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**Dear parents, caregivers, students, families, and the wider community.**

**E nga mātua, e nga kaitiaki, e nga tauira, e nga whānau, me te iwi whānui.**

Thank you to all the parents, caregivers, whānau, and students who attended our 'Meet the Teacher' evening on Thursday night. This event was a bit later this year, giving our new staff the chance to get to know their students before meeting with parents and caregivers. We understand that many of you may have already connected with your child's teacher, so we saw a slightly lower turnout on the night. However, we truly appreciate the time you took to support your child's learning!

This week, we had the pleasure of sending our class leaders-Mrs Patterson, Mrs Voysey, and Ms Southgate -to the Taupō Nui-a-Tia College/Taupō Intermediate School Leadership Camp in Papamoa. This camp provides a wonderful opportunity for Taupō Nui-a-Tia College Year 12 Physical Education students to work with small groups through a variety of activities, contributing to their PE credits. It's also a fantastic way to nurture the leadership skills of our own student leaders, allowing them to grow as a cohesive school group.

We also celebrated Leadership Week this week! During our Tuesday morning assembly, our class leaders, bus leaders, and librarians were presented with their leadership badges. These students play a vital role in fostering a positive school culture. Our class leaders are the voices of the students, ensuring their thoughts and ideas are shared. Our bus leaders are responsible for organizing the bus students each afternoon and reporting any issues back to Mrs Woods and Ms Wood. Our dedicated librarians manage the school library during their breaks, assisting with book issues and returns, shelving books, and ensuring the library is ready for our class lessons.

In the coming weeks, our syndicate teams will be announcing their Tech Leaders and Sports Leaders, who will help represent and support their peers in these areas.

A huge congratulations to our golf and swimming teams who participated in interschool competitions this week! Our golf teams secured 1st and 3rd places, and we are eagerly awaiting their individual scores. Our swimming team competed in the Super 11 Swim Meet in Rotorua today, and we look forward to hearing about their achievements and placings next week.

Finally, I would like to extend a massive congratulations to all the students who accepted my challenge to be 'INVOLVED' in school activities. You are all truly amazing, and I'm so proud of your enthusiasm and dedication!

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

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# T.I.S. SPORTS

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# CO-ORDINATOR NEWS



## TIS Sports Bulletin – Week 7

It's been another busy week of sports at TIS!

We started with a group of students traveling to Tauranga for the **Waikato and Bay of Plenty Athletic Championships**. This is an incredibly tough competition, with close to 700 children competing. Medaling in this event is a huge achievement due to the large number of entries.

Four students represented Taupō with outstanding performances:

- 🏆 **Te Rerewai** won **three Gold medals** in the 100m, 200m, and Long Jump and added a **Bronze** in the 800m.
- 🏆 **Tea Bosshart** secured **Silver** in High Jump (11-year-old Girls).
- 🏆 **Kauri Krabb** finished **5th in the 1500m, 6th in High Jump, and 6th in the 400m** (11-year-old Girls).
- 🏆 **Mikayla Blackbourne** placed **8th in the 200m** (11-year-old Girls).

## Waikato & Bay of Plenty Zone Golf Tournament

TIS had four teams competing in this tournament, with some fantastic results!

🏆 **TIS Team 1 – Angus Eyre, Chad Atkinson, Liam Dunbar, and Justin Sainsbury** played outstanding golf, shooting **34** to take the **win!** They will now represent Taupō in the Regional round in May.

🏆 **TIS Team 3 – Izak Kupa, Aiden Church, Lucas Clerke, and Sam Pool** claimed the **Bronze medal**.

Beyond the results, what stood out was the camaraderie and positivity among all the players—well done, everyone!

## Girls' Cricket Coaching

Our girls had their second session of cricket coaching this week and are making great progress while having lots of fun.

## Highlanders U20 Visit

Today, we had an exciting visit from the **Highlanders U20** team! Students enjoyed taking them on in modified games and drills, making for a fantastic experience.

## Hockey Trials

Year 7 & 8 hockey trials have been highly competitive, with an impressive skill level on display. Final call-back trials are scheduled for **Monday, 4:30-6:00 PM**. Names have been posted on the sports noticeboard.

## Touch Trials & Super 11 Tournament

We have also been holding **Touch trials at lunchtimes** in preparation for the **Super 11 Tournament on Friday, 4th April**. **Mr. Woods** has been leading the sessions and seems to be enjoying getting in there and playing alongside the boys!

## Super 11 Swimming Championships

Good luck to our **Swim Team** as they travel to Rotorua for the **Super 11 Swimming Championships!**

A huge thank you to all our parent volunteers—your support makes these opportunities possible for our students!

## Netball

Netball teams are up on the Sports Notice Board. I am in the process of putting a notice about what the next steps are eg registering player with Taupo Netball Centre, setting up Team Reach groups for all team communications. There are still a few teams without a Coach or Team Manager so if you can help out., please let me know and thank you for your patience.

Highlanders U20 Visit





Waikato & Bay of Plenty Zone Golf Tournament



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

## **MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

Vision Hearing Technician 9am-12pm - Library

## **TUESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

Vision Hearing Technician 9am-12pm - Library

## **WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

Vision Hearing Technician 9am-12pm - Library

## **THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

Meet the Teacher Evening 6pm

Leadership Camp - Papamoa

## **FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

PHOTOLIFE - Classroom & Individual photos

## **FRIDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

Last day of school for Term One

Teachers Only Day - School Closed



## TUTORING CLASSES WITH DONNA SHAW

Monday 3pm-4pm

Starting from the 10<sup>th</sup> 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)

## Taupō Transport Network Group (TTNG) – School Bus Service

Kia ora Parents, Caregivers

We would like to take a moment to clarify the guidelines regarding our TTNG - School Bus Service. Our Transit bus service is funded by the Ministry of Education to transport students from their place of residence to school and back, provided they live more than 3.2km from the school.

