



Kia ora Parents, Whānau and Caregivers,

Term 4, Week 4

I have been delighted with the application shown by students in the classroom, participating in the Arts, Sports or representing our school in a range of areas. It is clear that all of this is facilitated by the outstanding staff we have here at Tauranga Intermediate School. They are the ones who do a great job in enabling our school vision of students exploring their personal potential.

Teacher Only Day

We had a very productive and educational day unpacking the refreshed Mathematics and Statistics Curriculum. As a staff, we delved deeply into the Progress Outcomes, the new terminology of this curriculum, and how this more explicitly outlined document can enhance what we are already achieving in our classrooms. Encouragingly, Tauranga Intermediate School is in a strong position to roll out this curriculum, and our teachers will be well-prepared to implement these changes.

Samoa Trip

During Week 1, 43 students and 6 staff visited the islands of Upolu and Savai'i in Samoa. A key focus of our international trips is the sharing of culture through performance and developing students' international mindedness. Our students performed with distinction as guests at Tanugamanono and Auala Villages, and on another occasion for the Mayor of Apia and the New Zealand High Commission staff, as they officially welcomed NZ armed services, police and emergency services to Samoa for the start of CHOGM (Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting). Our students also had the opportunity to take in the best of Samoa's natural environment. Upon returning to New Zealand, I received two emails from New Zealanders we had encountered on the trip, who wanted to communicate how impressed they were with the group of students and what fine ambassadors they were to our school and country.

Please see the 2 emails below:

Kia Ora Cameron,

I felt compelled to write to you and congratulate your students on the wonderful way they conducted themselves while at the Return to Paradise Resort in Samoa. The evening performance they gave was polished and genuine. It was obviously the last part of their trip and even on the flight home I didn't even know they were there. So a very big well done to you all. To the lovely young lady who asked me up to dance, my condolences to you and your family for the loss of your Grandad. I trust you have heaps of fun memories to hold on to and remember him by. As an ex teacher, principal and MOE contractor I know what goes into organising a trip like the one you have just done, so well done to you too. You have every right to be so proud of those students. Nga mihi

Alison Seta



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To the Principal,

My name is Nick Scott and I come from Christchurch, NZ. My family and I have just had the pleasure of staying at Va i Moana in Asau, Samoa. Soon after we arrived a group of 45 students and teachers descended on the resort. We later found out that they were from Tauranga Intermediate. To be honest I was not looking forward to spending our relaxing holiday stay with such a large group of tamariki.

I have to say that I was incredibly impressed with the group. They were so respectful and thoughtful. They always greeted us with a smile and their laughter, playfulness and excitement added a lot to our enjoyment of our stay.

The tamariki were extremely well supported by the teachers and parents who were with them. They provided clear boundaries that let the kids be kids and have as much fun as they could. The highlight for me was the way the tamariki thanked the staff at the resort with their beautiful waiata, words of appreciation and gifts. It was a great finish to a wonderful stay.

Te Whanau o te Maro Maori Unit and all the students are a credit to your school. I felt extremely proud to be a kiwi when I saw these tamariki show such respect to others. You must be very grateful to have them as part of your school community and if what I saw was anything to go by, they must add huge value to the overall culture of your school.

Congratulations on your support of this Unit... they have done you proud.

Regards
Nick Scot



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Roadmap

Our current Roadmap is 'Te Taiao'. This Roadmap runs throughout Term 4. The learning in this Roadmap is focused on our natural world; different habitats and ecosystems, how species adapt to their environment, threats to environments and species, and food chains.

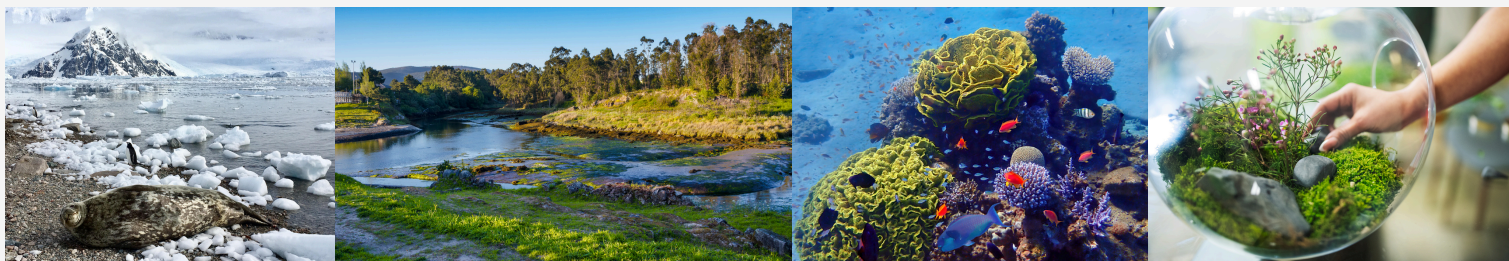
Ko au te taiao, ko te taiao ko au.

I am the environment, the environment is me. It's an eternal relationship of respect, reciprocity, and interdependence.

Vision: In the natural world everything is connected. This helps us to understand relationships among living organisms and their environment.

