



Kia ora Parents, Whānau and Caregivers, Term 4, Week 6

What a fantastic last couple of weeks it has been at TIS! Thank you to the many staff and whānau who have supported a number of these successes. Some recent highlights below include our 3rd placing out of 62 finalists at Te Mana Kuratahi - Kapa Haka Nationals, Pasifika in the Bay, Ultimate Relay, 3 TIS teams qualifying and competing at the Future Problem Solving Nationals in Auckland, TIS Athletic Sports and the Super 11 Beach Challenge, Triathlon and Touch Rugby.

Community Survey

Thank you very much to the 239 parents who completed our Whānau Community Survey. Your feedback is valued and will help us shape the future direction of our school. A summary of the community feedback will be shared with you shortly. Congratulations to Room 23 for winning the pizza lunch for the most parent responses.

Education Review Office

Next week, ERO (Education Review Office) will be visiting our school to discuss our School Improvement Framework, observe classroom teaching and have discussions with key groups of people. Thank you to whānau who have registered for the whānau hui.

Te Tiriti o Waitangi

The Tauranga Intermediate School Board would like to reassure our school community, that it is 100% committed to giving effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and providing a learning culture that reflects the aspirations of our whānau Māori, our local hapū, iwi and all students. We know that strong communities are built through partnership - not by rolling back commitments to Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

Roadmap - Kohinga Putea

Our students have been highly engaged learning about financial literacy, trade, economic processes, and entrepreneurship. Our culminating learning activity is Rā Māketē coming up on Tuesday, 25th November from 12.30 p.m to 1.45 p.m. Whānau are invited to come and be part of what will be a fun afternoon of students selling their designed and marketed goods and services.

Ultimate Relay

What a day! This year's Ultimate Relay once again lived up to its name, bringing together our entire school in a fantastic display of teamwork, energy, and school spirit. From the first lap to the last, students and staff showed incredible determination - and their efforts certainly paid off.

Together, our students completed an amazing 4,176 laps of the 600m course and have raised over \$30,000 to support our much-loved Ngamuwahine Camp. The atmosphere was electric as each house gave their all, proudly displaying the STARS values that make TIS such an enjoyable school.

A huge mihi to all our students, whose enthusiasm and perseverance carried the day, and to our teachers, whose guidance and encouragement inspired every step. Ngā mihi nui also to our supportive community for getting behind this important cause year after year.

He waka eke noa – we're all in this together!



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Orientation Day - Friday 28 November

We are excited that our Year 8s who are going to Tauranga Boys' and Tauranga Girls' Colleges will visit their respective schools on Friday, 28th November. All students must be at school by 8:30 a.m. to catch buses to their 2026 schools. Buses will leave at 8:45 a.m and all students will be back on site by 12:30 p.m.

We will also welcome the incoming Year 7 2026 cohort. These students will meet their teacher, class and house. It is always an exciting time to connect with our future students and for our current Year 7s to take on leadership opportunities during the morning.

Future Problem Solving (FPS) Nationals

On Friday 7th November, three Future Problem Solving (FPS) teams travelled to Auckland to compete in the FPS Nationals at Northcross Intermediate. FPS is an international academic programme that teaches students critical and creative thinking, problem-solving, and collaboration skills by applying them to hypothetical future scenarios. Students learn to identify problems, brainstorm solutions, and develop action plans for challenges in areas like science and technology. The topic for this year's nationals was Nanotechnology.

Our teams were:

Year 7 Teams:

- Maisie, Isla, Leo, and Maneetjit
- Jun, Ryan, Pounamu, and Beau

Year 8 Team:

- Lira, Brooke, Juhan, and Zack



The teams completed a 2-hour, 15-minute booklet and then presented their action plans in a dramatic presentation. While results will be announced later this week, all our students did a fantastic job. They can be very proud of the hard work they put into researching the topic and preparing for the competition.





