TAURANGA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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

As we near the end of the 2026 school year we are delighted with the progress our students are making. Our end of Term 3 schoolwide data has us ahead of the last two years and teachers are working hard in their teams to keep targeting individualised progress for each student.

Earlier this week we asked our students not to be in large groups of students walking aimlessly around our school. Students are always welcome to sit and chat, hang out, play sports, games like handball or kick a ball around in large groups.

A reminder that if you have any frustrations or need to seek clarification on any school related issues, please contact the school directly, rather than taking to community social media platforms. This helps to prevent the spread of inaccurate information. We would really appreciate your support with this moving forward.

Japan Trip

During the first part of the term, 37 students and 6 staff visited Japan. A key focus of our international trips is the sharing of culture through performance and developing students' international mindedness. We visited Tokyo, Hitachi (Tauranga's sister city), Hamamatsu where our sister school Serei Christopher is based and Osaka, and Kyoto to finish. Our students performed with distinction and were amazing ambassadors of TIS, Tauranga and their whānau.







College Visits

Our Year 8 students, who are attending Tauranga Boys College & Tauranga Girls College next year, will have the opportunity to visit their college on Friday 27th November. They will need to be in their formal uniform and will be supported by staff from TIS to and from their respective colleges. They will need to be at school by 8:30 am to complete the roll and board buses. For those students who are a part of the PB/BOP Athletics on Orientation Day, TGC will have another transition time for the girls, and TBC are confident that their start-of-year transition processes will set all their boys up for success. We encourage you to prioritise your last chance to represent TIS at the Athletics Day.

Voices of Hope Assembly

On Wednesday we hosted the Voices of Hope Roadshow with a special assembly. 3 amazing speakers in the form of Jazz Thornton, Paula Fakalata and Genevieve Mora spoke about mental health and the power of positive thought to get us through our most challenging times. The student feedback was very positive!



Roadmap Update

Our current Roadmap is 'Te Taiao'. This Roadmap runs throughout Term 4. The learning in this Roadmap is focused on our natural world; different habitats and ecosystems, how species adapt to their environment, threats to environments and species, and food chains.

Ko au te taiao, ko te taiao ko au.

I am the environment, the environment is me. It's an eternal relationship of respect, reciprocity, and interdependence.

Vision: In the natural world everything is connected. This helps us to understand relationships among living organisms and their environment.

Enduring Understandings:

- The planet is made up of a number of interconnected systems
- Living organisms can contribute to the health of the environment.
- Changes in the environment can affect the survival of individuals and species.

Future Problem Solving

We are incredibly proud to announce that four Tauranga Intermediate School teams have qualified for the Future Problem Solving Nationals, taking place this weekend, 7 November. This is a record number of teams representing our school at Nationals, and is a fantastic achievement!

Reaching this level has required an enormous amount of commitment, creativity, teamwork and brainpower from our students. Throughout the year, they have been developing their Future Problem Solving skills in class, learning how to think critically, identify complex problems, consider multiple perspectives and develop innovative solutions.

This term, our qualifying teams have gone above and beyond their regular schoolwork, putting in many extra hours to prepare, practise and refine their skills. Their dedication and enthusiasm have been outstanding, and we are incredibly proud of the effort they have put in to reach this point.

A huge congratulations to all four teams, and the very best of luck at Nationals this weekend! We are behind you all the way – go TIS!



Kapa Haka Regionals

Today and tomorrow we have two TIS kapa haka groups participating in Te Waka Pererua 2026 – Tauranga Moana Primary Schools Regional Kapa Haka Competition.
Today Whakato perform at 3.15p.m. Wakato means to plant the seed and is our open mainstream group. Tomorrow Hauhake will perform at 11.45a.m. Hauhake, which means to cultivate, is our top performance group who will be trying to qualify for next year's Nationals in Whangārei.

Orientation Day

On Friday 27th November, we will hold our Orientation Day, with all of our new students for 2027 invited to spend the morning at TIS. They will meet their new classmates and teacher, whilst familiarising themselves with the school environment.

TERM 4 SPORTS RESULTS

Term 4 has been another busy and successful term for TIS Sport, with our students representing the school across a range of competitions. Congratulations to all our athletes who have competed, shown great sportsmanship and represented TIS with pride.

