Newsletter Number: 37 **Date: Friday 20th November 2026**

Kia ora parents, caregivers, students and whānau,

Term 4 continues to be a busy and rewarding time at Taupō Intermediate School. It has been wonderful to see our students embracing opportunities to learn, achieve, compete, and challenge themselves both inside and outside the classroom.

Celebration Assembly Success

Our Celebration Assembly was a tremendous success, with more than 100 students receiving their **Bevan Docherty**, **Donovan Bixley**, and **Principal Award** medals. These awards recognise students who consistently demonstrate our school values, show excellence in their learning, and make positive contributions to our school community.

It was wonderful to see such a fantastic turnout of parents, caregivers, and whānau who joined us to celebrate these achievements. Thank you for taking the time to attend and support your child's learning journey at Taupō Intermediate School. Your encouragement and partnership play an important role in helping our students succeed.

Congratulations to all students who received awards. We are incredibly proud of your efforts and achievements.

Taupō Athletics Day

Congratulations to all our Taupō Intermediate School representatives who competed at the Taupō Athletics event on Thursday. Our students displayed outstanding sportsmanship, determination, and school pride throughout the day.

There were some exceptional performances across both track and field events, with many students achieving excellent results against strong competition from schools across Taupō.

A special congratulations goes to our students and staff for **winning and retaining the Taupō Athletics Trophy for Year 7 and 8 students**. This achievement reflects the hard work, commitment, and perseverance demonstrated by our athletes.

We are extremely proud of everyone who represented Taupō Intermediate School and thank our staff, supporters, and whānau who helped make the day such a success.

Park Lee Camps

It seems spring is always a challenging time to organise outdoor education experiences, especially when the weather refuses to play ball.

We greatly appreciate the support and understanding of our parents, caregivers, and whānau as we continue to juggle our Park Lee Camp programme due to weather-related postponements. While the changes have been disappointing, student safety remains our priority.

The forecast for next week is looking much more promising. To ensure all classes and students can participate in this valuable outdoor education experience, we will be combining some classes over the next two weeks to complete the Park Lee Camp programme.

Thank you for your flexibility and support as we work through these adjustments. We know our students are looking forward to attending camp, and we are committed to ensuring every child can enjoy this important experience.

Year 6 Specialised Learning Class Assessment and Selection Days

This week we welcomed many prospective Year 7 students to Taupō Intermediate School as part of our **Specialised Learning Class Assessment and Selection Days**.

The **Children with Academic Abilities (CWAA)** assessment day was held on Monday, while the **Boys' and Girls' Class** assessment days took place on Thursday.

It was fantastic to have another opportunity to meet and get to know some of next year's Year 7 students. The enthusiasm, confidence, and talent displayed by these young people were impressive, and we enjoyed seeing them engage with the challenges and activities throughout the day.

A special thank you to the parents and caregivers who brought their children to these assessment days. We particularly appreciate those families who had to carefully juggle attendance around their child's Taupō Athletics commitments.

We are looking forward to the exciting challenge ahead as we begin the process of selecting students for these classes in 2027. The quality of applicants continues to be exceptionally high, and we thank all families for the interest they have shown in these specialised learning opportunities.

Looking Ahead

As we move towards the end of the year, there are still many exciting learning opportunities, events, and celebrations ahead. We encourage all students to continue giving their best effort, supporting one another, and making the most of every opportunity.

Thank you for your continued support of Taupō Intermediate School.

Ngā mihi nui,
TIS Leadership Team

TAUPŌ INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

ATTENDANCE CORNER

Attendance Progress Report: Term 4 Week 6

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 6 Attendance Rate

Attendance Category	Target	Week 6 Actual
Regular (91-100%)	50%	53.39%
Irregular (81-90%)	35%	23.51%
Moderate (71-80%)	10%	11.35%
Chronic (Below 70%)	5%	11.75%

Attendance Analysis

Attendance at Taupō Intermediate School continues to show some positive signs, particularly in our **Regular Attendance** category. Our Week 6 data shows **53.39%** of students achieving attendance rates between **91-100%**, exceeding our Term 4 target of **50%**. This is encouraging and reflects the commitment of many students, families, and staff to ensuring that students are present and engaged in learning every day.