Pasifika in The Bay

What a fantastic day of performance, food, and whānaungatanga. Our Pasifika group, which has grown to over 100 students (with 90 performing on the day) were stars on stage at Pasifika in the Bay Festival last weekend at Ōtūmoetai College.

Our group, led by Mrs J, have put in many hours practising their performance pieces to celebrate and showcase our pacific nations. The items performed were from Samoa, Tonga and Tuvalu. A big thank you to Praise Saua for playing the drums and fakafetai lasi (thank you) to Manaema Pita, Conor Higgins, and Katelyn Jeffries for all of your help.



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Te Mana Kuratahi - National Kapa Haka Championships

We are incredibly proud of our school's kapa haka group Te Whānau o Te Maro Hauhake, who finished third place out of 62 national finalists at Te Manu Kuratahi- National Kapa Haka finals last week. The standard of competition was the highest it has ever been in the history of haka and our Hauhake group represented our school and Tauranga Moana with distinction, along with the other kura that represented the moana. In the Aggregate Items the group placed first in Te Reo(written and oral language) and Mōteatea(traditional song), and placed second in Waiata ā ringa(action song). In the Non Aggregate Items the group placed first in Kākahu(costume) and Titonga Hou (original composition), second place for Kaitāki wāhine(female leader) and third for Waiata tira(coral). We are extremely proud of their achievements.





Tauranga Intermediate Term 4 Sports

Nationals – Mountain Biking 🚴♂️

A huge congratulations to our riders who represented TIS with pride as they competed at the National Mountain Biking Championships over the holidays!

- **Israel (Tanekaha)** – 🏆 3rd place U13 Boys Cross Country
- **Cohen (Kauri)** – 6th place U14 Boys Cross Country

Fantastic results against some tough national competition – well done, boys!

Super 11 PB/BOP Tennis 🎾

Friday 10th October (Postponed from Term 1)

Despite the postponement, our team showed great spirit once play resumed.

Paige (Mānuka) placed 🏆 2nd in Doubles, pairing up with a student from Rotorua Intermediate. Ka pai, Paige!

Super 11 PB/BOP Touch Rugby 🏈

Friday 17th October – Week 2

Our Touch teams had an outstanding day with some top placings across all grades:

- **Year 8 Boys** – 🏆 1st place
- **Year 8 Girls** – 🏆 3rd place
- **Year 7 Boys** – 4th place
- **Year 7 Girls** – 🏆 2nd place

Excellent teamwork and sportsmanship were on display all day – well done to all involved!

Super 11 Volleyball 🏐

Friday 31st October – Week 4

Another strong performance across the board from our volleyballers:

- **Year 7 Girls** – 🏆 1st place
- **Year 7 Boys** – 🏆 2nd place
- **Year 8 Girls** – 5th place
- **Year 8 Boys** – 🏆 2nd place

Congratulations to all teams – a fantastic effort representing TIS!





ATHLETICS RESULTS 2025

Our Athletics Day saw some outstanding performances and close finishes. Here are the key highlights and champions from the day.

Track Events:

Year 8 Girls:

60m

- 1 Kaia Matai) – 8.40
- 2 Elle (Rata) – 8.73
- 3 Mareikura (Matai) – 9.13

100m

- 1 Kaia (Matai) – 13.88
- 2 Mareikura (Matai) – 14.25
- 3 Elsie (Mānuka) – 14.54

200m

- 1 Mareikura (Matai) – 28.64
- 2 Elle (Rata) – 29.28
- 3 Amber (Tawa) – 30.00

300m

- 1 Mareikura (Matai) – 45.00
- 2 Elle (Rata) – 46.53
- 3 Amber (Tawa) – 47.40

800m

- 1 Elle (Rata) – 2:47.51
- 2 Tiana (Rata) – 2:49.16
- 3 Gypsy (Kahikatea) – 2:50.44

