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Kia ora e te whānau,

As we come to the end of another successful term, I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate the many achievements, opportunities, and experiences that have made the past few months so memorable for our students.

At Taupō Intermediate School, our mission is ***to provide a stimulating environment where all students strive for personal excellence***. This remains at the heart of everything we do. Guided by our vision ***to make a positive difference using the TIS Way***, we continue to encourage our students to think deeply, become actively involved in school life, and demonstrate respect and manaakitanga towards others.

Highlights From the Week

Rewards Mufti Day

On Monday, we recognised and celebrated the students who went above and beyond in our Colour Run fundraising campaign with a special Mufti Day. Their enthusiasm, commitment, and hard work helped make the fundraiser a tremendous success, with all students benefiting from the resources and opportunities it will provide. A sincere thank you to our students, whānau, and community for your outstanding support.

Contributing School Visits

Throughout the week, our student leaders visited contributing primary schools to share their experiences of life at Taupō Intermediate School. These visits provided Year 6 students with an opportunity to hear firsthand about the transition to intermediate school, the learning opportunities available, and the many sporting, cultural, and leadership experiences on offer at TIS.

In addition, our evening parent presentations were well attended and provided valuable opportunities for prospective families to learn more about our school, our programmes, and what makes Taupō Intermediate such a special place to learn and grow.

Big Music Day Out

Our talented musicians enjoyed a fantastic Big Music Day Out at the Taupō Events Centre. Students participated in an exciting day of music-making before joining together in a spectacular orchestral performance. It was wonderful to see our young musicians showcasing their skills and passion for music in front of local dignitaries, parents, caregivers, and whānau. We are incredibly proud of the dedication and courage they displayed.

Kiwiana Production Rehearsals

Preparations continue for our much-anticipated Kiwiana Production. Rehearsals have been in full swing as students and staff work hard behind the scenes to bring this production to life. The energy, creativity, and commitment shown by everyone involved have been outstanding. We are excited to share the finished performance with our community during Term 4, Week 3, across three evenings of performances.

Living Our Values

This week has provided countless examples of our school values in action:

- **Thinking | Whaiwhakaaro** through creativity, problem-solving, and learning.
- **Involvement | Whaiwāhitanga** through participation in music, leadership, fundraising, and production rehearsals.
- **Showing Respect | Manaakitanga** through supporting one another, welcoming visitors, and representing our school with pride.

These values continue to strengthen our school culture and help our students become positive contributors to their communities.

Thank You

As we conclude the term, I would like to sincerely thank our incredible board, staff, students, parents, caregivers, and wider community for your ongoing support.

The additional time, encouragement, transport, supervision, fundraising support, and care you provide for our Tamariki does not go unnoticed. The success of our students is a direct reflection of the strong partnership that exists between home and school.

Thank you to our staff for their commitment and dedication, and to our students for embracing opportunities and striving to achieve their personal best.

Have a Safe and Enjoyable Holiday

I wish all our students, staff, and families a well-deserved and restful holiday break. Take the opportunity to spend time with family and friends, recharge, and enjoy the beautiful surroundings our community has to offer.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back next term for another exciting chapter filled with learning, opportunities, and success.

**Ngā mihi nui,
TIS Leadership Team**



Attendance Progress Report: Term 3 Week 10

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%)

Term 3 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%
Week 3	60.36%	16.73%	11.35%	11.55%
Week 4	44.82%	24.10%	17.93%	13.15%
Week 5	45.33%	25.25%	17.10%	12.33%
Week 6	42.35%	29.82%	15.51%	12.33%
Week 7	42.26%	29.37%	16.67%	11.71%
Week 8	42.35%	31.21%	16.30%	10.14%
Week 9	45.04%	29.96%	14.88%	10.12%
Week 10	45.04%	31.35%	15.28%	8.33%

Term 3 Attendance Reflection Report

As a school, we set realistic attendance targets for Term 3 based on previous year's attendance trends. While we began the term strongly with 70.66% of students achieving Regular Attendance in Week 1, attendance trended downward across the term, finishing at 45.04% Regular Attendance in Week 10. Although there was some growth in the Irregular Attendance category towards the end of the term, we did not achieve our overall attendance targets and are disappointed with this outcome.

