



Kia ora Parents, Whānau and Caregivers, Term 2, Week 3

Despite the wet and windy holiday break, we have been lucky to have great weather to kick off the start of Term 2. As I have visited classrooms and houses, I was excited to see many students engaged in their learning and having rich and meaningful learning conversations. We have lunchtime Ultimate Frisbee Spirit Trophy competitions running as well as lots of sports practices and many students rehearsing for the upcoming Showquest and Toi performance.

Thank you to the many whānau who shared their thoughts in our recent Health programme survey. We really value your views, which are shared below. Please keep an eye on HERO where we will share more detailed information about the Health Programme for 2026.

Life Beyond the Classroom

The data below clearly shows that parents and whānau highly value the Health programme:

The school is buzzing with activity as our students make the most of the diverse opportunities on offer:

- **Lunchtime Spirit:** The **Ultimate Frisbee Spirit Trophy** competitions are in full swing, bringing plenty of energy and friendly rivalry to our lunch breaks.
- **Performing Arts:** Rehearsals are well underway for the upcoming **Showquest** and **Toi** performances. The dedication shown by our performers and crew is truly impressive.
- **Winter Sports:** Our sports fields and courts are busy with various practices as teams prepare for the season ahead.

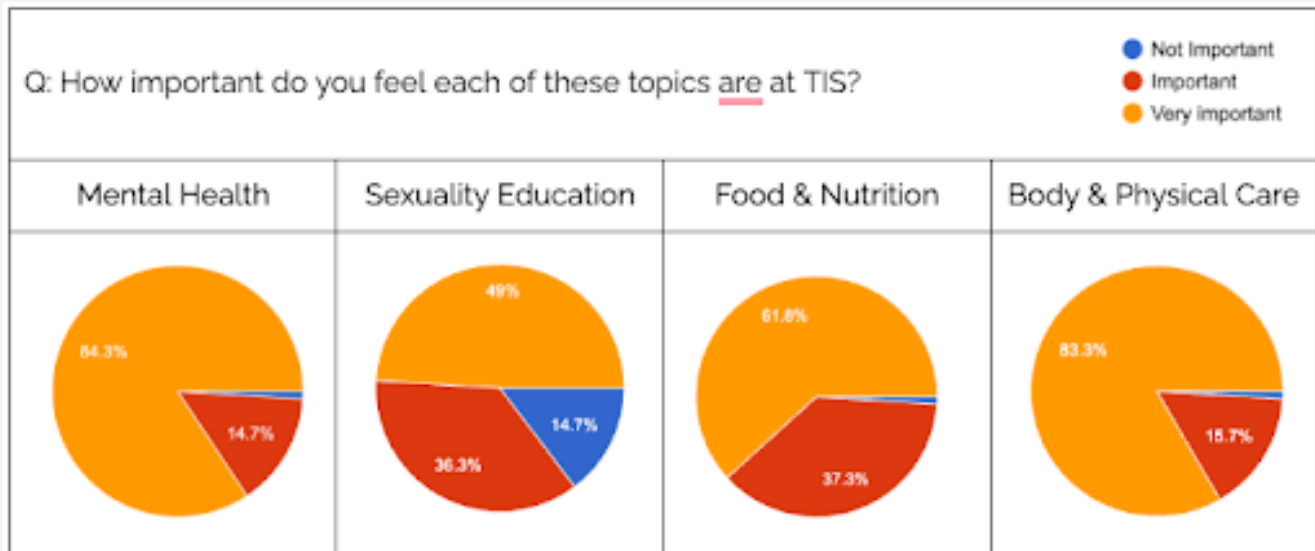
It is always rewarding to see our students stepping out of their comfort zones, taking on new challenges, and—most importantly—having a great time doing so.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our students make the most of these opportunities. Here's to a productive and exciting Term 2!

Ngā mihi nui
Whaea Cheri

Health Feedback

The data below clearly shows that parents and whānau highly value the Health programme:





Health Feedback Cont

The feedback for our Health Education curriculum at TIS reflects a community dedicated to holistic student wellbeing, balanced by a strong desire for transparency. While there is significant support for strengthening **mental health resilience**, **consent education**, and **digital literacy**, many parents also expressed concerns regarding the teaching of gender and sexuality, often citing religious values or the preference for these topics to be handled at home. To address this, we are prioritising **clearer communication** through detailed curriculum outlines and informative videos to ensure all families feel informed and respected. Our goal remains to provide a balanced program that integrates **Te Whare Tapa Whā** and physical safety while ensuring the content is age-appropriate and supports the diverse needs of our school community.

