Newsletter Number: 34 **Date: Friday 30th October 2026**

Tēnā koutou e ngā whānau, parents, caregivers, and members of our Taupō Intermediate School community,

As we move through another busy and rewarding term, it has been wonderful to see our students embracing opportunities to learn, participate, and achieve. At Taupō Intermediate School, our vision is to **"Strive for Excellence"**, and this has certainly been on display throughout the past fortnight. Our mission of providing meaningful learning experiences that enable students to grow academically, socially, culturally, and personally continues to guide all that we do.

Kiwiana Production a Huge Success

This week our major focus has been celebrating the incredible success of our **Kiwiana Production**.

Congratulations to all our students and staff for delivering three outstanding nights of performances. The talent, confidence, enthusiasm, and commitment demonstrated by our students made for a truly memorable experience and showcased the very best of Taupō Intermediate School.

A very special acknowledgement must go to **Mr Wood** and **Mrs Patterson**, whose tireless effort, dedication, and countless hours of preparation made this production possible. Their commitment to creating a high-quality experience for our students and community has been exceptional and is deeply appreciated.

We would also like to thank the many staff members and volunteers who assisted throughout the three performances. Thank you to **Belinda Walker** and the staff who supported makeup, costumes, backstage operations, photography, and student management during the performances.

Our appreciation also extends to those who contributed behind the scenes with stage design, props, foyer and hall displays, advertising, ticket sales, administration, and the many other tasks required to bring a production of this scale together.

School productions are never the result of one or two individuals. They are truly a whole-school community effort, and we are grateful to everyone who played a part in presenting such an amazing event for our students, whānau, and wider community.

Education Outside the Classroom

Alongside the excitement of the production, this week our teaching staff have been preparing for upcoming overnight camps by conducting site visits to Camp Park Lee.
These visits provide staff with the opportunity to review programmes, safety procedures, accommodation, and facilities to ensure our students have a safe, enjoyable, and engaging experience.

We know that Education Outside the Classroom experiences provide valuable opportunities for students to develop independence, resilience, teamwork, and confidence. We are all looking forward to seeing our students enjoy these end-of-year experiences and make lasting memories with their classmates.

Important Reminder: Medical, Dietary and Allergy Information

As camp preparations continue, we ask all parents and caregivers to ensure that their child's medical information is up to date.

If your child has any:
· Allergies
· Medical conditions
· Dietary requirements
· Medication needs

please update their profile on HERO or contact your child's teacher as soon as possible with any changes.

Having accurate information allows us to provide the safest possible environment and ensure appropriate support is available during all school activities.

2027-2028 Strategic Planning Community Surveys

As mentioned in previous newsletters, our Board and Leadership Team are currently developing the school's **2027-2028 Strategic Plan.**

Following our recent community and Māori community hui, we are now seeking further community feedback through a series of surveys.

Current parents and caregivers will shortly receive:

· A survey developed by the Board Working Group, linked to themes and questions raised during the community hui.
· The NZCER Inclusive Education Survey, which will be triangulated with staff and student NZCER survey results.
· A 2027 Year 7 Parent/Caregiver Survey, designed to help us better understand the expectations and aspirations of incoming whānau.

Your feedback is incredibly valuable and will help shape the future direction of Taupō Intermediate School.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete these surveys. The information collected will play an important role in ensuring our strategic priorities reflect the needs, aspirations, and values of our community.

Thank You

Thank you to all members of our school community for your continued support of Taupō Intermediate School. Whether you are volunteering, attending school events, supporting learning at home, or providing feedback through our consultation process, your partnership helps us create positive outcomes for every student.
Together, we will continue to live our values, support one another, and help our learners achieve success as we Strive for Excellence.

Ngā mihi nui,
TIS Leadership Team

TAUPŌ INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

ATTENDANCE CORNER

Attendance Progress Report: Term 4 Week 3

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%
Week 3	64.16%	14.74%	9.96%	11.16%

Term 4 Attendance Summary: Weeks 1-3

Overall, Taupō Intermediate is performing strongly against the Board's Regular Attendance target, with attendance levels consistently exceeding expectations. The data shows that most students are attending school regularly and engaging successfully in learning. While ongoing attention is required to reduce the number of students in the Chronic Attendance category, the Week 3 improvement is encouraging and suggests that current monitoring and intervention strategies are having a positive impact. Continued focus on attendance promotion, early intervention, and targeted support for students with persistent absences will be essential to achieving further gains during the remainder of Term 4 and achieving the Taupō Intermediate School Board's attendance goals.