Sport's Cont

Super 11 Touch Rugby – Rotorua Friday 16th October
Four TIS teams travelled to Rotorua to compete in the annual Super 11 Touch Rugby competition, producing some fantastic results against schools from across the region. Our teams finished with the following placings:

- **Year 8 Girls – 1st Place – Champions!** 🏆
- **Year 7 Boys – 3rd Place – Bronze**
- **Year 8 Boys – 4th Place**
- **Year 7 Girls – 9th Place**

A special congratulations to our Year 8 Girls on taking out the competition and becoming Super 11 Champions! It was also fantastic to see our Year 7 Boys finish on the podium in third place.
Well done to all four teams for their efforts, teamwork and sportsmanship, and a big thank you to the coaches and supporters who made the trip possible.

WBOP Tennis - Wednesday 28 October – Week 3
Our students competed in the WBOP Tennis competition, with some great results:
- **2nd** – Ryan (Tōtara) (Division 2)
- **5th** – Akshaj (Kahikatea)

Well done to both players!

Super 11 Volleyball - Friday 30 October – Week 3
Our teams produced some fantastic performances at the Super 11 Volleyball competition, with the following results:

- **Year 8 Boys – 1st Place – Champions!** 🏆
- **Year 7 Girls – 2nd Place**
- **Year 8 Girls – 4th Place**
- **Year 7 Boys – 5th Place**

A fantastic effort from all four teams, with a special congratulations to our Year 8 Boys on taking out the competition and our Year 7 Girls on their runner-up finish.



Athletics Championships - Week 3 2026 Full Results available from the Sports Office

What an incredible three days of athletics at Tauranga Intermediate School! Our students competed across a wide range of track and field events, demonstrating determination, sportsmanship and fantastic House spirit.

There were some outstanding performances, exciting finishes and impressive results throughout the competition. Congratulations to everyone who participated and represented their class and House with pride

Year 7 – Overall Individual Champions

Boys
1st – Gideon (Kahikatea) – 21 points
2nd – Fletcher (Totara) – 18 points
3rd – Wafeeq (Miro)– 11 points

Girls
1st – Millie (Rimu) – 16 points
2nd – Tina (Tawa) – 15 points
3rd – Olive (Tawa) – 10 points

Sport's Cont

Year 8 – Overall Individual Champions

Boys
1st – Levi (Rata) – 26 points
2nd – Ezekiel (Manuka) – 16 points
3rd – Curtis (Rata)– 13 points

Girls
1st – Helayna (Kauri) – 19 points
2nd – Nosrat (Tawa) – 15 points
3rd – Paige (Manuka) – 10 points


Gideon


Levi


Helayna


Millie

RELAY RESULTS
The relays brought plenty of excitement and House pride, with students working together to finish the championships on a high!

Class Relays

1st – Room 12 (Mānuka) – 1:28.68
2nd – Room 1 (Tōtara) – 1:29.57
3rd – Room 31 (Miro) – 1:29.86

Year 7 House Relays

1st – Kahikatea – 1:30.85
2nd – Rata – 1:31.85
3rd – Tōtara – 1:33.15

Year 8 House Relays

1st – Kauri – 1:26.34
2nd – Tānekaha – 1:26.92
3rd – Tōtara – 1:27.20

2026 HOUSE ATHLETICS CHAMPIONS
The overall House Athletics results were calculated using a combination of participation and placing points from both track and field events.

To ensure fairness across Houses of different sizes, the total points were divided by the number of students in each House. This rewarded both participation and performance across the three days.

And our 2026 House Athletics Champions are...

🏆 **1st – Tōtara – 11.40 points**
🥈 **2nd – Tawa – 10.91 points**
🥉 **3rd – Kahikatea – 9.90 points**

Congratulations to Tōtara House on taking out the 2026 TIS House Athletics Championship!

A massive thank you to all our staff and helpers who contributed to making the three days such a success. Most importantly, congratulations to every student who participated, challenged themselves, supported their classmates and represented their House with pride.

