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Mission Statement

To provide a stimulating environment where all students strive for personal excellence.

Vision Statement

To make a positive difference using the TIS Way.

Kia ora koutou,

Term 4 continues to move at a remarkable pace, and it is hard to believe another week has already come and gone. As always, there has been plenty happening across the school, and it is wonderful to see our students and staff embracing every opportunity with enthusiasm and commitment.

SMART Tool Assessments

SMART Tool assessments are currently well underway across all classes. These assessments provide valuable information about student progress and achievement, helping teachers plan targeted learning programmes to meet individual student needs.

Additional reader and writer support is being provided throughout the assessment period to ensure all students can demonstrate their learning and achieve success.

Production 2026 - Kiwiana

Production, production, production!

After weeks of rehearsals, learning lines, perfecting songs, and refining performances, the wait is almost over. Next week, our talented students will take to the stage for our production, **"Kiwiana."**

Congratulations to every student and staff member who has contributed to bringing this spectacular show to life. The dedication, creativity, and countless hours of preparation have been outstanding, and we are incredibly proud of what has been achieved.

If you have not already done so, please make sure you purchase your tickets and come along to support our students. We know the performances will be entertaining, memorable, and a wonderful celebration of New Zealand culture and identity.

To all involved, as they say in show business: **"Break a leg!"**

King Country Rippa Rugby

Congratulations to all students who represented Taupō Intermediate School at the King Country Rippa Rugby Tournament this week.

It was pleasing to hear that our teams performed exceptionally well throughout the tournament while demonstrating the values and behaviours we expect from TIS students. The positive feedback received about both your efforts on the field and your sportsmanship off the field reflects great credit on you, your coaches, and your whānau.

Thank you for representing TIS with pride.

Structured Literacy Professional Learning

Congratulations to our teaching staff for their outstanding commitment to implementing Structured Literacy strategies within their classroom programmes this term.

This work reflects the success of the two Teacher Only Days and subsequent callback day focused on professional learning. It is encouraging to see teachers embracing new approaches and applying them in ways that support improved outcomes for our learners.

As educators, it is important to remember that every positive change in our practice, no matter how small, contributes to better learning opportunities for students. Thank you for your willingness to learn, adapt, and continually strive for excellence in teaching and learning.

Strategic Planning for 2027-2028

Our Board and Leadership Team continue to work collaboratively on the development of the school's 2027-2028 Strategic Plan.

As part of this process, we are reviewing a wide range of information, including:

- **Community consultation feedback**
- **Māori whānau hui feedback**
- **Current student achievement data**
- **'Everyday Matters' attendance information**
- **Ministry of Education strategic requirements**
- **Other relevant school and community data**

At the end of next week, online community surveys will be distributed to our current Year 7 & 8 parents/caregivers to gather further feedback to support our strategic direction. We will also be seeking feedforward from our incoming Year 6 parents/caregivers who have already enrolled for next year.

The insights gathered through these surveys will help shape the future direction of our school and ensure our strategic priorities reflect the aspirations of our students, whānau, staff, and wider community.

We look forward to sharing updates as this important work progresses.

***Thank you for your continued support of our students, staff, and school community.
Together, we continue to create an environment where every learner can thrive, achieve success, and make a positive difference through the TIS Way.***

**Ngā mihi nui,
TIS Leadership Team**

Attendance Progress Report: Term 4 Week 2

Our Term 4 attendance targets 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%)

Term 4 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	69.32%	15.34%	2.99%	12.53%
Week 2	54.78%	23.11%	9.36%	12.75%

Term 4 Attendance Summary: Weeks 1-2

Attendance data for the first two weeks of Term 4 shows a notable decline in regular attendance, with the percentage of students attending regularly (91-100%) decreasing from 69.32% in Week 1 to 54.78% in Week 2, a drop of 14.54 percentage points.

