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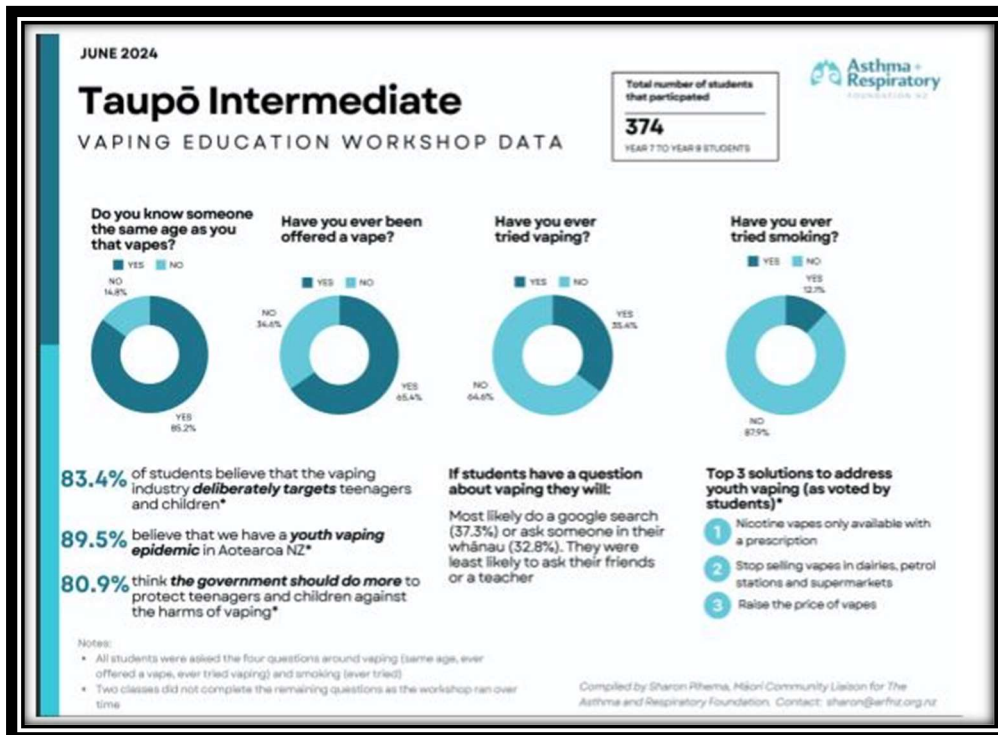
**Date: Thursday 27th June 2024**

**Dear parents, caregivers, students, families, and the wider community.  
E nga mātua, e nga kaitiaki, e nga taurira, e nga whānau, me te iwi whānui.**

Thank you to all the parents, caregivers and whanau that completed our 'Whanau Survey' during our Learning Conference evenings and throughout the last week online. The Board and the Leadership Team are thankful for your input to assist with future planning for Taupō Intermediate School.

Congratulations to all our students that received bronze and silver Bevan Docherty, Donovan Bixley and Principal Awards at this week's assembly. Special congratulations to Lizzie Hart, Tidus Hooper and Natasha Birchall for receiving their Donovan Bixley gold medals and Sam Mackintosh for receiving his principal's gold medal. Thank you to all the parents, caregivers and whanau that attended our assembly to celebrate their child's success. We are very proud of the achievements and how they embrace the TIS Way.

During term two we were very fortunate to have Sharon Pihema from the Asthma and Respiratory Foundation NZ working with our students related to vaping. As we are all aware this is not just a school concern, but a community/society issue that we are facing at present. While in classes Sharon conducted a survey amongst the students and our school data is very similar to other schools. Since Sharon's visit earlier this term, there has been a press release that Quitline are now accepting teens and children who want support to quit vaping. No minimum age for support – they are keen to help all ages with quitting vaping (and not dependent on if they've smoked previously either). This is a real positive as vaping continues to increase amongst teens.



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*"Make a positive difference through the T.I.S way"*

**Attendance Weekly Update: (Aiming for 90% attendance rate)**

Week 2 Year to Date = 88.2% Present, 9.1% Justified Absences and 2.7 % Unjustified Absences.

Week 3 Year to Date = 88.1% Present, 9.2% Justified Absences and 2.7 % Unjustified Absences

Week 4 Year to Date = 88.1% Present, 9.2% Justified Absences and 2.7 % Unjustified Absences

Week 5 Year to Date = 88.1% Present, 9.3% Justified Absences and 2.6 % Unjustified Absences

Week 6 Year to Date = 88.1% Present, 9.3% Justified Absences and 2.6 % Unjustified Absences

Week 7 Year to Date = 88.2% Present, 9.3% Justified Absences and 2.5 % Unjustified Absences

Week 8 Year to Date = 88.0% Present, 9.3% Justified Absences and 2.7 % Unjustified Absences

Week 9 Year to Date = 88.0% Present, 9.3% Justified Absences and 2.7 % Unjustified Absences

