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Tēnā koutou e te whānau, parents and caregivers,

As we move through Week 8 of Term 2, it is pleasing to see the school continuing to progress extremely well. Student engagement across classrooms, specialist programmes and extracurricular activities remains high, with learners showing enthusiasm, curiosity and a strong commitment to their learning. It has been wonderful to see our students' embracing opportunities, supporting one another, and contributing positively to our school culture.

EPro8 Success – Congratulations to Our Teams

A huge congratulations to our three EPro8 teams who represented Taupō Intermediate School at the Waikato competition last Thursday evening. Our teams — Team 1 (Andy, Leela, Kian & Benjamin), Team 2 (Ella, Dorian, Max & Riaan) and Team 3 (Aria, Emily, Mikayla & Arabella) — performed with determination, creativity, and impressive engineering skill.

Across the 150-minute challenge, our students demonstrated outstanding problem-solving, collaboration, and perseverance as they worked through each stage of their build, supported by facilitator Andrew.

A special acknowledgement goes to Team 1, who won the Waikato competition and now progress to the Waikato/Bay of Plenty semi-finals on Tuesday 16 June at Mokoia Intermediate, Rotorua. Teams 2 and 3 also achieved excellent results, finishing a very creditable 6th and 7th.

Thank you to all parents, caregivers and whānau who supported our teams at this exciting event.

Celebrating Our Former Students in the Arts

Over the past week, it has been a privilege to attend both the Tauhara College High School Musical production and the Taupō-Nui-a-Tia College Momentum Dance Extravaganza. It is inspiring to see so many of our former students continuing their performing arts journey and showcasing their remarkable talents.

A sincere thank-you to the dedicated staff at our local secondary schools for providing these opportunities and producing such high-quality shows. It was also wonderful to reconnect with many parents and whānau at these events.

Outdoor Adventure Club – Exploring Our Local Environment

This week, 40 students took part in our Outdoor Adventure Club activity, supported by Mr Blake and several parent helpers. It is fantastic to see our students engaging with the incredible natural environment that surrounds us here in Taupō.

The club continues to offer a wide range of outdoor experiences, and enthusiasm is high. Our biggest challenge is simply accommodating all the students eager to take part.

Reporting to Parents – Important Update

With the introduction of the SMART tool and the need to align our reporting with new Ministry of Education requirements, we are currently redesigning both our mid-year and end-of-year report formats. **To ensure these are completed to a high standard, mid-year reports will now be sent out in Week 1 of Term 3. Student-led conferences will take place in Week 3 of Term 3.**

Thank you for your understanding as we make these important improvements.

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

***T.I.S OFFICE – Parents & Caregivers if any of your contact details change, please contact us
07-378-8097 or email us: admin@taupointermediate.co.nz***

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

ATTENDANCE CORNER

Attendance Progress Report: Term 2 Week 8

Weekly Comparative Attendance Data

ATTENDANCE RATE FOR THE SCHOOL				
Attendance Threshold Rates				
	Regular	Irregular	Moderate	Chronic
	91%-100%	81%-90%	71%-80%	Below 70%
	Maintenance & Recognition	Early Intervention	Support & Strategy	Intensive Recovery
Week 5	66.93%	16.44%	8.71%	7.92%
Week 6	62.97%	19.80%	10.89%	6.34%
Week 7	64.54%	19.72%	8.96%	6.77%
Week 8	62.15%	22.51%	10.16%	5.18%

Overall, attendance at Taupō Intermediate has remained relatively stable across Weeks 5–8, with small but noticeable shifts between the four attendance categories.

Key Comparative Trends

- **Regular Attendance (91–100%)** Regular attendance has **declined slightly** from 66.93% in **Week 5** to 62.15% in **Week 8**. This indicates a gradual movement of some students into lower attendance bands.
- **Irregular Attendance (81–90%)** The irregular category has **increased steadily**, rising from 16.44% in **Week 5** to 22.51% in **Week 8**. This suggests more students are beginning to miss enough days to fall below the regular threshold.
- **Moderate Absence (71–80%)** Moderate absence fluctuated across the four weeks, peaking at 10.89% in **Week 6** before settling at 10.16% in **Week 8**. While not a dramatic change, it reflects a small group of students needing targeted support.
- **Chronic Absence (Below 70%)** Chronic absence has shown a **gradual improvement**, decreasing from 7.92% in **Week 5** to 5.18% in **Week 8**. This is a positive trend, indicating that intensive recovery efforts by our Attendance Team and Taupō Attendance Service is beginning to have an impact on the students and families.

