



Kia ora parents, whānau and caregivers, Term 1, Week 8

It has been great to see such a wide range of learning experiences taking place across our school over the last few weeks. Thank you to those whānau who were able to join us for Ra Whānaungatanga, It was a great success.

Camps:

We are delighted we have kick started our school camps out at Ngamuwahine Lodge. The reports from staff and students have been extremely positive, full of fun, learning, confidence building and adventure.

Last week our Matai students also attended their annual 3 day camps to Mt Maunganui Campground (Year 7) and to Ngāhina Marae, Ruatoki (Year 8). Both groups represented our school superbly. This was reinforced by the email below we received from some members of the public, who were camping at Mt Maunganui. Well done Matai Year 7s!

“Dear Sir,

We are currently staying at the Mount beach camp. Yesterday we were invaded by dozens of children and their caregivers, who proceeded to pitch a dozen or more tents about ten metres from our bus. They are now near the end of their second day and we have had plenty of time to observe them.

They have been absolutely delightful, extremely well behaved and polite not only to us but remarkably to each other as well. They bring great credit to your school, their parents and teachers. Keep turning out children like this and our country is in good hands.”

Whānau Conferences: Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th March 2023

The Tauranga Intermediate School Whānau Conferences will take place in class on Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th of March 2023.

If your child is in Room 3 Totara (Mrs Richardson), Room 18 Kahikatea (Mr Pace), or Room 29 Tawa (Miss Hill) your conferences will be held the week after, due to camp. For these three classes, the Whānau Conference will take place on Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th of April 2023.

We aim for 100% parent/whānau attendance.





HERO:

Our student and teacher HERO posts are starting to roll out. These will be visible on your child's HERO feed. You can interact with these posts by 'liking' them (similar to what is available on social media platforms with an emoji) or by adding a comment. These responses are only visible to you and the classroom teacher/s.

On Tuesday next week your child's curriculum level attainment for Term 1 in Reading/Pānui, Writing/Tuhituhi and Mathematics/Pangarau will be posted in their Feed. These will appear in a graph form with a dot indicating where your child is sitting in the curriculum. The timing of these posts is to coincide with our Whānau Conferences on Wednesday and Thursday.

Early in Term 2 curriculum goals and STARS values goals will be set, and appear in each student's Feed, based on their curriculum attainment and conversations with whānau from conferences.

Sport:

21 students travelled to the Super 11 Bay of Plenty and Poverty Bay Swimming Sports Championships on Friday. All swimmers competed extremely well in their selected events. Our girls Year 7, 4x 50 freestyle team picked up first with an outstanding come from behind win. Our boys Year 8 champion, Fabian (Totara), continued his further successes with four golds in the 100m freestyle, 100m backstroke, 100m breaststroke, 50m breaststroke, and 50m backstroke. He won the Year 8 boys overall championship. Congratulations Fabian!

Winter codes registrations have all gone out via Hero; these have now closed. We are extremely grateful to all of those people who have assisted with trials as this is a huge process for us. Our Winter Codes Meeting will not go ahead this term, due to the School Disco and hockey summer league finals clashing. Our new date for this is Tuesday 2nd May at 6.00pm.

Behaviour Reminders

Congratulations to the many students who are exemplifying the STARS values throughout school. If your child has received a STARS card this term then they are in the draw to win one of 10 STARS hoodies at the assembly in two weeks. It is always a pleasure to walk around school and be greeted with smiles, a respectful "hello" or "mōrena" and hearing lots of laughing, sharing and caring. Whakamanatia/Respect is certainly alive here at T.I.S.





Social media continues to be an area of concern and one that often impacts behaviour here at school. Be willing to ask your child/ren about their online interactions e.g. Are **you** being kind to others? Are **others** being kind to you? Is there anything that is worrying you? Early intervention can often prevent situations escalating.

Buses - we continue to have a small number of students whose behaviour on the bus is not acceptable. Students who continue to breach our bus code of conduct and/or our STARS Essential Agreement, will be removed from their bus for a period of time and other transport arrangements will need to be made.

Vaping is sadly becoming more prevalent with youth throughout Aotearoa New Zealand and T.I.S. is not immune to this. We are aiming to educate all students about the life-long impacts of vaping and have a more intensive programme for those we identify as at-risk. If you have a specific concern, please contact us for further support.

Uniform Update

We are slowly getting more new uniforms as stocks run out. Only 2024 Yr 7 students will be in the new uniform, however, there are opportunities for some of the replacement uniforms to be purchased by current students. Check out our Community Feed on HERO for samples and prices. New stock is available from our Wellness Centre.

New Stock on Hand

- Raincoats, Soft Shell Jackets, Socks (ankle & Full length).

New Stock Arriving Soon

- Bucket Hats, PE Shirts, Polar Fleece, Long Pants.

Spirit Trophy

A huge congratulations to Miro House for capturing the Spirit Trophy for the first half of term one. The spread of points between houses has never been so close, meaning all students and teachers are working really hard to achieve success in this competition.

In the second half of the term there is a continued emphasis on routine and structure, STARS Cards, Ultimate Frisbee, classroom display points, and a wild card challenge.



**Ngā mihi nui,
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COMING UP

TERM 1

Week 8:

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

Week 9:

- **Wednesday 29th March** - Whānau Conferences 3.30pm - 6.30pm
- **Thursday 30th March** - Whānau Conferences 8am - 7pm. **SCHOOL CLOSED**

Week 10:

- **Wednesday 5th April** - DISCO - TIS Hall 6.30 - 8.30pm

All students are welcome \$5 entry. All profits will go towards Cyclone Gabrielle.

- **Thursday 6th April** - End of Term 1

School Holidays: 10th April - 23rd April

TERM 2

Week 1:

- **Monday 24th April** - Teacher Only Day - **School Closed**
- **Tuesday 25th April** - Anzac Day - **School Closed**
- **Wednesday 26th April** - Full School
- **Thursday 27th April - 28th April** - TIS Squash Champs
- **Friday 29th April** - Super 11 Golf - Te Puke
- **Winter Hockey Begins**

TERM 2

Week 2:

- **Tuesday 2nd May** - Winter sports Meeting - 6pm
- **Friday 5th May**- Super 11 Under 48 Rugby Tens - Gisborne

Week 3:

Saturday 13th May- Netball Grading Day

Week 4:

- **Monday 15th May** - Local Basketball Competition Begins
- **Tuesday 16th May** - TIS Table Tennis Champs
- **Friday 19th May** - Super 11 Badminton

Week 5:

- **Friday 26th May** - Super 11 Futsal - Te Puke
- **Friday 26th May** - Super 11 Squash - Tauranga

Week 6:

Friday 2nd June - Super 11 Mountain Biking - Taupo

Week 7:

- **Monday 5th June** - Kings Birthday - **School Closed**
- **Friday 9th June** - Super 11 Ultimate Frisbee - Gisborne