



Kia ora parents, whānau and caregivers,

The school year has started in a very positive fashion with our students settling into their classrooms and learning. It is obvious to see each House developing a sense of pride as our fantastic teachers set up students for an exciting year.

I'd like to thank our school community for your patience as we have transitioned into using HERO as our new school management system. This has been a complex transfer but one that will see many improvements in the way we manage our school and communicate with whānau.

Similarly, the transition to 1:1 Chromebooks has taken a lot of work to get ready for the start of the school year. Whilst as a school we are committed to providing free use of Chromebooks in class, we wanted to give whānau the opportunity to pay these off right from the beginning so that their child can take their device with them into college.

Whānau Information Evening:

We look forward to seeing you all at our Whānau Information Evening tomorrow. This will commence at 6.00p.m in the Hall and then whānau will be invited back into classrooms and House areas, so that you get to know staff and learn about day to day organisation that is in place to support your child. We aim to have the evening wrapped up by 7.30p.m.

Uniform:

As has been communicated, we will be offering a new TIS school uniform from the beginning of next year. 2024 will be a year of transition, with students able to wear both the current and new uniform. This is to reduce cost for whānau. We hope to share a draft of what our new uniform will look like very soon. Of importance is that a number of items will be significantly cheaper than our current uniform. As some items of our current uniform sell out this year, we will introduce some new elements of our new uniform. These are likely to include PE shirts, softshell jackets and our TIS polar fleece.





HERO:

Our new school Student Management System, HERO, is up and running. We ask all whānau to create an account as this will be our way of communicating all school information and events via the Community Feed. Teachers will be using this to provide information about upcoming Technology classes and the requirements for these, Camp information, House events and class events. Through HERO you will be able to view your child's learning. All students will be creating posts of their learning and progress – these are only visible to whānau and the classroom teacher. HERO will be used for reporting and for Whānau and Student Led Conference bookings further on in the year. HERO is also your way to report absences. If you have not signed up and created your account, please follow the link below:

<https://linc-ed-hero.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/360026349934-Logging-into-Hero-Information-for-Families>

It is very important you sign up with the same email you have used in your child's enrolment. If your email has changed please notify the school office so it can be changed – you will not be able to access HERO if the email addresses do not connect.

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.

Sport:

Term one is an exciting one with sports registrations being sent out for cricket, football, golf, gymnastics, hip hop, rip rugby, squash, tennis, trampoline, volleyball, and waterpolo. Be in quick with these as they do tend to fill up.

TIS Swimming Sports Champs is open to all students who can swim competently over 50m. Houses have their own swimming sports throughout the year that are targeted more at participation.

Super 11 events are inter school competitions where students get the opportunity to compete against schools from the Bay of Plenty and Poverty Bay including Gisborne, Taupo etc. These events involve a selection or trial process.

Winter code trials will get underway in the coming weeks including basketball, hockey, netball.





Teaching and Learning:

Whakawhanaungatanga is the first 'Roadmap' for 2023. In this Roadmap students will be establishing links and connecting with others in culturally appropriate ways, which include acknowledging pēpeha (where we are from), whakapapa (who we are), past heritages, and other relationships. Our Roadmaps are our contextualised inquiry learning and provide the platform for most learning experiences in the classroom, as well as providing learning from the sciences and social sciences curriculum. This term all students will be asking three significant questions:

He aha nga tirohanga? - What are the different perspectives? What factors influence my perspective? (culture, family, schooling) Whose perspective is important?

He aha te hohonga? - How can we build authentic connections/relationships across our class, House, kura?

He aha ta tatou kawenga? - What are our responsibilities as people in our whānau (class), hapu (House), iwi (school), Tauranga Moana, Aotearoa?

Literacy, Numeracy and PE/Health are the core of the academic programme in all classrooms and are integrated with the Roadmap for best learning outcomes.

Ngā mihi nui, Cameron Mitchell Principal/Tumuaki

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Classroom teachers

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COMING UP

TERM 1:

Week 2:

- **Monday 6th February** - Waitangi Day - No School
- **Thursday 9th February** - Whānau Information Evening: 6 - 7:30 pm
- **Thursday 9th February** - Road Safety for Y7 by TCC 1:30pm
- **Friday 10th February** - Road Safety for Y7 with TCC 7.45am

Week 3:

Week 4:

- **Wednesday 22nd - Thursday 23rd February** - Photolife School Photos
- **Friday 24th February** - TIS Tennis Champs`
- **Friday 24th February** - NZ Air Force Band

Week 5:

- **Tuesday 28th February** - TIS Swimming Champs - Greerton Pool
- **Friday 3rd March**- Super 11 Surfing

Week 6:

- **Friday 10th March**- Super 11 Tennis- Whakatane, Super 11 Open Water Swim- Whakatane, BOP Golf- Whakatane.

Week 7:

- **Tuesday 28th February** - TIS Swimming Champs - Greerton Pool
- **Friday 3rd March**- Super 11 Surfing

Week 8:

- **Friday 24th March**- Super 11 Touch Rugby- Rotorua



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