Taupō Intermediate School Attendance Team

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2027 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

KIA KAHA

Enrol now and go in the draw to win a

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For all Year 8's enrolled for Year 9 with us by 4pm 27th November 2026.

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REAP CENTRAL PLATEAU PRESENTS FREE TO TAUPŌ

REAP CENTRAL PLATEAU

THE ULTIMATE

PARENT'S GUIDE

to.....

UNDERSTANDING OUR KIDS' ONLINE WORLD

AND HOW TO KEEP THEM SAFE

ROB COPE

FILMMAKER & AUTHOR

Come and hear Filmmaker & Author Rob Cope for what promises to be a straight talking and hilarious presentation.



TOPICS COVERED

- CYBERBULLYING
- SOCIAL MEDIA
- GAMING
- ONLINE PREDATORS
- ADULT/HARMFUL CONTENT
- SMARTPHONES

PLUS SOLUTIONS - FILTERS - BOUNDARIES

TUESDAY 17TH NOVEMBER - 6PM

TAUPŌ GREAT LAKE CENTRE

18+ ADULTS ONLY - REGISTER ON EVENTFINDA TAUPŌ

PHONE: 07 378 8109

SCAN HERE FOR PROMO VIDEO!

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LifeKeepers®

Suicide Prevention Training Aotearoa

18 Nov — **Taupō** 8:30am - 5:00pm

✓ FREE ✓ in-person ✓ 18 years +

What is LifeKeepers?

LifeKeepers is New Zealand's national suicide prevention training programme. It gives people the knowledge and confidence to recognise when someone may be at risk of suicide and to connect them safely to support.

LifeKeepers suicide prevention training is evidence based, clinically safe, culturally responsive, and available to New Zealand citizens and residents 18 years and over*

Culturally grounded

Designed to reflect and uphold the values and lived experiences of diverse communities across Aotearoa, particularly for Māori.

Evidence informed

Grounded in proven approaches and research, giving you the confidence and skills to support others with care.

Practical skills

Gain practical tools you can apply in real-life situations to recognise risk and offer meaningful support.

Through this training you will:

- Learn how to talk responsibly about suicide.
- Gain an understanding of the risk factors that contribute to someone being suicidal.
- Learn what to look for when someone may be at risk of suicide.
- Develop strategies for how to ask about suicide, respond with confidence, and engage different services and supports.