The **Irregular Attendance** category sits at **23.51%**, which is below our target of **35%**. While this may initially appear concerning, it is largely due to a higher proportion of students being represented in the Chronic Attendance category rather than transitioning into the Irregular range.

Our **Moderate Attendance** rate of **11.35%** is slightly above our target of **10%**, indicating that there remains a group of students requiring additional support and monitoring to improve their attendance patterns.

The most significant challenge continues to be our **Chronic Attendance** category, which currently sits at **11.75%**, more than double our target of **5%**. This remains an area of focus for the school. We will continue working closely with students, families, whānau, and external agencies where appropriate to identify barriers to attendance and support improved engagement in learning.

Overall, Week 6 attendance data shows that while we are successfully achieving our goal for Regular Attendance, continued effort is needed to reduce the number of students in the Moderate and Chronic Attendance categories. Every day at school matters, and together we can ensure our students maximise the opportunities available to them through regular attendance.

Taupō Intermediate School Attendance Team

BOARD CORNER

TAUPO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
Board Mid-Term Parent Election 2027
Nomination Round

Our school will be holding a mid-term parent election to fill two School Board vacancies. The election process will begin with nomination emails being sent to our parent and caregiver community by Friday 5 February 2027.

The current Board has appointed Election Pilot as the Returning Officer for this election, which will be conducted online. Election Pilot has been assisting schools with elections for over 22 years and has been the only election provider accredited by the Ministry of Education to provide online election services since online school board elections began in 2022.

Nomination and voting forms will be sent directly to all eligible voters by email from Election Pilot. If we do not have an email address for you, nomination and voting papers will be sent by post to ensure everyone has the opportunity to participate.

School Board elections must be conducted in accordance with the Education and Training Act 2020 and the Education (Board Elections) Regulations 2022. Your name and contact details have been provided to Schooled Election Pilot to enable it to provide election services for our school, as required by legislation.

Your contact details will only be used for the provision of election services for our school and will be deleted 60 days after the election date, as required by legislation.

Nomination forms will also be available at the school office from 5th February 2027.
Nominations close at 12 noon on Wednesday 24 February 2027.

We look forward to your participation in this process.

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The SUPPORT HUB

2027 STUDENTS

We really enjoyed meeting all our future Year 7 students over the past few weeks. They came through the Support Hub and met a few key people and learnt what we can help with. Cathy and Kimmy were very popular.





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

BREAKFAST CLUB

A call for Volunteers for our Breakfast Club for 2027. Are you able to offer 45 minutes of your time in the morning to make toast and milo drinks for our students? If so, I would love to chat to you about it. Please email Rebecca on learningsupport@taupointermediate.co.nz

In relation to this, do you have a spare freezer lying around taking up space? We are on the lookout for a freezer to keep our bread and other supplies in for our Breakfast Club. Please let me know if you have one to donate