Overall, the data indicates that while the number of students with chronic attendance concerns has remained consistent, a greater proportion of students are beginning to slip from regular attendance into the irregular and moderate categories. This highlights the importance of early intervention and ongoing monitoring to support students in maintaining regular attendance before patterns of absence become entrenched.

Taupō Intermediate School Attendance Team



The **SUPPORT** **HUB**



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
RTLБ in various classes**



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Welcome to our transition
visit at Taupo-nui-a-Tia
College.

Come and visit us on
Wednesday 18th November to
meet the team.

11.30 - 1pm in H5 for some snacks,
activities and to meet our SENCo,
Yr 9 Dean & LSC's.

We will go for a tour of the school,
and look at some examples of
school timetables too.

RSVP to Debs Morrison at
debs.morrison@taupocollege.ac.nz

Sign in at the front office and we'll collect
you from there.

Welcome to our transition
visit at Taupo-nui-a-Tia
College.

Come and visit us on
Thursday 26th November to
meet the team.

11.30 - 1pm in H5 for some snacks,
activities and to meet our SENCo,
Yr 9 Dean & LSC's.

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TIS Sports Bulletin

Kings Country Rippa Rugby Finals

What a fantastic day of Rippa Rugby at the Kings Country Finals! After qualifying back in September, we had three teams representing Taupō Intermediate School.

TIS Boys 4 had a tough start, losing their first match, but showed great determination to fight their way through to the semi-finals. There, they faced TIS Boys 1, who had been undefeated throughout their round-robin games. It was an entertaining, hard-fought match, with TIS Boys 1 coming out on top!

TIS Boys 1 progressed to the final against Te Kūiti. After going down 4–0 early in the match, the boys came out determined in the second half, scoring some fantastic runaway tries. They fought back bravely but narrowly missed out, losing 5–4 in a thrilling final.

Our TIS Girls team remained undefeated throughout the day, recording convincing wins in their round-robin games before progressing to the final. In a closely contested match, the girls secured a 4–3 victory thanks to some solid defence, staying calm under pressure and scoring some excellent team tries. **Congratulations** to our TIS Girls – **Kings Country Champions!** 

A huge thank you to all the coaches, team managers and organisers for making this such a fantastic event. We are incredibly proud of all our players and the way they represented TIS!

Summer Sports Are Underway!

Summer sports are getting started, with **Touch on Thursday evenings** and **Volleyball and Underwater Hockey on Fridays**. We look forward to seeing our students getting involved, trying new sports and enjoying another great season of sport.

TIS Athletics Day – Wednesday 4 November

Our TIS Athletics Championships will be held at Owen Delany Park on Wednesday 4 November. Entry forms have been sent to class teachers, and students who would like to participate can now select their events on the class entry sheet.

Events include the 100m sprint, 400m and 800m runs, shot put, long jump and high jump. Please check your son/daughter has registered their intention with their class teacher if you would like to enter!

Coming Up: KiwiSport Super Smash Cricket

Sign-ups will take place next week for the KiwiSport Super Smash Cricket Tournaments in December. More information will be shared with students soon.

Thank you for your continued support of TIS Sport. We hope everyone enjoys the long weekend!



T.I.S SPORTS

CO-ORDINATOR NEWS



A lake full of words.

Noun + verb. A little poetry. Our place.

POETRY BY
RM 11

LAKE TAUPŌ

Dawn to dusk

By Julie Irving

Dawn breaks,
lake ripples,
whānau gather,
hands link,
dogs wander,
trout leap,
pumice crunches,
waves whisper,
kayaks glide,
laughter arises,
paddles slice,
shells rest,
shadows shorten,
footprints mark,
birds scatter,
voices echo,
water shimmers,
horizons stretch,
Taupō rests.

