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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.**

This week, we were thrilled to welcome three new staff members to our TIS whānau: Mrs. Kriza Serrano-Dela Cruz (Room 10 classroom teacher), Ms. Giovanna Frizon (full-time learning assistant), and Mr. Cameron Bradley (part-time learning assistant). With our 2025 teaching team now complete and additional staff supporting student learning and behaviour, we are excited about the year ahead!

Our recent focus has been on our TIS value of 'INVOLVEMENT.' It has been wonderful to see so many students eager to participate in various activities. Our kapa haka group has over 120 enthusiastic students signed up for 2025, and while numbers may settle, the energy and excitement have been inspiring. Band auditions have wrapped up, and practices are underway for Band quest. Our music and ukulele group meets regularly, with a small ukulele group even performing at this week's assembly. Additionally, our Super 11 Sports and Taupō Kiwi sports programmes are starting up, and students are signing up for trials and teams. Saturday morning netball trials are also in full swing. We love seeing students explore and engage in these opportunities!

We are currently reviewing our Bevan Docherty, Donovan Bixley, and Principal's Academic Awards to align with the new school and community events happening in 2025. Our goal is to have these award cards ready for distribution by the end of Week 6.

Last week, we mentioned that the leadership team and staff are actively working on improving student behaviour and ensuring a safer school environment. While it is never ideal to have students stood down or suspended, we have had to take appropriate disciplinary actions this week due to repeated disobedience and inappropriate behaviours. These measures are necessary steps to maintain a positive and respectful learning environment for all students.

Another area of concern has been the use of student bathrooms. Staff, parents, caregivers, and students have raised this issue, and in response, the TIS Board has taken proactive steps by installing HALO—a monitoring system that detects vapor, noise, and tampering. When activated, HALO immediately alerts the Leadership Team, allowing us to follow up right away. Our goal is to provide a safe and comfortable bathroom environment for all students.

Meet the Teacher Evening is scheduled for Thursday, 20 March, at 6:00 PM. This is a great opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher, learn about classroom expectations and programmes, and discuss any questions you may have about your child's learning journey.

Finally, we want to extend a big thank you to all parents and caregivers who ensure their children arrive at school on time, ready to learn, and in the correct uniform. Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated and plays a huge role in your child's success at TIS.

Ngā mihi

Brent Woods

Principal/Tumuaki

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

THE SUPPORT HUB

Young Pioneers had lessons on different power tools and made friends with the chickens who have now all been named.

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. Next week the real work begins



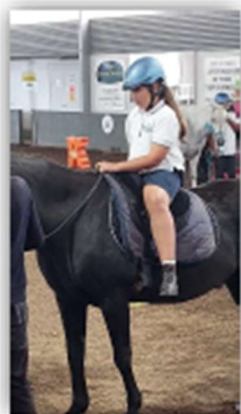
Uniform staff are having to remove lots of hoodies and non-uniform shoes. Please encourage your child to wear the correct uniform. With the weather cooling down, our school jacket or fleece will keep them warm. We have lots of spares if they need one





Boxing has started with Cameron from Ringcraft Boxing. Both groups have loved the session.

RFD Riding For Development on Poihipi Road are still after volunteers to support the students. One of our group sessions was cancelled this week due to no volunteers.



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. SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR NEWS

⌘ TIS Sports Bulletin ⌘

Winter sports trials are underway, starting with **Year 7 Netball** this week. We were lucky to have selectors from the **Taupō Netball Centre** join us, and it was fantastic to see so many Year 7s bringing passion and energy to the court! **Year 8 trials** are up next, giving them their chance to impress.

Looking ahead, **Hockey trials** are scheduled for **Week 7**, pending our turf booking confirmation. **Basketball sign-ups** will also take place next week—stay tuned for more details!

A huge thank you to all the parents supporting our teams for the upcoming **Ki-O-Rahi Tournament next Wednesday**. The turnout has been incredible, and it's fantastic to offer our students this opportunity.

The **draw and final details** will be posted on the **HERO app on Monday**.