*Thank you for placing importance on your child's attendance and education and ensuring that they are regularly attending TIS every day. Your support is much appreciated*

# **T.I.S. EVENTS**

# **CALENDAR**



## **Term Two 2024**



<b>Week</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>1</b>	29/4	30/4	1/5 T-Ball Festival Crown Park	2/5 EPRO 8 Internal Series	3/5 Super 11 Golf Te Puke EPRO 8 Internal Series
<b>2</b>	6/5	7/5	8/5	9/5	10/5
<b>3</b>	13/5	14/5	15/5	16/5	17/5 Pink Shirt day
<b>4</b>	20/5 Rugby League Workshop	21/5 Rugby League Workshop	22/5 Rugby League Workshop	23/5 Rugby League Workshop	24/5
<b>5</b>	27/5	28/5	29/5	30/5	31/5 Teacher Only Day / No School
<b>6</b>	3/6 King's Birthday (Public Holiday) 	4/6	5/6	6/6 EPRO 8 Challenge	7/6 Super 11 Mountain Biking- Rotorua Greening Taupo Day
<b>7</b>	10/6	11/6	12/6	13/6	14/6 Mid Year Reports sent home
<b>8</b>	17/6	18/6 Vaccine Clinic for Boostrix All Year 7's	19/6 Interschools Swimming Student/Parent Conference's	20/6 Student/Parent Conference's	21/6 Super 11 League- Rotorua
<b>9</b>	24/6	25/6	26/6	27/6	28/6 Matariki (Public Holiday) 
<b>10</b>	1/7	2/7 Rippa Rugby Kiwi Taster	3/7 Orienteering Big Day Out- Spa Park	4/7 Super 11 Rock Wall-Taupo Rippa Rugby Kiwi Taster	5/7 Last Day of Term Two

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# SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS 2024



This week and last, saw the return of the annual science fair. Students have been working very hard on their science or technology investigations and I would like to acknowledge their hard work and their enthusiasm. I wish I could give prizes to you all.

Many parents visited the fair during the parent teacher evenings on Wednesday and Thursday nights, and on Monday night we held an open evening. Thank you all so much for coming and showing your interest in science in our school. We also asked parents to vote for what they thought were the best exhibits for the People's Choice Award.

**Congratulations to all the winners, it was very hard to choose!**

## Technology

1st place Year 8 Ashton McKenna (Room 24) – Life Line

1st place Year 7 Isla Dearlove & Juno DePaauw (Room 9) – Moisture Mask

## People's choice awards

1st place Riley Christie (Room 8) – Coke-ano

2nd place Hana Thompson, Laila Te Whare, Taylor Stafford (Room 21) – Is natural best?

# **SCIENCE FAIR** **WINNERS 2024**

## **Year 7 Science**

1st place Carys Mackintosh (Room 22) – Pest into produce

2nd place Ginevieve Gibson (Room 9) – Omellettin it float

3rd place Isla Morrell (Room 9) - Bloom

Highly commended Eva Higgie (Room 9 – Prolonged petals

Chloe Marshall (Room 9) – Dirty driers

Lola Bradley (Room 23) – Watching a device vs reading before bed

Cohen Messenger & Eva Mackintosh (Room 23) – The science of yeast and sugar

Lily Te Heuheu & Manaia Docherty-Olsen (Room 23) – Healthy gummy bears

Pippa Darvill & Zoe Pearce (Room 4) – Exploring water

## **Year 8 Science**

1st place Evie Ross (Room 24) – Holy shoot there's power in fruit

2nd place Levi Woods (Room 24) – Exercise & the human heart

3rd equal Amy Holdsworth (Room 3) – The rising of the muffin

Johan Richards (Room 2) – Flat panel speaker material testing

Hana Thompson, Laila Te Whare, Taylor Stafford (Room 21) – Is natural best?

## **Highly commended**

Avery Way-Ferguson (Room 24) – Orange you glad for vitamin C

Louie Coombes (Room 24) – Battle of the bubbles

Nathan Eveleigh (Room 8) – Baking Biz

Aynsley Millar & Chloe Hayes (Room 7) – Lip gloss

Tazmyn McLean (Room 3) – Does spinach grow better under different lights?

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## Board Matters

The role of the Board is to oversee the governance of its school and to ensure that everything that needs to be done gets done – legally, ethically, and as well as possible in the best interests of the school and its students.

In its last meeting, held on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024, the board discussed and considered the following matters:

- Education Review Office (ERO) – response to the unconfirmed reports submitted to the board by ERO following review of the school
- Proposed enrolment scheme for Taupō Intermediate School
  - Impacts of potential school zones for Taupō secondary schools
- School attendance – meeting and exceeding Ministry of Education (MoE) guidelines for school attendance
- Board assurance documents – policies & procedures being updated using the School Docs platform
- Finance, property and policy updates
- NZAIMS Games – applications have been submitted for 2025 games
- Project: MoE approval given for electrical upgrade in the school
- Project: MoE approval for exterior replacements of cladding & soffits
- Project: Outdoor turf canopy – work is again underway to complete this project
- Project: Awaiting MoE approval for roofing replacement

We acknowledge the work of all Taupō Intermediate staff, but special acknowledgement is given to the principal, Mr Woods, who has shown tireless dedication to building an exceptional school environment.

