Newsletter Number: 36 **Date: Friday 13th November 2026**

Kia ora parents, caregivers, students and whānau,

As we move through the second half of Term 4, it has been fantastic to see our students continuing to embrace opportunities both inside and outside the classroom. While recent weather has certainly challenged some of our plans, it has been pleasing to see the resilience and positive attitude shown by our students and staff.

Park Lee Camps

A highlight of the week was seeing **Room 25** enjoy their **Park Lee Camp** experience on Monday and Tuesday. Outdoor education provides valuable opportunities for students to challenge themselves, develop independence, build relationships, and deepen their appreciation of the natural environment. Unfortunately, due to weather warnings and the potential risks associated with outdoor activities, we made the difficult decision to postpone the **Room 5, Room 7 and Room 10 Park Lee Camps**. Safety in the outdoors can be challenging to manage, and while the decision was disappointing for students and staff, it was certainly a case of being **better safe than sorry**. We appreciate the understanding and support of our whānau.

Taupō Schools Athletics

It was also disappointing to have the **Taupō Schools Athletics** event postponed on Tuesday due to the weather conditions. We know many students were looking forward to representing the school and showcasing their athletic talents.

The scheduled **saving day is Thursday 19 November at Owen Delany Park**, and we look forward to our students having the opportunity to participate then.

2027 Orientation Day

Monday's **2027 Year 7 Orientation Day** was an exciting and successful event. It was wonderful to welcome future students, parents, caregivers and whānau to our school and provide them with a glimpse of life at Taupō Intermediate.

We would like to warmly thank the staff and students from:

- Tauhara Primary School
- Taupō Primary School
- Waipahihi School

for joining us and supporting the day.

We are also looking forward to hosting students from **Wairakei Primary School** on **Tuesday 17 November**.

Armistice Day Memorial Service

On Wednesday 11 November, Room 8 had the privilege of attending the Armistice Day Memorial Service at Te Mata Toa - The National Army Museum.

Our students represented Taupō Intermediate School with pride and respect throughout the service. They contributed by reading the Wars' Remembrance Poem and supporting the memorial service through the hymn "He Honore" and the waiata "Whakaaria Mai".

Opportunities such as these provide meaningful connections to New Zealand's history and allow our students to reflect on the service and sacrifice of those who have served our country.

A sincere thank you to Mrs Clydesdale for organising and providing this wonderful opportunity for our students. We are incredibly proud of the way Room 8 conducted themselves and represented our school community.

Armistice Day Memorial Service



Celebration Assembly and Excellence Passport Success

We are very excited to be holding our **Celebration Assembly next week** as students begin to complete their year-long efforts towards the:

Bevan Docherty Award
Donovan Bixley Award
Principal Award

Many students have already achieved **Gold Level** in all three awards and have successfully completed their **Tū Rangatira Award**.

In addition, several students are eagerly anticipating the **three-day Tū Rangatira Walk in Week 7**, which will provide an opportunity for them to complete the final requirements of this prestigious award.

Congratulations to all our students who have participated in the **Excellence Passport Programme** throughout the year. The commitment, perseverance and determination shown by our students has been outstanding, and we are incredibly proud of what they have achieved.

REMINDERS

School Uniform

All students are expected to be in **full school uniform every day**. Thank you for your ongoing support in helping maintain our high standards and school pride.

PE Gear and Swimming

For the remainder of the year, all students are required to bring:
PE gear
Togs
Towel
for their scheduled Physical Education sessions.

Break Time Swimming

Students may swim during **Break 2** provided they:
Have their own togs and towel.
Change into appropriate swimming attire.
Please note that **students are not permitted to swim in their school uniform**.

Thank you for your continued support of our school, staff and students. As we approach the final weeks of the year, there are many exciting opportunities ahead, and we encourage all students to continue demonstrating the values of the **TIS Way**.

Ngā mihi nui,
TIS Leadership 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

As we approach the end of the year, our programmes are winding down. If your child is returning next year and you are interested in information on one or more of our group supports, please email me learningsupport@taupointermediate.co.nz Rebecca Ingram LSC / SENCO

We are also looking for volunteers for Breakfast club in 2027. If you can make toast and hot milo for our students from 830 until 850am once a week, please let me know.