At the falls

By April

Water crashes
People gather
Cameras click
Water rushes
People happy
Children screaming
Parents shushing
Birds chirping
Bees buzzing
Boat spinning
People screaming
Falls crashing
Tourists gawping
Buses beeping

Taupō rests

By Jayde Wiggan

Dawn rises,
shore bends,
rivers whisper,
whānau arise,
trees sway,
laughter surrounds,
hands link,
children notice,
whānau smile,
sunset beams,
darkness settles,
Taupō rests.

By the shore

By Rubi Popham

Shore breathes,
lake shimmers,
families stand,
hands link,
dogs wander,
miles far,
laughter surrounds,
breeze freshens,
smiles spread,
currents rush,
sun sets,
birds quiet,
beach still,
darkness falls.

Waves swish

Waves swish,
trout leap,
water shines,
steam rises,
magma stirs,
boats glide,
lines cast,
wind whistles,
sunsets glow,
grass frosts,
valleys echo,
kayaks paddle,
day fades.

Lake Taupō summer!

By India Prater

Lake sparkling
Boats roaring
Kids swimming
Water splashing
Biscuits flying
Family gathers
Fish jumping
Sand boiling
Ducks quacking
Drinks fizzing

On the water

By Laura Mellow

Lake sparkling
Skis gliding
Boats roaring
Kids smiling
Water splashing
Wakes dashing
Ropes tightening
Fish jumping
Biscuits flying
Beers popping

Water, dark

By Brooklyn-Leefe Collier

Water, dark	Trout, swim
Ink, scary	Waves, lap
Sky, reflect	Taniwha, lurks
Sun, rises	Sky, reflects
Togs, sleep	Mountains, stand
Tent, sand	Sun, rises
Ducks, riptide	Tui, sings
Sea, glass	Lake, breathes
Lake, whisper	Ducklings, chirp
Crater, sleeps	Koda, hide
Water, shimmer	

Noun + verb

By Blake Morris

Blake patting.
Cat purring.
Can tipping.
Dan banned.
Bear clawing.
Land claimed.

ROOM 25 ~ GIRLS CLASS

We are learning to recognize, classify, and combine geometric shapes (such as triangles, squares, and circles) to create a structured and balanced piece of artwork

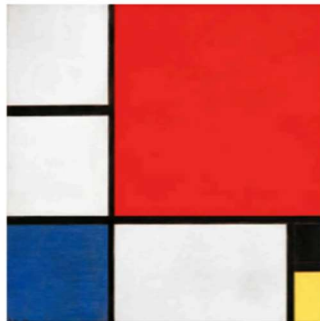
What is Geometric Art?

Dynamic Suprematism (1915 or 1916) by Kazimir Malevich.

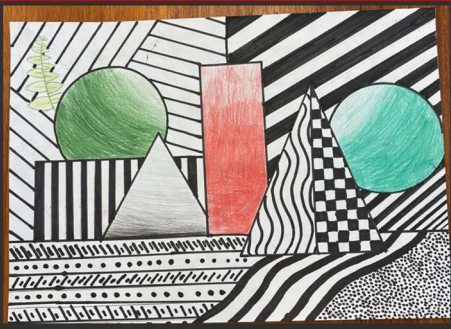


Geometric art is defined by its use of simple, precise shapes arranged in deliberate, often symmetrical patterns. Unlike narrative-driven art, geometric abstraction focuses on form, color, and spatial relationships, stripping away literal representation to evoke pure visual emotion. This clarity and structure offer a sense of order and balance, making geometric art particularly appealing in an often chaotic world.

Composition II in Red, Blue, and Yellow (1929) by Piet Mondrian.



Mark Rothko



'KIWIANA'

Tickets are now on sale for our TIS 2026 School Production
'KIWIANA'.

