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

It has been wonderful to witness the positive impact our composite Year 7/8 classes are having on the school culture. The classes have been settled, and students are actively engaging in their learning. Our Year 8 students have embraced the challenge of stepping up as leaders, supporting the Year 7 students as they transition into Taupō Intermediate School.

This week, we bid farewell to Mrs. Megan Chapman (Deputy Principal), who has resigned from her position following her maternity leave. We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the fantastic work Megan has done over the past five years at Taupō Intermediate. She played a key role in leading many positive changes and initiatives during her tenure. Megan's commitment to the school and community is a testament to her dedication to the teaching profession and her passion for making a difference. We wish her all the best in her future educational endeavours and a joyful maternity period.

We are also excited to welcome Mrs. Averil D'Souza to Room 6 and our TIS teaching team this week. Mrs. D'Souza brings a wealth of experience in early childhood and primary education. We recognize that starting at a new school can be challenging for both teachers and students, and we will provide additional support to ensure a smooth transition for Mrs. D'Souza and her class.

In the coming weeks, we look forward to welcoming Mrs. Shivani Chand (Room 7) and Ms. Kriza Cruz (Room 10) once they fulfil their current employment commitments. We understand that this staggered start is not ideal, but we greatly appreciate the support of our experienced relief teachers, who have been guiding these classes since the beginning of the term.

Finally, we kindly ask all parents, caregivers, and family members to download the HERO app. This is our primary means of communication regarding your child's school updates, absences, and important news. The app provides an easy and convenient way to stay connected with everything happening at Taupō Intermediate.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Ngā mihi
Brent Woods
Principal/Tumuaki**

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



T.I.S. SPORTS

CO-ORDINATOR NEWS

TIS Sports Bulletin Rod Dixon Marathon Presentation


It was fantastic to see so many students attend the **Rod Dixon Marathon Presentation** on Thursday. They had the incredible opportunity to hold his **1972 Olympic Bronze Medal** and ask some great questions. As a school, we are excited to be part of the **Taupō Marathon Programme** he has set up— what an inspiring experience for our young athletes!


Swimming Sports - Friday, 21st February (POSTPONED TILL FURTHER NOTICE)

Friday, we look forward to an exciting day of swimming at our **Swimming Sports**. There will be **competitive events** (25m & 50m in Freestyle, Backstroke, and Breaststroke) as well as **six fun house relays** for non-competitive swimmers. This is our first **Inter-House Competition** of the year, and we encourage all students to get involved!

Year 7 Netball Workshop & Trials

The **Taupō Netball Centre** is holding a **two-day workshop** next weekend (**22nd & 23rd February**) at the **Owen Delaney Netball Courts** to introduce Year 7 players to the 7-a-side game and develop their skills. This is a great opportunity for players who are keen to trial for the **TIS Netball Team**, as selectors will be watching.

 **Year 7 Netball Trials:** Monday, 3rd March Wednesday, 5th March
Call-back night: Friday, 7th March

 **Year 8 Netball Trials (Week 6):** Monday, 10th March, Friday, 14th March,
Call-back night: Monday, 17th March

KiwiSport - Ki-O-Rahi Tasters & Tournament

Next week, **KiwiSport** will be delivering **Ki-O-Rahi taster sessions** to all classes, giving students a chance to try out this exciting traditional Māori game. Sign-ups will also open for the **Ki-O-Rahi Tournament on Wednesday, 12th March**. Any parent help or support for this event would be greatly appreciated!

Looking forward to a great few weeks of sport at TIS! 🎉👊

Upcoming Events

Saturday 22nd February - Across the lake Swim (Please enter online.)

Sunday 23rd February - Ironkidz (Please enter online at www.ironkidz.com Sat 22nd/23rd February -
Year 7 Netball Development Workshop (Taupo Netball Centre)

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 PHOTOS



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Te Whatu Ora
Health New Zealand
Lakes

Tēnā koe,

We visited your child's school today to provide information about immunisation. We have sent home a consent form with your child today. We kindly ask that you complete the form, indicating your consent or non-consent for immunisation given at school.

Year 7 students will receive the Boostrix vaccine, while Year 8 students will receive the HPV vaccine.

For more information on school-based immunisation, please refer to the links provided below.

Video Y7 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zq3BB-LPQs0>

Video Y8 <https://youtu.be/pG0cif8nW90>

Please return the completed form to the school within one week. If we do not receive it, we will follow up with a phone call or home visit to ensure every child has the opportunity to receive their immunisation at school.

Ngā mihi maioha

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To Parents/Guardians of Taupo Intermediate School students

Now that your child is attending Taupo Intermediate School their dental appointments are taken care of at the Taupo Hospital Dental Clinic. Children are called over from school in small groups for an initial exam appointment.

They will come home with a form to let you know what (if any) treatment needs to be done. These forms need to be filled out and returned to the school office as soon as possible.