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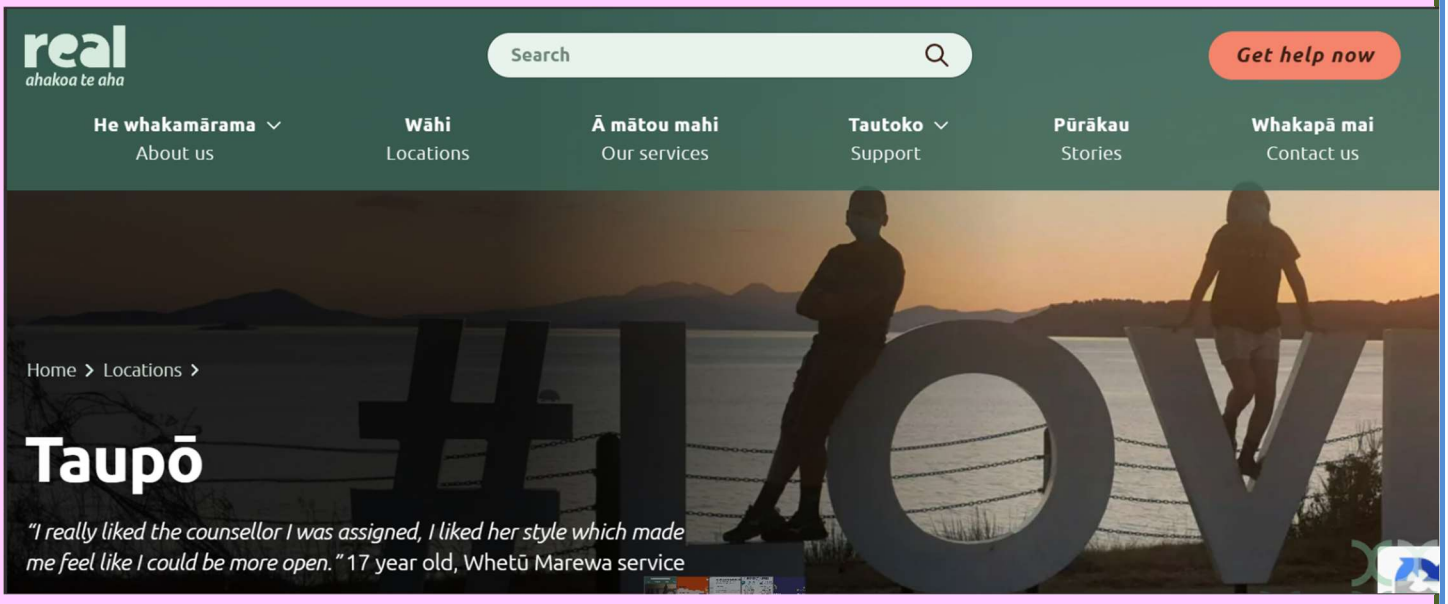
MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

As we wind down to the end of the year, if your child needs mental health support, please self-refer to:

Real https://www.real.org.nz/locations/taupo/ or

Anamata https://www.anamata.org.nz/

https://www.healthpoint.co.nz/public/psychiatry/infant-child-and-adolescent-mental-health/at/taupo-hospital/ for an iCAMHS self-referral



EMERGENCY NUMBERS

1. NEED SUPPORT ANYTIME

1737 – Need to Talk?

Call or text 1737 any time, day or night.

2. NEED SUPPORT (AGES 5–19)

What's Up? (5–19 years)

0800 942 8787

Free 24/7 support for young people.

3. IN CRISIS (LAKES AREA)

Lakes Mental Health Crisis Team

0800 166 167

Free 24/7 crisis support for the Lakes area.

4. IN DANGER OR IT IS AN EMERGENCY

111 – Emergency

Call 111 if it's an emergency or if you need help right away.

I AM IMPORTANT. I AM VALUED. I AM NOT ALONE.

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https://www.healthpoint.co.nz/public/psychiatry/infant-child-and-adolescent-mental-health/at/taupo-hospital/ for an iCAMHS self-referral

Health New Zealand
Te Whatu Ora

Contact Details

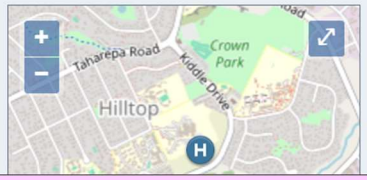
TAUPŌ HOSPITAL
Lakes

OPEN TODAY 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

PHONE (07) 376 1099

EMAIL
taupoicamhs@lakesdhb.govt.nz

WEBSITE www.lakesdhb.govt.nz/



Infant, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (iCAMHS) | Lakes

PUBLIC SERVICE, PSYCHIATRY, MENTAL HEALTH

Taupō Hospital

OPEN TODAY 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

iCAMHS is a community service that provides specialist advice, assessment, diagnosis and treatment for infants/pepi, children/tamariki and youth/rangatahi.

We have two iCAMHS teams – one based at the Childrens Health Hub, supporting the Rotorua community, and one based at Taupō Hospital, supporting the Southern Lakes community (Taupō, Tūrangi and Mangakino).