Showquest & Toi

Our students are preparing to represent the school at **Showquest** on 16 June, held at **Mercury Arena, Baypark**. This national performing arts event combines dance, drama, music, and storytelling in a live stage performance.

Students have been working hard in rehearsals to create a piece that reflects strong collaboration, creativity, and commitment. We are proud of their efforts and look forward to sharing their performance with our community.

Toi is a wearable art competition run by Rockquest promotions. Students are required to design a garment that reflects originality, vision, and creativity. They are currently working on designing their outfits, basing their ideas on a specific theme. We have seen some fantastic ideas, high energy and a true commitment to design.

Tickets are available through the following link: [Showquest & Toi ticket link](#)

Spirit Trophy

Congratulations to all the Tawa staff and students on your most recent success—winning the TIS Spirit Trophy for Section B of Term 1! The focus for Section A of Term 2 is on: Following routines and structures, displaying our STARS values, classroom displays and attendance at school.

The upcoming inter-house game will be Ultimate Frisbee and NFL Flags. Get ready for some fun and friendly competition!

Roadmap

Te Ao Pūtaiao is our second 'Roadmap' for 2026. Our Roadmaps are contextual inquiry learning. They provide the platform for most learning experiences in the classroom, including from the English, Science and Social Sciences curriculum. All classes will move to the Te Ao Pūtaiao learning context between Week 4 and 6 of this term.

Our Te Ao Pūtaiao Roadmap is focussed on Chemical Change, Earth Sciences and Matariki. Science is a way of understanding and explaining the world around us. Ko te Pūtaiao te pūtake ō ngā aronga matua o te ao puta noa. Students will learn that the world is in a constant state of change which impacts our lives. They will discuss and explore chemical reactions taking place in everyday life. Understanding these things helps us to make sense of our world. Students will analyse cause and effect (that change to one thing causes change to others) in the context of natural disasters and weather patterns which have formed and reformed the land. They will make connections between the stars and earth sciences - linking these to Matariki





Sport

Super 11 Swimming – Rotorua

In week 7 of last term, a team of our top swimmers went to Rotorua Aquatic Centre to compete in the Super 11 Swimming Competition. Our students who placed in races were as follows:

Y7 Girls:

Lilly (Kahikatea) delivered one of the standout performances of the meet, showing her versatility and strength across every stroke.

- 1 50m Freestyle
- 2 50m Backstroke
- 2 50m Breaststroke
- 1 50m Butterfly
- 1 100m Freestyle
- 1 100m Backstroke
- 1 100m Breaststroke
- 1 100m Butterfly

Y7 Boys:

A strong all-round showing from the boys, with multiple podium finishes.

- Sully** (Tōtara)
- 3 50m Free style
 - 1 50m Backstroke
 - 3 100m Breaststroke
 - 1 100m Backstroke

- Hunter** (Tōtara)
- 2 50m Butterfly
 - 1 100m Butterfly

- Cole** (Kahikatea)
- 3 100m Freestyle
 - 3 100m Backstroke

- Stanley** (Tōtara)
- 2 100m Butterfly 2nd

Strong podium finishes across all year groups showed the depth of our swimming talent.

Relays:

200m Free: Y7 Girls 2, Y7 Boys 2, Y8 Girls 1, Y8 Boys 1

Y8 Girls:

Another dominant display, led by exceptional individual performances:

- Isla** (Tōtara)
- 1 50m Freestyle
 - 2 50m Backstroke
 - 1 50m Butterfly
 - 1 100m Freestyle
 - 1 100m Backstroke
 - 1 100m Butterfly

- Ava** (Rata)
- 2 50m Backstroke
 - 2 50m Butterfly
 - 3 100m Butterfly

Y8 Boys:

Consistent results across the board highlighted the depth of talent:

- Tyler** (Kauri)
- 2 50m Backstroke
 - 3 50m Breaststroke
 - 3 100m Backstroke

- Ryan** (Tōtara)
- 3 50m Freestyle
 - 3 100m Freestyle

- Jun** (Tōtara)
- 2 50m Breaststroke

- Evan** (Tōtara)
- 2 100m Breaststroke





Sports Cont

TIS Badminton Championships

Held in Week 9, our in-school championships were highly competitive.

