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

As we move through Week 4 of Term 4, there is a real sense of excitement and energy across Taupō Intermediate School. Students continue to engage positively in their learning while also embracing the many opportunities that make this term such a memorable one.

Our vision, ***"To make a positive difference using the TIS Way,"*** remains at the heart of all we do. Through our mission of ***"To provide a stimulating environment where all students strive for personal excellence,"*** we continue to provide opportunities that challenge, inspire, and support every student to achieve success.

Assessment and Learning

This week marked the second week of our SMART Tool assessments, with students continuing to complete a range of literacy and numeracy assessments. These assessments provide valuable information about student achievement and progress, helping teachers identify strengths, celebrate growth, and plan the next steps for learning.

The information gathered through the SMART Tool will also support end-of-year reporting and transition planning for students moving into their next stage of education.

Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC)

Our overnight camp programme is now underway, providing students with valuable opportunities to develop confidence, resilience, teamwork, and independence outside the classroom environment.

This week, **Room 2 and Room 17** have been enjoying their camp experience at **Camp Park Lee, Pureora Forest**. It has been fantastic to see our EOTC programme in action and students embracing the challenges and experiences on offer.

Next week, **Rooms 25, 7 and 10** will have their opportunity to attend camp, and we look forward to hearing about their adventures and learning experiences.

Thank you to our staff, parent helpers, and camp organisers who make these opportunities possible for our students.

School Athletics Day

On Wednesday, we held our annual **School Athletics Day** at **Owen Delany Park**.

It was wonderful to see so many students participating enthusiastically in track and field events throughout the day. Whether competing for personal bests, representing their class, or simply giving events a go, our students demonstrated determination, sportsmanship, and resilience.

A special thank you to **Taupō Sports** and **Sport Waikato** personnel for their ongoing support and assistance in helping make the day such a success.

Thank you also to the many parents, caregivers, and whānau who attended to support and encourage our students. Your presence contributes greatly to the positive atmosphere of these events.

Staff Professional Learning

Professional growth remains an important focus for our staff as we continue to strengthen and maintain consistency in the teaching and learning outcomes for all students.

Our ongoing professional learning in Structured Literacy continues, with staff participating in catch-up sessions and most teachers undertaking an additional eight Structured Literacy learning modules.

This week staff and learning assistants also participated in a Neurodiversity Workshop facilitated by the RTLB Service. The workshop provided valuable insights into supporting diverse learners and further strengthened our collective understanding of how we can meet the needs of all students in our classrooms.

2027 Year 7 Orientation Days

We are looking forward to welcoming our future Year 7 students to Taupō Intermediate School over the coming weeks.

Monday 9 November 2026 9:45am - 12:15pm

Students from:

· Waipahihi School

· Tauhara Primary School

· Taupō Primary School

· Other contributing primary schools

Wairakei School Orientation Day

Tuesday 17 November 2026 9:45am - 12:15pm

Our Leadership Team and Student Leaders are excited to host our incoming 2027 Year 7 students and provide them with an opportunity to experience life at Taupō Intermediate School, meet staff and students, and become familiar with our learning environment.

Reminder: Parents, caregivers, and whānau are warmly invited to attend these orientation sessions. We encourage families to take this opportunity to visit the school, meet key staff, and learn more about what makes Taupō Intermediate School a great place to learn.

Looking Ahead

With camps, orientation visits, assessments, and end-of-year events continuing throughout the term, there is certainly plenty happening at Taupō Intermediate School. We encourage students to remain focused on their learning, demonstrate the TIS Way in all they do, and make the most of every opportunity available to them.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school and our students.

Ngā mihi nui,
TIS Leadership Team

TAUPŌ INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

ATTENDANCE CORNER

Attendance Progress Report: Term 4 Week 4

Every Day Counts at Taupō Intermediate School

Regular attendance remains one of the strongest predictors of student success. Students who attend school consistently are more likely to achieve academically, develop positive friendships, participate fully in school life, and build the habits required for future success.

