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

Nau mai, nau mai! Welcome, welcome, welcome!

Can you believe we're already in February, with the festive season now a distant memory? Time is flying! A huge thank you to all the parents, caregivers, and families who attended the pōwhiri this week. Special recognition to Taylor-Marie White & Harper Hornsey for their karanga, and to Kruze Stewart for his whaikōrero on behalf of the manuhiri. A heartfelt thank you also to Charles for his whaikōrero, and to Waimaria and Nikki for leading and supporting the tangata whenua throughout the pōwhiri. Your contributions made this a truly special and meaningful occasion.

We also extend a warm welcome to our new staff members:

- Michelle Patterson (Deputy Principal)
- Zoe Fletcher (Room 1 Teacher)
- Kelly Rangihika (Room 5 Teacher)
- Pamela Clydesdale (Team Leader & Room 8 Teacher)
- Courtney Warren (Learning Assistant)
- Karen Officer (Learning Assistant)

We're thrilled to have you join our TIS whānau! Over the next few weeks, we'll also be welcoming the remaining members of our teaching team:

- Averil D'Souza (Room 6 Teacher)
- Shivani Chand (Room 7 Teacher)
- Kriza Cruz (Room 10 Teacher)

We look forward to having our full teaching team in place and working together to strive for excellence in teaching and learning.

Finally, a big thank you to all our Year 7 and 8 students for making such a fantastic start to 2025! It has been inspiring to walk through the classrooms and around the school, feeling the energy and positive vibe.

Congratulations on setting the right tone from day one - we're excited for a great year ahead!

**Ngā mihi
Brent Woods
Principal/Tumuaki**



T.I.S. SPORTS

CO-ORDINATOR NEWS

TIS Sports Bulletin – Term 1

Welcome back, everyone! I hope you all had a fantastic holiday and are ready to get active and back into school sport. We have a packed term ahead with plenty of opportunities for students to get involved.

Term 1 Sports & Events

This term, we have some exciting activities lined up, including:

- ✔ **KiwiSport** – Featuring **Ki-O-Rahi** and a **Girls' Cricket Tournament**
- ✔ **Super 11 Competitions** – **Swimming & Touch Tournaments**
- ✔ **Local Iconic Events** – **Across the Lake Swim, Ironkidz and Kinloch Triathlon**
- ✔ **TIS Swimming Sports** – A thrilling new **house-based** competition format!

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During the break our TIS athletes were in action at the Colgate Athletics Championships, the Mountain Biking NZ National Series and BMX Oceania BMX Championships where one of our new year 7's Kahlia Crocker placed 9th in the Year 11 Girls !

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Registering for School Sports

To sign your child up for sports, students should first check the morning news for sign-up details and visit the sports office to register their interest. Once sign-ups are noted, a letter and permission slip outlining the event details will be sent via the HERO app. Parents are required to complete the form online and submit it directly to the sports coordinator. Please ensure forms are returned promptly to confirm participation.

Parent Support Needed

For many of our tournaments and team sports, we rely on **parent support** for coaching and managing teams. A **Parent Survey** will be sent out soon to gather interest and availability—your help is greatly appreciated!

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Upcoming Events

Looking forward to an awesome term of sport at TIS! Here is a heads up for your calendars

Friday 21st February - TIS Swimming School Sports

Saturday 22nd February - Across the lake Swim (Please enter online at www.acrossthelakeswim.co.nz)

Sunday 23rd February - Ironkidz (Please enter online at www.ironkidz.com)

Sat 22nd/23rd February - Year 7 Netball Development Workshop (Taupo Netball Centre) (All students wanting to be considered for the top TIS teams it would be great if could attend this awesome workshop.)

Wednesday 12th March - Kiwi Sport - Ki-O-Rahi (Crown Park)

Wednesday 12th March - BOP/Waikato Mountain Biking Champs (Te Miro)

Friday 21st March - Super 11 Swimming (Rotorua)

Friday 4th April - Super 11 Touch (Rotorua)

Wednesday 9th April - Kiwi Sport - SuperSmash Cricket Festival

TIS SPORTS NEWS



Taupo Hockey 2025

Nau mai ki te tākaro



MINI HOCKEY

- Years 2, 3 & 4
- 10 week competition beginning Friday 9th of May & concludes Friday 8th of August
- Weekly games played between 3:30pm – 4:34pm
- Cost is \$70 per player

MAXI HOCKEY

Players each need a hockey stick, shin pads, sneakers & mouth guard

- Years 5 & 6
- 12 week competition beginning Friday 9th of May & concludes Friday the 22nd of August
- Weekly games played between 4:45pm – 8:00pm
- Cost is \$90 per player

INTERMEDIATE HOCKEY

- Year 7 & 8
- 14 week competition beginning Wednesday 7th May & concludes Wednesday 20th of August
- Weekly games played between 3:45pm – 7:15pm
- Cost is \$110 per player

Registrations are through your school and children play in a school team





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

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

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NB: Please note there is no longer any pre ordering of any lunch orders in classrooms

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TRI KIDS TRAINING

An opportunity for children to learn the basics of triathlon. For children aged 7 - 15 years old. Get the best preparation for school triathlons, Ironkidz or the Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRyathlon.

SATURDAY 15 FEBRUARY | 9AM - 11.30AM

Improve swim technique, gain bike confidence, and other running and training tips, including transitions. The training is for beginners and priority given to students who haven't attended previously.

LIMITED TO FIRST 20 REGISTRATIONS



FREE

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Join the Kids Greening Taupō 2025 Team!



Applications are open now for this year's Student Leadership Teams.

If you are aged 7-18, love getting out in nature, and want to make a difference to our environment, apply now!

We're excited to be offering a new programme for high school students this year.

See the Kids Greening Taupō Facebook page or Greening News on our website for more information.



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