



Kia ora Parents, Whānau and Caregivers,

Term 1, Week 7

It has been great to see such a wide range of learning experiences taking place across our school over the last few weeks. Whether it has been an overnight noho in our school marae, fieldtrips to Mauao, Super 11 surfing, netball and basketball trials, volleyball or basketball, after school 5 aside football, key learning around our Turangawaewae Roadmap or students reflecting on the Learning Intentions and Success Criteria in Reading, Writing and Maths in class, it is great to see our students exploring their personal potential.

This week we welcomed Vithidham School from Thailand for their annual two week visit. Eight friendly Thai students have been welcomed into our classrooms by our students and teachers. Thank you to the whānau who are providing homestays for these students.

Coming up we have Rā Whānaungatanga (see notice below). This will be a great opportunity to celebrate and connect with the different cultures in our school community.

Camps

We are delighted to resume our school camps out at Ngamuwahine Lodge next week. Camp for our students is a week of positive, fun filled learning, adventure and confidence building activities. Students learn to be independent, build self management skills and self-esteem. Congratulations to Tawa House who are nearing 100% student participation for their camps in the coming two weeks.

Rā Whānaungatanga

Event: Rā Whānaungatanga

Date: Thursday 28th March

Time: 12:30 – 2:30

Our Rā Whānaungatanga is a chance for us to connect with our students and their whānau in a social, relaxed context. To spend time with and get to know each other outside a classroom context while enjoying the kai, performances and sport together. There will be food trucks and stalls, performances by our talented students and sports to join in. Rā Whānaungatanga is about getting to know our school whānau and wider community, so we would love to see you all there. We are also still looking for food trucks so if you would like to be involved in this way, please contact: aeilidhm@tauranga-int.school.nz for more information.

TIPENE Roadshow 2024

The TIPENE Roadshow is an opportunity to share the TIPENE vision allowing you to assess if our Kura meets your needs. We are the original kura that was traditionally known as Hato Tipene or St Stephens Māori Boys school. In addition to student and whānau engagement we welcome Old Boys and local Iwi to attend the Roadshow. This is a great opportunity for whānau to come and listen to the presentation of what the school has to offer at Secondary school level. This roadshow will be coming to Tauranga and will take place here in our school hall next Tuesday evening at 6pm. All whānau and community are welcome to attend. Light refreshments and food will be provided on the night. Nau mai, haere mai!!



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Whānau Conferences

The Tauranga Intermediate School Whānau Conferences will take place in class on Monday 18th (9:00am– 7:00pm) and Tuesday 19th (3:15–6:00pm) of March 2024.

The purpose of the Whānau Conference is:

- For the teacher to share their observations/experiences to date
- For your child to share their learning
- To celebrate their success
- Set goals for Term 2

School Interviews Booking instructions – Through the school interviews app, you are able to schedule your interview slot online by following the link below and entering the event code.

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/k8d9g>

Event code: **k8d9g**

For the small number of whānau who are unable to keep their child/ren at home, there will be supervision for those child/ren.

Paid Union Meeting

Our teachers who are NZEI union members will be having a Paid Union Meeting on the afternoon of Thursday 21st March. School will remain open for all students who will be supervised by the Senior Leadership Team and non-union staff members.

Behaviour Reminders

Congratulations to the many students who are exemplifying the STARS values throughout school. If your child has received a STARS card this term then they are in the draw to win some great prizes at the assembly in two weeks. It is always a pleasure to walk around school and be greeted with smiles, a respectful “hello” or “mōrena” and hearing lots of laughing, sharing and caring. Whakamanatia/*Respect* is certainly alive here at T.I.S.

Social media Is an area that often impacts behaviour here at school. Be willing to ask your child/ren about their online interactions e.g. Are you being kind to others? Are others being kind to you? Is there anything that is worrying you? Early intervention can often prevent situations escalating.

Buses – We have a small number of students whose behaviour on the bus has been causing concern. Students who continue to breach our bus code of conduct and/or our STARS Essential Agreement, will be removed from their bus for a period of time and other transport arrangements will need to be made.

Spirit Trophy

Students have been working particularly hard this term with building good routine and structure, inter house dodgeball as well as swimming sports. This Friday, the Spirit Trophy will be passed on (or retained). Good luck to all houses. The second half of the term will focus on an ultimate frisbee tournament, STARS Cards, manners, and pride in the classroom environment.





Sport:

It is an exciting time for TIS and sport as we finish off winter code trials and get prepared for the next season starting next term with good numbers with teams entering the local hockey, netball, and basketball competitions. Our Winter Codes parent meeting is on Monday 8th April at 6.00pm. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Congratulations to all students who got involved with our TIS swim champs last week at Greerton Aquatic Centre. A highlight was Fletcher (Totara) breaking 6 of the Year 7 boys records on the day on the way to becoming overall Year 7 champion. Students who excelled overall included:

Year 7 Boys: 1st Fletcher (Totara), 2nd place Steven (Rimu), 3rd Lucas (Manuka)

Year 7 Girls: 1st Amelia (Totara), 2nd Gabriella (Tawa), 3rd = Jemma (Rata), Sophie (Kahikatea), Emily (Miro)

Year 8 Boys: 1st Will (Totara), 2= Lachie (Kauri) and Ali (Rata)

Year 8 Girls: 1st Kiriana (Totara), 2nd Sadie (Rata), 3rd Isla



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



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UPCOMING DATES

TERM 1

Week 7

- **Tuesday 12th to Friday 15th March** - Scholastic Book Fair
- **Friday 15th March**- Super 11 Tennis- Whakatane

Week 8

- **Monday 18th March and Tuesday 19th March** - Whānau Conferences
- **Monday 18th March to Friday 22nd March**- Scholastic Book Fair
- **Tuesday 19th March** - Tipene Roadshow 2024 6pm in School Hall
- **Thursday 21st March**- HPV
- **Friday 22nd March**- Super 11 Swimming- Rotorua.
- **Friday 22nd March** - WBEET Aspiring Sports Leaders- Blake Park

Week 9

- **Monday 25th March and Tuesday 26th March** - Scholastic Book Fair
- **Wednesday 27th March**- Super 11 Touch Rugby- Rotorua
- **Thursday 28th March** - Rā Whānaungatanga - All Welcome
- **Friday 29th March** - Good Friday

Week 10

- **Monday 1st April** - Easter
- **Tuesday 2nd April** - Easter **No School**

Week 11

- **Monday 8th April** - Winter Code Parent/Player Meeting
- **Wednesday 10th April** - TIS Badminton Champs
- **Friday 12th April** - **End of Term 1**

TERM 2

Week 1

- **Monday 29th April** - **Term 2 Commences**
- **Thursday 2nd May - Friday 3rd May** - TIS Squash Champs
- **Friday 3rd May** - Super 11 Golf - Te Puke

Week 2

- **Friday 10th May** - Super 11 Under 48kg Rugby Tens - Gisborne
- **Friday 10th May** - Winter Hockey Begins

Week 3

- **Monday 13th May** - Basketball starts
- **Tuesday 14th May** - TIS Table Tennis Champs
- **Thursday 16th May** - Amazing race @Memorial Park
- **Saturday 18th May** - Netball grading day

Week 4

- **Friday 24th May** - Super 11 Squash Champs -Devoy Centre