Shirt Day

Kindness includes everyone

When we celebrate our differences, everyone belongs



Many tamariki, including disabled and neurodivergent children, may sometimes feel left out or misunderstood simply because they experience the world differently.

This can be tricky for us to navigate as parents. Here are 3 small ideas you can kōrero, and encourage to support more kindness, inclusion, and belonging for everyone.

1

## Be curious

Everyone is different and that's part of what makes our homes, schools, and communities interesting, creative, and special.

2

## Look out for others

Everyone wants connection and friendship. If a peer looks lonely, ask them if they'd like to sit with you at lunch or join in a game.

3

## Celebrate being yourself

Remind tamariki they don't have to fit in perfectly to belong. Our differences are often the things that make us shine.



Books help us understand, connect and support inclusion

The IHC Library has free books and resources exploring inclusion, disability, neurodiversity, kindness and belonging.

These are free for whānau, teachers and schools to borrow. Head to: [ihc.org.nz/library](http://ihc.org.nz/library)



@ihclibrarynz  
@realparentsnz

real parents

ihc  
DE YOUR COMMUNITY

# PINK DAY 2026!

Speak up. Stand together. Stop bullying.



DRESS IN PINK CLOTHES!



ALSO INCLUDES A CAT WALK  
If you want to perform

ON FRIDAY

15<sup>TH</sup>  
of  
MAY  
2026



BAKE SALE AT SCHOOL

\$3  
AND UNDER

Please bring a gold coin donation



Speak up  
STAND TOGETHER

STOP BULLYING



SPEAK UP



STAND TOGETHER



SHOW KINDNESS



RESPECT OTHERS



STOP BULLYING

EVERY ACTION COUNTS. EVERY VOICE MATTERS.

UNLEASHED. UNMISSABLE. UNFORGETTABLE.



NEW ZEALAND TOUR 2026

# ROCK TENORS

ANTHEMS RELOADED TOUR

QUEEN, BON JOVI, AEROSMITH, A.C./DC  
BLACK SABBATH, IRON MAIDEN, WHITE SNAKE  
KISS, TOTO, GUNS'N'ROSES, RED HOT CHILLI PEPPERS  
THE ANIMALS, U2, RADIOHEAD, JOURNEY  
SUPERTRAMP, DISTURBED AND MANY MORE

WEDNESDAY 20 MAY | GREAT LAKE CENTRE, TAUPŌ  
BOOK @ [WWW.ROCKTENORS.NZ](http://WWW.ROCKTENORS.NZ)

DKCM STRAWBERRY COM BREEZE



ANTHEMS RELOADED TOUR

## SUPPORT TAUPŌ INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL'S JOURNEY TO AIMS GAMES 2026

The **Rock Tenors: Anthems Reloaded Tour** is coming to Taupō and we're rallying the community to help get the Taupō Intermediate School Basketball Team to the AIMS Games in 2026.

For a limited time, you can access a special ticket discount for the Rock Tenors show on Wednesday 20 May. For every ticket sold using the code **TISAIMS2026**, we'll donate \$5 directly to the team's AIMS Games fundraising efforts.

### HOW TO BOOK

Use the discount code: **TISAIMS2026**

Apply this code at checkout to receive your discount and contribute to the team's fundraising total.

### WHY SUPPORT THIS FUNDRAISER

- You'll be helping a dedicated group of 11–12-year-old players represent Taupō on a national stage
- The team is working hard volunteering at community events, fundraising, and learning the value of service and teamwork
- Your support helps reduce financial pressure on whānau during a tough economic time
- Every ticket purchased with the code directly contributes to their journey to the AIMS Games
- It's an easy, feel-good way to back local rangatahi while enjoying an incredible night out

### ABOUT THE SHOW

The Anthems Reloaded Tour is a full-throttle blast of the greatest rock hits ever made Queen, Bon Jovi, AC/DC, Metallica, Aerosmith, Iron Maiden, Guns N' Roses, RHCP... and more! Five powerhouse Kiwi vocalists + a live rock band = one hell of a night out.

[WWW.ROCKTENORS.NZ](http://WWW.ROCKTENORS.NZ)

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

## **MAY/JUNE/JULY** **TERM TWO**

### **Week 5**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May - OAC - Rock Climbing at Memorial Hutt**  
**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May - OAC - Kayaking at Memorial Hutt**  
**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May - Celebration Assembly**  
**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May - Rm 12 Mount Tauhara Climb**

### **Week 6**

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May - Super 11 Mountain Biking Rotorua**

### **Week 7**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June - Kings Birthday - School Closed**  
**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - Celebration Assembly**  
**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June - Epro 8 Challenge**  
**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June - Greening Taupo Day**  
**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June - Epro 8 Challenge**  
**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June - Super 11 Pickleball or Ultimate Frisbee**

### **Week 8**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June - OAC Bushcraft at Lake Rotopounamu**  
**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June - Taupo Inter Schools Swimming**  
**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June - Super 11 Rock Climbing Taupo**

### **Week 9**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June - OAC Kayaking**  
**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June - Celebration Assembly**  
**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June - Board Meeting 5.30pm-7.30pm**  
**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June - Super 11 Indoor Bowls**  
**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June - School Reports home to parents**

### **Week 10**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June - Leadership Camp**  
**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June - Leadership Camp**  
**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June - School Speeches**  
**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June - Super 11 Indoor Bowls**

### **Week 11**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July - Celebration Assembly**  
**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Last day of Term 2**