



## Kia ora Parents, Whānau and Caregivers,

## Term 2, Week 9

I hope you and your whānau are well and fighting off the seasonal winter colds and coughs. I certainly know that as a workforce across the country winter can cause issues with staff wellbeing and student attendance.

This week we look forward to celebrating Matariki as a school. Students have been involved in learning about the various stars in the Matariki cluster and what Matariki signifies for Māori and for all of us as New Zealanders.

### Time Off School During Term Time:

I have noticed an increase in families taking their children out of school during term time to travel overseas. I have been very accommodating of this, but I need to remind whānau that officially as a principal I can't approve this (as per Ministry of Education guidelines), I can only acknowledge that a student will be absent. Students who are away overseas during term time, are marked 'G' as having a holiday in term time. This means their absence is 'Explained but Unjustified'.

### Spirit Trophy:

Congratulations to Rata house for their recent victory of the highly contested Spirit Trophy. Rata deserves this for their consistent efforts to follow the STARS and model high standards. The second half of the term the Spirit Trophy will be awarded to the top house in Week 10 at assembly for the following: Specialists points, reliever data, Matariki games, Cross Country, House Mascot/ Lip sync competition, and the annual bottle rocket launch.

### Roadmap:

In Week 9 TIS will be celebrating Matariki with sports competitions, a hākari and other activities. Our Houses will compete in games of Ki O'Rahi, Tapuae and Tī Uru – games they have been learning in PE – across the four days of fun competition and finish off on Thursday with some houses organising celebratory feasts.

### EPro 8:

It was fantastic to see our students do very well coming 3rd place in the Bay of Plenty/Waikato finals.



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## Sport

There have been many sporting events across the term including some of the following highlights. The Super 11 calendar has included squash, under 48 kg rugby, mountain biking, badminton, and ultimate frisbee and many of our students have had great success. On Friday our Super 11 Rugby League teams will travel to Rotorua to compete in the first ever tournament for this sport. This week we will host indoor bowls in our own school gymnasium.

For inter house sport there has been a focus on European handball, a sport new to many of our students, but one that took off in popularity. Congratulations to Matai who were victorious in the final of this. In week 9 we celebrate Matariki with an inter house tournament of the traditional maori games: Tapuae, Tī Uru, and Ki O' Rahi.

Congratulations to Jade (Tānekaha) who competed in TBNZ National Open Ten Pin Bowling Champs held here in Tauranga. Jade became the national champion by 234 pins (among other titles) and become the youngest bowler at age 11 to win this title since 2011.

Last week we held our Cross Country Championships. Cooper (Rata) in the year 8 boys section set a blistering new record of 10:17 that has been in place since 2008. Congratulations to all students that ran, and in particular to the following students who placed in their race.

Y8 Boys: 1st Cooper (Rata) 10:17, 2nd Lachie (Kauri), 3rd Holden (Rimu)

Y8 Girls: 1st Tessa (Mānuka) 11:36, 2nd Oona (Tōtara), 3rd Amo (Tawa)

Y7 Boys: 1st Airis (Rata) 11:04, 2nd Lucas (Mānuka), 3rd Ben (Rata)

Y7 Girls: 1st Zainab (Rata) 11:59, 2nd Elle (Rata), 3rd Ariella (Tōtara)



**Year 7 Boys**



**Year 8 Boys**



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## Show Quest and TOI Wearable Arts:

On Monday 10th June, Tauranga Intermediate School took part in Showquest and Toi - a performing and wearable arts competition. The 83 students in Showquest performed an 8 minute dance / drama that had the theme of water conservation and included modern, hip hop, poi and pasifika dances. The 29 Toi students had designed and made a wearable piece of art, choosing from a range of themes, including; Stories of the South Pacific, Larger than Life and Year 2034.

They modelled their creations on the night. We were proud of all the students that took part. They spent two terms choreographing the dances, creating the wearable art and turning up to practises and extension sessions. All our students represented TIS with pride and showed our STARS values throughout.

Our Showquest Team came away with the following awards:

Best Live Music

Highly Commended for Theme.

Also congratulations to Tūi Miller and Baxter Carlin who won, Best Public Speakers for answering questions after the performance.

Our Toi Team came away with the following awards:

Jack Coombs, Zennie Lin - Creative Storytelling award

Amo Lehloesa, Aria Moana - Creative Storytelling award

Amelie Joyce, Isla Draffin, Bailey Heerdegen - Excellent Construction award



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## Uniform

A reminder that students are to wear navy blue school socks and plain black shoes with no coloured branding or soles. Please ensure students are wearing one of our school fleeces or softshell tops in winter. No other hoodies are to be worn at school.

## Attendance

Thank you to all whānau for your support in getting your children to school on a daily basis. Everyday counts, so please contact the school if you need any support with attendance.

## Rural Bus Passes

A reminder that valid Bus Passes are required for all Rural buses. Many are paying Term by Term so just a reminder to check that your Bus Pass is still valid.

## Fraser Cove

A reminder that students are not allowed to visit Burger King, The Warehouse, DKs or Countdown before school and after school, unless they are accompanied by a caregiver.

## NumberWorks'nWords

Thanks once again to the team at NumberWorks'nWords. The sponsorship has been awarded to some well deserving students and we are looking forward to hearing about their learning experiences with you all.



**Thank you for your ongoing support of our school.**

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





## UPCOMING DATES

### TERM 2

Week 9

- **Thursday 27th June** - Super 11 Indoor Bowls (TIS)
- **Friday 28th June** - Matariki - **NO SCHOOL**

Week 10

- **Wednesday 3rd July - Sunday 7th July** - Tai Mitchell tournament (Mt Maunganui)
- **Thursday 4th July** - Super 11 Rock Climbing (Taupo)
- **Friday 5th July** - Peachgrove netball exchange (Hamilton)
- **Friday 5th July** - **Term 2 Concludes**

### TERM 3

Week 1

- **Monday 22 July** - **Term 3 Commences**
- **Friday 26th July** - Super 11 Basketball (Rotorua)

Week 2

- **Friday 2nd August** - Super 11 Winter Tournament (Various)
- **Friday 2nd August** - Western BOP Badminton

Week 3

- **Wednesday 7th August** - Te Puke exchange (Home and away)
- **Thursday 8th August** - BOP Squash (Rotorua)
- **Friday 9th August** - Super 11 Cross Country (Waipuna Park)
- **Friday 9th August** - Indoor Bowls warm up tournament

Week 4

- **Friday 16th August** - Super 11 Sevens
- **Friday 16th August** - Te Puke Gymnastics Tournament
- **Friday 16th August** - BOP Table Tennis
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