Enduring Understandings:

- The planet is made up of a number of interconnected systems
- Living organisms can contribute to the health of the environment.
- Changes in the environment can affect the survival of individuals and species.



Ultimate Relay

On Friday 25th October 2024, we held our annual Ultimate Relay Challenge at school. Our students ran the 600 metre relay course for a combined five hours and completed 4,375 laps for a total of 2,625 kilometres. A huge effort by our students and a great day was had by all. The Ultimate Relay Challenge is a fundraising event for Camp Ngamuwahine and this year the money raised is being used to build a fun water slide. To date, the students have raised over \$34,000. This is a fantastic effort and on behalf of our school, I want to thank our school community for their generous and ongoing support of our school. Your donation directly supports our vision – Exploring Personal Potential, through supporting the Out-Camp and the opportunities this will provide for our students. Ngā mihi nui ki a koe.



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Athletics

The annual TIS Athletics Championship was a huge success culminating with our finals last Friday. A huge congratulations go to all students for giving the events a go and earning points for their house. A special congratulations to the following students for their overall placings as top competitors across the week.

Year 7 Girls: 1st Mareikura Elliot , 2nd Zainab Syed, 3rd Lyrical Topp

Year 7 Boys: 1st Braxton Delaibatiki, 2nd Jaxon Kyle, 3rd= Fletcher Cummings & Calvin Aumoe

Year 8 Girls: 1st Piper Thompson, 2nd Hailey Bidois, 3rd Pianika Ririnui

Year 8 Boys: 1st K Jharn Rimaha, 2nd Theo Buxton, 3rd Chairio Tapsell



Pasifika in the Bay

On Saturday 2nd of November, about 50 students from Tauranga Intermediate travelled out to Katikati College to perform at Pasifika in the Bay Festival 2024. They proudly performed 4 items in front of a massive crowd. Their items were from Samoa, Tonga, and Tuvalu. They were a big colourful group, taking up the whole stage as one of the biggest performance groups at the festival. Mrs J is very proud of their efforts! If you or your family would like to help out with the group next year, please email Kayla at kaylaj@tauranga-int.school.nz



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World Jiu Jitsu Champion - Marlee Campbell

In September, Marlee Campbell and 12 teammates traveled to Nagoya, Japan, to compete in the prestigious 2024 SJJIF World Jiu Jitsu Championships, which attracted around 5,000 competitors over four days.

In preparation for the tournament, Marlee balanced a rigorous training schedule with her school rugby commitments. Despite this being her first world championship, she approached the competition with impressive confidence, which helped her manage the pressure. On the mats, Marlee showcased her skills by submitting all her opponents within regulation time, ultimately earning the title of 2024 World Jiu Jitsu Champion.

Her success is a testament to her hard work and the support from her coaches during the rugby season. We are all incredibly proud of her.

Additionally, Marlee's team achieved remarkable results, securing 6 World Champions titles, along with 11 gold, 6 silver, and 3 bronze medals.



College Visits

Our Year 8 students, who are attending Tauranga Boys College & Tauranga Girls College next year, will have the opportunity to visit their college on Thursday 28th November. They will need to be in their formal uniform and will be supported by staff from TIS to and from their respective colleges. They will need to be at school by 8:30 am to complete the roll and board buses.



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Year 8 Leavers Ball

We are very excited to invite Year 8 students to their last formal dance of intermediate school. This is going to be an amazing evening for everyone. More information will be shared with whānau over the coming weeks – please keep an eye on your emails to make sure your child doesn't miss out on this chance.

Final Assemblies

It is incredible to think that we only have a few weeks left before the end of the year is upon us. This means that we will soon be celebrating all of the successes that our ākonga have achieved throughout the year. We welcome all whānau to celebrate with us. Please see below for dates and be sure to mark them in your diaries.

Message of Thanks

Dear School Community,

We want to express our deepest gratitude to all of you for your unwavering support and kindness during this incredibly challenging time for our family. Losing our home to the fire has been devastating, but the outpouring of love, help, and generosity from this community has given us strength and comfort.

From the donations to the thoughtful messages and offers of assistance, we have felt truly cared for, and it means more to us than words can say. We are so grateful to be part of such a compassionate and supportive school community.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Sincerely,
Bart and Susanne Rall and Family



Thank you for your ongoing support of our school.

**Ngā mihi nui,
Cameron Mitchell - Principal/Tumuaki**



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UPCOMING DATES

TERM 4

Week 4

- **Friday 8th November** - PB/BOP Volleyball

Week 5

- **Thursday 14th November** - PB/BOP Beach Challenge Gisborne
- **Friday 15th November** - PB/BOP Triathlon Gisborne

Week 7

- **Monday 25th November** - International Xmas Party
- **Thursday 28th November** - TBC, TGC & TIS Orientation Days
- **Friday 29th November** - PB/BOP Super 11 Athletics Tauranga Domain

Week 8

- **Thursday 5th December** 6.00 pm Sports Prizegiving

Week 9

- **Wednesday 11th December** - Year 8 Leavers Ball

Week 10

- **Monday 16th December** - **9.30 am Year 7 Final Assembly**
- **1pm Year 8 Final Assembly**
- **Tuesday 17th December** - **Term Four concludes at 12.00 noon**