TEACHER ONLY DAYS

Term 3 - Friday 28 August 2026 – School Closed
(Structured Literacy professional learning)

Term 3 - Friday 25 September 2026 – School Closed
(Structured Literacy professional learning)

BOARD CORNER

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](#)



School Based Immunisation Programme

Cancer protection starts at school

A single dose of the HPV vaccine provides strong protection (around 97%) against the high-risk HPV types that cause cancers.

A second dose is available FREE of charge through community immunisation providers.

healthnz.govt.nz/school-aged-children

DANCE NZMADE

Competition Preparation

We have had a high level of interest from students wishing to be part of this year's Dance NZMade competition, which is fantastic to see. We are currently working closely with all interested dancers as we prepare for the selection of our performance groups.

Trials for our dance groups will take place next week, supported by Toni Neve, to determine which students will form our final performance teams.

In addition, soloists, duos and trios will have opportunities to practise over the next couple of weeks before final selections are made for those who will represent Taupō Intermediate in the DanceNZMade competition in early Term 3.

We look forward to seeing our talented dancers shine as they prepare for this exciting event.

KAPA HAKA

Tutors - Thank you for your support

Our school kapa haka groups have always represented Taupō Intermediate with pride and excellence, and we are eager to continue this important journey for our school and wider community.

Thank you to the parents, caregivers and whānau who have responded to our request for support in establishing a performance kapa haka group. With limited kapa haka expertise among staff, your willingness to help is genuinely appreciated and essential to moving this Kaupapa forward.

Next week, Mr Woods will be coordinating a meeting with all interested supporters to plan 'where to next' and begin shaping the direction of our performance group.

GREENING TAUPO DAY

THURSDAY 4TH JUNE



Greening Taupō Day 2026!

On Thursday 4th June room 2 and multiple other classes joined in on Greening Taupo. In 4 hours about 2000 people planted 4000 native trees, 🌿 ate 2000 venison sausages 🍖 and 160 litres of veggie soup 🥣, visited stands with activities from 50 community groups, businesses and organisations 🏢, and had HEAPS of fun making LOTS of memories celebrating te Taiao (our environment).



GREENING TAUPO DAY

THURSDAY 4TH JUNE

🌿 ROOM 7 GREETING TAUPŌ DAY 🌿 - Working together for a greener future!

Room 7 had an amazing time participating in Greening Taupō Day! The day was packed with fun, learning, and teamwork as students got involved in caring for our local environment.

A huge thank you goes to our wonderful parents and whānau for their awesome support throughout the day. Your help and encouragement made the experience even more enjoyable for everyone.



Students enthusiastically took part in planting native plants, spreading lots of mulch, and learning about the importance of protecting our natural surroundings. They worked hard, showed great teamwork, and demonstrated excellent care for the environment.

One of the highlights of the day was the exciting prizes that students won. The smiles, laughter, and excitement on their faces showed just how much they enjoyed the activities.

We are incredibly proud of Room 7 for representing our school so well. Thank you to everyone who helped make this a memorable and successful day!

PHYSICAL EDUCATION



We are well into our handball unit, and students have been playing the game with fantastic energy and enthusiasm. The skills coming through have been amazing to see, with many students showing strong development across all areas of the game.

In particular, the jump shots have been epic, with students gaining confidence in attacking play and finishing around the goal. It has been great to see learners applying their skills in game situations and really enjoying the fast-paced nature of Olympic handball.

Alongside this, we are also nearing the end of our lunchtime netball sports series. Two top classes are set to compete in the championship game next Tuesday, which has created a lot of excitement across the school.

A special mention goes to all classes for their outstanding participation, effort, and sportsmanship throughout the competition. Every team has contributed to making this series a success.

It has been awesome to see so many students engaging in lunchtime sport. These competitions continue to build connection across classes and strengthen our school-wide sense of teamwork and enjoyment.

PE team - Dee and Charne



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CO-ORDINATOR NEWS

Ambrose Golf Champions

On Tuesday, our golfers battled blustery and cold conditions against 15 other teams at the Taupo Ambrose Golf Tournament. Despite the challenging weather, there were some outstanding drives, quality putting, and excellent teamwork on display.

