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

A belated but very proud **congratulations to our Chess Team - Kauri Crabb, Ari Khaled** and Kruze Stewert who represented Taupō Intermediate at the Taupō Regional Chess Competition. **A special shout-out to Kauri, who placed first, and Ari, who placed second**, earning both a place at the National Championships in October. To top it off, the TIS team placed second overall, meaning all members will now compete at Nationals. Ka rawe!

We also congratulate our **EPro8 Team - Andy Berriman, Leela Thompson, Kian Thompson and Benjamin Grant** who competed in both the **semi-final and final of the Waikato/Bay of Plenty EPro8 Challenge** at Mokoia Intermediate this week. After finishing 2nd equal on Tuesday, they advanced to the finals where they placed **third overall out of 12 Intermediate and Middle School teams**. Our best result yet in this competition. Outstanding effort, team!

A huge congratulations to all our **Speech Competition** semi-finalists for their well-crafted and confidently delivered speeches. The standard was incredibly high, making judging extremely difficult.

**Our Year 7 finalists are: Evie Liddle, Paprika Chavez, Eden Trueman, Rubi Popham, Mia Kai and Sophie du Plessis.**

**Our Year 8 finalists are: Pippa Walker, Jayde Wiggan, Patrick Wilson, Grayson Nicholas, Nyla Grigg and Shiloh McQuinlin.**

**We wish you all the very best for the upcoming finals.**

**Our Dance NZ Made Jazz and Contemporary** troupes have now been finalised and have begun learning their routines. Solos, duos and trios are also underway, with judging scheduled for the last Wednesday of the term. Hip Hop troupe trials will take place next week. A big thank-you to our external tutors who are helping prepare our dancers for the **Taupō Dance NZ Made** competition on **6–7 August 2026**.

We are also close to confirming a Kapa Haka tutor for our school and hope to finalise arrangements next week. Thank you to the parents, caregivers and whānau who responded to our call for support. Your involvement is greatly appreciated.

**Finally, good luck to the Chiefs in the final this weekend.**

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

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

# ATTENDANCE CORNER

## Attendance Progress Report: Term 2 Week 9

Maintaining regular attendance is one of the strongest predictors of student success, and we appreciate the ongoing support from our parents, caregivers and whānau. Below is a snapshot of our school-wide attendance over the past five weeks, based on the national attendance thresholds.

### Attendance Thresholds

- Regular Attendance (91–100%) – Maintenance & Recognition
- Irregular Attendance (81–90%) – Early Intervention
- Moderate Absence (71–80%) – Support & Strategy
- Chronic Absence (Below 70%) – Intensive Recovery

### School Attendance Rates

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%
Week 9	63.10%	22.42%	8.53%	5.95%

### Overall Summary

Our attendance patterns over the past five weeks show:

- Regular attendance is steady but needs lifting.
- Irregular attendance is trending upward, signalling a need for early support.
- Moderate absence is stable, with small week-to-week shifts.
- Chronic absence is gradually improving, which is encouraging.

We appreciate the ongoing support from our whānau in helping students arrive at school every day, ready to learn. Even small improvements in attendance can make a big difference to student progress and wellbeing.

## TEACHER ONLY DAYS

### 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)

# WAIOURU ARMY MUSEUM

Last week Room 22 visited the New Zealand Army Museum in Waiouru as a purposeful extension of our recent ANZAC unit of study, as well as to deepen students' current learning around innovation and change over time. This experience provided students with a rich, authentic context to explore the historical development of warfare, particularly through a "weapons of war" timeline that examined how technology has evolved in response to changing needs, environments, and global conflicts.



The visit enabled the students to engage directly with primary sources, artefacts, and interactive exhibits that bring history to life in ways that cannot be replicated in the classroom. By observing real equipment, vehicles, and personal stories of service personnel, students have strengthened their understanding of the social, technological, and human impacts of war.



Overall, the visit to the NZ Army Museum provided a meaningful learning opportunity with direct connection to in-class and out of class experience. We had a great time and the boys behaved wonderfully throughout the trip. We can all be very proud of their maturity and sensitivity of the occasion, even if the army rations were not as pleasant as the boys hoped.

# JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

**HOLIDAY FUN**  
WEEK ONE:

ALL ACTIVITIES ARE FREE

**FREE ACTIVITIES AT TAUPŌ LIBRARY THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**  
Taupō Library are putting on a bunch of events during the July school holidays to entertain and educate the kids.

**MONDAY 6 JULY 3.30PM**  
**KIDS GREENING TAUPŌ: THE AMAZING WHIO**  
Come and make a Whio hand puppet - Aotearoa's very own feisty blue duck.

**TUESDAY 7 JULY 10.30AM**  
**AMAZING WHIO CRAFT**  
Come and make a Whio hand puppet - Aotearoa's very own feisty blue duck.

**TUESDAY 7 JULY 3.30PM**  
**MATARIKI GALAXY MOBILE**  
It's a spiral of stars! The perfect Matariki mobile for your room.

**WEDNESDAY 8 JULY 10.30AM**  
**MATARIKI THEMED TODDLER TIME**  
Music, rhymes, and a Matariki themed story and craft - specially designed for toddlers.

**WEDNESDAY 8 JULY 3.30PM**  
**FLAX STARS**  
Come and weave your very own harakeke star for Matariki.

**THURSDAY 9 JULY 10.30AM**  
**POPSICLE STICK MATARIKI STARS**  
A simple but fun way to create your own Matariki stars!

**THURSDAY 9 JULY 3.30PM**  
**TUNA EEL**  
Who's that slipping through the awa? Use your imagination to paint and decorate your own sleek tuna.

**FRIDAY 10 JULY**  
**MATARIKI - LIBRARY CLOSED**

Supervision required. Activities suitable for ages: 5 to 10 years. Toddler Time suitable for children under 5 years.

**HOLIDAY FUN**  
WEEK TWO:

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**MONDAY 13 JULY All ages / All day**  
**Ice Castle Pictures**  
Self-paced unsupervised activity designing your own castle.

**TUESDAY 14 JULY 10.30AM**  
**PENGUIN HANDS**  
Want to get your hands on a penguin? Come and make one out of your own hands, as the perfect door decoration.

**TUESDAY 14 JULY 3.30PM**  
**SCENIC SNOW VILLAGE**  
Walk through a winter wonderland and create your own snowy town!

**WEDNESDAY 15 JULY 9AM - 2PM**  
**TEDDY BEAR SLEEPOVER (DROP OFF)**  
Drop off your 2nd favourite teddy for a sleepover at the library! Your teddy will spend the night, and will write you a story of their adventures.

**WEDNESDAY 15 JULY 10.30AM**  
**WINTER THEMED TODDLER TIME**  
Music, rhymes, and a Winter themed story and craft - specially designed for toddlers!

**THURSDAY 16 JULY 10.30AM**  
**SNOWY ALICORNS**  
Is it a Unicorn? Is it a Pegasus? It's an Alicorn! Design your own wintry image to fly the skies.

**THURSDAY 16 JULY ALL DAY**  
**TEDDY BEAR SLEEPOVER (PICK UP)**  
Your teddies are so excited to share all of the exciting things they did at their sleepover! Pick up your teddy, and the special surprise they have for you. Don't forget to keep an eye on the website for photos!

**FRIDAY 17 JULY 10.30AM**  
**SNOW FOXES**  
Come and make a delightful snowy critter: a fox!

Supervision required. Activities suitable for ages: 5 to 10 years. Toddler Time suitable for children under 5 years.

# Quiz Night?

**Put Your Knowledge to the Test!**

Join us for an unforgettable night of trivia that will test your knowledge while providing a fun easy Friday night entertainment. Hot drinks and light snacks provided Help room 24 fundraise for their camp.

**When:** July 3d

**Time:** 6pm

**Location:** Taupo intermediate hall, 6 Kotare street, Taupo

**\$25 dollars per person**

**Email:** [pshepherd@taupointermediate.co.nz](mailto:pshepherd@taupointermediate.co.nz)

**Phone:** 07 378 8097

# TAUPO GREENING DAY

Even though grey clouds loomed overhead, and it was cold and raining at times, that didn't stop us from going to green day. When we arrived, we were given a curfew then set off to go explore. There were so many stands and so many things to see. My friend and I first went to check out this interesting stand about all the invertebrates - any animal without a backbone - that live in the streams and rivers all around Taupo. These little creatures help us know if water ways are healthy or not. Some of them even make their homes in hollow sticks!

