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**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.**

As mentioned in previous newsletters, I am very excited about the teaching and learning happening in our classrooms this year. Most classes have settled well into their weekly timetables, systems, and structures. Teachers, learning assistants, and students are building positive, learning-focused relationships, which is evident throughout the school.

At the beginning of the week, we welcomed Mrs. Shivani Chand to Room 7. She is an experienced teacher who will undoubtedly make a significant impact on her students' learning and progress. Her passion for making a difference in our students' lives and embodying the TIS values is truly inspiring. We also welcomed Mrs. Victoria Reeve to our teaching team on Wednesday. Mrs. Reeve will be working alongside our staff, providing additional induction support to new teachers, supporting beginning teachers, and assisting with classroom release time when needed. We are thrilled to have both join the TIS team for 2025 and beyond.

While the term has started extremely well in the classrooms, some challenges have arisen outside the classroom as students adjust to TIS and our expectations based on the TIS Way (Thinking, Involvement & Showing Respect). We have encountered a few behavioural incidents involving a small group of students, some of whom were previously identified in their primary schools. Over the past two weeks, I have been in discussions with the Ministry of Education, Police, and external agencies to explore ways to support these students moving forward. The Leadership Team has been actively working with these students and their families to address these behaviours. Unfortunately, even a small percentage of students displaying inappropriate behaviour can impact the culture and reputation of the school. We appreciate the support of parents and caregivers in reinforcing positive behaviour expectations at home.

On a more positive note, it is wonderful to see our Student Leaders stepping up and serving as excellent role models in their classes and around the school. This week, our Class Leaders are being confirmed, and we will acknowledge them at next week's assembly. Additionally, our Class Leaders will have the exciting opportunity to attend the upcoming Papamoa Leadership Camp and collaborate with the Taupō Nui-a-Tia College Year 12 PE students on March 20-21. At TIS, we believe in fostering young leaders, and in the coming weeks, we will continue to expand our leadership team by selecting our Sports Leaders, School Librarians, and School IT Leaders.

Congratulations to all our students who are embracing the TIS Way and making a fantastic start to 2025. I am thoroughly enjoying the positive culture this year and the opportunity to engage with students in their classrooms and in the playground. This is our school, and together, we can all be leaders by supporting and encouraging those around us with friendly reminders when needed!

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

THE SUPPORT HUB



Twice a week we take two groups of students to **RFD (Riding for Development)** on Poihipi Road. This week was about building relationships and trust with their horses. The students had to complete challenges and some strengthened bonds through brushing and washing after their ride.

RFD are looking for volunteers to support students from all our schools who attend their programme. If you are willing to help them out for one morning a week, they would be very appreciative. Please contact the school if you would like further information learningsupport@taupointermediate.co.nz



Every morning from 815am until 850am, our **Breakfast club** is up and running in the school hall. The children can come in, set up the space with chairs and tables, get a hot milo or weetbix before starting their day. We would value donations of milo, long life milk, weetbix or parent support to continue this initiative.



Young Pioneers has started this week.

This session was a tour of the grounds and getting to know where they will be building, creating and how to look after the chickens.

VALENTINES DAY

Students in Materials Technology enjoyed learning to hand sew to make a Valentine's heart for somebody they love and appreciate. They were proud of their achievements and enjoyed gifting them to their whanau.



TAUPO INTERMEDIATE ROCK BAND

Auditions for the first Rock band this year are in full swing. After two days auditioning vocalists it was apparent that it was going to be a very hard decision. The standard of vocalist we have at the school is amazing. Unfortunately there were only four places available. Auditions for other positions are now ongoing.

Congratulations to the first four members of the band.

Eva Mackintosh, Aaliya Singh, Sammy Petrie and Chloe Marshall.





T.I.S. SPORTS

CO-ORDINATOR NEWS

A huge congratulations to all students who took part in the **Across the Lake Swim** and **Ironkidz** over the weekend! It was fantastic to see so many of them stepping out of their comfort zone and challenging themselves in these events.