Your support is invaluable—we couldn't provide these amazing opportunities for our students without you! Next week is a big one, with not only **Ki-O-Rahi** but also the **Central Plateau Gymkhana** and the **WBOP Mountain Biking Championships**. Thank you for being part of it all!

TIS Sports

GIRLS CLASSROOM



A class trip to the mount Tauhara

Students' recount writing

Lola's Introduction

The excitement bubbled inside of me! As the morning of the walk slowly crept upon the horizon, I jumped out of bed. I was so excited to hike Mount Tauhara with my friends! Eva and I had already planned to stick together the entire walk.



Georgia's Body paragraph

When we arrived at the car park, we jumped out of the car and climbed over a fence. Rachel, from Kids Greening Taupo, talked to us a little bit about what we might see and hear up there. She said there were lots of animals, and bird sounds to look out for.

As we started our climb, I could feel my legs hurting as I climbed up the farmland. It was steep, and hard to walk up. The dirt was flying everywhere from the ground!

Everyone was trying to encourage themselves and each other to make it up the farmland hill. And when we finally reached the top, we were all relieved.



Eva's Conclusion

I have many memories to share about this trip, and I would gladly do it again. I will never forget the feeling of reaching the summit, or breathing in the fresh, cold, air as we hiked through the damp bushes, or taking in the beautiful scenery as we walked.

All students did an amazing job on their recount writing. The examples shared here are just a small snapshot of the incredible work produced by the class.

T.I.S JOB VACANCIES

Groundsman Position – Join Our Team at Taupō Intermediate School! 🌱

Taupō Intermediate School is looking for a **dedicated and reliable Groundsman** to help maintain our school grounds and facilities. If you enjoy working outdoors, take pride in keeping spaces clean and well-maintained, and have a great work ethic, we'd love to hear from you!

Position Details:

- 📍 **Location:** Taupō Intermediate School
- 🕒 **Hours:** 7:30 AM – 11:30 AM, Monday to Friday
- 📅 **Start Date:** As soon as possible

Key Responsibilities:

- ✅ General maintenance of school grounds, including mowing, weeding, and garden care
- ✅ Keeping outdoor areas clean, tidy, and safe for students and staff
- ✅ Basic repairs and upkeep of school facilities
- ✅ Assisting with set-up and pack-down for school events as needed
- ✅ Ensuring school grounds meet health and safety standards

What We're Looking For:

- ◆ Someone physically fit and comfortable working outdoors in all seasons
- ◆ A self-motivated individual who can work independently and efficiently
- ◆ Basic handyman skills (experience in gardening, landscaping, or maintenance is a plus!)
- ◆ A positive attitude and willingness to be part of our school community
- ◆ Must pass a police vetting process, as required for school staff

Why Join Us?

- 🌱 A friendly and supportive school environment
- 🌱 Flexible morning hours, perfect for work-life balance
- 🌱 The opportunity to make a real difference in maintaining a great space for our students

If this sounds like the perfect role for you, we'd love to hear from you!

To apply, send your CV and a brief cover letter to bwoods@taupointermediate.co.nz or drop it off at the Taupō Intermediate School office.

Applications close Friday 21 March 2025 @ 4.00pm.

Taupō Intermediate School is committed to fostering a safe, inclusive, and supportive learning environment for all students and staff.

Teacher Aide/Carer Position – Supporting a High Health Needs Student 🌟

Taupō Intermediate School is looking for a **compassionate and dedicated Teacher Aide/Carer** to provide essential support for a student with high health needs. This role is a fantastic opportunity to make a meaningful impact in a student's life, helping them engage fully in their learning and school experience.

Position Details:

- 📍 **Location:** Taupō Intermediate School
- 🕒 **Hours:**
 - **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:** 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM
 - **Wednesday:** 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
- 📅 **Start Date:** As soon as possible

Key Responsibilities:

- ✅ Providing one-on-one support to a student with high health needs
- ✅ Assisting with personal care and health-related requirements as needed
- ✅ Supporting the student's learning, engagement, and participation in school activities
- ✅ Encouraging independence while ensuring a safe and supportive environment
- ✅ Collaborating with teachers, support staff, and specialists to implement care and learning plans

What We're Looking For:

- ◆ A patient, caring, and empathetic individual with a strong sense of responsibility
- ◆ Experience in a teacher aide, caregiver, or support role (preferred but not essential)
- ◆ A willingness to learn and follow specific care routines and health protocols
- ◆ Excellent communication skills and the ability to work effectively in a team
- ◆ Must pass a police vetting process, as required for all school staff

Why Join Us?