Further along the way we stopped at a honey stand, there we tasted multiple honeys made of different native flowers. The three we tasted had different colours, textures and flavours. We also learnt about the different types of native flowers that are used in the honey such as, Kanuka, Manuka, Rewarewa, and Kāmahī. In a bee's lifetime they make 1/12 of a teaspoon of honey.



Like bees, we bumbled over to another stand. This one was about the long-tailed bat found in the Waipahihi Botanical Reserve. The long-tailed bat is native and critically endangered. They only weigh 8 to 11 grams; the same as a two-dollar coin! The ranger at the stand also told us an interesting fact about trout; on the sides of their bodies, there is a line called a lateral line. And as bats use echo location to find food, trout can do the same with their lateral line.

After a while of exploring, eating lollies, hot sausages and playing minigames, we finally stumbled across the Tidy Taupo stand. For this stand I had made a fish out of all the hard plastics I had collected. The most common item was shotgun shells - and no, there is nobody shooting on the lake front. Another common item was lollipop sticks. There was a guessing game about the things.

**HOW MANY LOLLIPOP STICKS ARE IN THE CONTAINER? - I guessed 500.**

We waddled over to look at tree planting and found ourselves planting a Kanuka. Overall, the turnout was impressive; 4,000 holes dug, 4,000 trees planted. I give a big thank you to Room 7 for taking me, my mum and my friends over to the planting day. It was extremely enjoyable and we learnt a lot of new things. And ate a lot of lollies. When we arrived back at school, we were tired and puffed but happy to be back.

By Zara Tanner Room 8

# COLOUR RUN

28<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2026

NO REGISTRATION  
NO RUN

REGISTER HERE  
[www.myprofilepage.co.nz](http://www.myprofilepage.co.nz)

AFTER THE COMPETITIVE RUN

HELP US FUNDRAISE FOR  
NEW SPORTS UNIFORMS  
AND KIDS CAN

## GET STARTED AT MYPROFILEPAGE.CO.NZ

### STEP 1

#### GET STARTED ONLINE

Visit [myprofilepage.co.nz](http://myprofilepage.co.nz) and click the 'Register' button. Ask your parent or guardian to help you get started - you'll be up and running in no time!

### OR SCAN HERE



### STEP 2

#### CREATE YOUR PROFILE PAGE

Creating an online profile page is easy! Just follow the instructions online and set your fundraising goal.

### STEP 3

#### FUNDRAISE AWAY

It's time to start fundraising by sharing your unique profile page link to family and friends via social media, text, email or your QR code.

### STEP 4

#### CONVERT CASH TO ONLINE

Before the fundraiser close date, please login or create a profile page to make an online donation equal to the amount of cash collected.

### STEP 5

#### CHOOSE PRIZES OR DONATE TO A CAUSE

When the fundraiser closes, you will need to order your prizes! or why not donate your entire funds to one of two awesome causes instead?



## MIX AND MATCH YOUR PRIZES

You can select multiple prizes if you raise \$25 or more. For example, if you raise \$100, you can choose one prize from the \$100-\$149 category.



\$100

OR



\$25

OR

\$25

Choose one prize from the \$50-\$74 category and two prizes from the \$25-\$49 category.



# T.I.S SPORTS



## CO-ORDINATOR NEWS

### **Super 11 Rock Climbing Championships**

Last week, TIS proudly hosted the Super 11 Rock Climbing Championships. It was a fantastic event with over 80 climbers from around the region taking part in a day of challenging and technical climbing.

We had a team of 14 climbers representing TIS, all of whom tackled the demanding speed climbs with determination and skill. Congratulations to Micah Wallace, Nia Simm, Patrick Wilson, Erin Soutar, Nyla Grigg, and George Gregory, who all recorded strong performances to qualify for the finals.

