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Tēnā koutou e te whānau, parents and caregivers,

Term 3 has started extremely well, and we are excited about the busy and exciting term ahead. Our calendar is already filling up with a wide range of opportunities and events for our students, including Cross Country and the Colour Run, Student Conferences, the DanceNZmade Competition, the Waikato/Bay of Plenty Science Fair, NZAIMS Games, Super 11 Sports, Banquest, Outdoor Adventure Club activities, and visits to both primary and secondary schools. It is certainly shaping up to be another busy and rewarding term for our staff, students, and whānau.

We would also like to extend a very special welcome to our new staff members joining Taupō Intermediate School this term. We are delighted to welcome Mr Michael Tonks (Room 1), Ms Zanelle Ras (Room 17), and Mr Gavin Balcombe (Caretaker/Groundsman) to the TIS whānau. We wish them every success as they begin their journey with our school and look forward to the positive contributions they will make to our community.

Next week, we will be undertaking our annual lockdown practice, supported by Harrison Tew. We encourage all families to take the time to read the letter included in this newsletter outlining our lockdown procedures and practices. These drills are an important part of ensuring we are prepared and able to keep our school community safe.

We are also very excited to be sending home our mid-year student reports next Friday. Student Conference afternoons will take place the following week, providing an excellent opportunity for students to share their learning progress and goals with their whānau. Further information will be communicated through the HERO app in the coming days.

As part of our focus on starting the term positively and maintaining our high standards, we are placing renewed emphasis on students wearing the correct school uniform. As the weather becomes colder, students often look for opportunities to test the boundaries around uniform expectations. We also know from previous years that some of our Year 8 students begin to suggest that, because they are heading to secondary school soon, uniform requirements are less important. Wearing the correct school uniform is a school expectation, and we ask for your support in ensuring your child arrives at school each day in the correct uniform. Your continued support makes a significant difference and helps maintain the strong sense of pride and belonging we value at Taupō Intermediate School.

We are looking forward to another wonderful term of learning, growth, participation, and success at TIS.

Nga mihi nui, The Team at Taupo Intermediate School



TAUPŌ INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL IS CONDUCTING A

PRACTICE LOCKDOWN

ALL UPDATES WILL BE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

www.taupointermediate.co.nz

Dear Parents, Caregivers & Whanau,

As part of keeping our school safe we need to be able to respond safely and quickly to a range of emergency situations.

We work alongside an independent company, Harrison Tew®, who specialises in emergency management planning for schools, whose procedures have been successfully implemented in hundreds of schools throughout New Zealand.

As part of maintaining our emergency procedures in our school, specialised training is being conducted with our senior leadership and staff by Harrison Tew®.

The students will also receive information on how to respond in an emergency directed at their respective age groups from either their teacher or Harrison Tew®.

We will then be conducting a lockdown exercise under the guidance and support of Harrison Tew® on Wednesday 29th July between 1.30pm-3pm.

During the exercise you will receive a notification from the school, so it is important that your emergency contact details are up to date and correct. The notification will emphasise that this is an exercise/practice and will explain that all updated information will then be posted on the school website.

In a genuine incident, should you become aware of a lockdown or evacuation at the school, can I please ask that you do not attend the school or phone, as we will not be able to respond. Your presence or contact may make it more difficult for us or the emergency services to manage a situation.

We thank you for your support.

Kind regards

Brent Woods
Principal/Tumuaki

ATTENDANCE CORNER

Attendance Progress Report: Term 3 Week 1

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 1	70.66%	5.79%	11.98%	11.58%

Let's Keep the Momentum Going!

We are delighted to share that Taupō Intermediate School has **achieved and surpassed our attendance goals for both Term 1 and Term 2**, which is an outstanding achievement. This success has only been possible through the strong partnership between home and school. We sincerely thank our whānau for your ongoing support and acknowledge our students for their commitment to being at school every day, ready to learn.

We know that **Term 3 can be particularly challenging**. Colder mornings, winter illnesses, and an increase in flu-like symptoms can make regular attendance more difficult over the 10-week term. Despite these challenges, we remain committed to supporting students to attend school as regularly as possible.