A HUGE THANKS TO OUR CURRENT VOLUNTEERS - VIKKI, NEELTJE and AJA.
Getting this support off the ground could not have happened without your support. We appreciate you very much.

Uniform Donation

As almost half of our students move next year to a new school, if you have a uniform that is in decent condition, please consider donating it to us in the Support Hub. We often get children through requesting skorts, shorts or polo shirts. Please ensure they are washed and dried with no holes.



TIS SPORT BULLETIN

It's certainly been a weather-affected week for sport! Heavy rain and thunderstorms have played havoc with our athletics programme, training sessions and games, with several activities having to be cancelled. Our Inter-School Athletics has now been postponed until Thursday 19th November.

Thankfully, the weather cleared enough on Thursday for Karli and Sam from King Country Rugby to visit and kick off our new Girls Rugby Coaching sessions. We had 15 girls at the first session, all engaged, enthusiastic and keen to give rugby a go! There are still spaces available, so if your daughter would like to learn to play rugby, develop her skills or simply give something new ago, we would love to see her involved. This is a fantastic new initiative from King Country Rugby aimed at encouraging more girls to get involved in the game.

Cricket Smash Festival sign-ups close TODAY! If your son or daughter is keen to take part in the KiwiSport Cricket Smash Festival, please make sure you complete the online permission slip before the end of the day.

We are also getting towards the end of our Super 11 sporting calendar, with only Triathlon and Athletics still to come. Jack Gibson and Josh Speedy have travelled to Gisborne to compete in the Super 11 Triathlon, while our athletics team will head to Tauranga on Friday 27th November. We wish all our athletes the very best!

Finally, good luck to all our Volleyball, Touch and Underwater Hockey players as their summer league competitions start to ramp up and the competition gets fiercer! Keep up the great effort, everyone, and fingers crossed for some better weather ahead!


TAUPŌ
INTERMEDIATE
SCHOOL
OFF ROAD
TRIATHLON
50KM
ULTRA
26KM
TRAIL
10KM
TRAIL
32KM MTB
2KM
KIDS RUN
TRY OFF ROAD
TAUPŌ
YOUR SCHOOL GETS
15% OFF
ALL ENTRIES
SPECIAL OFFER FOR TIS SCHOOL
12 DECEMBER
2026
USE CODE: TIS15

GREAT LAKE TAUPŌ
Taupō District Council

SCOOT SAFE

E-SCOOTERS

FOR ADULTS AND TEENAGERS

SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER
10AM - 12PM

E-scooters are a great way to make short trips around our streets. They're quick, convenient and accessible for a wide range of people.

The Scoot Safe programme supports people to be safe and enjoy their scooters. This course covers safe use of an e-scooter in an urban environment.

LEARN ABOUT

- Safe speeds
- Safe stopping
- Safe handling
- Safe sharing
- Safe scooting on the road
- Scooter parking



NOTE

Bring your e-scooter, helmet & wear covered in shoes.

REGISTER ONLINE

taupo.govt.nz/roadsafety swraight@taupo.govt.nz 07 376 0720



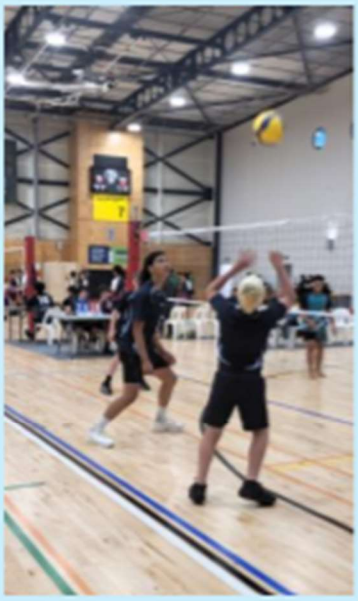
SUPER 11 VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Mt Maunganui – Friday 31st Oct



It was an incredibly early start, 6:15am, for our 3 teams heading off to the Mount where 10 Year 7 & 8 teams from around the Bay of Plenty compete. We made good time as one of games was at 9:00am.

