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Tēnā koutou e te whānau, parents and caregivers,

We hope you have all enjoyed the shorter week this week and have managed to keep out of the rain we are currently experiencing.

School Sport Update: Lunchtime Tackle Rugby Trial

Our class leaders have requested that we look at the rules around playing Tackle Rugby at lunchtimes.

We know how much our students love their rugby, so we are excited to announce a trial period where students will be permitted to play tackle rugby during lunchtime!

While we want everyone to have fun and stay active, this privilege comes with a few important conditions to ensure things run smoothly:

- **Strictly Voluntary:** Participation is entirely optional. Students must be willing participants, and games must be played in a spirit of fair play and safety.
- **Change of Clothes Required:** Students must take responsibility for changing out of their formal school uniform into appropriate sports gear before playing and change back into their full uniform afterward.
- **Uniform Liability:** The school will not be responsible for any ripped, torn, or stained uniforms. If a student chooses not to change or forgets to bring extra gear and damages their uniform, the responsibility and cost of replacement will fall on the student and their family.

We are thrilled to give our students this opportunity to burn off some energy, but it relies heavily on them showing maturity and responsibility. The continuation of this trial will depend on how well these rules are followed.

Please ensure your child packs a change of clothes if they wish to join in. Let's make this trial a success!

Staffing

Miss Zoe Fletcher has resigned from her teaching position and will be leaving us at the end of Term 2. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Miss Fletcher for all her work, and the care she has shown our students during her time with us. We wish her the absolute best in all her future endeavours!

Looking Ahead for Room 1

We are currently in the process of appointing a new teacher for Room 1. Our priority is ensuring a smooth transition for the students, and we will update Room 1 families with the details of the new appointment as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued support during this transition.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend ahead.

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

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"Make a positive difference through the T.I.S way"

BOARD CORNER

Tēnā Tātou,

Ko Ebony Paaka tōku ingoa. Nō Ngāti Tūwharetoa, Tūhourangi me Te Rarawa ahau.

I'm a mum of two, and my son is currently in Year 8 attending this school. I also have a daughter who will join the school next year.

I currently work full-time at Tūaropaki Trust as a Taura Here - where I advise and assist our shareholders. Alongside this, I am studying part-time towards a bachelor's degree, focusing on Māori and Indigenous Studies, and Psychology.

I joined the board because I wanted an opportunity to learn and contribute my skills and experience in a meaningful way, while supporting the growth and success of our kura. I'm passionate about helping create an environment where all of our tamariki feel supported, encouraged and able to thrive.

I look forward to working alongside staff, whānau, and fellow board members as part of the school community.



Kia ora koutou.

My name is Pia, and I'm delighted to be joining the school board. My daughter is currently in Year 7 at TIS, and my son will be joining the school in 2028. Our family loves the Taupō region — its natural environment, strong sense of community, and the opportunities it provides for our children to grow. Most weekends you'll find us out exploring the outdoors in one form or another.

I bring a collaborative, human-centred, and practical approach to governance, grounded in supporting people, pragmatism and enabling positive outcomes. I'm looking forward to contributing to the board and working alongside the whole school community to help ensure the best possible experiences for our students, staff, and whānau.



SCIENCE FAIR

Waikato Science Fair!

Students who are interested in participating in the Waikato Science Fair have been encouraged to email or speak with Ms Mangelsen, Ms Callaghan or their classroom teacher this week.

Students that are interested are expected to work independently with support from science teachers on Wednesday. Students can work individually or in pairs of their year level.