Our attendance targets for Term 3 are:

- 50% of students achieving Regular Attendance (91%-100%)
- 35% of students achieving Irregular Attendance (81%-90%)
- 10% of students achieving Moderate Attendance (71%-80%)
- 5% of students achieving Chronic Attendance (below 70%)

While we would love to see our Regular Attendance rate remain above 60%, attendance trends over the past four years show that Term 3 is traditionally our most challenging term, with Regular Attendance figures typically sitting between **38% and 42%**. However, one thing we know about our current Year 7 and Year 8 students is that they are highly motivated, engaged, and enjoy striving towards goals and targets. We are confident they will rise to the challenge once again.

Let's work together to see what we can achieve this term and aim to break previous attendance records before our students head into 2027!

A friendly reminder that if your child is absent from school, please notify us through the **HERO app** or **leave a message** with the school office. You have been fantastic at keeping us informed to date, and we greatly appreciate your support in helping us maintain accurate attendance records.

Together, let's continue building excellent attendance habits and making every school day count.

Ngā mihi nui,
TIS Leadership Team

SPOTLIGHT ON **OUTSTANDING STUDENT** **ACHIEVEMENTS**

OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

Congratulations to Laura Mellows

who had a very successful 2025-2026 season in New Zealand Water Ski Racing Association.

Her outstanding achievements included

- 1st Under 13 Girls North Island Championships
- 1st Under 13 Girls Series
- 1st Under 13 Girls National Championships



Congratualtions to Kauri Kururangi

who successfully made the following teams:

- Under 13 Tauranga Moana
- Under 13 Bay of Plenty
- King Country Rugby

and participated in the following National-level rugby league tournaments:

- Aotearoa New Zealand Māori Rugby League Tournament (Kerikeri), representing Tauranga Moana
- North Island District Tournament U13 (Rotorua), representing Bay of Plenty

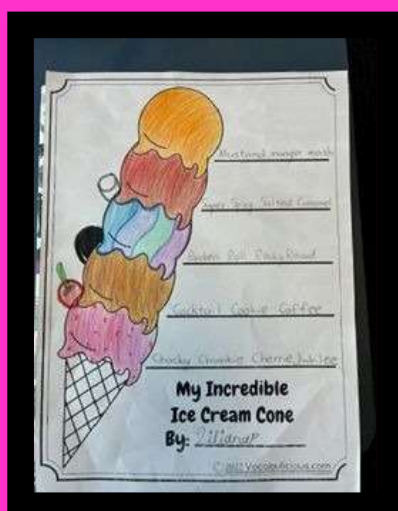
While we enjoy celebrating the many successes and achievements of our students through school events and activities, we also love hearing about the accomplishments our students achieve outside of Taupō Intermediate School.

FUN WITH ICE IN ROOM 25

During Science we have been learning about Solids, Liquids and Gases. We conducted a science experiment where we tested what product would melt ice the fastest. We read the story 'Science on the Ice' where we learnt about how the Scientists on Scott Base are conducting research into global climate change and how it is affecting Antarctica.

As an extension to our learning, we made ice cream in a bag. The ice cream in a bag experiment is a delicious demonstration of thermodynamics and phase changes, primarily relying on **freezing point depression** and **emulsion**. By adding salt to ice, you lower the freezing point of the water so it can get colder than 0°C , rapidly freezing your liquid cream mixture into solid ice cream.

We then created pastel ice cream artwork based on the work by American Artist Wayne Theibaud and alliteration poems based on Bleezer's Ice Cream by Jack Prelutsky.





T.I.S SPORTS



CO-ORDINATOR NEWS

Sports Bulletin

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a fantastic holiday and is feeling refreshed and ready for another exciting term of sport. It has been great to see students back in action and straight into our Winter Sports Leagues.

This week has been all about preparing for next Tuesday's **Taupō Intermediate School Cross Country Championships** and our **Colour Run Fundraiser**. Students have been building their fitness during PE lessons, and there has been plenty of excitement around the school as we count down to one of the biggest sporting events of the term.

Colour Run Fundraiser

We are into the **final hours of fundraising**, and what an incredible campaign it has been! Overnight we had a dramatic change to our fundraising leaderboard.

The Champion's Cape has changed hands!

 **Isla Bennett** has surged into **1st place** and now holds the Champion's Cape.

 **Sadie Eyes** has climbed into **2nd place**.

 **Taylor Dunn** has slipped into **3rd place** after leading for much of the campaign.

The competition is still wide open, and with fundraising closing soon, there is still time for one final push!