Several factors impacted attendance throughout the term. Influenza A continued to linger within our community, alongside a virus that significantly affected many of our students and whānau during the middle weeks of the term. In addition, a few important community events, including the Taiopenga Tūwharetoa Festival and the Globals Rugby Tournament, contributed to students being absent from school for extended periods.

Despite not reaching our Term 3 goals, we remain committed to improving attendance outcomes for our students. Regular attendance is critical for learning, achievement, and wellbeing, and we will be making a conscious effort in Term 4 to get back on track. By working together with students, whānau, and staff, we are confident we can improve attendance rates and ensure every student has the best opportunity to succeed.

Taupō Intermediate School Attendance Team



Current supports at TIS

**Girls social support group with Real
Jujitsu for boys with Real
Aspire with The Salvation Army
Young Pioneers at Taupo Timebank
Ringcraft Boxing for boys and for girls with Cam
Granny Readers in the library
One to one counselling with Real, Mana Ake and Anamata
Just Dance with Mana Ake/Lunch club with Mana Ake
Breakfast club
Literacy and Maths support groups
Music lessons
RTLB in various classes**

Taupo nui a tia College

Extra transition visits provided for whanau and students wishing to know more about Taupo Nui a Tia College.

Weeks 7 to 10 Term 3 and Weeks 1 to 5 in Term 4 with Debs Morrison at 3.15pm Tuesdays & Thursdays.

Please meet in the school office or give the school a ring to let them know.



Thinking • Involved • Showing Respect

The SUPPORT HUB



AN EVENING WITH DAVID LETELE

FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER



David Letele, one of New Zealand's most inspirational community leaders and changemakers.

This is a unique opportunity to hear from someone who has transformed lives across New Zealand through his message of resilience and positive action.

YOUTH SESSION

5.30pm - 6.30pm

Mangakino Sports Hub,
Wairenga Road

An inspiring session for Mangakino youth about overcoming challenges, believing in yourself and creating a positive future.

COMMUNITY SESSION

7.30pm - 9pm

Mangakino Club,
46 Wairenga Road

An evening for the wider community about resilience, positive change and building a brighter future together.

This is a community-led project supported by Taupō District Council.

ENTRY IS BY KOHA - All proceeds will help support future youth initiatives in Mangakino.

For more information please email Gillian or Claire: community@taupo.govt.nz.

RuralSupport

Mangakino
Health Centre



TOI-OHOMAI
Institute of Technology

W Karauna Plumbing

All Farm Fencing Mangakino





What a way to finish Term 3 in style! Last week, we had 12 Taupō Intermediate School teams competing at the King Country Rippa Rugby Tournament, and what a fantastic day it was.

Our students played with great enthusiasm and showcased some excellent skills; breakaway tries and strong defensive rips throughout the tournament. It was fantastic to see the students competing hard, supporting one another and enjoying their sport.

We were incredibly proud to have four TIS teams make it through to the semi-finals — Girls TIS 1 and Girls TIS 2, as well as Boys TIS 1 and Boys TIS 3. The boys' teams then faced each other in the final, with plenty of TIS students there cheering them on and creating an amazing atmosphere.

Boys TIS 1 and Girls TIS 1 were crowned Taupō Champions!

A huge congratulations to all our players for their efforts, sportsmanship and commitment. Both teams will now go on to represent Taupō at the Regional Tournament on Wednesday 21st October.

A massive thank you also goes to all the parents who gave up their time to support and manage teams. We really appreciate the time and commitment you give to help make these opportunities possible for our students.

Summer Sports – Term 4

Next term we get into our Summer Sports programme, with:

-  Touch – Thursday evenings
-  Volleyball – Friday nights at AC Baths
-  Underwater Hockey – Friday nights

If your son or daughter is interested in taking part in any of these sports, please let me know by Friday 2nd October.

TIS Winter Sports Prizegiving

We will also be celebrating our 2026 TIS Winter Sports Prizegiving on Wednesday 14th October at 6:00pm in the TIS Hall.

The evening is organised and run by our fantastic TIS Sport Leaders and gives us the opportunity to acknowledge our students who have been selected for Most Valuable Player (MVP), Most Improved Player (MIP) and TIS Values Awards.

