



Newsletter Number: 23 Date: Friday 3^{1st} July 2026

Kia ora parents, caregivers and whānau,

Term 3 has started extremely well, with both teachers and students settling quickly back into their class rules and routines. It has been a pleasure for the Leadership Team to visit classrooms and walk around the school, experiencing a strong sense of positivity, engagement, and respect among our students. Once again, this highlights that our school values of Thinking, Involvement, and Showing Respect are truly being lived every day within our school community.

Mid-Year Reports and Student Conferences

Mid-year reports are being released today through HERO. This year's reporting process has presented some challenges due to changes introduced by the Ministry of Education regarding the New Zealand Curriculum and assessment requirements. In response, we have implemented the SMART Tool and developed our reporting processes accordingly.

We encourage all parents and caregivers to take the time to review their child's report and discuss their learning progress together.

Student Conference Dates

- **Monday 3 August: 3.15pm - 5.30pm**
- **Tuesday 4 August: 3.15pm - 5.30pm**
- **Wednesday 5 August: 3.15pm - 5.30pm**
- **Thursday 6 August: 3.15pm - 5.30pm**

Please book your conference appointment through the HERO app. If these times are not suitable, please contact your child's teacher directly to arrange an alternative meeting time.

Cross Country Success

Congratulations to all students who participated in our competitive Cross Country event on Tuesday. It was exciting to see such a high level of participation and enthusiasm, with many students competing strongly for places in the upcoming Super 11 Cross Country Event on Friday, 7 August. We wish all qualifying students the very best and look forward to seeing them represent Taupō Intermediate School with pride.

A Colourful Celebration

The Cross-Country event was followed by the much-anticipated Colour Run, which proved to be a fantastic success and an unforgettable experience for our students.

Congratulations to all students who supported this fundraiser by collecting sponsors and getting involved. This is certainly shaping up to be one of the highlights of 2026, with so many students embracing the opportunity to have fun and be covered in colour.

A huge thank you goes to Mrs Bradley and Libby for the tremendous amount of work they put into making this event possible. Their dedication and organisation ensured the day ran smoothly and was enjoyed by all.

Lockdown Practice

On Wednesday afternoon, we conducted our annual lockdown practice with support from Harrison Tew.

A special thank you to Simon from Harrison Tew for supporting the Leadership and Administration Team in the control room throughout the exercise. Regular training is an important part of ensuring we remain up to date with best practice and ensuring that staff and students are familiar with the procedures required during a lockdown event.

The practice was highly successful, and everyone did an outstanding job meeting the expectations placed upon them. We are proud of how seriously our students and staff approached the exercise.

Super 11 Winter Tournaments

This Friday, several of our sports teams will be representing Taupō Intermediate School at the Super 11 Winter Tournaments, including:

- Year 7 Netball
- Year 8 Netball
- Mixed Hockey
- Boys' Football
- Girls' Football

These tournaments provide excellent preparation for many of our teams as they begin looking ahead to the upcoming Zespri NZAIMS Games. We know our students will represent TIS with determination, sportsmanship, and pride. We wish all teams every success.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our students, staff, and school community. We look forward to another successful and productive term ahead.

Ngā mihi nui,
Taupō Intermediate School Leadership Team

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BOOK YOUR FREE APPOINTMENT TODAY.

ATTENDANCE CORNER

Attendance Progress Report: Term 3 Week 2

At Taupō Intermediate School, improving student attendance remains a key priority. Regular attendance gives students the best opportunity to achieve academically, build positive relationships, and participate fully in school life.

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%
Week 2	54.78%	20.92%	10.36%	13.94%

Our Term 3 Attendance Targets

- 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%)

What the Data Tells Us

Week 1 attendance was very encouraging, with over 70% of our students achieving Regular Attendance. While Week 2 saw a decrease in this figure, we still had more than half of our students attending regularly, which is a positive start to the term.

The increase in the number of students in the Irregular and Chronic attendance categories during Week 2 highlights the importance of students being at school every day unless they are genuinely unwell. Missing even a few days can quickly impact learning progress, confidence, and social connections.

We ask all parents and caregivers to continue supporting their child's attendance by:

- Ensuring students arrive at school on time each day.
- Scheduling appointments outside school hours where possible.
- Notifying the school if your child is absent.
- Encouraging positive routines around sleep, organisation, and school preparation.

Together, we can continue to build strong attendance habits that support student success. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to ensuring your child makes the most of every learning opportunity at Taupō Intermediate School.