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%)**

Week 4 Attendance Snapshot

Attendance Category	Target	Week 4 Actual
Regular (91-100%)	50%	**57.4%**
Irregular (81-90%)	35%	**20.4%**
Moderate (71-80%)	10%	**10.0%**
Chronic (Below 70%)	5%	**12.2%**

Attendance Analysis

- There is much to celebrate with our Week 4 attendance data. **57.4% of students achieved Regular Attendance**, exceeding our school target of 50%. This means that more than half of our students are attending school consistently and giving themselves the best opportunity to succeed.
- The percentage of students in the **Irregular Attendance** category sits at **20.4%**, which is significantly below our target threshold of 35%. While this demonstrates that many students are moving into the Regular Attendance category, it also highlights the importance of supporting students whose attendance patterns are beginning to decline before they become a concern.
- The **Moderate Attendance** category remained on target at **10%**, while **12.2% of students are currently in the Chronic Attendance category**. Although this is an improvement from earlier weeks, it remains above our goal of 5%, indicating that a small group of students require ongoing support to re-engage with regular school attendance.

Working Together

- Thank you to our parents, caregivers and whānau who support daily attendance. Every day at school matters. If your child is experiencing challenges that are impacting attendance, please contact the school so we can work together to provide support and ensure every student can strive for excellence.

Taupō Intermediate School Attendance Team



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



🏅 Sports Bulletin

What a fantastic week of sport at TIS!

Our Athletics Day saw more than 300 students take part, with everyone showing courage, enthusiasm and a willingness to step outside their comfort zone. From speedy sprints to impressive jumps and throws, there were plenty of standout performances to celebrate.

The end-of-day relay was a real highlight. A huge well done to our Year 8 students for organising it at the last minute! The event was full of camaraderie, encouragement and friendly competition—and a wonderful reminder of how much we can achieve when we support one another.

A big thank you to our staff, Noel, Athletics Taupō and KiwiSport for helping make the day such a success.

Coming up: Taupō Inter-Schools is on Tuesday 10 November.

Congratulations to our S11 volleyball teams, who travelled to Tauranga on Friday. Thank you to Ms Wood, Whaea Dee and John Kuper for coaching and accompanying the students.

🏏 Cricket Smash Tournament

Permission slips were sent via HERO today for this fun and popular KiwiSport event:
Boys: Thursday 3 December
Girls: Friday 4 December

👕 Sports uniform reminder

We'll be taking stock of all sports uniforms next week. If you still have any sports uniforms, leaders' jackets, shirts, skirts or tracksuits, please return them to the school office.



TAUPO INTERMEDIATE ATHLETIC CHAMPIONS

	YEAR 7 GIRLS	YEAR7 BOYS	YEAR 8 GIRLS	YEAR 8 BOYS
1st	Micah Wallace	Knox Short	Tea Bosshart	Kauri Kururangi
2nd	Jessica Rakei	Oliver Orozco	Nyla Grigg Skye Conway	Ben Pridham
3rd	Ngos Matenga Kingi Nia Simm	Connor White Kian Thompson	India Prater	Jack Gibson

TAUPO INTERMEDIATE INDIVIDUAL PLACINGS

TIS	2026	ATHLETIC	RESULTS				
		100m	400m	800m	SHOT PUT	LONG JUMP	HIGH JUMP
YEAR 7 GIRLS	1st	Micah Wallace	Micah Wallace	Micah Wallace	Jessica Rakei	Jessica Rakei	Nia Simm
	2nd	Jessica Rakei	Jessica Rakei	Adelyn Pritchard	Emma Reedy	Micah Wallace	Mia Kei
	3rd	Ngos Matenga kingi	Nicole Hummell	Jessica Rakei	Joanne Te Heu Heu	Kayla Mckenna	Micah Wallace Jessica Rakei
YEAR 8 GIRLS	1st	jade Hirst	Nyla Grigg	Skye Conway	Isla Gilmour	Tea Bosshart	Tea Bosshart
	2nd	India Prater	Skye Conway	Nyla Grigg	Eblia Smit	Isabella Sapsford	India Prater
	3rd	Isobel Woods	Tea Bosshart	Kauri Crabb	Tegan Sherman	Piper Quinn	Molly Noble Piper Quinn
YEAR 7 BOYS	1st	Knox Short	Knox Short	Oliver Orozco	Leo Gilmour Smith	Knox Short	Knox Short
	2nd	Oliver Orozco	Oliver Orozco	Knox Short	Liam Brown	Kian Thompson	Kian Thompson
	3rd	Angus Tazewell	Connor White	George Gregory	Cam McCord Connor White	Cason White	Josh Speedy Brock Campin
YEAR 8 BOYS	1st	Kauri Kururangi	Ben Pridham	Ben Pridham	Kymani Chase	Layken Boyd	Kauri kururangi
	2nd	Tariq Campbell	Jack Gibson	Jack Gibson	Sam Graham	Kauri Kururangi	Nixon Wliiams
	3rd	Riley Tombleson	Charlie Christmas	Noah Holdaway Perkins	Mason Cook	Cyrus Benson	Riley Tombleson