Register now via the website: www.lifekeepers.nz

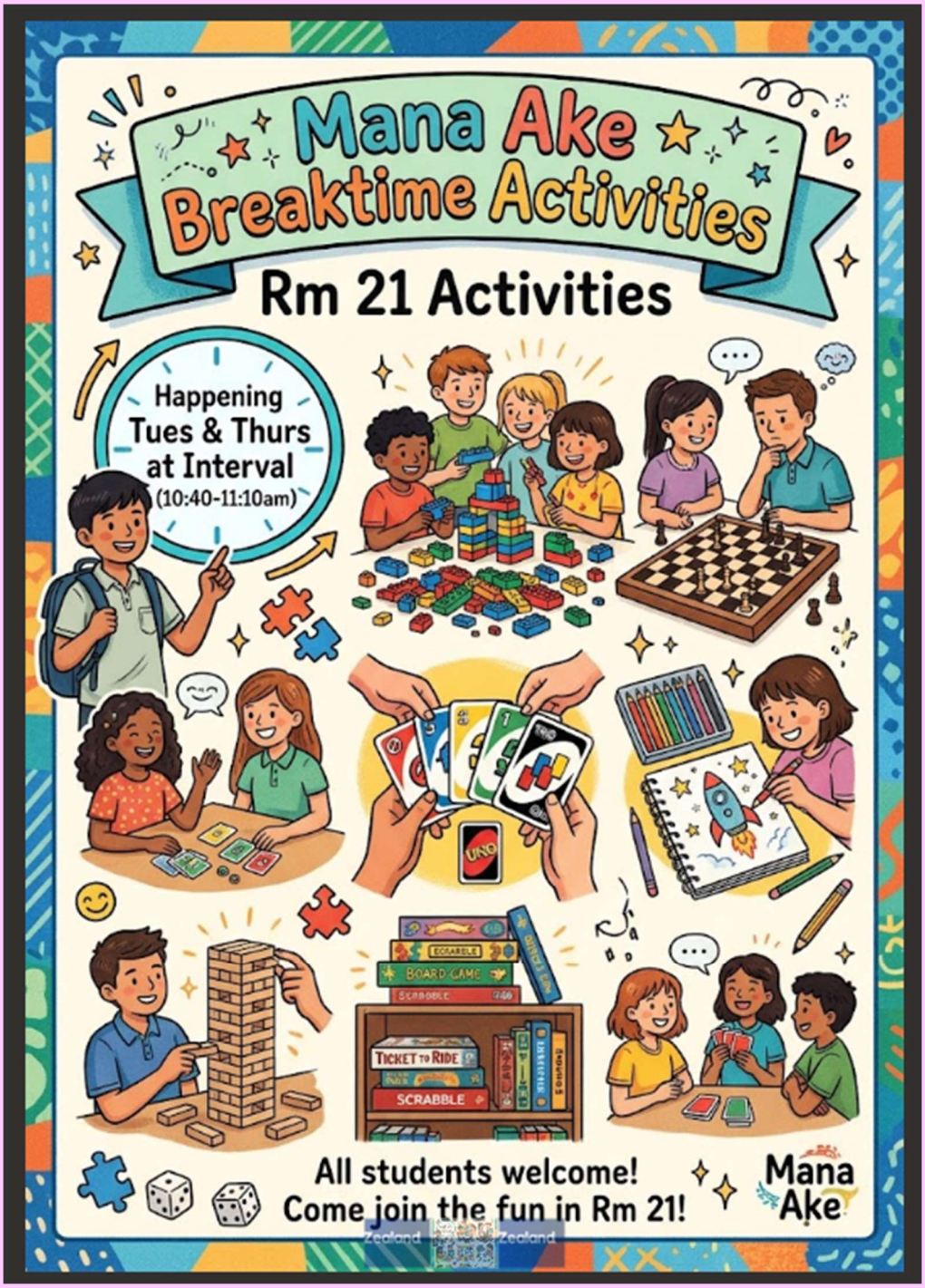
**LifeKeepers* provides suicide prevention training for community members and frontline community service workers who are most likely to interact with people at risk of suicide and who do not already have access to funded suicide prevention training. The programme has not been funded for registered professionals who already have access to suicide prevention training, or for those who belong to organisations who currently provide or are able to fund suicide prevention training for their staff.

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"We know the Just Dance and break time activities have been very scattered over the last term, due to problems with the projector and other important use of the hall. So for Term 4 we've simplified so it can stay the same every week – games and fun in Rm 21 at Interval on Tues/Thurs"



🏆 TIS Sports Bulletin

🏃 TIS Athletics Day – Wednesday 4 November

*Students have now completed their entries for our **Taupō Intermediate School Athletics Day**, which will be held on Wednesday 4 November at Owen Delany Park.*

*To take part in this fun day of athletics, students must have entered a **minimum of two events**. The day will run from approximately **10am–2pm**, with students taking part being transported to and from Owen Delany Park by bus.*

We look forward to a fantastic day of competition, participation and school spirit!

🏏 KiwiSport Super Smash Cricket

*Registrations are now open in the Sports Office for the **Boys' and Girls' KiwiSport Super Smash Cricket Tournaments**, taking place in the first week of December.*
If your son/daughter keen to get involved, get them to come along and sign up in the Sports Office.

🏐 Good Luck, Volleyball Teams!

*Good luck to our **Super 11 Volleyball teams**, who are heading to Tauranga today for their tournament. We wish you all the best and hope you have a great day representing TIS!*
Tonight, also marks the first round of our popular local Friday Night Volleyball League. Best of luck to all our players for the season ahead.

*A big thank you to **Ms Wood** for all her hard work organising volleyball, along with **Mr Kuper and Dee Campbell** for their support in making these opportunities possible for our students.*

As always, thank you to everyone who continues to support TIS Sport. It is great to see so many students getting involved and giving sport a go!

Sam Warriner
TIS Sports Coordinator

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T.I.S SPORTS

CO-ORDINATOR NEWS









This Halloween, we're combining maths, creativity, and a little spooky magic as we use coordinates to create our very own Halloween masterpieces!

Wishing everyone a SPOOK-TACULAR and FANG-TASTIC Halloween!

🎃 With spooky smiles and clever minds,

From all of us in ROOM 10! 🎃



CHESS NATIONALS 2026

First off I would like to give a shout out to Mrs Hack and Whaea Kim for letting us use their room and chess resources to practice during intervals and lunchtimes.