Congratulations to **Sam Pool, Jaxon Christie, Reid Pepper, and Aidan Church**, who were crowned **Taupo Ambrose Champions**. Their victory has earned them the opportunity to represent Taupo Intermediate at the **WBOP Regional Championships in Rotorua**.

We also had another team narrowly miss the podium after a countback. Well done to **Nate Louisson, Aidan Maxwell, Kian Thompson, and Carter Nagel**, who represented the school with pride and played some excellent golf throughout the day.

Dominance in the Pool

Wednesday saw a victorious day at the Taupo Inter-Schools Swimming Championships. There were simply too many impressive swims to mention them all individually. Every swimmer represented Taupo Intermediate with pride, determination, and excellent sportsmanship. I think the highlight was when we were announced in the relay race the biggest cheer we all gave. Well done to all of our swimmers for contributing to such a successful day in the pool. I have attached the swim results.

Congratulations to **Shiloh McQuinlan, Max Peirce, and Ella Newth**, who maintained their unbeaten records in their individual events and finished their final Taupo Inter-Schools Championships in style.

A special mention also goes to **Beau Turnbull, Jack Gibson, and Kahlia Crocker**, who teamed up with our senior swimmers to help secure relay success and cap off a fantastic day in the pool.

Interschool Swimming Sports Results

All results are on the next two pages to follow

Relays Year 5/6 1 st Hilltop 2 nd Wairakei 3 rd Waipahihi Year 7/8 1 st TIS 2 nd Hilltop 3 rd Marotiri

Super 11 Rock Climbing

Today, our Super 11 Rock Climbers are competing at the Taupo Events Centre. We wish all competitors the very best and look forward to hearing about their achievements.

Looking Ahead

Next week, we have Orienteering training for all students who have returned permission slips. Training will take place on **Tuesday morning**, with teams and times displayed on the sports noticeboards. This will provide valuable preparation ahead of the **Orienteering Big Day Out on Wednesday 24 June**.

We also have our final Super 11 tournament of the term coming up with **Indoor Bowls**. Sign-ups for interested students will be available through the Sports Office next week.

Winter Sports Update

It has been fantastic to see the continued improvement across all of our winter sports teams.

The hockey clash between **TIS Quickshots** and **TIS Trailblazers** was an outstanding contest, with both teams fighting hard and showing great determination. In the end, the Trailblazers finished strongly with a late surge to secure the win.

On the netball courts, there were several nail-biting matches. **TIS Firebirds** secured a thrilling one-goal victory over **St Patrick's Gems**, while **TIS Force** battled hard to earn a draw. Our Year 7 teams — **Magic, Steel, and Stellar** — continue to make a strong impact in their first season in the Intermediate competition and are showing excellent development each week.

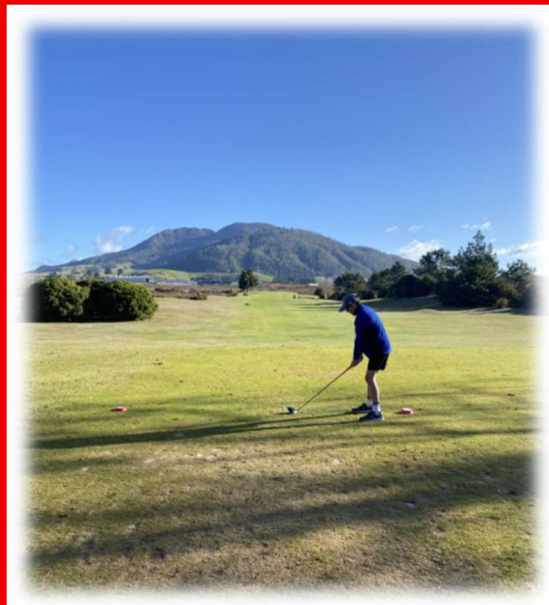
Thank you to all of our coaches, managers, volunteers, and parents who continue to support our students. Your time, commitment, and encouragement help provide these amazing sporting opportunities and experiences for our young athletes.