Special congratulations to George Gregory, who claimed the Year 7 Boys title, and Micah Wallace, who finished 3rd in the Year 7 Girls division. Micah, alongside teammates Nia Simm and Devon Binnie, also secured bronze in the Year 7 Girls Teams event. The Year 8 Girls team of Erin Soutar, Nyla Grigg, and Shiloh McQuinlan followed suit, also earning a bronze medal in the team competition.

A huge thank you must also go to our TIS Sports Leaders, who assisted throughout the day. They represented our school exceptionally well, with one visiting school commenting on how impressed they were with their helpfulness, leadership, and professionalism, stating they were a real credit to TIS.

### **Orienteering**

On Wednesday, we welcomed members of the Taupō Orienteering Club, who delivered an excellent training session to students ahead of the Big O Day Out on Wednesday 24 June.

Many of our experienced orienteers, some of whom have been involved since Year 4, found the school-based course relatively straightforward. The Big O Day Out will provide a much greater challenge, requiring students to combine their navigation skills, decision-making, and running ability to achieve success. We are looking forward to seeing them put their skills to the test.

### **Winter Sport Update**

Our winter sports teams continue to thrive, and it has been fantastic to see so many students involved across a wide range of sporting codes. More importantly, it has been a pleasure watching students grow in confidence, develop new skills, and enjoy representing their school.

As a reminder to all spectators, coaches, and supporters, please continue to embrace the Positive Vibes Campaign. Regardless of the sport, situation, or result, we want to ensure that our sidelines remain positive, encouraging, and supportive for all participants.

### **Upcoming Events**

Next week, a small team will travel to Tauranga to compete in the Super 11 Indoor Bowls Competition. This event will provide valuable experience and serve as a great lead-in to the AIMS Games later in the year. We wish the team all the best.

### **Colour Run Fundraiser – 6 Weeks to Go!**

Our Colour Run Fundraiser is now just six weeks away! We have been visiting classrooms this week to promote the event and explain how students can sign up.

The Colour Run will take place on **Tuesday 28 July** and promises to be a fun, colourful day for all involved. Funds raised will go towards purchasing new sports uniforms, helping our students continue to look their best when representing TIS.

We would love the support of our school community. Please encourage your child to sign up and start fundraising. Details are on HERO and in school classrooms. If students are having still having difficulties registering, please send them to Libby for assistance.

Every contribution, no matter how big or small, will help us achieve our goal and is greatly appreciated.

**Thank you for your continued support of sport at TIS.**



# T.I.S SPORTS PHOTOS





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SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

# RUGBY101

FREE  
EVENT!

KIWI WARRIOR

RUGBY  
101







LOOKING FOR  
SOMETHING FUN  
TO KEEP THE KIDS  
ACTIVE THESE  
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS?

BRING THEM ALONG TO **RUGBY101**, A FUN RUGBY AFTERNOON  
WHERE KIDS CAN LEARN NEW SKILLS, PLAY GAMES,  
MAKE FRIENDS, AND **ENJOY A GREAT DAY OUT!**

## EVENT DETAILS

-  Saturday 11th July
-  11:00 AM - 4:00 PM
-  TONGARIRO DOMAIN  
Taupō
-  Koha Appreciated

## WHAT TO EXPECT

-  Fun rugby games
-  Skills and challenges
-  Raffles to be won
-  SAUSAGE SIZZLE DONATIONS
-  Safe and friendly environment
-  Choice of Tackle or Ripa available



**IMPORTANT: PLEASE BRING YOUR MOUTHGUARD  
AND BOOTS FOR SAFETY**



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# T.I.S TUCK SHOP KRISTIE'S KAI

MORNING TEA PLAY BREAK - 10.40AM-11.10AM

(Buy items at tuckshop window)

LUNCH TIME PLAY 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 10**

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June – School Speeches at Assembly**  
**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Room 4 Mount Pureora Trip**  
**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**

**JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2026**

**TERM THREE**

**Week 1**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July – First day of Term 3**  
**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Celebration Assembly**  
**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July – Super 11 Basketball**

**Week 2**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July – School Cross Country**  
**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July – Super 11 Winter Tournament**

**Week 3**

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

**Week 4**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August – Maths Whizz team at TIS**  
**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August – Bandquest Waikato**  
**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August – Science Roadshow**  
**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August – Super 11 Rugby League**