PE Newsletter

Week 4 – Term 4

Volleyball Wrap Up!

Last week we wrapped up volleyball, with:

RM 17 WINNERS!
of Volleyball Lunchtime Sports

Room 10 2nd Place
– Tough Contenders!

This Week...

Teachers vs RM 17!



The Teachers took the win this week!

The Teachers haven't lost yet, but with NZ Tag on the cards for our current PE program, which also fits in with Touch season, the students may just be too fast for us dinosaurs! Haha...

NZTag & Touch Season



This week's tag games have been nothing short of epic!

Fast-paced plays, great teamwork and some fantastic sportsmanship have been on display.

Tag is a game everyone can play, and we modify the rules, gradually moving to the full rules as students get the hang of it.

Referee Volunteers

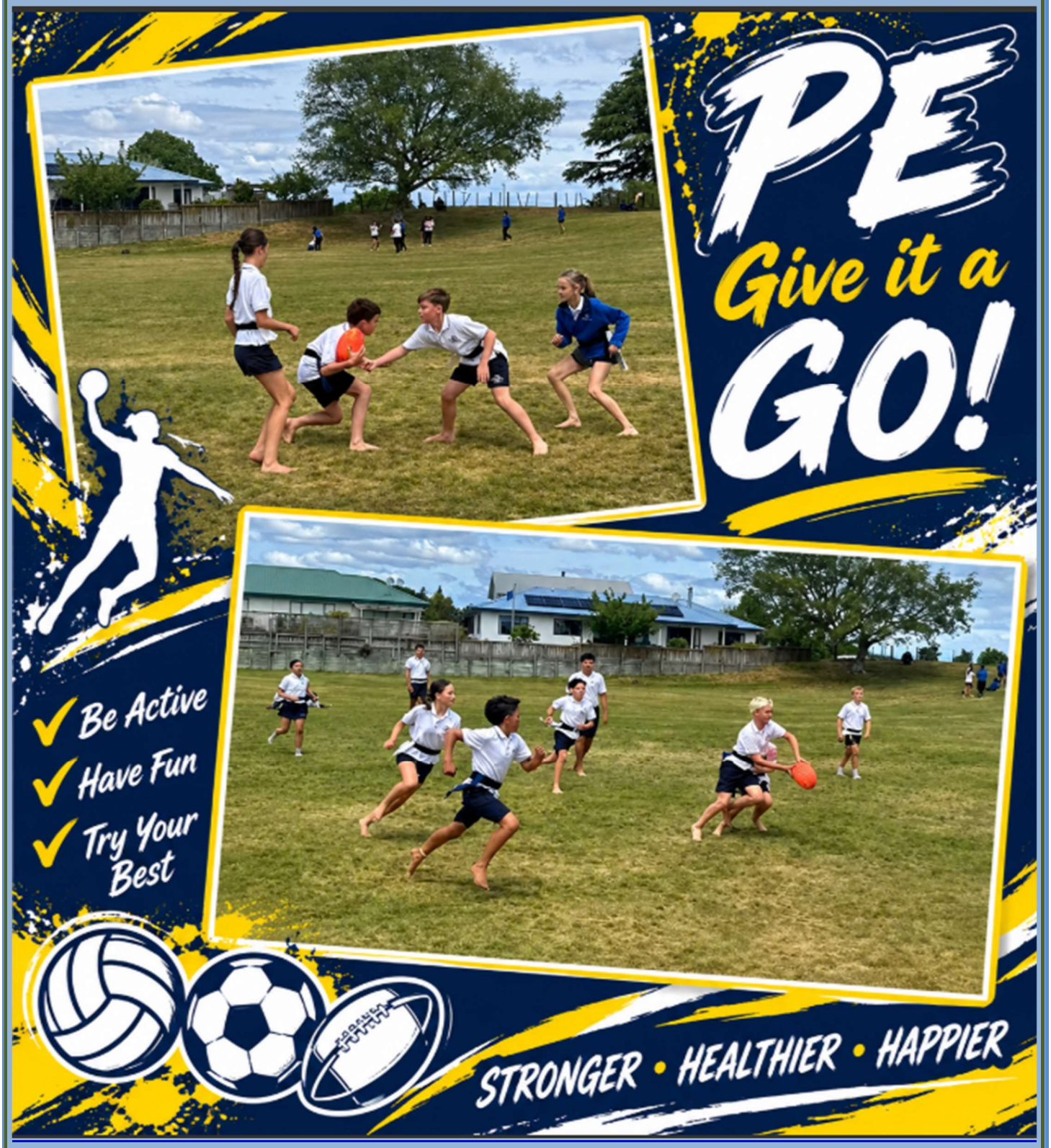
A big shout out to our awesome referee volunteers who have stepped up for lunchtime sports. Your support helps our games run smoothly!