The most exciting news is that, thanks to the amazing generosity of our school community, we have now raised an incredible **\$9,625**. We are **just \$375 away** from reaching our ambitious goal of **\$10,000**.

If your child has registered but hasn't shared their fundraising page yet, please encourage them to press the **"Share"** button and send their page to friends and family. Every donation, no matter how small, helps us get closer to our goal and allows students to take part in the Colour Run on Tuesday.

A huge thank you to everyone who has donated, fundraised and supported this event. Your generosity will directly benefit sport at Taupō Intermediate School.

Cross Country Championships

We are looking forward to a fantastic day on Tuesday with both the **School Cross Country Championships** and the **Colour Run**. Whether students are competing for championship honours or simply taking part in the Colour Run with their friends, it promises to be a fun and memorable day for everyone.

Super 11 Basketball

Good luck to our **Super 11 Basketball teams**, who travel to Rotorua on Friday to compete in the Super 11 Tournament.

Our boys have been drawn in a very competitive pool, which will provide excellent preparation as they continue building towards the NZ AIMS Games later this term.

It is also fantastic to have a **girls' team** competing again. This is the first time in several years we have entered a girls' team in the Super 11 Basketball Tournament, and we wish them every success as they represent Taupō Intermediate.

Finally, thank you to all our parents, coaches, managers and volunteers who continue to support our sports programme. Whether you're coaching a team, transporting students, fundraising behind the scenes or cheering from the sidelines, your time and commitment make these opportunities possible for our students. We truly appreciate everything you do.

Have a wonderful sporting week.



TERM 3

Calendar

TAUPO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL



WEDNESDAY
23RD JULY



SUPER 11 BASKETBALL
Rotorua



Rotorua



TUESDAY
28TH JULY



**TIS CROSS COUNTRY
AND COLOUR RUN**
Spa Park, Taupo



Taupo



FRIDAY
31ST JULY



**SUPER 11 WINTER
TOURNAMENT**
Mount Maunganui



Mount
Maunganui



FRIDAY
7TH AUGUST



SUPER 11 CROSS COUNTRY
Tauranga



Tauranga



MONDAY
10TH AUGUST



**FINALS OF WBOP
AMBROSE GOLF TOURNAMENT**
Rotorua



Rotorua



FRIDAY
14TH AUGUST



SUPER 11 RUGBY 7'S
Tauranga TBC due to coaches



Tauranga
(TBC)



FRIDAY
21ST AUGUST



**TAUPO INTER SCHOOLS
CROSS COUNTRY**
Taupo



Taupo



WEDNESDAY
26TH AUGUST



TOUGH GUY/GAL
Taupo



Taupo



TUESDAY
26TH AUGUST



**TAUPO INTER SCHOOLS
CROSS COUNTRY**
Taupo



Taupo



TBC



NZ AIMS GAMES
5TH - 11TH SEPTEMBER
Tauranga



Tauranga

TAUPO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

CROSS COUNTRY *Championships* AND COLOUR RUN



TUESDAY 28 JULY | 📍 SPA PARK

Join us for a fun-filled day of running, colour and school spirit!



SHUTTLE BUSES TO SPA PARK



9:15 am

First 3 buses depart
(all competitive runners
must be on these buses)



9:30 am

Second shuttle departs



RACE PROGRAMME



10:00 am

All competitive runners
in pens for race briefing



10:15 am

Year 7 Girls



10:45 am

Year 7 Boys



11:15 am

Year 8 Girls



11:45 am

Year 8 Boys



COLOUR RUN



12:15 pm

Colour Run begins



12:45 pm

All students return to the pens

Wear a white t-shirt and tutu
and get ready for a burst of colour!



SHUTTLE BUSES RETURN TO SCHOOL



1:00 pm

First shuttle returns to school



1:15 pm

Second shuttle returns to school



WHAT TO BRING

- ✓ White t-shirt and tutu
- ✓ Towel to sit on
- ✓ Drink bottle
- ✓ Lunch and snacks



BE READY, BE COLOURFUL, HAVE FUN!
LET'S MAKE IT A DAY TO REMEMBER!



We can't wait to see you there!