It was great to walk through the science fair held in the school hall and see the amazing talents of our students on display. The student leaders looked great and provided awesome engagement.

### Taupō Intermediate School Board Members:

Jason Clarke (Presiding Member), Chris Berriman, Deanne Parkes, Brad Graham, Chris Te Whare, Debi Woodward (Teacher Rep) & Brent Woods (Principal),

### Next Scheduled Board Meeting:

Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> August 2024



On Friday 21st, selected boys & girls travelled to Rotorua for a Super 11 Rugby League Tournament. Both teams played well. The girls made it to semi-finals, and the boys coming 5<sup>th</sup>. Thankyou to all the parents and teachers involved. Isaac and Andrew





# **T.I.S. SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR NEWS**

## **Rugby League Teams Shine at Super 11 in Rotorua**

Our rugby league teams had a fantastic day out at the Super 11 in Rotorua last Friday. The girls' team made it all the way to the Semi-Final, showcasing their exceptional skills and determination. The boys' team also put in a strong performance, finishing in 5th place, just missing the semi's by one point. Well done to both teams for their hard work and achievements! Thank you to all parents and staff who made this day a great success.

## **Orienteering Training at Spa Park**

The orienteering training sessions at Spa Park have been in full swing. With lots of participants honing their skills, it's been a fantastic preparation for the upcoming Big O Orienteering Day Out on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. There's one more training session on Monday before the event on Wednesday. Make sure your student attends and give it their all!

With the success of the Orienteering training, I plan to move these sessions to Cross Country training. So as of Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, we will be going up to Spa Park to practice on the Cross-Country course. Whether your child likes to run for fitness, fun or socially they will have that opportunity,

## **Upcoming Events**

It may be the last week of the term, but we still have a full-on week

- **Rippa Rugby Tasters:** On Tuesday, we have the Kings Country Rugby coming in to deliver Rippa Rugby Sessions to the whole school. This is a great opportunity to learn and enjoy the game. We have the big Taupo Rippa Rugby Tournament in Week 9 of Term 3. So be great to have as many teams as possible entered for that.
- **Super 11 Rock Climbing Championships:** We are thrilled to host the Super 11 Rock Climbing Championships here in Taupo. It's going to be an exciting event, showcasing some amazing talent. Best of luck to all the participants!

**Thank you for your continued support and Happy Matariki.**

# TIS TUCK SHOP

## KRISTIE'S KAI

**MORNING TEA BREAK – BUY ITEMS AT TUCKSHOP WINDOW**

**LUNCH TIME BREAK – Lunch orders in by 9am in the morning on the day.**

**FRIDAY SPECIALS – Students to listen out to the morning news.**



## ✦ T.I.S Breakfast Club ✦

Breakfast club will be starting at the beginning of Term 3

We will have Weetbix available every morning from 8 - 8.30am in the hall.

We have some amazing class leaders and teachers ready to support in the mornings, if you'd like to help out, let us know!



## T.I.S. UNIFORM IMPORTANT

- \* All clothes must be clearly named and looked after.
- \* No make-up or nail polish to be worn.
- \* Jewellery. One piece of jewellery may be worn apart from one pair of studs/sleepers for pierced ears.
- \* Nose-studs, eyebrow studs, tongue studs or any other body piercing are not permitted at school.
- \* Plain Navy-Blue Beanies / scarves may be worn in winter.
- \* There is no need to experiment with outrageous hair colouring – 'au natural'.

**\* BE PROUD OF WHO WE ARE \***

# Uniform

Students are expected to wear and have their full uniform to begin school here at Taupo Intermediate.

It is to be worn with pride and a high standard is important. Formal Uniforms (pictured below) and sports tracksuits are provided to students who represent our school and must be returned clean and tidy after use.



## ALL UNIFORM ITEMS WILL HAVE THE TAUPO INTERMEDIATE LOGO:

- Jersey – Navy Woolen (Optional)**
- Polar Fleece– Royal Blue & Navy**
- Polo shirt – White with Navy Trim**
- School Socks – Boys–Royal Blue/white stripes**
- Boy's Shorts – Dark Navy**
- Girl's Skort – Dark Navy**

**Plain Navy Blue Trackpants: (available from – Brand fuel)** Optional for winter – choice of straight or gathered leg at ankle. (No logos or snap-pants) N.B. Black is not allowed.

**Footwear:** Plain Black Shoes or Black Leather Roman Sandals – Back strap worn done up (**N.B. Toe covered shoes must be worn in all technology classes – this is a requirement from OSH.**)

**Socks:** Girls–White ankle socks (worn with shoes, not sandals). Black Stockings optional for winter. Boys–Navy School socks (worn pulled up).

**Sun smart Hats/ Caps –** your appropriate choice worn correctly, no logos.