Each year group had 2-3 games and then competed in the playoffs for final positions. As always, the competition was fierce and all the students gave it their best. There was some nail-biting point for point games which put the pressure on both sides – was so good to watch though. Heading into the playoffs everyone was getting tired after the early morning start, but all teams dug deep. Although we didn't get into the top 3, all teams took away a wealth of experience, faced varied playing styles and strategies. It boosted their confidence, developed resilience, and strengthened the bond with their teammates.



We headed back to Taupō with a quick stop in Rotorua for a well-deserved ice cream, then home. The day wasn't quite over as some continued onto play at the Junior Volleyball games at the AC Baths – such dedication.

With Dee coaching the Year 7 girls' team and myself the Year 8 girls & boys teams, we were immensely proud of the way they supported each other, how they represented TIS with amazing sportsmanship and manners thanking other teams, coaches, and referees. 👏👏👏



A big thank you to Sam Bradley for helping organise the trip, JK for driving the van and supporting the Year 8 girls, and parents for supporting our students.

Ms Wood

FINAL RESULTS:

YR 7 GIRLS		YR 8 GIRLS		YR8 BOYS	
Taupo 36	Otūmoetai 46	Taupo 16	Otūmoetai 49	Taupo 26	Otūmoetai 46
Taupo 31	Gisborne 35	Taupo 34	Gisborne 35	Taupo 34	Gisborne 35
		W: Taupo 39	Illminster 31	W: Taupo 50	Illminster 18
Playoffs	**9th/ place**	Playoffs	**7th/10 teams**	Playoffs	**7th/10 teams**
Taupo 21	Whakatane 27	W: Taupo 32	Rotorua 31	W: Taupo 41	Whakatane 24





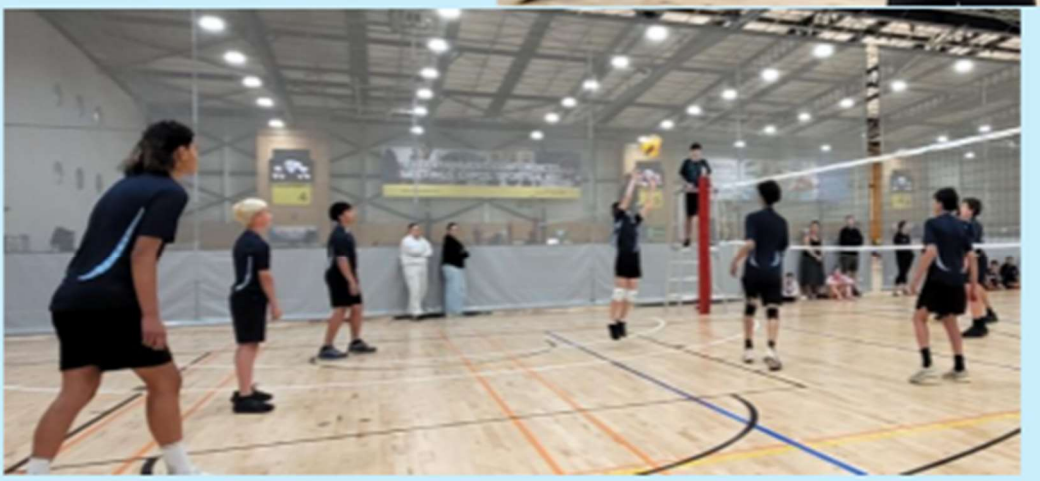

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ARENA






VOLLEYBALL







DONATE A BOOK FOR CHRISTMAS!

Kia ora Taupo Intermediate whānau,

We are collecting donations of **brand-new** Kiwi books to gift to families in **Taupo** who can't afford to buy Christmas presents for their kids, or who struggle to access good books in general.

Please consider buying an extra book or two next time you are shopping and add them to our donation box situated **in the Taupo Intermediate.**

Baby books, picture books, chapter books, YA books — we'd love them all!

All books will be distributed to local families in need.

