



Kia ora Parents, Whānau and Caregivers, Term 4, Week 9

As the school year draws to a close, we continue to see Tauranga Intermediate School students excelling in many different areas. It was a pleasure to be part of our Sports Prizegiving last night. As a school we have had an outstanding year on the sporting front. A special thanks goes to our amazing staff, who go over and beyond coaching and managing teams. We are also incredibly grateful to our parent coaches and managers, who give up their personal time to support our sports programme.

In Week 8 we had our Orientation Day where we welcomed our new students for 2026. It was a great morning and pleasing to see so many happy and excited students. At the same time the majority of our Year 8 students attended their orientation visits to Tauranga Boys and Girls Colleges.

Education Review Office- ERO

During Week 7 we welcomed the ERO evaluation team to Tauranga Intermediate. Prior to the ERO team arriving, they had read and unpacked a lot of school improvement documentation and data, along with our school's Board Assurance Statements. Whilst at TIS, the ERO team met with the Senior Leadership Team, various staff groups, whānau and students. They also observed a cross section of our teaching team in action.

We will receive our formal ERO Report early next year, however we were provided with the following feedback and assessments which we are delighted with. Here are our draft feedback statements:

Areas of strength

- Students benefit from a broad, localised curriculum and strong pastoral care systems that help them feel valued and supported, fostering resilience and self-management.
- Students have access to diverse learning and co-curricular opportunities that build and extend their interests and talents, enrich their learning experiences, and foster personal growth and confidence.
- Leadership has a clear, values-driven strategic plan and a distributed leadership model that supports accountability and continuous improvement through robust and consistent use of, school-wide best-practice frameworks.
- Literacy and mathematics learning are supported by clear learning intentions, explicit teaching, and assessment for learning strategies. High student engagement reflects growing confidence and participation in these areas.
- Learning is well-planned and culturally connected to local and multicultural contexts, with strong progression and high expectations across literacy, mathematics, and inquiry.
- Staff capability is strengthened through targeted professional learning, coaching, and collaborative planning, building a culture of shared responsibility for improvement.
- Leaders and teachers use reflective processes to align actions with goals and strengthen data use and success measures to drive next steps.


Key priorities

- Increase regular rates of attendance for all learners.
- Improve equitable outcomes for all learners by sustaining rates of acceleration with a focus on curriculum level attainment.





School Improvement Framework Synthesis Evaluation

Key:  = ERO Evaluation

	Not Evidenced at the time	Improvement Required	Working Towards	Embedding	Excelling
Outcomes: Learner Success & Wellbeing					
Leadership					
Curriculum					
Teaching & Learning					
Professional Capability & Capacity					
Inclusion & Wellbeing					
Partnerships					
Stewardship & Governance					
Te Tiriti o Waitangi					
Evaluation for Improvement					





ERO Evaluation Continued:

Classroom Teaching Observations: The cross-section of our staff whose teaching was observed were rated as 'excelling' for all 10 Teacher Observation Framework areas (see below). This is a fantastic recognition of the consistency of best practice across our classrooms:

- Learning Environment
- Clear Expectations
- Explicit Teaching
- Differentiated Learning
- Engagement in Learning
- Collaborative Learning
- Questioning and Feedback
- Scaffolding & Managing Cognitive Load
- Learner Agency & Metacognition
- Culturally Responsive Pedagogies for Māori Learners

TIS Community Consultation:

Thank you very much to the 243 whānau who provided us with feedback for our TIS 2025 Community Consultation. Here is an infographic that provides a summary of key feedback.

Year 8 Leavers Ball:

We are very excited for our Year 8 Leavers Ball on Wednesday, 10th December from 5:30 – 8:30 pm. This is a celebration of our Year 8 students and everything they have achieved during their time with us. The theme is Te Moana Miharō, A Magical Moana. We know our students and staff are excited to join together with some kai/food and kanikani/dancing. Tickets are on sale now – \$15 each.

Prize Giving Assemblies:

A reminder that our Prize Giving final assemblies are on Tuesday, 16th December. Year 7 prize giving commences at 9:30am and Year 8 prize giving at 1:00pm. Whānau for students receiving an award will be notified by their teacher.