Unfortunately, this service does not extend to additional drop-off requests such as visits to friends' houses, grandparents' homes, or other family members, nor can it be used for trips into town or other extra stops.

Due to the high demand and the full capacity of our current routes, we are unable to accommodate any additional stops beyond the designated residential addresses. With over 300 students currently using the bus service, and the buses operating at full capacity, it is essential that we adhere strictly to the designated routes to ensure the safety and timely arrival of all students.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions or need further clarification, please feel free to reach out.

Kind regards,

Pamela Wood (Bus Controller) / Brent Woods (Principal)

## Taupō Transport Network Group (TTNG) – School Bus Service

### Bus Fob Update

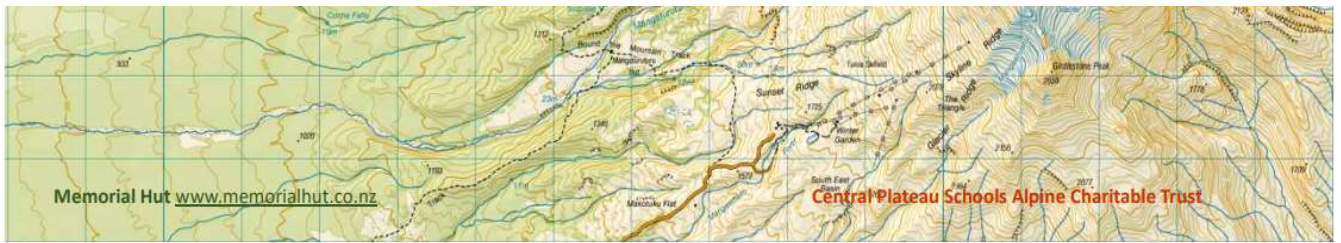
Due to the increase in the number of students using the bus service in 2025, we are currently waiting for additional bus fobs and retractable lanyards for the remaining bus riders. We expect these to be available by Monday, March 31.

We kindly encourage all students to take care of their bus fobs and avoid attaching them to the exterior of their bags. In the event a bus fob is lost, it can be replaced for a fee of \$10.00.

**REMINDER: All students are required to have their bus fob in order to travel on the TTNG – School Bus Service.**

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.





## HUT BUDDIES WANTED!!

*Want to make a positive difference for outdoor education at your school...?*

Memorial Hut [www.memorialhut.co.nz](http://www.memorialhut.co.nz) is an amazing outdoor education resource that was gifted to the Central Plateau Schools Alpine Charitable Trust (CPSAT) by the Auckland Tramping Club in 2018. Located in the Whakapapa Village on Mount Ruapehu, the 32-bed hut provides a self-catering base within a stunning alpine location. The hut is used for a range of outdoor education activities including class trips, ski teams, leadership programs, snow survival training, Duke of Edinburgh expeditions and team-building.

Our school is one of three Taupō schools – Waipāhihi, Taupo Intermediate and Taupo-nui-a-tia – that collectively operate the Trust. The Trust itself is comprised of a volunteer board of six trustees, with school management and staff supporting operations. The hut needs regular spring cleans and maintenance – it’s a pretty harsh environment at 1,600m above sea level! – and the Trust is also in the process of undertaking some major upgrades to deliver a warmer, drier and more comfortable stay.

The Trust is looking to assemble a group of 10-15 outdoor education enthusiasts from member school communities keen to help maintain and develop this unique resource. “Hut Buddies” will be invited to:

- Volunteer for a hut check-up roster – a good excuse to enjoy a walk or ski while you’re up there!
- Help with “spring” cleans and working bees, typically held once or twice a year.
- Support fundraising efforts and leverage relevant networks.

In return, Hut Buddies will enjoy great company amidst breath-taking views, connect with fellow outdoor and education enthusiasts, and have the opportunity to hire Memorial Hut after school / education group bookings have been locked in. **Most importantly, Hut Buddies will help ensure this great outdoor education resource remains available for their own children and for future generations.** Note that Hut Buddies will be required to sign their school’s Code of Conduct, and comply with Trust policies and hut user rules. An initial briefing will be held in February, and the first working bee will be scheduled in late February / early March.

If you are interested in applying to be a Hut Buddy, or have questions about what’s involved and the benefits, please email Fiona Miller at [fionam@waipahihi.school.nz](mailto:fionam@waipahihi.school.nz).

To apply to be a Hut Buddy, please supply the following details:

1. Your name(s) – both of you if you are applying as a couple
2. Your contact email and phone number
3. School(s) your children attend, and the ages of your children
4. Any other volunteer roles you hold or have held with schools or within the community
5. A brief statement on why you want to be a Hut Buddy
6. Any super powers or technical skills you can contribute. For example, if you have a trade skill, are an admin extraordinaire, love fundraising, have design flair, IT skills, or are experienced in EOTC, we’d love to know about that. Enthusiasm, availability and manual labour is a perfectly good answer too!







# TAUPŌ MARIST JUNIOR RUGBY



# WHANAI RALLY FUN DAY

REGISTRATIONS

2ND HAND  
MERCH STALL

GAMES &  
ENTERTAINMENT

BAKE SALE

MEET YOUR  
TEAM



SATURDAY 29TH  
MARCH

10 AM - 1 PM

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