1500m

- 1 Elle (Rata) – 5:33.61
- 2 Zainab (Rata) – 5:47.06
- 3 Ariella (Tōtara) – 5:51.63

Track Events:

Year 8 Boys – Track

60m

- 1 Braxton (Kauri) – 8.25
- 2 Caprice (Miro) – 8.49
- 3 Mason (Kauri) – 8.64

100m

- 1 Braxton (Kauri) – 12.83
- 2 Mason (Kauri) – 13.15
- 3 Caprice (Miro) – 13.37

200m

- 1 Caprice (Miro) – 26.40
- 2 Braxton (Kauri) – 26.79
- 3 Steven (Rimu) – 27.12

300m

- 1 Caprice (Miro) – 41.81
- 2 Beni (Miro) – 42.14
- 3 Kale (Tānekaha) – 42.56

800m

- 1 Fletcher (Tōtara) – 2:24.04
- 2 Cohen (Kauri) – 2:26.21
- 3 Beni (Miro) – 2:29.68

1500m

- 1 Lucas (Mānuka) – 5:15.15
- 2 Fletcher (Tōtara) – 5:16.43
- 3 Tangata (Tānekaha) – 5:20.75



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Track Events:

Year 7 Girls

60m

- 1 Peyton (Kauri) – 9.69
- 2 Shareen (Miro) – 9.93
- 3 Preana (Tānekaha) – 10.26

100m

- 1 Nosrat (Tawa) – 14.66
- 2 Te Huatahi (Kahikatea) – 15.06
- 3 Avneet (Rata) – 15.38

200m

- 1 Shareen (Miro) – 31.03
- 2 Paige (Mānuka) – 31.63
- 3 Jamie (Tawa) – 32.23

300m

- 1 Shareen (Miro) – 49.76
- 2 Avneet (Rata) – 50.09
- 3 Paige (Mānuka) – 51.24

800m

- 1 Paige (Mānuka) – 2:54.18
- 2 Charlotte (Tawa) – 2:59.03
- 3 Chelsea (Kauri) – 2:59.64

1500m

- 1 Paige (Mānuka) – 5:42.31
- 2 Charlotte (Tawa) – 5:55.06
- 3 Izzy (Mānuka) – 5:58.06

Track Events:

Year 7 Boys

60m

- 1 Te Ariki (Kauri) – 8.30
- 2 Maxwell (Kahikatea) – 8.62
- 3 Manaia (Matai) – 8.90

100m

- 1 Te Ariki (Kauri) – 13.48
- 2 Maxwell (Kahikatea) – 13.76
- 3 Jacob (Rimu) – 14.25

200m

- 1 Te Ariki (Kauri) – 27.80
- 2 Maxwell (Kahikatea) – 28.01
- 3 Ezekiel (Mānuka) – 29.03

300m

- 1 Jacob (Rimu) – 46.75
- 2 Andre (Tōtara) – 47.33
- 3 Manaia (Matai) – 48.18

800m

- 1 Andre (Tōtara) – 2:38.59
- 2 Zac (Rimu) – 2:39.70
- 3 Jos (Rimu) – 2:40.38

1500m

- 1 Andre (Tōtara) – 5:21.70
- 2 Beau (Tōtara) – 5:22.91
- 3 Mason (Mānuka) – 5:34.48





Year 8 Field Events

High Jump

- 1 Fletcher (Tōtara) – 1.50m
- 2 John (Rimu) – 1.50m
- 3 Steven (Rimu) – 1.45m

- 1 Zainab (Rata) – 1.32m
- 2 Mareikura (Matai) – 1.30m
- 3 = Grace (Rimu) & Aaliyah (Rimu) – 1.25m

Long Jump

- 1 Mason (Kauri) – 5.00m
- 2 Tariq (Miro) – 4.91m
- 3 Aiaraisa (Rimu) – 4.87m

- 1 Mareikura (Matai) – 4.65m
- 2 Gypsy (Kahikatea) – 4.58m
- 3 Kaia (Matai) – 4.56m