ORIENTEERING BIG DAY OUT

for Parents!

SUNDAY 26TH JULY

The Taupo Orienteering Club is providing an opportunity for parents to learn what their children did at the Big Day out rogaïne held on Wednesday 1st July.

We are holding the same event on **Sunday 26th July** using the same map used at the schools' event.



BRING THE
WHOLE FAMILY
AND DO IT
TOGETHER
AS A TEAM!
(or compete as
an individual)



PLACE: Spa Park beside main car park



DATE: Sunday 26th July



TIME: 10.00 – 10.20 am briefing and
hand out of maps and SI cards
Start at 10.30 am.
Time allowed 45 minutes.



COST: \$10/map and SI card hire.
Pay on the day (cash)



EMAIL: entries@taupoorienteeing.nz
with your team or individual name and
reserve your map or just take your chances
and turn up – we will have some extra maps.

Fun • Active • Adventure
FOR EVERYONE!



Great for families,
friends and anyone
who loves the outdoors!



Use your map
reading skills and
work as a team!



Explore beautiful
Spa Park in a fun
and exciting way.

See you there!



KiwiSport
taupo



ROOM 8'S WONDER PROJECT

Conrad was an engineer who helped us with our bottle, so he could inspire us to be engineers when we grow up.

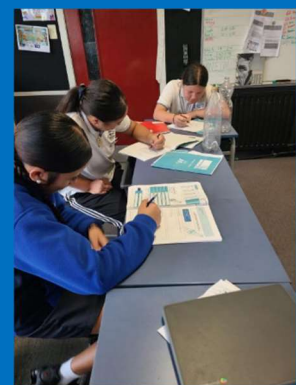
We designed the bottle rocket. It was made of Sprite, Coke and L&P bottles, first without fins, then with and without a nose cone. All the fins were different shapes and sizes.

Savanah's team's rocket flew the furthest at 50 metres at a 45-degree angle. Kaylani's team's rocket flew the highest at 47 metres because we had more pressure and less water.

We had to design the nose cones so that they reduced the resistance and then they flew better. There was a lot of learning about aerodynamics, such as the Forces of Flight: lift, weight, drag and thrust.

We learnt more with Conrad helping us, especially the videos and quiz – thank you Conrad.

Written by Kaylani, Seohyun and Chloe.



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)

TUCKSHOP CLOSURE NOTICE

Tuckshop will be closed on:

Thursday 6th August

Friday 7th August

Monday 10th August

Tuesday 11th August

Tuckshop will be reopening Wednesday 12th August

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

TERM THREE

Week 2

Tuesday 28th July – School Cross Country & Colour Run
Wednesday 29th July – Harrison Tew Practice Lockdown 1.30pm-3pm
Friday 31st July – Super 11 Winter Tournament

Week 3

Monday 3rd August to Thursday 6th August – Parent/Teacher Conference 3.30-5.30
Wednesday 5th August – Celebration Assembly
Wednesday 5th August – R9 Golf Sim Day
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

Monday 10th August – WBOP Golf Final, Rotorua
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

Week 5

Wednesday 19th August – Celebration Assembly
Wednesday 19th August – Waikato Science Fair
Friday 21st August – Taupo Inter Schools Cross Country

Week 6

Monday 24th August – College Visits for Year 8
Wednesday 26th August – Tough Guy Gal Challenge
Friday 28th August – School Closed (Teachers only day)

Week 7

Tuesday 1st September – R24 Waikato Visit
Wednesday 2nd September – R24 Waikato Visit
Wednesday 2nd September – Celebration Assembly
Thursday 3rd September – R24 Waikato Visit

Week 8

Monday 7th September to Friday 11th September – NZ Aims Week
Thursday 10th September – Board Meeting 5.30pm-7.30pm

Week 9

Monday 14th September to Friday 18th September – Primary School Visits 6pm
Wednesday 16th September – Science Fair in the Hall
Wednesday 16th September – Celebration Assembly
Thursday 17th September – Science Fair in the Hall
Friday 18th September – Tuwharetoa Kapa Haka Festival

Week 10

Monday 21st September – Winter Sports Prizegiving
Wednesday 23rd September – Mathsmatters Quiz Day
Thursday 24th September – Big Music Day Out
Friday 25th September – School Closed (Teachers only day)