It's been another fantastic week for TIS Sport, with plenty of success, energy and opportunities for our students to get involved!

🏆 Taupō Inter-School Athletics Champions!

The big event this week was the **Taupō Inter-School Athletics Championships**, where a team of 25 TIS athletes competed and performed exceptionally well.
Our students showed some amazing individual performances, fantastic team camaraderie and great sportsmanship, supporting and encouraging each other throughout the day. We collected plenty of podium finishes and finished with an impressive **125 points to claim the overall championship title!**

A special shout-out to **Knox Short, Oliver Orozco, Jessica Rakei, Skye Conway and Tea Bosshart**, who all recorded multiple gold medal performances. What an outstanding effort!

Our relay teams were also flying, with both our girls and boys' teams taking convincing victories!
TIS Girls Relay Team: Jessica Rakei, India Prater, Kayla McKenna and Jade Hirst.
TIS Boys Relay Team: Knox Short, Tariq Campbell, Angus Tazewell and Kauri Kururangi.
Congratulations to all 25 athletes who proudly represented TIS. We are incredibly proud of your performances, attitude and team spirit!
Next up, our athletics team is preparing to travel to Tauranga for the **Super 11 Athletics Championships**. We wish them all the very best!

🏊 Super 11 Triathlon

Last week, our triathletes travelled to Gisborne to compete in the Super 11 Triathlon. **Jack Gibson** had an outstanding race, taking out the Year 8 Boys title and being crowned Super 11 Triathlon Champion! Teammate **Josh Speedy** also had a great race, finishing 9th in the Year 7 Boys competition.

Congratulations, boys, on some fantastic performances!

🏏 KiwiSport Cricket Coaching

Wednesday saw the start of our KiwiSport Cricket coaching sessions, with Josh from Taupō Cricket Club coming into school to work with our students. It was a very popular session, with lots of enthusiasm, skill development and fun!
It's great to see our students embracing these opportunities and trying new sports. Well done to all our athletes and sporting teams. Keep up the fantastic effort and enthusiasm!



ATHLETICS TEAM

























2026 Interschool Athletic results

			Name	Results
Year 7	**Shot put**	2nd	Jessica Rakei	
Year 7	**High Jump**	1st	Nia Simm	1.20m
Year 7	**Long Jump**	2nd	Jessica Rakei	3.72m
		3rd	Kayla McKenna	3.54m
Year 7	**Sprints**	1st	Jessica Rakei	14s 33
Year 7	**400m**	1st	Jessica Rakei	1m 14s 6
		3rd	Adelyn Pritchard	1m 18s 1
Year 7	**800m**	2nd	Adelyn Pritchard	3m 05s 7
		3rd	Nia Simm	3m 06s
Year 8	**Shot put**	1st	Isla Gilmer	
Year 8	**High Jump**	1st	Tea Bosshart	1.25m
Year 8	**Long Jump**	1st	Tea Bosshart	4.37m
		3rd	Isabella Sapsford	4.23m
Year 8	**Sprints**	1st	Jade Hirst	
		3rd	India Prater	
Year 8	**400m**	1st	Skye Conway	1m 13s 2
		3rd	Nyla Griggs	1m 14
Year 8	**800m**	1st	Skye Conway	3m 3s 8
		2nd	Nyla Griggs	3m 9s 2
Girls relay		1st	Taupo Intermediate	
		2nd	Hilltop School	
		3rd	Mountview School	

Year 7	**High Jump**	1st	Knox Short	1.29m
Year 7	**Long Jump**	2nd	Knox Short	3.98m
		3rd	Kian Thompson	3.83
Year 7	**Sprints**	1st	Knox Short	13s 79
	100m	2nd	Oliver Orozco	14s 23
Year 7	**400m**	1st	Oliver Orozco	1m 10s 9
		2nd	Knox Short	1m 11s 6
Year 7	**800m**	1st	Angus Tazewell	2m 50s 4
		2nd	Oliver Orozco	2m 52s 9
Year 8	**High Jump**	2nd	Kauri Kururangi	1.3
Year 8	**Long Jump**	3rd	Kauri Kururangi	4.34m
Year 8	**400m**	2nd	Ben Pridham	1m 6s 4
		3rd	Jack Gibson	1m 9s 7
Year 8	**800m**	3rd	Ben Pridham	2m 35s 7
Boys relay		1st	Taupo Intermediate	
		2nd	Hilltop School	
		3rd	Waitahanui School	

PE Newsletter

Term 4 – Week 6

Be Active
Have Fun
Give it a Go!