On the 24th of October 2026, Taupo Intermediate placed an amazing 19th overall as a team and as individuals, and our best scoring teammate was Ari, placing just under the top ½ in the individuals category.

Ari Khalid, Connor White, Cruze Stewart, Kauri Crabb, and Tristian O'Riley participated in the 2026 Team Nationals Chess Championship. Each individual played 9 games over the period of 6 hours, and found themselves all brain dead after their games. Overall in the Intermediate category there were 21 teams and 118 individuals competing against each other. With students all over NZ gathering to battle out who is the greatest chess player in NZ.

If anyone is interested in learning chess or just having a game, the Taupō Chess Club runs sessions at the library every Saturday from 1–3 pm.

Kauri Crabb Rm 4






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SWIMMING CLUB
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SWIMMING CLUB
FINAL CLUB NIGHT
OF THE YEAR!
THURSDAY 12TH NOVEMBER
STARTS 5:30 PM
FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE
TREATS
RELAYS
GAMES
FREE TO ATTEND!
Just pay pool entry
Open to all kids who can confidently swim 25 metres

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TAUPO SWIMMING CLUB

TAUPO SWIMMING SQUADS ARE BACK!

Same club.
More opportunities.
Bigger dreams!



OUR SQUAD PROGRAMME IS OFFICIALLY BACK!



We're excited to welcome back our Taupo Swimming Club squads! Our experienced coaches are ready to help swimmers build skills, gain confidence and achieve their goals — whether you're just starting or aiming for the next level.

TECHNIQUE
Build strong swimming skills

FITNESS
Get faster, stronger, fitter

CONFIDENCE
Be your best in and out of the pool

COMMUNITY
Be part of the Taupo Swim Club family

ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME!

SWIM SQUAD SESSIONS

A LARGE RANGE OF SESSIONS AVAILABLE

SENIOR & INTERMEDIATE SQUAD

For developing and competitive swimmers.

- Technique and swimming skills
- Fitness and endurance
- Strength and conditioning
- Confidence and overall development

JUNIOR SQUAD

For younger swimmers building their skills and confidence.

- Technique and skills
- Fitness and endurance
- Fun and progression

LEARN TO COMPETE

For swimmers ready to start competing.

- Race skills and strategy
- Race preparation
- Support and guidance

PROGRAMME STARTS MONDAY 12 OCTOBER

Train, develop, have fun!

REGISTER NOW

Via email:
tauposwimmingclub@gmail.com

See you in the pool!



BOYS CLASS ROOM 22

Room 22 recently partnered with the 6 to 7-year-old students of Room 3 at Tauhara Primary School for a special writing project. After interviewing the younger students, the boys used their interests and ideas, with a science fiction focus, to create personalised picture books just for them. Over several weeks, they planned, wrote, illustrated, and crafted their stories before returning to Tauhara Primary to share them. Along the way, they developed their understanding of writing for an audience, book design, reading levels, and the value of building connections within the local community. The project was a highlight for both classes, with the Room 3 students also sharing their own personalised books with Room 22. To finish the experience, the books were gifted to the Room 3 students to take home and enjoy.









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T.I.S TUCK SHOP
KRISTIE'S KAI

Great kai, great choices, great day!

MORNING TEA BREAK – 10.40AM–11.10AM
(Buy items at tuckshop window)

LUNCH TIME BREAK – 12.40–1.20PM
(Buy items at tuckshop window)

LOTS OF DELICIOUS OPTIONS AVAILABLE!


CHICKEN BURGER



SNACKS



DRINKS


BAKED TREATS


HOT FOOD


WRAPS


PIES & SAUSAGE ROLLS


SUSHI

SUSHI AVAILABLE – Every TUESDAY
(Order at tuckshop by 9am)

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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Involvement
Showing Respect

T.I.S IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

TERM FOUR

WEEK 1	Wed 14 Oct	Sports Awards Evening
	Wed 14 Oct	Celebration Assembly
WEEK 3	Mon 26 Oct	Labour Day School Closed
	Thu 22 Oct	Board Meeting 5.30pm-7.30pm
WEEK 4	Wed 4 Nov	School Athletics
	Thurs 5 Nov	Maths Matters
WEEK 5	Mon 9 Nov	Year 6 Orientation Open Day
	Wed 11 Nov	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	Celebration Assembly
	Thurs 10 Dec	Year 7 Prizegiving 12.20pm
	Fri 11 Dec	Year 8 Prizegiving 12.30pm
WEEK 10	Tues 15th Dec	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

THINKING | INVOLVEMENT | SHOWING RESPECT