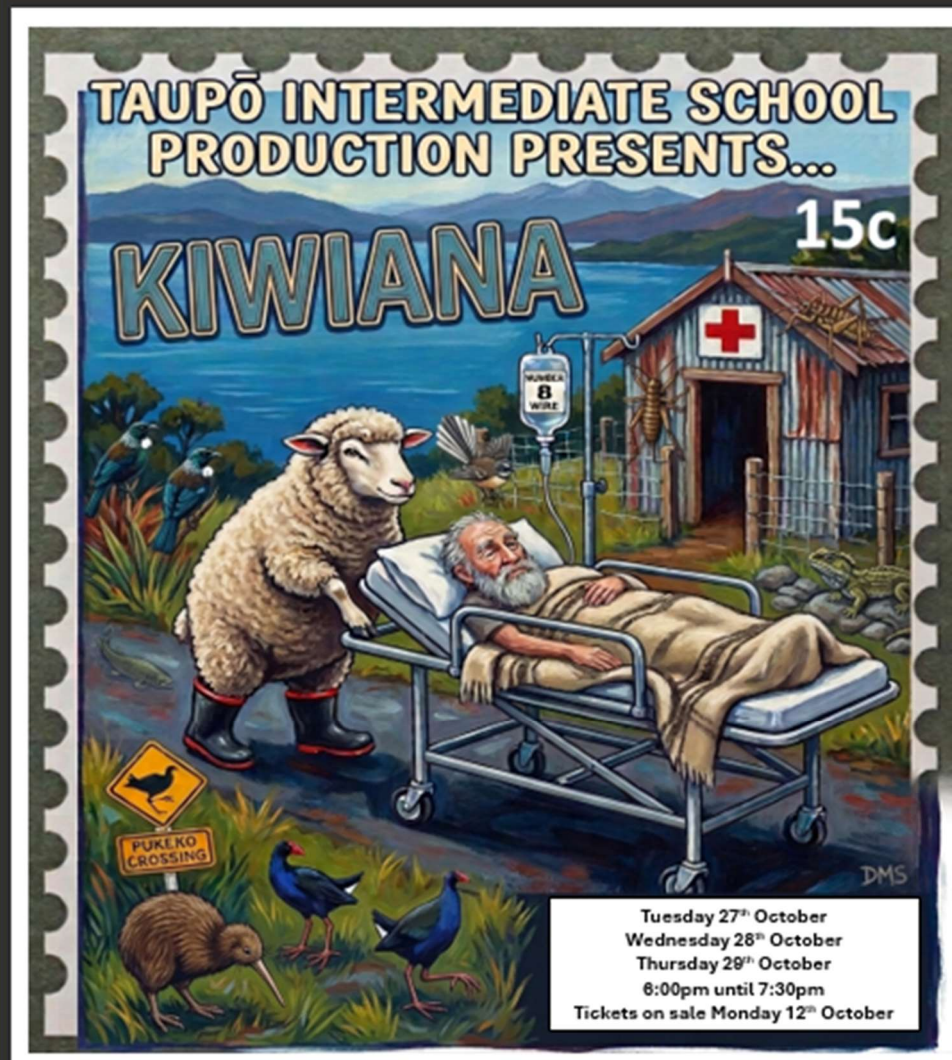
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STAFF SNAPSHOT

Kia Ora,

My name's Kel Crickett. That's Crickett as in the game, but with two t's.
And yes, I did play Cricket in my younger years - a useful wicketkeeper/batsman!

I have been a teacher aide here at Intermediate for two years, having seen the light and moving with my family (wife, daughter, 2 dogs, 2 cats) from Auckland to Taupo in 2024.

I haven't always been a teacher aid. The vast majority of my working life was spent in commercial radio (36 plus years) as an advertising copywriter/creative director, so quite a contrast to what I do now.

My family and I are loving living in Taupo and I'm thoroughly enjoying my current role. Like any job, being a teacher aide has it's own particular challenges, but on a good day it can be so rewarding. Seeing those students I support, achieve, progress and thrive is a feeling that is hard to beat.

Ma te wa

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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.

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 Thu 22 Oct	Labour Day School Closed 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