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PHOTOS





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Interschool Swimming Sports Results 2026

<u>25m Backstroke</u>	Placings
25m Backstroke Y4 Girls	Kaea Bracken LTCS Poppy Hurdley Hilltop Evelyn Clift Hilltop
25m Backstroke Y4 Boys	Andree Hira Taupo Primary Riley Smith Waipahihi Harvey Pierce Wairakei
25m Backstroke Y5 Girls	Jeannine Ioaba St Pats Aubrey Ferris Marotiri Kit Lewis St Pats
25m Backstroke Y5 Boys	Thomas Turnbull Wairakei Oliver Monteith Taupo Primary Henry Insull Hilltop
25m Backstroke Y6 Girls	Evie Newth Hilltop Paige Maxwell Wairakei Maisy Stewart Hilltop
25m Backstroke Y6 Boys	Knox Mariu Mountview Kauri Foner Waipahihi Gareth McHale Hilltop
25m Backstroke Y7 Girls	Indy Fitness TIS Olivia Richards TIS Matilda Pandel St Pats
25m Backstroke Y7 Boys	George Gregory TIS Gabe Hilhorst Marotiri Tobie Swindells Hilltop
25m Backstroke Y8 Girls	Ella Newth TIS Isabella Sapsford TIS Alyssa Morrell Hilltop
25m Backstroke Y8 Boys	Beauden Turnbull TIS Leon Perry Mountview Axel King Mountview

<u>50m Backstroke</u>	Placings
50m Backstroke Y5 Girls	Katie Herriot Hilltop Charlotte Wilson Wairakei Rosie Bradley Hilltop
50m Backstroke Y5 Boys	Carter Swetman Hilltop Henry Insull Hilltop Leon Webb Hilltop
50m Backstroke Y6 Girls	Paige Maxwell Wairakei Isabel Robati Waipahihi Olivia Rathbone Hilltop
50m Backstroke Y6 Boys	Charlie Richardson Hilltop Evan Simm Taupo Primary
	Gareth McHale Hilltop
50m Backstroke Y7 Girls	Phoebe Redman TIS Olivia Richards TIS Mikayla Feather Hilltop
50m Backstroke Y7 Boys	Charlie Harhoff Hilltop
50m Backstroke Y8 Girls	Shiloh McQuinlan TIS Kahlia Crocker TIS Alyssa Morrell Hilltop
50m Backstroke Y8 Boys	Max Peirce TIS Aiden Su Hilltop



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<u>25m Freestyle</u>	Placings
25m Freestyle Y4 Girls	Poppy Hurdley Hilltop Kaea Bracken LTCS Georgia James Hilltop
25m Freestyle Y4 Boys	Andree Hira Taupo Primary Harvey Pierce Wairakei Max Leigh Marotiri
25m Freestyle Y5 Girls	Aubrey Ferris Marotiri Jeannine Ioaba St Pats Flo Clarke Wairakei
25m Freestyle Y5 Boys	Oliver Monteith Taupo Primary Phineas Taylor Wairakei Cobey Cornelius Wairakei
25m Freestyle Y6 Girls	Evie Newth Hilltop McKenzie McLaren Taupo Primary Petra Tanner Waipahihi
25m Freestyle Y6 Boys	Thomas Gibson Wairakei Oakland Bullock Taupo Primary Knox Mariu Mountview
25m Freestyle Y7 Girls	Indy Fitness TIS Georgia Webb Hilltop Madison Ferris Marotiri
25m Freestyle Y7 Boys	Josh Speedy TIS Connor White TIS George Gregory TIS
25m Freestyle Y8 Girls	Ella Newth TIS Arizona Keys Hilltop Isabella Sapsford TIS
25m Freestyle Y8 Boys	Eli Lee Hilltop Beauden Turnbull TIS Jack Gibson TIS

<u>50m Freestyle</u>	Placings
50m Freestyle Y5 girls	Aubrey Ferris Marotiri Jeannine Ioaba St Pats Lily Martin Waipahihi
50m Freestyle Y5 Boys	Carter Swetman Hilltop Oliver Monteith Taupo Primary Dallas Parker Hilltop
50m Freestyle Y6 Girls	Evie Newth Hilltop Mckenzie McClaren Taupo Primary Zoe McCashin- How Wairakei
50m Freestyle Y6 Boys	Charlie Richardson Hilltop Thomas Gibson Wairakei Oakland Bullock Taupo Primary
50m Freestyle Y7 Girls	Indie Fitness TIS Georgia Webb Hilltop Ava Quinn TIS
50m Freestyle Y7 Boys	Josh Speedy TIS Charlie Harhoff Hilltop George Gregory TIS
50m Freestyle Y8 Girls	Shiloh McQuinlan TIS Arizona Keys Hilltop Kahlia Crocker TIS
50m Freestyle Y8 Boys	Max Peirce TIS Eli Lee Hilltop Archie Kay Hilltop