Across the Lake Swim Results:

🏆 **1km Swim** – **Lola Bradley** (1st), **Kauri Crabb** (4th), **Jack Simpson** (4th - Males)

🏆 **2km Swim** – **Ella Newth** (3rd)

Ironkidz Results:

🏆 **Lola Bradley** (1st – Elite Females)

🏆 **Kiara Bullock** (2nd – Elite Females)

🏆 **Pablo Stewart** (3rd – Elite Males)

A special congratulations to **Flynn Robinson**, who received the **Superstars/Sportsmanship Award** at Ironkidz. After crashing and knocking down a marshal while taking a corner at speed, Flynn showed true **TIS values** by ensuring the marshal was okay before adjusting his bike and finishing the race. A well-deserved recognition!

A big shoutout as well to all the **Year 7 netballers** who took part in the Taupō **Netball Workshop**—I hear there's some serious talent on the court! The **Year 8's** also kicked off their pre-season training this week, which looked tough but will surely get them in great shape for the season ahead.

Upcoming Sports

☑ **Ki-O-Rahi** – Teams will be posted on Monday. Thank you to the parents who volunteered as team managers!

☑ **Hockey** – Sign-ups are complete, and trial dates will be confirmed soon.

☑ **Basketball & Girls Cricket** – More details to come.

☑ **Year 7 Netball Trials** – Next week on **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday**.

Please complete the form regarding your child's **position preferences and playing experience** before trials. (Year 8 Trials, week 6)

Looking forward to another exciting term of sport at TIS!

TIS SPORTS NEWS

Upcoming Sporting Events

Date	Event	Venue
Saturday 22nd february	Across The Lake Swim	Taupo
Sunday 23rd February	Ironkidz Triathlon	Taupo
Mon 3rd/5th/7th March	Year 7 Netball Trials	School
Mon 10th/14th/17th March	Year 8 Netball Trials	School
Sat/Sun 22nd/23rd February	Year 7 Netball Workshop	Taupo Netball Centre
Wednesday 12th March	Ki-O-Rahi	Crown Park
Wednesday 12th March	Mountain Biking	Te Miro
Wed/Thurs 14th March	Central Plateau Equestrian	Reporoa
Thursday 20th March		
Friday 21st March	SBOP Golf Day	Taupo
Friay 6th April	Super 11 Swimming	Rotorua
Saturday 26th April	Touch Rugby	Rotorua
	Craters Mountain Bike Event	Taupo

Flynn Robertson winner of the Superstar/Sportsmanship Award at Ironkidz



Pre season training for year 8 netballers

T.I.S TUCK SHOP KRISTIE'S KAI

MORNING TEA BREAK 11-11.30am– Buy Items at the Tuckshop directly

LUNCH TIME BREAK –1.30pm-2pm – Buy Items at the Tuckshop directly

SUSHI SPECIALS – Order between 8.45am-9am

at the Tuckshop directly



NB: Please note there is no longer any pre ordering of any lunch orders in classrooms (Please download our School HERO app to view the Tuckshop Menu)



GUITAR LESSONS

(Subject to interest)

Guitar lessons may be available at school soon. These would be through a private tutor and there would be a cost associated with this, but would be done during school time on a Friday.

To find out whether there is enough interest within our school I am asking for those parents that might be interested in signing up their child to remind them to take notice of the morning news for details on how to sign up.

If enough interest is shown then we will be able to make this an option for this year.

Jon Wood - T.I.C Music



TUTORING CLASSES WITH DONNA SHAW

Monday 3pm-4pm

Starting from the 10th March

Limited numbers. Cost \$20

(Call Donna on 027-711-3082)



SCIENCE

In Science, students have been learning about Forces and their effects on different objects. This week, the students have been investigating gravity and have enjoyed making parachutes of different sizes and testing the effects of air resistance. They have climbed our confidence course so they could drop their parachutes from a decent height and have been measuring the time the parachutes take to fall. Here are a couple of photos of Room 24 in action!