Ngā mihi nui,
Taupō Intermediate School Attendance Team



TAUPŌ INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL IS CONDUCTING A

PRACTICE LOCKDOWN

ALL UPDATES WILL BE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

www.taupointermediate.co.nz

Dear Parents, Caregivers & Whanau

On Wednesday 29th July, we practised our emergency procedures under the guidance of Harrison Tew® Ltd, who specialise in emergency management planning for schools and educational facilities.

The procedures we follow allow us to respond safely and quickly to a range of situations.

We are pleased to inform you that our exercise today went very well with our students responding safely and calmly.

During the year we will continue to practise our emergency procedure exercises to ensure all staff and students remain familiar with them.

Should you become aware of a lockdown or an 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.

Any information pertaining to an emergency occurring at the school will be updated on our Hero system as regularly as possible.

We believe that it is important that we conduct regular practices for lockdowns and evacuations so that we can all be well prepared and familiar with our procedures should an emergency occur.

We thank you for your support.

Kind regards

TIS Leadership Team



MATHS IN ACTION!

Our Percentages & Average Investigation

Room 11 mathematicians explored **percentages** and **averages** through a fun and engaging **water bottle flipping investigation**.



April



Julien



Jamie



Ryan



Kaia



Julie

Our investigation question was:

Can practice improve our success rate when flipping a water bottle?

We planned a fair test, changed one variable at a time and recorded our results carefully.

We flipped the bottle 20 times in each round, recorded our data, calculated our percentages and found our average success rate.

This helped us build important maths skills and introduced us to fair testing—an essential skill for science investigations.



FAIR TESTING – WHY IT MATTERS

- ✓ We changed only ONE variable at a time.
- ✓ Keeping conditions the same helps us collect fair and reliable results.
- ✓ Fair tests help us make valid conclusions.



OUR MATHEMATICAL SKILLS

- ✓ Recording data in tables
- ✓ Calculating percentages
- ✓ Finding average success rates
- ✓ Creating graphs
- ✓ Analysing patterns and trends
- ✓ Interpreting results and drawing conclusions



WHAT WE SET UP FOR SCIENCE

- ✓ We learnt what fair testing means.
- ✓ We practised controlling variables.
- ✓ We recorded accurate data.
- ✓ We developed our observation and measurement skills.
- ✓ We are now ready to design and carry out our own science investigations!



OUR INVESTIGATION STEPS



1. Ask a question
What do we want to find out?



2. Plan a fair test
What will we change?
What will we keep the same?



3. Record our results
We complete tables for each round.



4. Calculate percentages & find averages



5. Graph & analyse
We create graphs and look for patterns.



6. Conclude
What did we learn?
What could we improve?

**REAL MATHS.
REAL INVESTIGATIONS.
REAL LEARNING.**



WHAT WE LEARNED

Mathematics helps us explore questions, spot patterns and understand the world around us. By using percentages and averages, we can turn real-life testing into meaningful conclusions.

★ THINK LIKE A MATHEMATICIAN

- ★ Be curious
- ★ Be accurate
- ★ Be thoughtful
- ★ Be persistent

Every question is a chance to learn something new.



ROOM 11 NEWS

STEM CHALLENGE

BUILD IT. TEST IT. IMPROVE IT!

STRAW TOWER CHALLENGE

Can you build a tower strong enough to hold an orange?

This week, Room 11 launched our STEM programme with an exciting engineering challenge.

Students were given only drinking straws and masking tape and challenged to design and build a tower strong enough to support an orange.

The activity encouraged students to think like engineers by planning, testing, redesigning and persevering. Many groups discovered that their first ideas didn't always work, so they adapted their designs, strengthened weak points and kept improving until they had a successful structure.

It was fantastic to see Room 11 demonstrating creativity, teamwork, resilience and problem-solving while having plenty of fun. We look forward to sharing more STEM challenges throughout the term!



STEM



Science



Technology



Engineering



Maths



FIRST TO COMPLETE!

A huge congratulations to **Blake**, who was the first student to successfully build a tower that held the orange.



SECOND TO COMPLETE!

Great teamwork from **Jack and Jamie**, who were the second team to successfully hold the orange with their tower!



JAXON'S TOWER SUCCESS!

Jaxon built a strong tower that held the orange!



ENGINEERING IN ACTION!

Jack tested different ideas and strengthened his tower as he built. His persistence and problem-solving helped improve his design.



WE DEVELOP:



CREATIVITY



TEAMWORK



PROBLEM SOLVING



PERSISTENCE



IMPROVING IDEAS

Well done, Room 11 engineers!



Room 11 – Maths-Whizz



Room 11 has been celebrating some incredible Maths-Whizz success! Several students achieved more than double the expected progress in just the first two terms.

A special mention goes to Jack Short, who improved his Maths Age by an incredible 95 weeks—over two years of learning, and Blake Morris, who gained 79 weeks—almost two years of maths learning.