Thank you!



Keep up the great effort everyone!




PE
Give it a
GO!
Be Active
Have Fun
Try Your Best
STRONGER • HEALTHIER • HAPPIER

CAMP PARK LEE

What an amazing time Room 2 had kicking off this year's camp at Park Camp Lee!

Our adventure started with a beautiful Rimu walk, where Mr. Blake shared his incredible knowledge about the local trees and plants. We even got to taste a few edible ones along the way! The fun didn't stop there. We took on the responsibility of cooking our own delicious dinner and packing our lunch for the next day.

Some of the biggest highlights of our trip included building huts and swings, spotting glow worms at night, braving the Burma Trail, and learning essential hands-on skills like wood carving and building our own fires.















ROOM 2

ATHLETICS NEWSLETTER

It all started four weeks ago when Mrs. Bradley bounded onto the stage during assembly and announced that students could sign up for the annual TIS Athletics Day. Then, about two weeks later, our teachers received a sign-up form asking each student to choose which events (if any) they wanted to participate in. There was quite a diverse range of options: High Jump, Long Jump, Shot Put, 100-metre Sprint, 400-metre Race and 800-metre Race.

A lot of students initially entered just one category, presumably hoping to secure themselves a day off school. However, ever-vigilant Mrs. Bradley caught onto this almost immediately and announced in the school notices the following morning: "To come to the day, you must sign up for at least two activities." As if by magic, the number of students attending was cut in half.

As the big day approached, everyone started trying to predict what would happen, boasting to their friends about being the fastest in the class, the fastest in the school, the fastest in town, and occasionally, the fastest person in the entire country. Whether these claims would survive contact with the actual athletics track remained to be seen.

On the morning of the 10th of November, 2026, participants were ushered into the hall, and the great debacle of loading the buses began. Despite one class being left behind and a few friends attempting to sneak onto other buses, everyone eventually arrived safely.

Upon arrival, Mrs. Bradley split everyone according to year group and gender before sending participants off to their respective events. And so, the competition began!



(Athletics Newsletter – Report and photographs by student Patrick Wilson)

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Year 8 Girls
1st Place: Téa Bosshart, 1m 27cm.
2nd Place: India Prater, 1m 24cm.
3rd Place TIE : Molly Noble & Piper Quinn, 1m 21cm.

Year 8 Boys
1st Place: Kauri Kahurangi, 1m 34cm.
2nd Place: Nixon Williams, 1m 33cm.
3rd Place: Riley Tombleson, 1m 28cm.

Year 7 Girls
1st Place: Nia Simm, 1m 25cm.
2nd Place: Mia Kei, 1m 24cm.
3rd Place TIE : Micah Wallace & Jessica Rakei, 1m 19cm.

Year 7 Boys
1st Place: Knox Short, 1m 22cm.
2nd Place: Kian Thompson, 1m 20cm.
3rd Place TIE : Josh Speedy & Brock Campin, 1m 17cm.





The High Jump was supposed to be a test of technique, timing and, quite literally, how high you could get off the ground. However, there was one rather annoying restriction: only the scissor jump technique was permitted.