2025 Community Consultation Summary Highlights



Overall Sentiment

- High confidence and support across whānau
- Positive ratings for school vision, values, teaching quality and culture
- Key improvement areas: **core academics, consistency, communication, and life-skills learning**



School Vision

- 89% of whānau feel the school's vision reflects well or very well what they want for their child



Teaching & Learning

- 83% feel the school provides engaging and meaningful learning opportunities
- Focus areas for development: **core academics, consistency, communication, and life-skills learning**





Meet the Teacher:

The Tauranga Intermediate School Meet the Teacher Conference will take place in class on **Tuesday 3rd February 2026**. This is a great opportunity to form connections and for teachers and whānau to get to know each other. Meet the Teacher Conferences are for all Year 7 students and new Year 8 students to Tauranga Intermediate School. If your child has a new teacher in 2026 you may also wish to take this opportunity to meet them prior to the year starting.

The purpose of the Meet the Teacher Conference is:

- For you to share about your ākonga/child; likes, hobbies, talents, celebrations
- For you to share what success looks like at school for your ākonga/child
- To further develop the **learning partnership** between home and school

Each conference will be 15 minutes long and can be booked online as below

ONLINE BOOKING INSTRUCTIONS:

Go to **www.schoolinterviews.co.nz** and enter the code (**tm7ta**) and follow the prompts. Bookings are now open.

If unable to book online or the above date is not suitable, please email our school office at office@tauranga-int.school.nz by **Monday 2nd February** with your child's Name and Room Number so we can inform their teacher to arrange a suitable appointment for you.

HERO:

HERO is our student management system. We are asking all whānau to create a HERO account to access your child's learning, reporting and general school communications.

Step 1: Visit: <https://our-hero.com/parent-guide> or Download the Hero App.

1. Go to the Hero App

Select the relevant link below to download the Hero App, or click to log in via a browser



2. Add your email address

Then select "Next"

3. Select "New User"

Your account will be set up by your school using the email address that you provided when you enrolled your children, use this address to request a password

4. Select "Submit"

Hero will send you an email with a link to follow

5. Check your email

You should receive an email within five minutes

6. Follow the link

This will take you to a secure page to enter your chosen password





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Learning Celebrations:

Our Rā Makete (Market Day) was an incredible success as a culminating learning experience for our Kohinga Pūtea Roadmap. Students learned about trade, financial literacy and entrepreneurship and put their marketing, selling and design skills to test. As well as paying back loans the students also managed to make \$1020 which will go to Good Neighbour, a charity chosen by our School Leaders. We have included some photos of our celebrations that show the variety of stalls and the fun that was had by all.



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Register your child's absence:

E: attendance@tauranga-int.school.nz

P: 07 578 4401

Bus Transport:

Mike Hansen

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Classroom teachers

www.tauranga-int.school.nz/About-Us/Staff



Tauranga Intermediate Term 4 Sports

Super 11 Girls Cricket – Fergusson Park

This was the first time playing cricket for many of our girls, and they should all be extremely proud of their efforts, attitude, and growth over the two days of competition.

TIS had an outstanding run, recording impressive wins against Te Puke and Mount Maunganui. These performances earned them a spot in the final, where they faced Otūmoetai in an intense, hard-fought match that went right down to the wire.

Although the girls were narrowly defeated in the final, they showed real grit, teamwork, and TIS pride from start to finish. A fantastic achievement for a developing team with a very bright future ahead.

Gisborne Beach Challenge & Triathlon – Team Overview

We took 20 students down to Gisborne for our annual Beach Challenge and Triathlon, representing TIS across four teams: Year 7 Boys, Year 7 Girls, Year 8 Boys, and Year 8 Girls.


This event is extremely demanding and requires a huge amount of determination, resilience, and teamwork. The Beach Challenge day alone includes five different events, each testing speed, strength, coordination, and courage. Our students then had to back it up the very next day with the Triathlon – another tough physical test – before making the long journey home, understandably exhausted but proud of what they had achieved.

Despite the challenges, our athletes gave everything, supported one another, and represented Tauranga Intermediate with real pride and mana throughout the entire trip.


Super 11 Triathlon – Gisborne – Tauranga Intermediate – 2nd Overall

Individual Highlights

Year 7 Girls:

 Paige (Mānuka) – 1st

Year 8 Boys:

 Fletcher (Tōtara) – 2nd

Beach Challenge – Gisborne

Beach Flags

Year 8 Girls:

Elle (Rata) – 1st

Year 8 Boys:

Steven (Rimu) – 1st

Super 11 Athletics & Gisborne Events – TIS Results Summary

Super 11 Athletics:

TIS performed incredibly well at the Super 11 Athletics held recently at the Tauranga Domain taking out 2nd place for the overall school section. Well done to all participants who competed.