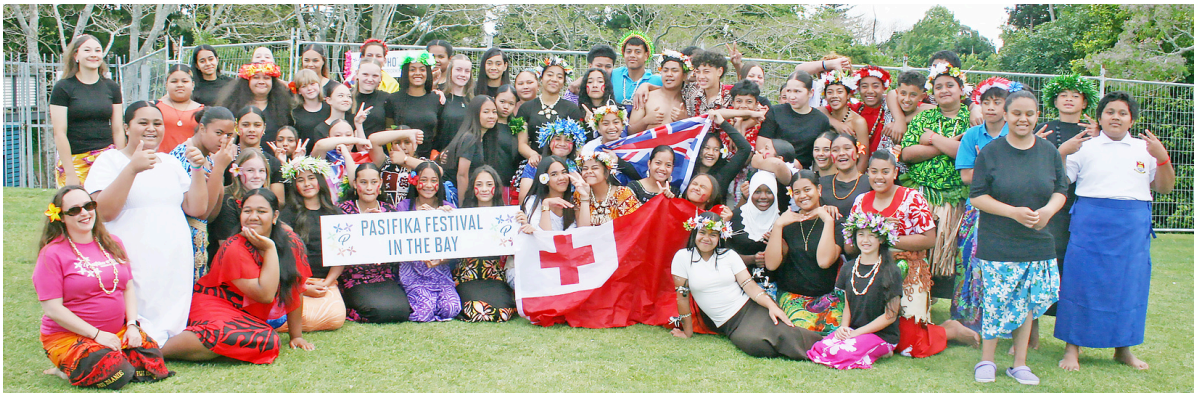
There were some fantastic performances, plenty of personal achievements and, most importantly, a huge amount of enthusiasm and House spirit.

Ka pai everyone – what an awesome effort from our TIS athletes!

Year 8 Leavers Ball
We are very excited to invite Year 8 students to their last formal dance of intermediate school. This is going to be an amazing evening for everyone. Tickets can be purchased here and will be on sale until Tuesday 8 December. Detailed information about this event and The Borrow Shop scheme will be available on Hero,

Final Assemblies
It is incredible to think that we only have a few weeks left before the end of the year is upon us. This means that we will soon be celebrating all of the successes that our ākonga have achieved throughout the year. We welcome all whānau to celebrate with us. Please see below for dates and be sure to mark them in your diaries

Pasifika in the Bay
On Saturday 31st October, over 70 TIS students took to the stage at the 10th anniversary of the Pasifika Festival in the Bay. This is something the students have been working towards throughout the whole year. The students performed items from Tuvalu, Tonga, Cook Islands, and Kiribati, which is just a small percentage of all of the items the students have learned throughout the year. The students represented TIS and their cultures with joy and pride and we are so proud of them! Thank you to all of the kaiako and whānau who came along to support them on the day and a massive thank you to Matua Connor, Whaea Katelyn, Whaea Naema, and Whaea Dorz who have been a massive support throughout the year.



For Sale: Apple iPad 7th Gen (Model A2197)

We are looking to sell a 7th Generation Apple iPad in great working order. Perfect for streaming, reading, or everyday use.

Details:
- Model: Apple iPad 7th Gen (A2197)
- Includes: Device, charger, and power cord
- Price: $200.00
- Terms: No holds – first come, first served.

Pick-up & Payment: Pay and collect directly from the office.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school.

Ngā mihi nui,
Cameron Mitchell - Principal/Tumuaki

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UPCOMING DATES 2026

TERM 4 - MONDAY 12TH OCTOBER-TUESDAY 15TH DECEMBER

Week 5
- **Thursday 12th, Friday 13th November** - PB/BOP Beach Challenge & Triathlon Gisborne

Week 6
- **Thursday 19th Friday 20th November** - PB/BOP Girls Cricket

Week 7
- **Friday 27th November:** TBC Orientation and TGC Orientation Days
- **Friday 27th November:** Yr 6 students visit TIS and meet their new kaiako and classmates
- **Friday 27th November** PB/BOP Athletics Tauranga Domain

Week 8
- **Monday 30th November** International Xmas Party
- **Thursday 3rd December** Sport Prize Giving

Week 9
- **Wednesday 9th December** Year 8 Leavers' Ball

Week 10
- **Monday 14th December** - End of Year Assemblies
    - 9.30am Year 7 Prize Giving
    - 1pm Year 8 Prize Giving
- **Tuesday 15th December** - **Last day of school 12pm finish**

UPCOMING DATES 2027

TERM 1 - WEDNESDAY 3RD FEBRUARY - FRIDAY 9TH APRIL

Week 1
- **Wednesday 3rd February** - **School Commences**
- **Wednesday 3rd February -** Whānau confernces for all new incoming whānau
- **Thursday 4th February -** Full school for all Year 7 & Year 8 students

Week 2
- **Monday 8th February** - Waitangi Day observed - **School Closed**

Week 6
- **Thursday 11th March -** School Photo's

Week 8
- **Friday 26th March -** Good Friday - **School Closed**

Week 9
- **Monday 29th March** - Easter Monday - **School Closed**
- **Tuesday 30th March** - Easter Tuesday - **School Closed**

Week 10
- **Friday 9th April -** **Term 1 Concludes**