Results:

1st – Zian (Rimu)
2nd – Chester (Tanekaha)
3rd – Ben (Kahikatea)

1st – Karen (Tawa)
2nd – Jamie (Tawa)
3rd – Paige (Manuka)



TIS Squash Championships

Held in Week 1, our squash championships showcased some excellent skill.


Results:

1st – Chester (Tānekaha)
2nd – Cooper (Tōtara)
3rd – Andre (Tōtara)

1st – Samantha (Miro)
2nd – Karina (Tōtara)
3rd – Erin (Tōtara)

North Island Mountain Biking Championships – Wellington



During the holidays, students travelled to Wellington to compete at a high level.

- Israel (Tanekaha): 4th – U14 Boys Downhill
- Niwha (Kauri):  3rd – U13 Girls Enduro

Amazing achievements at a North Island level!

Super 11 Tennis – Whakatāne

At the Super 11 Tennis tournament in Whakatane:

- Paige & Aisha (Manuka):  Girls Doubles
- Akshaj (Kahikatea) & Patch (Miro):  Boys Doubles





Sports Cont

Lightweight Rugby Tournament – Gisborne

Our Lightweight Rugby teams travelled to Gisborne and delivered a fantastic tournament performance.

Tauranga Red Results

- Round 1: Won vs Ilminster (4-0)
- Round 2: Lost to Rotorua (0-3)
- Quarter Final: Won vs Te Puke (2-0)
- Semi Final: Won vs Gisborne A (4-3)
- Final: Lost to Rotorua (2-3)

 Overall:  2nd Place

Tauranga Red showed incredible resilience, building momentum through the finals and narrowly missing out on the title in a thrilling final.

Tauranga Blue Results

- Round 1: Lost to Te Puke (1-7)
- Round 3: Won vs Taniwha (2-0)
- Quarter Final: Lost to Gisborne A (2-5)
- 5th Series: Lost to Ilminster (1-3), Lost to Giants (0-5)
- 7th/8th Playoff: Drew with Taniwha (3-3)

Tauranga Blue showed determination and growth across the day, finishing strongly with a win and a draw.

Uniform

With autumn/winter the days can be a mixture of cold and hot. Students are able to wear the winter uniform during Term 2 & 3. 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 during Term 2 & 3. No other hoodies are to be worn at school. Please ensure all items of uniform are named so that they can be returned if found.

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 shops at Fraser Cove like Burger King, The Warehouse, DKs, Reduced to Clear or Countdown before school and after school unless they are accompanied by a caregiver.

NumberWorks'n Words

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

Ngā mihi nui,

Cheri Gallagher - Acting Principal/Tumuaki Whakakapi





UPCOMING DATES 2026

TERM 2 - MONDAY 20TH APRIL - FRIDAY 3RD JULY

Week 3

- **Friday 8th May** - Super 11 PB/BOP Golf Taupo

Week 4

- **Monday 11th May** - Basketball starts
- **Friday 15th May** - Super 11 Squash @ Devoy Centre
- **Friday 15th May** - Super 11 Futsal @ Mercury Arena
- **Friday 15th May** - WBOP Mountain Biking Summer Hill

Week 5

- **Monday 18th May** - Year 8 Conferences - 3.15pm - 5.30pm
- **Tuesday 19th May** - Year 8 Conferences - 3.15pm - 5.30pm
- **Friday 22nd May** - Super 11 Badminton - Whakatane

Week 6

- **Friday 29th May** - Teacher Only Day - **School closed for instruction**
- **Friday 29th May** - Super 11 Mountain Biking @ Rotorua

Week 7

- **Monday 1st June** - King's Birthday Holiday - **School Closed**
- **Friday 6th June** - Super 11 Ultimate Frisbee - Gisborne

Week 8

- **Thursday 11th June** - Cross Country/Colour Run
- **Friday 12th June** - Super 11 Rock Climbing

Week 9

- **Friday 19th June** - Super 11 PB/BOP Rugby League
- **Friday 19th June** - Argos Gymnastics Competition

Week 10

- **Monday 22nd June** - Wednesday 24th June - Science Fair
- **Monday 22nd June** - Friday 26th June - Book Fair
- **Tuesday 23rd June** - BOP Golf Summerhill
- **Friday 26th June** - Super 11 PB/BOP Indoor Bowls

Week 11

- **Wednesday 1st July** - Tai Mitchell Rugby starts
- **Friday 3rd July** - **Term 2 Concludes**

TERM 3 - MONDAY 20TH JULY - FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

Week 1

- **Monday 20th July** - **Term 3 Commences**