GIFT CARDS

You can also purchase gift cards through the website and donate a book on behalf of someone else. They make ideal presents for staff, colleagues, friends and family—please do check them out!

https://shop.kiwichristmasbooks.org.nz

Donations close on Friday, December 11th.

You can read more about us here:
www.kiwichristmasbooks.org.nz

Thank you for your support!

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Taupo's got
Talent
Music
Acting
Kapa Haka
Dance
Juggling
Magic Tricks
hidden talents
TAUPŌ TIMEBANK
Every Saturday End Nov - Early Feb
10am-12pm Acts • 12pm - 3pm Local Bands • Open Mic
Spot Prizes • Pizza • Ice Cream • Music • Food • Fun

TAUPŌ INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

ROOM 11 / 2026

Big effort.
Brilliant maths growth.

Our whole class has worked hard to close gaps, strengthen understanding and take on new challenges. These 12 diamonds are the first to exceed all expectations, with Maths-Whizz progress above a school year's equivalent growth. We are so proud of their hard work and the progress being made throughout Room 11!

12 LEARNERS. MORE THAN A YEAR OF GROWTH EACH.

Maths-Whizz weeks gained → equivalent school years

Maths-Whizz
CERTIFICATE OF MATHS GROWTH
Evan Johnson
3.81 school years
152.4 weeks of progress

Maths-Whizz
CERTIFICATE OF MATHS GROWTH
Kaia McIntosh
3.67 school years
146.6 weeks of progress

Maths-Whizz
CERTIFICATE OF MATHS GROWTH
Jack Short
2.52 school years
100.9 weeks of progress

Maths-Whizz
CERTIFICATE OF MATHS GROWTH
Blake Morris
2.32 school years
92.6 weeks of progress

Maths-Whizz
CERTIFICATE OF MATHS GROWTH
Laura Mellow
2.29 school years
91.5 weeks of progress

Maths-Whizz
CERTIFICATE OF MATHS GROWTH
Rubi Popham
2.26 school years
90.5 weeks of progress

Maths-Whizz
CERTIFICATE OF MATHS GROWTH
Julie Irving
1.60 school years
64.0 weeks of progress

Maths-Whizz
CERTIFICATE OF MATHS GROWTH
Jack Scapens
1.57 school years
62.9 weeks of progress

Maths-Whizz
CERTIFICATE OF MATHS GROWTH
April Kahia-Maynard
1.55 school years
61.9 weeks of progress

Maths-Whizz
CERTIFICATE OF MATHS GROWTH
Julien Lim
1.51 school years
60.3 weeks of progress

Maths-Whizz
CERTIFICATE OF MATHS GROWTH
Hannah Russell
1.34 school years
53.6 weeks of progress

Maths-Whizz
CERTIFICATE OF MATHS GROWTH
Grace Dheda
1.28 school years
51.0 weeks of progress

Working hard until the last day!

Our learning is still moving forward. Room 11 will keep practising, tackling challenges and working hard right up to the last day of school.

Watch this space for even more maths growth!

Progress is since starting Maths-Whizz, based on its reported estimates. Equivalent school years are calculated using 40 teaching weeks = 1 school year; figures are rounded.

Maths-Whizz logo: Whizz Education.

TAUPŌ INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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.

TAUPŌ INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

TIS VALUES

Thinking
Involvement
Showing Respect

T.I.S IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

TERM FOUR

WEEK 6	Mon 16 Nov	CWAA Assessment
	Tue 17 Nov	Year 6 Orientation Day - Wairakei Primary
	Wed 18 Nov	Celebration Assembly
	Fri 20 Nov	Reports sent home
WEEK 7	Wed 25 Nov	Maths Metters Competition
	Thur 26 Nov	Board Meeting 5.30pm-7.30pm
WEEK 8	Tue 1st Dec	Student Conferences
	Wed 2 Dec	Celebration Assembly
WEEK 9	Thurs 10 Dec	Year 7 Prizegiving 12.30pm
	Fri 11 Dec	Year 8 Prizegiving 12.30pm Year 8 Graduating Dance 6-8pm
WEEK 10	Tues 15th Dec	**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL 12.00pm**

THINKING | INVOLVEMENT | SHOWING RESPECT