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<u>25m Breaststroke</u>	Placings
25m Breaststroke Y4 Girls	Pippa Stewart Hilltop Poppa Hurdley Hilltop Luella Saunders Hilltop
25m Breaststroke Y4 Boys	Max Lee Marotiri Sebastian Webb Marotiri Archer Tattle Hilltop
25m Breaststroke Y5 Girls	Flo Clarke Wairakei Ava Kay Hilltop Katie Herriot Hilltop
25m Breaststroke Y5 Boys	Leon Webb Hilltop Will Jackson Wairakei Ari Houghton- Smith Hilltop
25m Breaststroke Y6 Girls	Anabelle Pennefather Hilltop Linde Haver Hilltop Ollie Lee Hilltop
25m Breaststroke Y6 Boys	Lucas Wootton Taupo Primary Luke Donovan Marotiri Brennan Milne Hilltop

25m Breaststroke Y7 Girls	Frankie Clark TIS Zara Waterworth Marotiri Georgia Webb Hilltop
25m Breaststroke Y7 Boys	Josh Speedy TIS Finn Colebrook Hilltop Connor White TIS
25m Breaststroke Y8 Girls	Ella Newth TIS Arizona Keys Hilltop Nyla Grigg TIS
25m Breaststroke Y8 Boys	Eli Lee Hilltop Beauden Turnbull TIS Jack Gibson TIS

<u>50m Breaststroke</u>	Placings
50m Breaststroke Y5 Girls	Flo Clarke Wairakei Rosie Bradley Hilltop Lilly Martin Waipahihi
50m Breaststroke Y5 Boys	Carter Swetman Hilltop Ari Houghton- Smith Hilltop
50m Breaststroke Y6 Girls	Lucy Simpson Taupo Primary/Ella Mutton Waipahihi Linde Haver Hilltop Annabelle Pennefather Hilltop
50m Breaststroke Y6 Boys	Charlie Richardson Hilltop Lucas Wootton Taupo Primary Evan Simm Taupo Primary
50m Breaststroke Y7 Girls	Frankie Clarke TIS Phoebe Redman TIS Zara Waterworth Marotiri
50m Breaststroke Y7 Boys	Connor White TIS Finn Colebrook Hilltop
50m Breaststroke Y8 Girls	Shiloh McQuinlan TIS Kahlia Crocker TIS
50m Breaststroke Y8 Boys	Max Peirce TIS Jack Gibson TIS Blake McKay Hilltop

STAFF SNAPSHOT



Hi, I'm Bernadette (but everyone knows me as Bernie.) You can find me based in Room19, where I love helping our students thrive. My day is filled with supporting our learners to unlock their potential, whether we are breaking down numbers in one of my six math groups to build confidence and deep understanding, or diving into reading and writing in one of the two literacy groups.

Outside of the classroom, my life is just as full and rewarding. I spend a lot of my time supporting my family with their various passions and activities. When I get a moment for myself, you'll usually find me out in the garden- there is nothing quite like the satisfaction of eating your own fresh produce. I also love the great outdoors and making the absolute most of our beautiful lake during the summer months.

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)

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

JUNE/JULY 2026

TERM TWO

Week 9

Monday 15th June - OAC Kayaking
Tuesday 16th June - EPRO8 Semi finals - Rotorua
Wednesday 17th June - EPRO8 Finals - Rotorua
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

Week 10

Wednesday 24th June - School Speeches
Friday 26th June - Room 4 Mount Pureora Trip
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
Friday 24th July - School Reports home to parents

Week 2

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

Week 3

Wednesday 5th August - Celebration Assembly
Thursday 6th August - Board Meeting 5.30pm-7.30pm
Wednesday 5th August - Room 9 Golf Sim Day
Friday 7th August - Super 11 Cross Country

Week 4

Tuesday 11th August - Maths Whizz team at TIS
Thursday 13th August - Bandquest Waikato
Friday 14th August - Science Roadshow
Friday 14th August - Super 11 Rugby League