Honourable mentions also go to Piper Quinn, Hannah Russell, Jack Scapens, Julie Irving, Julien Lim, Jaxon Robinson, April Kahia-Maynard, Grace Dheda, and Elise White, who also achieved more than double the expected rate of progress.

Jayde Wiggan improving 12 weeks in just this first week of term since her reassessment and has fully completed the Math Whizz program.

We are incredibly proud of the effort, perseverance, and growth shown by all these students. 🌟

Nga mihi nui
Ms Rokstad



T.I.S SPORTS



CO-ORDINATOR NEWS

Taupō Intermediate School Cross Country Championships & Colour Run

What an incredible day we had on Tuesday at our annual Cross Country Championships and Colour Run! The day was filled with outstanding performances, determination, and plenty of smiles as students challenged themselves on the course before celebrating with a colourful finish.

Congratulations to our 2026 Cross Country Champions:

Year 7 Girls

🏆 Devon Binnie

🏆 Jessica Rakei

🏆 Nia Simm

Year 7 Boys

🏆 Knox Short

🏆 Oliver Orozco

🏆 George Gregory

Year 8 Girls

🏆 Nyla Grigg

🏆 Skye Conway

🏆 Tea Bosshart

Year 8 Boys

🏆 Ben Pridham

🏆 Jack Gibson

🏆 Noah Holdaway-Perkins

The Colour Run was the highlight of the day. It was fantastic to see students running, laughing, and having fun together while celebrating the success of our school sports fundraiser. Many students completed far more laps than they realised, with some covering an incredible 6-8 kilometres simply because they were enjoying themselves so much!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our fundraiser. Through the generosity of our school community, we have raised valuable funds towards new Taupō Intermediate School sports uniforms.

Congratulations to our fundraising champions:

🏆 Isla Bennett - Top Fundraiser

🏆 Beau Corneilius - Biggest mover on the leaderboard, finishing second overall

🏆 Taylor Dunn - Third overall fundraiser

Congratulations also to Room 22, who had the highest number of students participating in the Colour Run. **Room 4** the highest amount raised.

A sincere thank you to our staff and community who helped make the day such a memorable and successful event.

Super 11 Winter Tournament

Good luck to our **five Taupō Intermediate School** teams travelling to Tauranga for tomorrow's **Super 11 Winter Tournament**.

This tournament provides a fantastic opportunity for our teams to test themselves against some of the strongest intermediate schools in the region and is excellent preparation as they continue building towards the Aims Games.

We wish our players, coaches, and managers all the very best.





AFTER SCHOOL ORIENTEERING

SERIES 2026



Year 5–8 Taupō School Students

4 FORTNIGHTLY EVENTS



WEDNESDAY 5 AUGUST –
Lake Taupō Christian School



WEDNESDAY 19 AUGUST –
Waipāhihi School



WEDNESDAY 30 AUGUST –
St Patrick's School



WEDNESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER –
Taupō Intermediate School



**EXPLORE.
THINK.
HAVE FUN!**

ALL WELCOME! NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!

After School Series 2026

4 events fortnightly for year 5 to year 8 Taupo school students

Wednesday	5 August	Lake Taupo Christian School
Wednesday	19 August	Waipahihi School
Wednesday	30 August	St Patricks School
Wednesday	13 September	Taupo Intermediate School

These are line events (controls need to be visited in order) with up to 20 controls, within school grounds and neighbouring reserves

Expected winning times 12-15 minutes

- **Registration:**

- Online, closing Mondays 7:00pm the week of the event

- **Entry Fees:**

- \$8/ race or \$25 for all 4 races (if entered before race 2)
- (includes 1 copy of the map and hire of Slicard)

- **Grades:**

- Boys and school year
- Girls and school year

- **Course Notes:**

- Maps printed on paper only:
- These events will be using SI cards and electronic boxes
- Respect Out of Bounds areas, which are marked with vertical red or black lines, or olive green (private properties)

- **Timing:**

- from 3.45pm collect Slicard
- start times between 4.00pm and 5.00pm
- course closure 5.30pm => return to the finish even if you haven't finished your course!
- (Controls will be collected)

- **What else to bring:**

- A4 plastic bag, change of cloths

- **Safety:**

- Read the safety and course notices on the board at the event centre
- **EVERY competitor must check in at the finish and download their Slicard**
- Dial 111 for an emergency
- Ring the Planner (Number is on the Health & Safety notice displayed) if there are any issues

- **Results:**

- Will be on the Taupo Orienteering website and facebook page after the event.

For further information contact Rolf on 021 254 9507 or email info@taupoorienteeing.nz



PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

TERM 3 – WEEKS 1 & 2



Welcome Back! 🎉

It's been an awesome start to Term 3!