Cricket Ball Throw

- 1 James (Miro) – 67.97m
- 2 Xavier (Miro) – 55.06m
- 3 Lucas (Mānuka) – 52.63m

- 1 Chevelle (Tawa) – 49.10m
- 2 Holly (Tōtara) – 43.30m
- 3 Azalea (Tōtara) – 43.20m

Shot Put

- 1 Calvin (Tānekaha) – 12.50m
- 2 Caprice (Miro) – 11.15m
- 3 James (Miro) – 10.68m

- 1 Cyphero (Matai) – 8.42m
- 2 Lyrical (Tōtara) – 8.30m
- 3 Kaia (Matai) – 8.00m

Vortex

- 1 John (Rimu) – 55.09m
- 2 Lucas (Mānuka) – 54.56m
- 3 Xavier (Miro) – 53.26m

- 1 Chevelle (Tawa) – 42.64m
- 2 Azalea (Tōtara) – 42.10m
- 3 Pippa (Mānuka) – 37.91m

Discus

- 1 Caprice (Miro) – 29.70m
- 2 Tyrell (Rimu) – 29.00m
- 3 Mathew (Rimu) – 27.70m

- 1 Chevelle (Tawa) – 21.24m
- 2 Amber (Tawa) – 20.55m
- 3 Lyrical (Tōtara) – 18.70m

Year 7 Field Events

High Jump

- 1 Ryley (Kauri) – 1.45m
- 2 Thomas (Matai) – 1.38m
- 3 Leo (Rimu) – 1.35m

- 1 Shareen (Miro) – 1.29m
- 2 Mikayla (Tōtara) – 1.23m
- 3 Roza (Rata) – 1.20m

Long Jump

- 1 Maxwell (Kahikatea) – 4.95m
- 2 Byron (Miro) – 4.55m
- 3 Harley (Kahikatea) – 4.44m

- 1 Paige (Mānuka) – 4.35m
- 2 Peyton (Kauri) – 4.20m
- 3 Te Huatahi (Kahikatea) – 4.12m

Cricket Ball Throw

- 1 Curtis (Rata) – 54.58m
- 2 Beau (Tōtara) – 52.38m
- 3 Byron (Miro) – 50.67m

- 1 Charlee (Mānuka) – 39.58m
- 2 Destiny (Rimu) – 36.90m
- 3 Te Huatahi (Kahikatea) – 36.55m

Shot Put

- 1 Jesse (Rata) – 10.21m
- 2 Thomas (Matai) – 9.63m
- 3 Beau (Tōtara) – 9.00m

- 1 Helayna (Kauri) – 8.84m
- 2 Mikayla (Tōtara) – 7.98m
- 3 Marley (Matai) – 7.83m

Vortex

- 1 Curtis (Rata) – 58.82m (New Record)
- 2 Byron (Miro) – 51.10m
- 3 Thomas (Matai) – 46.40m

- 1 Te Huatahi (Kahikatea) – 39.90m
- 2 Charlee (Mānuka) – 35.40m
- 3 Shareen (Miro) – 34.50m

Discus

- 1 Leo (Rimu) – 23.45m
- 2 Ahi (Matai) – 21.94m
- 3 Levi (Rata) – 19.80m

- 1 Helayna (Kauri) – 18.00m
- 2 Jamie (Tawa) – 16.71m
- 3 Shareen (Miro) – 16.63m





Year 8 Girls – Champions

- 1 Mareikura (Matai)
- 2 Elle (Rata)
- 3 Chevelle (Tawa)

Year 8 Boys – Champions

- 1 Caprice (Miro)
- 2 = Braxton (Kauri)
- 2 = Fletcher (Tōtara)

