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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.**

This week has been a bit challenging as Network for Learning (N4L) upgraded our internal network system. While the process itself was straightforward, there were some interruptions to our communication systems, and our Wi-Fi was temporarily unavailable at times, which impacted school operations. The good news is that with the upgrade now complete, our network is faster and more secure, along with additional software improvements. We appreciate your patience and understanding and look forward to everything running smoothly again next week.

Exciting News – Rock Band Begins!

We are thrilled to announce that our school Rock Band has been selected, and their first rehearsal was a great success! Mr. Wood has put together a fantastic group of talented and enthusiastic musicians. We can't wait to hear them perform next week!

School Bathroom Upgrades

Last week, we introduced the HALO sensor systems in our bathrooms to improve access for students and minimize groups gathering in these spaces. The feedback from students so far has been positive. Looking ahead, the school board's next focus is upgrading our bathrooms over the holiday break. We are excited to collaborate with students on ideas to improve these facilities and make them more inclusive and functional for everyone.

Important Reminders:

- **Meet the Teacher Evening** – Thursday, 20 March 2025, at 6:00 PM. This is a great opportunity to connect with your child's teachers and learn more about their learning journey this year.
- **Teacher Only Day** – Friday, 11 April 2025. The school board has scheduled a Teacher Only Day on this date due to the Supercars event in Taupō. Transit has informed us that school bus services will not operate that day due to their commitment to the event. With over 300 students relying on bus transportation, the board has made this decision to support families. Please note that this is also the last day of Term 1.

Turf Canopy Installation Update

We are excited to share that Pacific Membrane Group has confirmed that the installation of our new outdoor turf canopy will begin on Monday, 14 April 2025, and is expected to be completed by Thursday, 24 April 2025. We are looking forward to having this fantastic facility available for our students and wider community! Thank you for your ongoing support. We appreciate your engagement in our school community and look forward to another great week ahead.

**Nga mihi nui
Brent Woods, Principal/Tumuaki**

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T.I.S. SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR NEWS

🏆 SPORTS BULLETIN 🏆

Wow, what a busy and exciting week it has been! Before highlighting our students' amazing achievements, I want to extend a huge thank you to all the parents who gave up their time to help, (marshalling, team manager etc) With three events in one day, it was a challenge to coordinate, but thanks to the TIS community, we made it happen!

Ki-O-Rahi Tournament

We had 100 students competing, and Mr. Kuper reported that they represented the school with pride and great sportsmanship. Parents also commented on how fantastic the teams were.

★ Results:

- 4 teams made the Quarterfinals
- 2 teams reached the Semi-Finals
- TIS A won the Final and were crowned Taupō Champions!

🏆 Winning Team: Ted Robertson, Angus Eyre, Jordy Karmichael, Chad Atkinson, Harlan Pennington, Aja Maynard, Te Rerewai Meihana, Aria Solitt-Huraa, Kauri Crabb, Mickayla Blackburn, Maddie Matthews.

Waikato & Bay of Plenty Mountain Biking Champs – Te Miro

Our Mountain Bikers travelled up to Te Miro and performed exceptionally well on a challenging 3-lap course. It was a huge turnout with many riders, and our team put in an outstanding effort. It was fantastic to see new riders joining in and supporting each other throughout the competition!

🚴 Lola Bradley – 1st Year 8 Girls

🚴 Stanley Newman – 2nd Year 7 Boys

🚴 Pablo Stewart – 4th Year 8 Boys

🚴 Girls Junior Relay Champions: Lola Bradley, Ginny Gibson, Kiara Bullock

Central Plateau Gymkhana – Equestrian

Our horse riders went to Reporoa for the Central Plateau Gymkhana and rode extremely well to place 2nd in the Teams Award and honours in the individual disciplines!

🐎 Avery Lee – 1st Mug Shuffle, 3rd Weaving

🐎 Sienna Lee – 2nd Mug Shuffle, 4th Weaving

🐎 Zoe Stafford – 2x 2nd (Flatwork & Show Hunter), 1st Weaving, 2nd Mug Shuffle, Champion Highest Intermediate Points

🐎 Lucy Terry – 1st Mug Shuffle, 1st Weaving, 2x 2nd (Flatwork), 4th Show Hunter, Reserve Champion Highest Intermediate Points

A massive congratulations to all students for their efforts and success! 🎉



Thank you again to all the parents for making this week such a success.