Students have returned with great energy and have embraced our **4-week Hauora Reset**.

The focus has been on building fitness, confidence, teamwork, communication, and creating positive habits through movement.



WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING?

Over the first two weeks, students have taken part in a variety of activities designed to improve their overall wellbeing and physical literacy.

Our sessions have included:



DYNAMIC
WARM-UPS



TEAM
CHALLENGES



WORKOUT OF
THE DAY (WOD)



KI-O-RAHI



NETBALL



HANDBALL

STUDENTS HAVE SHOWN EXCELLENT EFFORT, RESILIENCE,
AND WILLINGNESS TO CHALLENGE THEMSELVES.



TAHA TINANA
(Physical Wellbeing)

Building fitness,
strength, coordination
and movement skills.



TAHA HINENGARO
(Mental & Emotional Wellbeing)

Developing resilience,
confidence and a
positive mindset.



TAHA WHĀNAU
(Social Wellbeing)

Encouraging teamwork,
communication and
supporting others.



TAHA WAIRUA
(Connection)

Creating a sense of
belonging, enjoyment
and pride in
participation.

WORKOUT OF THE DAY (WOD)

Each lesson begins with a dynamic warm-up before moving into our WOD.

Students have completed exercises such as:

- Squats
- Push-ups
- Sit-ups
- Jumping lunges
- Mountain climbers
- Tuck jumps
- Burpees
- Sprint finishers



Students work in pairs or teams, encouraging one another while working at their own ability level.



★ STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

Over the first two weeks we've noticed:

- ✓ Fantastic teamwork and encouragement.
- ✓ Students becoming more confident with each session.
- ✓ Improved fitness and willingness to give new challenges a go.
- ✓ Positive attitudes and great sportsmanship across all classes.



UNDERSTANDING MUSCLE SORENESS (DOMS)

As students have begun our Hauora Reset, some may have experienced Delayed Onset Muscle Soreness (DOMS) after participating in new exercises and fitness activities.

DOMS is a normal response when the body adapts to increased physical activity. It usually appears 24–48 hours after exercise and is a sign that muscles are becoming stronger.

To help with recovery, we encourage students to:

- ✓ Stay hydrated
- ✓ Get plenty of sleep
- ✓ Keep moving with light activity
- ✓ Eat nutritious foods



The great news is that many students have already noticed improvements in their fitness, confidence, and ability to complete each Workout of the Day (WOD)!

➡ LOOKING AHEAD

WE HAVE TWO MORE WEEKS REMAINING
IN OUR HAUORA RESET!

Students will continue building their:

- ✓ Fitness
- ✓ Confidence
- ✓ Teamwork
- ✓ Communication
- ✓ Resilience

Upcoming activities will include new fitness challenges, team games, Ki-o-rahi, and skill-based activities before we transition into our Volleyball unit later this term.

Let's finish our Hauora Reset strong
and keep supporting each other! ★



Our Hauora Reset
runs for 4 WEEKS
to set students up
for success!

REMINDERS



BRING YOUR GEAR
Please remember to bring appropriate PE gear, water bottle and a positive attitude!



STAY HYDRATED
Drink water before, during and after activity.



RESPECT & SUPPORT
Continue to show respect, support your classmates, and give everything a go.



Ngā mihi, Dee & Charne

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

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

SUSHI NOTICE

Sushi will not be available Tuesday 11th August.
Apologies for the inconvenience.

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

TERM THREE

Week 3

Monday 3rd August to Thursday 6th August – Student Conferences 3.30-5.30pm

Wednesday 5th August – Performance 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

Wednesday 12th August – Celebration Assembly

Thursday 13th August – Bandquest Waikato

Friday 14th August – Science Roadshow

Friday 14th August – Super 11 Rugby League

Week 5

Wednesday 19th August – Performance 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

Wednesday 26th August – Celebration Assembly

Thursday 27th August – College Visits for Year 8

Friday 28th August – School Closed (Teachers only day)

Week 7

Wednesday 2nd September – Performance Assembly

Week 8

Monday 7th September – NZ Aims Week

Wednesday 9th September – Celebration Assembly

Thursday 10th September – Board Meeting 5.30pm-7.30pm

Week 9

Monday 14th September to Friday 18th September – Primary School Visits 6pm

Tuesday 15th September to Thursday 17th September – R24 Marae Visits

Wednesday 16th September – Performance Assembly

Wednesday 16th September – Science Fair in the Hall

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 – Celebration Assembly

Wednesday 23rd September – Mathsmatters Quiz Day

Thursday 24th September – Big Music Day Out

Friday 25th September – School Closed (Teachers only day)