Relay Results

House Relays – Year 8

- 1 Matai
- 2 Miro
- 3 Rimu

Class Relays

- 1 Room 9 (Matai)
- 2 Room 22 (Rata)
- 3 Room 19 (Rata)

Year 7 Girls – Champions

- 1 Shareen (Miro)
- 2 Paige (Mānuka)
- 3 = Helayna (Kauri)
- 3 = Te Huatahi (Kahikatea)

Year 7 Boys – Champions

- 1 Te Ariki (Kauri)
- 2 Maxwell (Kahikatea)
- 3 Andre (Tōtara)

House Relays – Year 7

- 1 Mānuka
- 2 Rimu
- 3 Kauri

Year 7 Track and Field Events – Record Breakers 🎉

School Records Broken:

- **Shareen (Miro)** – 60m heats, 7.57 seconds 🏃‍♀️ 🏆
- **Curtis (Rata)** – Vortex throw, 58.82m 🏹 🏆 (New School Record)

These outstanding performances set a new benchmark for future athletes – ka mau te wehi!

🎉 **Well done to all students who competed with passion, pride, and perseverance this term!**
Tauranga Intermediate continues to shine across all sporting codes – an awesome effort from everyone involved.



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Chinese Bridge Competition

Earlier this year one of our students won the Chinese Bridge Competition in Wellington, earning the incredible opportunity to represent New Zealand at the International Chinese Bridge Competition in China. The trip, fully funded for her and a caregiver, celebrated her dedication, talent, and passion for learning Mandarin. Here is her story of learning at TIS.

My Experience of Learning Chinese Language and Culture at TIS.

When I first joined TIS, Mandarin was just something I wanted to try. I never expected it to become such a defining part of my school life. Two years later, I can honestly say learning Mandarin and being part of the Chinese programme has changed me in ways I never imagined.

The Chinese programme at TIS is more than just language lessons, it's immersive and full of opportunities. We didn't just learn to speak; we learned to understand the culture, values, and stories behind the language, which made it all more meaningful.

A highlight was representing New Zealand at the International Chinese Bridge Competition in China. Standing on stage speaking Mandarin to an international audience was unforgettable. I wasn't just performing, I was realising how far I'd come.

This journey has made me more confident, open-minded, and determined. Mandarin has shaped how I see the world and myself. I'm so grateful to my tutors, teachers, and TIS for their support and for opening doors to new experiences.

Looking ahead, I know Mandarin will continue to be a bridge to future opportunities in travel, study, and global connections. It's not just a language, it's a passport to new possibilities.

I encourage anyone to give it a go, you never know where it might take you.

Victoria Seymour, TIS 2024–2025



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Hats Hats Hats Hats Hats Hats Hats Hats Hats Hats Hats
As we enter into the summer months, it is a timely reminder that students should be wearing a hat outside during break times and PE. We have two great options for students in the form of their House bucket hat, or a TIS school cap.
Please ensure your child is equipped with a school hat for the remainder of the term.

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.

Thank you all for supporting your child's education and our school.

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



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UPCOMING DATES

TERM 4

Week 6

- **Friday 14th November** – PB/BOP Girls Cricket

Week 7

- **Friday 21st November** – PB/BOP Athletics Tauranga Domain

Week 8

- **Monday 24th November** – International Xmas Party
- **Tuesday 25th November** – Rā Māketē Open School Market Day – 12.30 p.m – 1.45 p.m
All whānau welcome
- **Friday 28th November** – TBC, TGC & TIS Orientation Days

Week 9

- **Thursday 4th December** – Sport Prizegiving 6 p.m

Week 10

- **Wednesday 10th December** – Year 8 Leavers' Ball 5.30 p.m – 8 p.m
- **Thursday 11th December** – Academic Judgements on Hero

Week 11

- **Tuesday 16th December** – End of Year Assemblies
Year 7 – 9.30 a.m
Year 8 – 1 p.m
- **Wednesday 17th December** – **School Concludes at 12 p.m**



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