ROOM 24 KOTAHITANGA INQUIRY

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Room 24 has explored historical relationships as part of our Kotahitanga/Togetherness inquiry this term. In the past two weeks we have looked at the relationships between Māori and Pākehā before the Treaty of Waitangi, specifically at the arrival of missionaries and what the power relationship was like between the two groups. Our assessment piece was to choose the perspective of either a Māori rangatira (chief), a missionary, a young Māori learner, or a Pākehā trader who has observed relationships between Māori and the missionaries, then to create either a journal or a comic strip to show this perspective. We have looked at how relationships change over time, that power between different groups changes over time, and how different groups have different views of the same event, depending on their perspective. Our next steps will be to self assess our learning using rubrics. For the remainder of the term, we are focusing on modern relationships of groups in NZ and how they have changed over time,



Early Experiences of Missionaries in New Zealand by Levi Hemopo (Room 24)

The Passchendaele Society Schools Competition

**'In Their Footsteps: The New
Zealand Division in Flanders'**

A Video Storytelling Challenge



Calling all budding filmmakers in years 7-10!

The Passchendaele Society has an exciting opportunity for you to apply your skills in a competition to tell the story of a New Zealand soldier or nurse who served in Belgium during the First World War. There are some great cash prizes up for grabs and the chance to win some books for your school library. Simply choose a soldier or nurse who served New Zealand in Belgium during the Great War and tell their story in a 3-5 minute video. You can make your entry by yourself, or in groups of up to 3 students.

Complete the entry form, read the rules below and submit your video entry to dylanjameswoodhouse@gmail.com by the 31st of May 2025 to be in to win. Good luck, future Peter Jacksons!

**If you are interested in entering this competition, see
Whaea Tash Room 24 every Thursday interval**

CLASS LEADERS CAMP PAPAMOAO

Class Leader Camp

Our student Class Leaders are looking forward to our trip next week to Papamoa.

Ms Voisey, Andrea and Mrs Patterson are busy planning a gourmet dinner and breakfast menu.

Taupo Nui-a Tia College have a raft of fun beach activities for us to get involved with.

Students were given a letter on Monday to bring home with details and further information will be sent out.

If you have not returned your permission slip and health form please do before 9.a.m. on Monday.

These can be emailed directly to the office at admin@taupointermediate.co.nz

A reminder that you need to be at school in the hall by 6.45 on Thursday 20th.

THE SUPPORT HUB

Young Pioneers still caring for chickens.



ATTENDANCE

It is very important to give a detailed reason why your child is away from school. This way we can assign the correct code. Please use the HERO app for quick responses and contact.



*Jiu-jitsu has started this week. Real counselling services are supporting our ākonga to learn Jiu-jitsu, this is a pathway to work on building resilience and self-confidence. Students are embracing our T.I.S values in during these sessions.
Learning about THROW DOWNS*



Breakfast Club is one each morning in the hall. Thank you to these students for volunteering their time to serve and clean up the dishes.



Uniform staff are having to remove lots of hoodies and non-uniform shoes. Please encourage your child to wear the correct uniform. With the weather cooling down, our school jacket or fleece will keep them warm. We have lots of spares if they need one



RFD Riding For Development on Poihipi Road are still after volunteers to support the students. We are currently only able to take 2 students to each session. They complete obstacle courses while riding the horse, then care for them with brushing and lead walking.



Current Support Interventions Groups

- Ringcraft boxing
- BJJ – Brazilian Jujitsu
- Aspire
- Young Pioneers
- RFD – Riding for Development
- Granny Readers
- REAL – counselling
- Maths and Literacy groups
- Drama, Dance, Te Ao Māori, OCR, Bricks Club

T.I.S IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

MONDAY 17TH MARCH

Vision Hearing Technician 9am-12pm - Library

TUESDAY 18TH MARCH

Vision Hearing Technician 9am-12pm - Library

WEDNESDAY 19TH MARCH

Vision Hearing Technician 9am-12pm - Library

THURSDAY 20TH MARCH

Meet the Teacher Evening 6pm
Leadership Camp - Papamoa

FRIDAY 28TH MARCH

PHOTOLIFE - Classroom & Individual photos


FRIDAY 11TH APRIL

Last day of school for Term One

UPCOMING SPORTING EVENTS

Hockey Trials:

- Year 7: Tuesday, 18th March
- Year 8: Thursday, 20th March
- Location: Taupō Hockey Turf (3:30–6:00 PM)
- Selectors: Taupō Hockey Association

 Netball Trials: Wrapping up this week – thank you to the Taupō Netball Association for their time and energy!

 Basketball: Sign-ups were completed this week.

 Rod Dixon Run Programme: Sign-ups for this programme will be out on Monday!

 BOP Intermediate Golf Tournament: Thursday, 20th March

 Super 11 Swimming Championships: Friday, 21st March

 Super 11 Touch Tournament: Friday, 4th April

 Girls Cricket Festival: Wednesday, 9th April



TUTORING CLASSES WITH DONNA SHAW

Monday 3pm-4pm

Starting from the 10th March

Limited numbers. Cost \$20

(Call Donna on 027-711-3082)

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 Wednesdays only



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)

FOOD TECHNOLOGY

This week in Food Technology, we made muffins. Some of us wanted apple in our muffins and thankfully Mr Kuper's tree was laden with cooking apples, so he supplied us with the most delicious fruit. Thank you Mr Kuper for your generosity. We love having you at our kura!