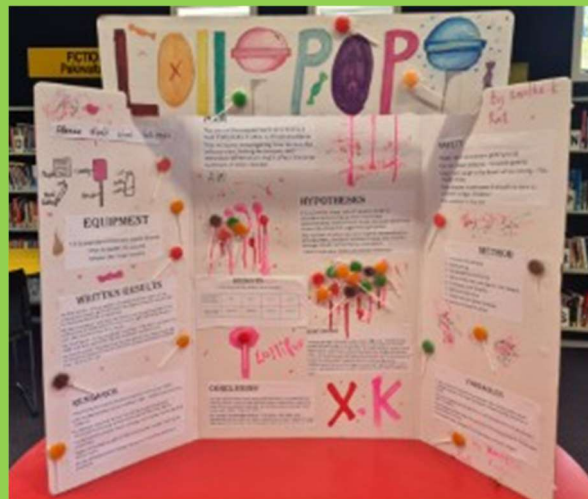
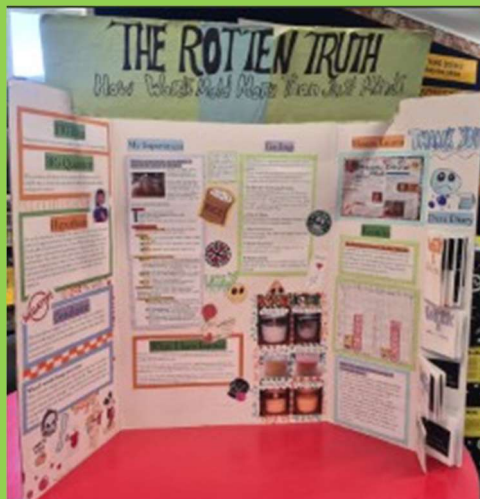
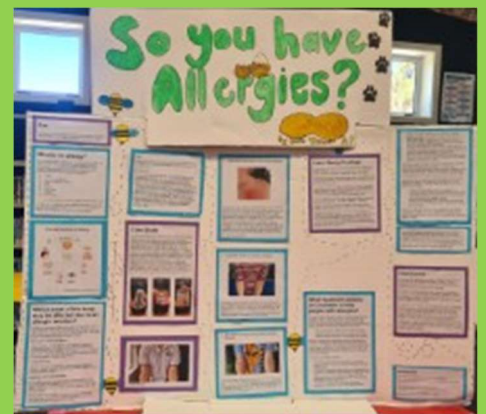
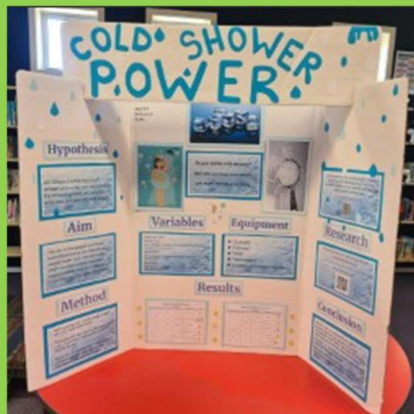
There can only be 19 total submissions from each school, a maximum of 5 per category. The categories are living world, material world, physical world and technological innovation. Students will be selected on Wednesday Term 3 Week 1, for the Waikato Science Fair, based on: following the scientific process, project idea, progress made and detailed log book.

The Waikato Science Fair will be on 24th August (Monday, Week 6 Term 3).

Students not selected will still have an opportunity to present their science project at TIS Week 9, Term 3.

More information about the Waikato Science Fair, see attached link

<https://waikatosciencefair.org.nz/student-info/>



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11 JUNE 2026

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THANK YOU
 for supporting Rangitaiki School

ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR TAMARIKI.

STAFF GRADUATION

María Gray - Room 13

*María came to Taupō Intermediate
At the start of the year in January light,
A beginning teacher with kindness and care,
And a smile that made students feel right.
She worked with patience, warmth, and grace,
Giving her students her very best each day,
Building respect, trust, and laughter too,
In her calm and thoughtful way.*

*In May she should have stood with pride,
Graduating beside her peers,
But visa troubles called her home
And brought frustration, stress, and tears.
Back to Peru she had to go,
Though her heart remained here too,
Because the students she had taught
Already knew how much she grew.*

*They liked her honesty and warmth,
The way she listened and believed,
And every lesson that she taught
Was one in which her students achieved.
Now we are so happy she's returned,
Back where she is meant to be,
Beginning a career that will inspire
So many young people beautifully.*

*María may your journey ahead
Be filled with success, joy, and pride,
For you already have the heart of a teacher,
And a whole school standing by your side.*





T.I.S SPORTS



CO-ORDINATOR NEWS!

Last week ended on a high note with our Taupo Intermediate Mountain Biking team claiming the **Team Championship Award** at the Super 11 Mountain Biking Championships in Rotorua.

Leading the way was **Stanley Newman**, who won the **Year 8 Boys Division** and was the **fastest rider overall**. **Benjamin Grant** continued his outstanding form by winning the **Year 7 Boys Division**. Alongside teammates **Nyla Grigg** and **Nia Simm**, their combined times earned Taupo Intermediate the title of **fastest team overall**, securing the coveted Team Award.

A special mention must go to **Micah Wallace**, who had an unforgettable weekend. Not only did Micah land a black flip at the Space Jam event on Saturday, but he was also awarded the **Fair Play/Sportsmanship Award** at the Mountain Biking Championships.

Our swimmers were also in action over the weekend, competing at Taupo's iconic XLR8 Swim Meet, which attracts competitors from around New Zealand.

Max Peirce produced an outstanding performance, finishing **2nd overall in his age group** with the following results: 1st - 50m Backstroke, 2nd - 200m Freestyle, 3rd - 400m Freestyle, 5th - 50m Freestyle, 5th - 200m Individual Medley

Congratulations to all our athletes who continue to represent Taupo Intermediate with pride, determination, and sportsmanship.

Shiloh McQuinlan also enjoyed a fantastic weekend in the pool, claiming bronze medals in:

50m Breaststroke, 100m Breaststroke, 50m Freestyle, 4th overall in age group

Congratulations to all our athletes (**Ella Newth** and **Frankie Clark**) who continue to represent Taupo Intermediate with pride, determination, and sportsmanship.

Our winter sports teams continue to flourish. While netball had a weekend off, our **AIMS Games Basketball team** had an excellent hit-out against Taupo-nui-a-Tia. The team is playing up an age group to help prepare for the challenges of AIMS Games, and the experience is proving invaluable. There were also strong performances on the hockey turf, with impressive wins by both the **TIS Trailblazers** and **TIS Quicksticks**.