1st Otūmoetai 64

2nd Tauranga Intermediate 61

3rd Te Puke 41



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Super 11 Athletics Results

Field Events


Shot Put – Year 7 Girls

 Helayna (Kauri) – 3rd


Discus – Year 7 Boys

 Leo (Rimu) – 2nd


Discus – Year 7 Girls

 Helayna (Kauri) – 3rd


Long Jump – Year 8 Boys

 Tariq (Miro) – 2nd


Long Jump – Year 8 Girls

 Mareikura (Matai) – 3rd


High Jump – Year 8 Boys


 Fletcher (Tōtara) – 2nd

High Jump – Year 8 Girls

 Zainab (Rata) – 3rd

Cricket Ball Throw – Year 8 Boys


 James (Miro) – 1st

 Xavier (Miro) – 2nd

Cricket Ball Throw – Year 8 Girls

 Azaela (Tōtara) – 2nd

Cricket Ball Throw – Year 7 Girls

 Charlee (Rimu) – 2nd


 Te Huatahi – 3rd

Overall Athletics Champions

Year 7 Boys Overall:

 Jacob (Rimu) – 3rd =

Year 8 Girls Overall:

 Mareikura (Matai) – Champion

 Zainab (Rata) – 3rd =

Overall School Champion:


Tauranga Intermediate – 2nd Place

Sports Prizegiving


Last night we had a fantastic evening at our annual Sports Prizegiving. It was wonderful to see so many students participating and engaging in a large range of sports and achieving to such high levels. A huge thank you goes to our school whānau and staff that support our school's sporting endeavours through coaching, managing games, and supporting our students to *explore their personal potential*. We could not have such an incredible range of sports on offer if it weren't for our phenomenal Sports Department who work tirelessly to organise teams, tournaments and opportunities.


Track Events

1500m – Year 8 Boys


 Fletcher (Tōtara) – 3rd


1500m – Year 8 Girls

 Zainab (Rata) – 1st


 Elle (Rata) – 3rd

1500m – Year 7 Girls

 Paige (Mānuka) – 2nd

 Charlotte (Tawa) – 3rd


800m – Year 8 Girls

 Tiana (Rata) – 3rd


800m – Year 7 Boys


 Zac (Rimu) – 3rd

800m – Year 7 Girls


 Paige (Mānuka) – 2nd

300m – Year 8 Girls


 Mareikura (Matai) – 1st

 Elle (Rata) – 2nd


300m – Year 7 Boys

 Jacob (Rimu) – 1st

200m – Year 8 Boys

 Braxton (Kauri) – 2nd

100m – Year 8 Boys

 Braxton (Kauri) – 2nd





Complaints and Frustrations

Just a reminder that any frustrations or complaints should be communicated directly to the school and not aired on Social Media. Our School Community Conduct Expectations and our Concerns and Complaints Policy clearly outline expectations and procedures.

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.
We wish you all a Happy and Safe Christmas break and look forward to seeing
you all in the New Year**

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

MUSICAL THEATRE WORKSHOP 14 - 16 JANUARY 2026

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BOOKINGS :
Essential as the programmes do fill up quickly!

Contact STEPS for a booking form and information sheet

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UPCOMING DATES

TERM 4

Week 10

- **Wednesday 10th December** - Year 8 Leavers' Ball 5.30 p.m - 8.30 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 for 2025

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2026

- **Wednesday 28th January 2026** - Main School Office Open

Week 1

- **Tuesday 3rd February** - Whanau Conferences - Yr7 and new Yr8 Meet the Teacher
9:30am-3:00pm
- **Wednesday 4th February** - Full first day of school for all students
- **Friday 6th February** - Waitangi Day - **School Closed**

Week 3

- **Wednesday 18th February** - School Photo's
- **Thursday 19th February - Friday 20th February** - Super 11 Boys Cricket





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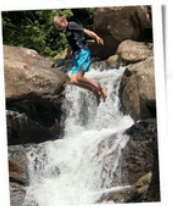
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