For those hoping to demonstrate their impressive Fosbury Flop technique, this came as something of a disappointment. There was certainly some frustration among competitors, as the scissor jump is a rather different technique and can feel less natural for those accustomed to other styles.

Nevertheless, the competition went ahead, with students taking turns approaching the bar, lifting their legs over it and attempting to clear increasingly challenging heights. Some managed some impressive clearances, while others discovered that the technique was perhaps not quite as easy as it looked!

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Long Jump

The Long Jump brought plenty of excitement, with competitors looking to put their athletic ability to the test and secure some impressive distances. There was a good deal of friendly competition, as students attempted to outperform their classmates and improve on their earlier efforts.

Some competitors produced particularly strong jumps, demonstrating impressive speed and coordination. Others found themselves narrowly missing their intended landing distances, highlighting just how much precision is involved in producing a consistently good performance.

As the event progressed, the competition became increasingly interesting, with students keeping a close eye on the distances being achieved by their rivals. There was plenty of encouragement from classmates

Results:

Year 8 Girls
1st Place: Téa Bosshart, 4m 10cm.
2nd Place: Isabella Sapsford, 3m 97cm.
3rd Place: Piper Quinn, 3m 90cm.

Year 8 Boys
1st Place: Layken Boyd, 4m 52cm.
2nd Place: Kauri Kahurangi, 4m 32cm.
3rd Place: Cyrus Benson, 4m 26cm.

Year 7 Girls
1st Place: Jessica Rakei, 3m 88cm.
2nd Place: Micah Wallace, 3m 74cm.
3rd Place: Kaylah Mckenna, 3m 65cm.

Year 7 Boys
1st Place: Knox Short, 4m 28cm.
2nd Place: Kian Thompson, 4m 7cm.
3rd Place: Cason White, 3m 93cm.





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Shotput

Shot Put provided a welcome change of pace from the running and jumping events. Competitors had the opportunity to demonstrate their strength and technique, with some particularly impressive throws recorded throughout the competition.

There was a noticeable range of performances, with students approaching the event with varying levels of experience, most falling short of the 5.5 metre mark required to qualify. Some produced excellent distances, while others used the opportunity to challenge themselves and improve on their previous attempts.

As with the other field events, there was plenty of friendly rivalry, with competitors keen to see how their performances compared with those of their classmates. It was a reminder that Athletics Day was not simply about speed, but also about strength, coordination and individual sporting ability.

Results:

Year 8 Girls
1st Place: Isla Gilmore, 9m.
2nd Place: Ebelia Smit, 7m 75cm.
3rd Place: Tegan Sherman, 6m 70cm.

Year 8 Boys
1st Place: Kymani Chase, 9m 80cm.
2nd Place: Sam Graham, 8m 5cm.
3rd Place: Mason Cook, 7m 80cm.

Year 7 Girls
1st Place: Jessica Rakei, 10m 45cm.
2nd Place: Joanne Te Heu Heu, 8m 12cm.
3rd Place: Emmy Reedy, 8m 10cm.

Year 7 Boys
1st Place: Leo Gilmer-Smith, 7m 35cm.
2nd Place: Liam Brown, 7m 8cm.
3rd Place TIE: Cam McCord & Connor White, 6m 20cm.





ATHLETICS NEWSLETTER

100m Sprints

Arguably among the most anticipated events of the day, the 100-metre sprints were where many of the earlier claims about being the fastest student in the school would finally be put to the test.
As competitors gathered at the starting line, there was a noticeable sense of anticipation. Students had spent weeks making predictions about their potential performances, and now it was time to see how those predictions translated into results. Once the races began, the track quickly became the centre of attention.

There were some particularly close contests, with competitors pushing themselves towards the finish line while classmates cheered from the sidelines. In several races, the finishing positions were separated by very small margins, needing expert photography to tell the difference.
The shorter distance also meant that there was little opportunity to recover from a slow start. Competitors needed to make the most of every second, and the results reflected some impressive displays of speed across the year groups.

Results:

Year 8 Girls
1st Place: Jayde Hirst, 12.60s.
2nd Place: India Prater, 13.13s.
3rd Place: Isabel Woods, 13.35s.

Year 8 Boys
1st Place: Kauri Kururangi, 12.79s.
2nd Place: Tariq Campbell, 13.09s.
3rd Place: Riley Tombleson,13.45s.