Colour Run Fundraiser

A reminder to please sign your student up for the upcoming Colour Run. All details can be found on the HERO app.

We are raising funds to purchase new sports uniforms so our students can look as good as they play! Next week we will announce the first prize winner, along with the class that has the highest number of students signed up.

We would greatly appreciate your support as we work towards providing the best possible sporting opportunities and equipment for our students.

THE SUPPORT HUB

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SAFETY AND CONNECTION

I am right here with you.

You are safe with me.

I will stay until
this feels easier.

HELPING THE BODY SETTLE

Let us take a slow
breath together.

Put your feet on
the floor with me.

Feel the chair or the
ground holding you.

UNDERSTANDING

I can see this is
really hard for you.

Your body is having
a big feeling.
Something does not
feel right now.

SUPPORT AND REASSURANCE

I will help you
with this.
We can work it out
together.
This feeling will pass.

REDUCING OVERWHELM

Your body is reacting
strongly right now.
We can slow this down together.
You do not need to do
anything right now.

AFTER THE PEAK

Thank you for telling me.
That was a lot for your body.
You did really well getting
through that.

A big thank you to the parents who have volunteered their time in support of getting our Breakfast Club up and running. At this stage we will have Breakfast Club in the hall on Mondays and Tuesdays starting next week.

We are still looking for a couple more parent helpers for Thursday and Friday mornings please. Also, donations of long-life milk, Milo and Weetbix are greatly appreciated.



Our lost property is located between Rooms 18 and 19. Donna and Bernie sort through these and return named items to the students when they are able to. If your child needs a spare fleece, we have plenty to choose from.

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)



The new process for Rohe School Season Passes is now live.

Please share the following information with parents who were unable to purchase a season pass for their child between October and May. These parents can now purchase a pass through this system, which will remain available until 30 June.

Parents will need to use the following link to access the Rohe Season Pass: <https://buy.whakapapa.com/shop/product/43>

Once they have added the pass to their cart, they will be prompted to select their child's school from the list of eligible schools.

We will provide each school with a list of students who have purchased a pass through their school's affiliation.

Please note that if a pass holder is found not to be a current member of your school, their pass will be voided, and they will need to purchase a standard season pass at the full price.

Thank you for your support.

INNOVATION AND CHANGE- FASHION

Room 24 & 25 have been exploring the fashion world and how fashion has changed over time and what influenced these changes.

They looked at fashion through the eras, ranging from Victorian through to today's fashion. The students have been researching, in groups, a specific fashion era.

They have created and presented an oral presentation, created a mood board on Canva, and are now working on a visual presentation. As an extension to their learning we had a fashion show.

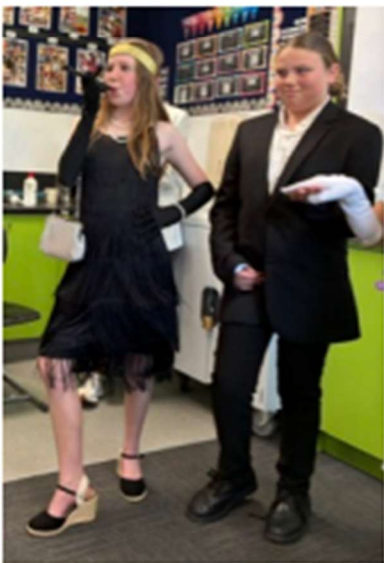
Each group dressed in an outfit from their era and walked the catwalk in Room 25 last week.

The students have been very engaged with this topic and have produced some excellent work.

**FASHION
THROUGH
THE
AGES
BY ROOM
24 & 25**



INNOVATION AND CHANGE- FASHION



STAFF SNAPSHOT



Hi! I am Amanda Mangelsen, the Tuesday and Friday Science teacher.

After teaching senior chemistry and middle school science in Australia for the past five years, I moved to Taupō after Christmas with my partner and our two dogs, Edith and Wesley, in search of adventure and a new change.

I am thoroughly enjoying my time in Taupō and at TIS where every day feels like a holiday. I am appreciating the curiosity and enthusiasm the kids bring to class. Particularly in our recent biology and ecology topic, students brought in their own water samples to examine under the microscope, exploring and discovering the incredible microscopic world around them.

When I'm not teaching, I spend my time reading, crocheting and exploring the beautiful landscapes and towns across the North Island.

A big thank you to the staff and students of TIS for making me feel so welcome in this community.

Amanda



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

JUNE/JULY 2026 **TERM TWO**

Week 8

Tuesday 9th June - OAC Bushcraft at Lake Rotopounamu
Wednesday 10th June - Taupo Inter Schools Swimming
Wednesday 10th June - Room 22 Waiouru Trip
Friday 12th June - Super 11 Rock Climbing Taupo

Week 9

Monday 15th June - OAC Kayaking
Wednesday 17th June - OAC Kayaking
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

JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2026 **TERM THREE**

Week 1

Monday 20th July - First day of Term 3
Wednesday 22nd July - Celebration Assembly
Friday 24th July - Super 11 Basketball

Week 2

Tuesday 28th July - School Cross Country
Friday 31st July - Super 11 Winter Tournament