Swimming

Week 6 has seen our pool sessions in full swing!



NZTAG

NZTAG has been a hit with our students!

They love it so much, it's hard to get them to finish!

NZTAG



Lunchtime Sport

Our lunchtime sports has been tight, with classes winning by ***golden points!***

A Fun Finish for Our Year 8s!

As Term 4 flies by, it's important that we give our Year 8s the last few weeks of term something special — a ***fun and memorable*** experience to end the year!

A Few Reminders...

- With the warmer weather ***togs are a must*** for PE!
- Keep being active, respectful and supportive of your peers.

Let's finish Term 4 strong!

MAC & CHEESE MASTERS

Our budding chefs rolled up their sleeves in Food Tech last week to make classic Mac & Cheese from scratch. Students learned how to boil pasta, whisk together a smooth roux and transform it into a velvety cheese sauce—creating what was easily our messiest class of the term! Fortunately, the end result was an undeniable success and an instant crowd favourite.




































Act 2
SUMMER PROGRAMME
2027
LEARN, PRACTICE, AND PERFORM A SHOW IN A WEEK!
JUNIORS: 5-10 YEARS
JANUARY 11TH-15TH
SENIORS: 11-18 YEARS
JANUARY 18TH-22ND
JOIN US FOR A WEEK FULL OF ACTING, SINGING, DANCING, IMPROV, AND STAGE CRAFT AT OUR PERFORMANCE SCHOOL

ROOM ONE - POETRY

This term, Room 1 has been exploring the wonderful world of poetry, with a particular focus on using metaphors to bring our writing to life. We began by looking at Iain Sharp's poem 'I Am Iain Sharp', which inspired us to think about how we can describe ourselves in creative and imaginative ways.

The students explored how metaphors allow us to compare ourselves to something else, without using the words 'like' or 'as'. We thought about how we might describe our personalities, interests, strengths and feelings through imaginative comparisons.

Also, as part of our poetry unit, we have been exploring a fun and creative poetry technique called Hello, Goodbye. This style of poetry encourages students to play with contrasting ideas, words and feelings, using the structure of hello and goodbye to express different thoughts and perspectives.

I am Harroop

Harroop is a sharp graphite pencil
its point mid-sketch,
leaving a sudden heavy mark.

Harroop is a silent room,
waiting for a crowd to walk in.

Harroop is a wet watercolour wash,
bleeding past the borders of the page.

Whenever I peep into the mirror
Harroop frowns back at me,
It's terrifying.

Harroop is a sudden shout in an empty hall.

Harroop is like a gallery closing after hours.

Harroop is letters wrenched from the sikh alphabet

Look there and there!
Bits of bright confetti blow
from an eraser to a sketchbook.
I rub and blow them away with my hands.

They are Harroop.

Hello-Goodbye

Hello Surron,
Goodbye Kukurin.

Hello dirty, dusty,offroad trails,
Goodbye boring concrete streets.

Hello knee knocker combos,
Goodbye lame one handers.

Hello intense torque,
Goodbye limited top speed.

Hello crazy burnouts,
Goodbye polishing green grass.

Hello comfortable long seat,
Goodbye painful standing.

Hello new bike,
Goodbye old scooter.

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
	Thurs 19 Nov	Boys & Girls Class Assessments
WEEK 7	Mon 23 Nov	Tu Rangatira Multi-Day Journey
	Tue 24 Nov	Tu Rangatira Multi-Day Journey
	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	**Finish at 12.00pm** **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

THINKING | INVOLVEMENT | SHOWING RESPECT