Year 8 students will also bring home a second form to be completed as from year 9, they will be transferred into the care of a Dentist in town of your choice. This service is still free until they are 18 years of age.

KIDS BIZ

TAUPO SALVATION ARMY
2 KIDDLE DRIVE
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MONTHLY SOCIAL
ACTIVITIES AIMED AT
PRIMARY SCHOOL AGES
CHILDREN



**SLIP and SLIDE
kickball**

**SATURDAY 1ST MARCH
4PM TILL 6PM**

COME TRY SLIP-AND-SLIDE KICKBALL
(BRING A TOWEL AND CHANGE OF
CLOTHES) AFTERWARDS (2.30PM)
SHARE SOME KAI WITH ALL THE
WHĀNAU \$5PP

THE SALVATION ARMY

Te Ope Whānaua

T.I.S. UNIFORM

UNIFORM REMINDER

All students are to wear covered shoes to Technology classes.
Parents please remind students of their Tech days.
NO Hoodies are to be worn at school.

Taupo Intermediate School Uniform

- Boys shorts \$30
- Girls Skort \$32
- Polo \$25
- Jersey \$80
- Track pants \$40
- P.E T-shirt \$30
- P.E Shorts \$25
- Polar Fleece \$58
- Boys Socks \$11
- Cap \$15
- Bucket hat \$17
- Jacket \$70
- Roman Sandal \$60



Footwear: Plain Black shoes or Roman sandals are required.

Please purchase directly through Brand Fuel.

32 Oranui Street Taupo
Ph: 378 1160
After hours: 0274 521 455
Hours: 8:30am – 4:00pm
Monday – Friday



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)




Young Explorers Camp

NGAMUWAHINE LODGE

BOOK NOW **14th-17th April, 2025**

We have an amazing week lined up with bush walks, archery, air rifle, fire building and cooking, hut building, high rope activities, swimming, eeling, night activities and much more!

- Pick-up/Drop off available from Hamilton, Tauranga & NOW Auckland
- Suitable for 7-13 years old
- OSCAR Subsidy available
- Ngamuwahine Lodge is set in the Kaimai Ranges (off SH29) in the beautiful Bay of Plenty

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Mon-Thu

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WEEK ONE OF THE APRIL HOLIDAYS!

T.I.S SCHOOL BUS SAFETY



SCHOOL BUS SAFETY TIPS

The school bus is one of the safest ways to travel.
 To keep your children safe, please follow these steps when picking up or dropping off students at the bus stop and teach them about staying safe.

FOR PARENTS

If you pick up or drop off children at the bus stop:

- Wait on the same side of the road as the bus stop, where safely possible.
- Park your car well away from the bus stop or other children.
- Teach children about safe bus behaviour and practice it with them.
- Encourage children to wait quietly at the stop and to keep away from the road.

If your children make their own way to and from the bus stop:

- Teach and walk your child along the safest route.
- Choose the route with the fewest road crossings and least traffic.
- If they have to cross the road after getting off the bus, teach them to wait until the bus has moved away and they can see up and down the road clearly.
- Dress them in brightly-coloured or reflectorised clothing that can be easily seen by drivers.
- You could also encourage your school to establish a bus warden system.

FOR CHILDREN

Waiting for the bus:

- Wait at the nominated bus stop.
- Keep well away from the road edge.
- Wait quietly, avoid playing games where you might end up running onto the road.

Getting on the bus:

- Form a single line.
- Make sure the bus has stopped fully before you try to get on.
- Let younger children on first.
- Be patient and let those in front of you get on without pushing.
- Carry your school bag as it may get caught in the door if you wear it.



On the bus:

- Quickly choose your seat and sit down.
- Put your bag on your lap or under your seat to keep the aisle clear.
- Stay in your seat until the bus has stopped.
- Follow what the bus driver or bus warden tells you to do.
- If you have to stand, put your bag on the floor and hold onto a seat back or handrail.

Getting off the bus:

- Wait until the bus has fully stopped before getting off carefully.
- Be patient and let those in front of you get off without any shoving or pushing.
- After you get off the bus, wait well away from the road edge until the bus has moved off.
- If you need to cross the road, wait until the bus has left and you can see clearly up and down the road before crossing. Always use the kerb drill to cross.
- Stand well clear of the bus if it's turning or reversing.
- Setting up a school bus warden system

Bus wardens are responsible senior students who help promote safe school bus behaviour. The warden's tasks are to:

- Help students travel to and from school safely.
- Help parents look after their children.
- Notify bus drivers of any passenger changes and prevent students from distracting them.
- You can suggest that your child's school sets up a bus warden system. Together the school, bus operator, parents and the local police school community officer decide whether a system is needed.

Find out more on setting up a bus warden team in the school traffic safety manual:
bit.ly/3yDYfAO
 Or scan the QR code here!