- 💙 A supportive and welcoming school environment
- 💙 The opportunity to positively impact a student's learning and well-being
- 💙 Training and guidance provided to help you feel confident in your role

If you are passionate about supporting students and believe you have the skills and qualities for this role, we'd love to hear from you!

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**TAUPO HARRIERS
& MR WHIPPY TAUPO**




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**Run & Walk Series
with a Kids Dash**

Wednesday
22 Jan | 5 & 19 Feb | 5 & 19 Mar

ENTRY FEE:
\$5 per night
\$20 for series
Kids Dash -
Gold Coin

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6.00pm - Race Start

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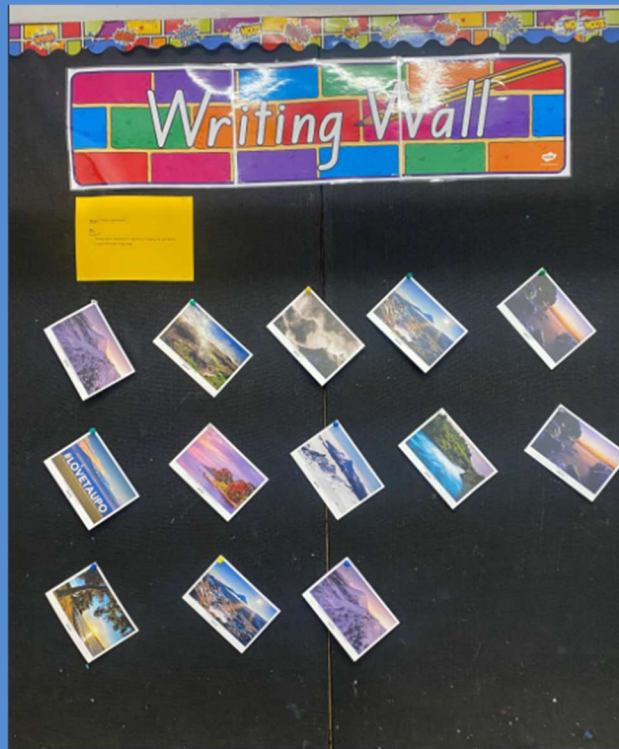
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ROOM 20 LETTER

WRITING UNIT

For the first three weeks of term 1, Room 20 have been learning about writing letters. We looked into the book "The Day the Crayons Quit" and wrote a postcard pretending we were a classroom object that was sending a postcard while on holiday. Check out our favourite ones below.



Dear John,

I'm writing to you to tell you about my holiday. In Finland with my grandma, I have two reasons on why I chose to spend my holiday Time in finland. Reason one, I wanted to visit my grandma because I haven't visited her in a long time and, I really love her cooking, especially her cookies, they are so yummy and soft. My second reason is that I really love finland because of it's beautiful scenic valleys and beautiful flowery fields. I plan to spend the rest of my holiday with my grandma and help her do her household chores and cook and take care of her.

See you soon John!

Warm wishes, work book

Dear Lilly, I'm going on a holiday to the Bahamas because I am sick of you ripping out my pages and drawing all over me instead of doing your work. Anyways before I come back I'm thinking about tanning so my pages might be a different colour. I also might be a bit wet doing lots of swimming. But I miss hearing your drama. Your annoyed spelling book.

T.I.S IMPORTANT **UPCOMING DATES**

TUESDAY 11TH MARCH

Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

MONDAY 17TH MARCH

Vision Hearing Technician 9am-12pm - Library

TUESDAY 18TH MARCH

Vision Hearing Technician 9am-12pm - Library

THURSDAY 20TH MARCH

Meet the Teacher Evening 6pm

FRIDAY 28TH MARCH

PHOTOLIFE - Classroom & Individual photos

FRIDAY 11TH APRIL

Last day of school for Term One