Due to the size restrictions of our hall, invitations are limited to award nominees and coaches. It is also an opportunity for us to say a huge thank you to our amazing coaches, team managers and umpires for their commitment, expertise and the countless hours they give to our students throughout the season.

 **We are incredibly grateful for everyone who contributes to making TIS Sport such a success.**

Finally, have a fantastic and well-deserved holiday break! Keep active, enjoy some time with family and friends, and we look forward to seeing everyone back for Term 4 and another exciting summer of sport!



T.I.S DIVAS SHINE ON **THE NATIONAL STAGE**

Congratulations to our TIS Divas Hip Hop Troupe, who achieved an outstanding result at the DanceNZmade Nationals in Palmerston North last weekend. After placing 4th at the Regional Championships, the troupe stepped up to finish an impressive 3rd in New Zealand, showcasing their talent, dedication, and hard work.

A special thank you to Sophie Coxhead, a Taupō-nui-a-Tia College student, for her exceptional choreography and the countless hours she invested in supporting and developing the troupe. We also extend our sincere thanks to all parents, caregivers, and whānau who supported the dancers and travelled to Nationals to cheer them on.

Congratulations to every member of the TIS Divas for your outstanding commitment, teamwork, and determination. You represented Taupō Intermediate School with pride and should be incredibly proud of your achievement.



PLAY
LEARN
GROW

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GOLF • GAMES • SKILLS • FUN

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NUMBERS**

**LIMITED
NUMBERS**

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY HOURS:
WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY:
10AM - 4PM

FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY:
10AM - 5PM

MONDAY - TUESDAY:
CLOSED



Age/Height: Single karts: min. Age 10; min. height 140cm. Tandem drivers: min. age 16; min. height 140cm. To claim passenger's seat: min. age 8; min. height 130cm. Max weight: 120kg. Max height: 210cm.



LAKE TAUPO YACHT CLUB

Summer 26-27 LEARN TO SAIL

"We are again running Learn to Sail programs targeted at 9 to 12 year olds. To enrol please refer to our clubs website which is www.ltyc.org.nz or call Shane Hancock on 0274 772 269 for more information.

The lessons are run Monday nights at 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm. Participants are required to join the club and a club membership is \$320 or the whole family for \$365. Included in the cost is the use of club boats, life jackets, wetsuits etc and the lessons. These are Monday nights and run from 4 November through to late March.

[Lake Taupo Yacht Club \(ltyc.org.nz\)](http://Lake Taupo Yacht Club (ltyc.org.nz))



Taupō Junior Cricket registrations are open!

Follow the link to register - our early pricing is available until 27 Sept 2026 (Colts & Junior A = \$95, Junior B = \$70, Smash Play = \$45) and payment plans are available:

<https://www.playhq.com/new-zealand-cricket/register/384166>

Our season starts with friendly musters from Friday 16 October and runs until Friday 2 April, with a break over the holidays! All games are played on Fridays at Owen Delany Park and our Smash Play Programme is Wednesdays at Kaimanawa Reserve.

Wondering what format is for your player? Check out the NZ Cricket Age & Stage chart below and at the bottom you will see the Taupō Junior Cricket Grades and what equipment/clothing you will need.

Practices? These are lead by our awesome Lake Taupo Cricket Club professional players and are run at Kaimanawa Reserve:

