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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.**

The Leadership Team has once again enjoyed walking around the school, witnessing the vibrant teaching and learning taking place in classrooms. It's inspiring to see our staff and students fostering positive learning relationships. Most classes have now settled into solid routines, with students becoming more familiar with their timetables and taking greater responsibility for their learning.

Over this week and next, we are encouraging our students to get INVOLVED in the wide range of activities available during Terms 1 and 2. This week, students were invited to participate in the Shakespeare Essay Competition, audition for the school band, join music groups, and nominate themselves for various sports teams competing this term. Those interested in Saturday netball were also encouraged to register for the upcoming trials.

Next week, we'll continue promoting opportunities by inviting students to enrol in kapa haka and other school-based activities.

We kindly ask all parents, caregivers, and whānau to download the HERO app. This provides access to important school updates, your child's personal information, and attendance notifications.

Unfortunately, due to a major issue with our pool's filtering system, the school swimming sports had to be postponed. However, the day wasn't without excitement—our dedicated staff kept spirits high by continuing with their planned Superhero Dress-Up, creating a fun and lively atmosphere for the students. A big thank you to the TIS staff for embracing the fun!

**Ngā mihi
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Principal/Tumuaki**

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T.I.S. SPORTS

CO-ORDINATOR NEWS

Sports Bulletin

It has been a fantastic week for sports at TIS! We've had **Kiwi Sport** delivering **Ki-O-Rahi** taster sessions to classes, and it was great to see so many students getting involved and enjoying this dynamic game. Next up is the **Ki-O-Rahi Tournament on Wednesday, 12th October**. Permission slips have been sent out on HERO to all students who have signed up—please ensure these are returned by **Wednesday, 28th February**.

This week, we also had **Netball and Golf** sign-ups, with **Hockey, Girls Cricket and Touch Rugby** sign-ups coming next week. A reminder that students are notified of upcoming sports in the **Morning News** and can sign up in the **Sports Office**. Notices and permission forms will be sent out via **HERO** to be completed online.

Good luck to all students competing in Across the Lake and Ironkidz—two iconic local events that kick off Ironman Week! Students also wrote some thoughtful letters to Ironman competitors, which will undoubtedly be greatly appreciated. It's fantastic to see them recognizing the dedication and effort required for such a challenge while showcasing the spirit of Taupō!

Keep up the great participation, TIS athletes!
TIS Sports

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



T.I.S STAFF SUPER HERO DAY



Today was a surprise dress up day for our staff.

Super Heros was the theme. Super Heros come in all shapes and sizes. We had some usual suspects - Wonderwoman, Spiderman, Hulk, Zorro, Harley Quinn and Superwoman to more inventive characters like Gratitude girl, Positive Princess, Captain Carrot. We even had a student, Office Angels and a Detective Sargent. Thanks to the Support Staff team for their shared morning tea. Watch this space for our next surprise dress up day.

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!



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)

Edmund Hillary

Edmund Hillary was born in Auckland New Zealand on 20th July 1919. His family includes his Mum-Sarah Hillary, Dad-Petter Hillary, siblings-Amilia, Lily, George and Alexander. As a child Edmund took up boxing. Edmund found his love for climbing when he went on a school trip to Mount Ruapehu.

Edmund went to Auckland Grammar School and the University of Auckland. He is known for being the first person to climb Mount Everest. His biggest accomplishment in his life was building 26 schools in the Himalayas, Nepal.

Some facts about Edmund are – In 1977 he led a jet boat expedition down the Ganges River. In 1958 Hillary made it to the South Pole. When he climbed Everest, he was 6ft 5 inches tall and 33 years old. He was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II in 1953, after climbing Everest. Hillary died of heart failure at Auckland City Hospital on the 11 January 2008.

I chose to write about Edmund because he is very inspiring, and it is AMAZING that a New Zealander was the first person to reach the top of the tallest mountain in the world!

Quote that Edmund said at the top of Everest:

"Well, we knocked that bastard off"

By Jsla.M Room 8



PINKY'S MUSIC GROUP

Whaea Pinky's Music Group. I'm looking for singers, ukulele and guitar players, including those who would like to learn!!

Please encourage your talented students who are interested to come and sign up in the Science Room.

Practices will be in Room 8 on FRIDAY lunchtimes.

Happy Friday!!
Pinky♥

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast club has kicked off in full force this term.

We currently serve weetbix and milo. We would love any additional support with food donations from the community. We would love to offer our students with a hot breakfast once a week or some toast, If you are able to help keep this supply running throughout the year, please get in touch. Every bit of support goes a long way in ensuring our students are well-fed and ready to learn.

Ngā mihi

Andrea MacLennan
Teacher Aide
Support Hub

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