Year 7 Girls
1st Place: Micah Wallace, 12.42s.
2nd Place: Jessica Rakei, 12.67s.
3rd Place: Ngorongoro Matenga-Kingi, 13.21s.

Year 7 Boys
1st Place: Knox Short, 13.04s.
2nd Place: Oliver Orozco, 13.41s.
3rd Place: Angus Tassywel, 13.67s.





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400m Sprints

If the 100-metre sprint was a test of pure speed, the 400-metre sprint demanded a combination of speed, endurance and careful pacing. With an entire lap of a cricket oval to complete, competitors had to manage their energy while maintaining enough momentum to finish strongly.

The opening stages of the races often saw competitors running closely together, with positions changing as the field made its way around the track. As the distance progressed, however, the differences between runners began to emerge.

The final stretch was particularly interesting, as competitors pushed themselves to maintain their pace despite the growing fatigue. Some managed to produce impressive finishes, while others had to dig particularly deep to reach the line.

There was plenty of support from spectators throughout the races, and the determination shown by participants was a highlight of the event.

Results:

- **Year 8 Girls**
  - **1st Place: Nyla Grigg, 1m 14.0s.**
  - **2nd Place: Skye Conway, 1m 14.4s.**
  - **3rd Place: Téa Bosshart, 1m 15.5s.**
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- **Year 8 Boys**
  - **1st Place: Ben Pridham, 1m 8.5s.**
  - **2nd Place: Jack Gibson, 1m 10.9s.**
  - **3rd Place: Charlie Christmas, 1m 14.2s.**
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- **Year 7 Girls**
  - **1st Place: Micah Wallace, 1m 11.0s.**
  - **2nd Place: Jessica Rakei, 1m 18.0s.**
  - **3rd Place: Nicole Hummel, 1m 18.5s.**
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- **Year 7 Boys**
  - **1st Place: Knox Short, 1m 8.6s.**
  - **2nd Place: Oliver Orozco, 1m 10.1s.**
  - **3rd Place: Connor White, 1m 12.6s.**
  - **2nd Place: Skye Conway, 1m 14.4s.**
  - **3rd Place: Téa Bosshart, 1m 15.5s.**
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- **Year 8 Boys**
  - **1st Place: Ben Pridham, 1m 8.5s.**
  - **2nd Place: Jack Gibson, 1m 10.9s.**
  - **3rd Place: Charlie Christmas, 1m 14.2s.**





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800m Race

Finally, we had the 800-metre race. By this stage, competitors had already had a busy day, and the prospect of completing two full laps of the track was not necessarily the most appealing one!

The 800 metres presented a considerable endurance challenge, with competitors needing to balance their pace across the distance. The opening lap was often relatively measured, but as the races progressed, the competition became increasingly intense.

The final stages were particularly demanding, with runners having to contend with fatigue while attempting to maintain their positions. Some competitors managed excellent finishes, finding an extra burst of energy when it mattered most, while others concentrated on simply getting themselves across the finish line.

Regardless of the final placings, completing the 800 metres was a considerable achievement, and the determination shown by participants was certainly worthy of recognition.

(Athletics Newsletter – Report and photographs by student Patrick Wilson)

TAUPŌ INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

TIS VALUES

Thinking
Involvement
Showing Respect

T.I.S IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

TERM FOUR

WEEK 5	Mon 9 Nov	Taupo Inter School Athletics
	Tue 10 Nov	Year 6 Orientation Open Day
	Wed 11 Nov	Celebration Assembly
WEEK 6	Mon 16 Nov	CWAA Testing
	Wed 18 Nov	Mathsmatters Comp
	Tue 17 Nov	Year 6 Orientation Op Wairakei Primary
WEEK 7	Wed 25 Nov	Celebration Assembly
WEEK 8	Thurs 3 Dec	Board Meeting 5.30pm-7.30pm
	Tue 1st Dec	Student Conferences
WEEK 9	Wed 9 Dec	Celebration Assembly
	Thurs 10 Dec	Year 7 Prizegiving 12.20pm
	Fri 11 Dec	Year 8 Graduation Dance 6-8pm Year 8 Prizegiving 12.20pm
WEEK 10	Tues 15th Dec	**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

THINKING | INVOLVEMENT | SHOWING RESPECT