Junior B - Tuesdays 3.30 - 4.30pm

Junior A (Hardball & Emerging) - Tuesdays 4.30 - 5.30pm

Smash Play - Wednesdays 3.30 - 4.30pm

Colts - Wednesdays 4.30 - 6pm

FORMATS					
SMASH PLAY JUNIOR-TAMARIKI	GIRLS SMASH	PAIRS CRICKET	PRIMARY	INTERMEDIATE	DISTRICT
Game based play	Pitch 10-14M	Pitch 10-14M	Pitch 16M	Pitch 18M	Pitch 18M
Everyone & Anywhere	Players 6	Players 8	Players 8	Players 9	Players 9
Skill learning with Fun Games Every session has more hits, more boundaries, more catches, more action. More fun.	Overs 6	Overs 8-16	Overs 20 MAX	Overs 30 MAX	Overs 40 MAX
	Boundaries NO BOUNDARIES	Boundaries 30-40 MAX	Boundaries 35 MAX	Boundaries 40 MAX	Boundaries 45 MAX
	Dismissals PAIRS* For each dismissal, batters sweep ends, and 15 runs are added to the batting team's score. 3 ways to get out: - Bowled - Caught - Run out	Dismissals PAIRS* *Pairs cricket batting rules apply 5 ways to get out: - Bowled - Caught - Hit Wicket - Run out - Caught	Dismissals NONE* *Not out your 5 overs as a pair MAY/DA's can introduce consequences for dismissals if required LBW's - No Stumpings - Yes	Dismissals ALL* *Minimum number of bats - 6 (from there on all dismissals apply) - Compulsory retirement - 30 bats - MAY/DA's can introduce consequences for dismissals if required	Dismissals ALL* *Negotiable
	Equipment Modified ball (Incred/soft) Plastic bats & wickets Batting Tee	Equipment Modified ball (Incred/soft)	Equipment 142g two piece ball or modified ball Mandatory helmets	Equipment 142g two piece ball or modified ball Mandatory helmets	Equipment 142g two piece ball Mandatory helmets
5-12 YEAR OLDS	7-11 YEAR OLDS	5-12 YEAR OLDS	YEAR 5-6 9-11 YEAR OLDS	YEAR 7-8 11-13 YEAR OLDS	YEAR 7-8 11-13 YEAR OLDS
Smash Play Yr 1&2	Girls Festival	Junior A Emerging Yr 5&6	Junior A Hardball Yr 5&6	Colts Yr 7&8	Lakelands Yr 7&8
Trainers	Trainers	Trainers Shared Helmets & bats	White trousers Boys Protective Box	White trousers Boys Protective Box	

Shared helmet/gloves/pads & bat available

TAUPO SWIMMING CLUB

-CLUB NIGHT-

THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER

**First week
in Term 4!**

**Sausage
Sizzle!**

**Sign up 5.30
Racing starts 5.45**



**ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL
TAUPOSWIMMINGCLUB@GMAIL.COM**

TAUPŌ INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
PRODUCTION PRESENTS...

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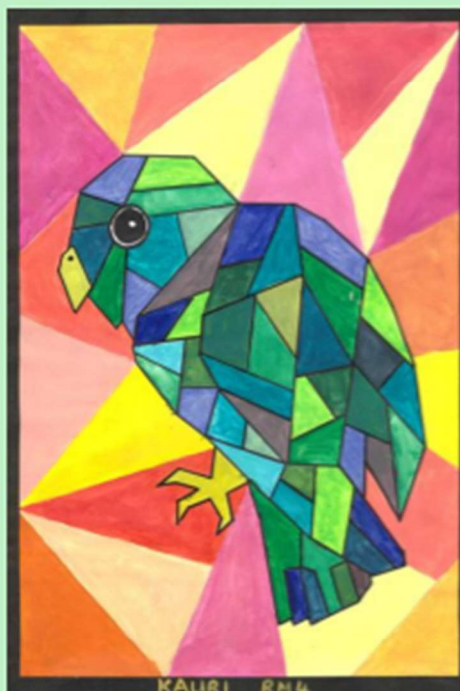
Tuesday 27th October
Wednesday 28th October
Thursday 29th October
6:00pm until 7:30pm
Tickets on sale Monday 12th October

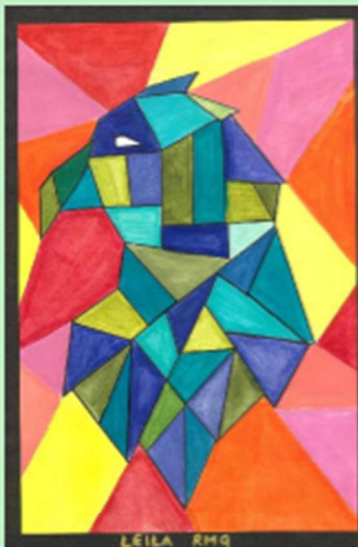
VISUAL ARTS - CUBISM ANIMALS • TERM HIGHLIGHTS

Seeing Animals in a New Way

Artists don't always paint what they see. Sometimes they change reality into shapes, lines and colours to express ideas in a different way. This term, our students explored this idea through Cubism and created their own bold and imaginative animal artworks.

Students created Cubism Animal drawings by combining Pablo Picasso's contour-line style with the Cubism style of Georges Braque. They experimented with breaking an animal into interesting shapes and using line, colour and pattern to transform the original image.

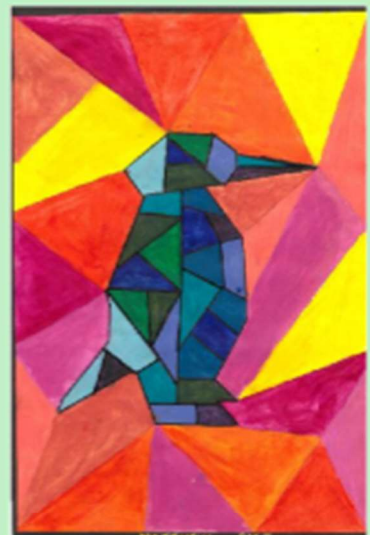




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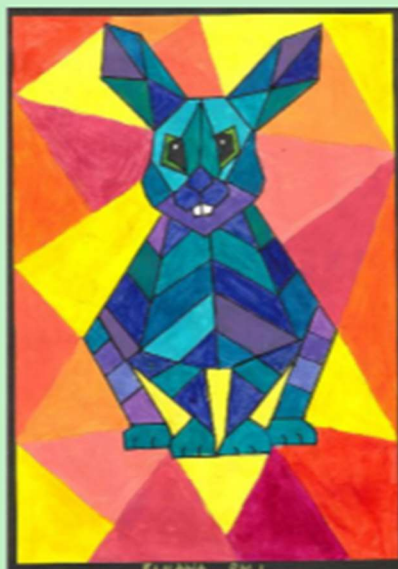
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MATTHEW RMQ



MAIA RMQ



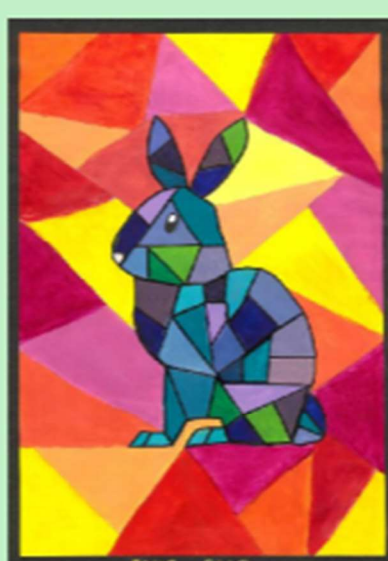
ESDIANA BMJ



NIKOLE RMB



HARROOP BMJ



EVIE RM2



KENJI RMB



TIS VALUES

Thinking
Involvement
Showing Respect

T.I.S IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

TERM FOUR

	WEEK 1	Wed 14 Oct Wed 14 Oct	Sports Awards Evening Celebration Assembly
	WEEK 3	Mon 26 Oct Tue 27 Oct – Thu 29 Oct Thu 29 Oct	Labour Day School Closed Production Board Meeting 5.30pm–7.30pm
	WEEK 4	Wed 4 Nov Thurs 5 Nov	School Athletics Maths Matters
	WEEK 5	Mon 9 Nov Wed 11 Nov	Year 6 Orientation Open Day Celebration Assembly
	WEEK 6	Mon 16 Nov	CWAA Testing
	WEEK 8	Thurs 3 Dec	Board Meeting 5.30pm–7.30pm
	WEEK 9	Wed 9 Dec Thurs 10 Dec Fri 11 Dec	Celebration Assembly Year 7 Prizegiving 12.20pm Year 8 Prizegiving 12.30pm
	WEEK 10	Tues 15th Dec	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL



THINKING



INVOLVEMENT



SHOWING RESPECT



T.I.S TUCK SHOP KRISTIE'S KAI

Great kai, great choices, great day!



MORNING TEA BREAK – 10.40AM-11.10AM

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LUNCH TIME BREAK – 12.40-1.20PM

(Buy items at tuckshop window)



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*To make a positive difference
through the T.I.S. Way*



THINKING

We are curious, reflective learners with think critically and solve problems creatively.



INVOLVED

We participate actively, take on challenges and contribute to our school



SHOWING RESPECT

We treat others with kindness, care for our environment and take pride in our actions.



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