



# TAURANGA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

## Kia ora parents, whānau and caregivers,

We have had an incredibly busy start to Term 4 and it has been wonderful to see our students exploring their personal potential in many areas of their learning both inside and outside the classroom. Thank you very much to all whānau who supported their child's learning Student Led Conferences.

It was a pleasure and a privilege to attend the regional kapa haka competition on the first Saturday of the holidays. Our representative group Hauhake performed with passion, pride and precision to finish in second place out of the 11 groups participating. This means we have qualified for the nationals in Nelson next November.



### School Uniform:

We are very disappointed to communicate that there will be a delay in the launch of our new school uniform. This is due to unforeseen contractual legal and supply issues. Our current uniform will be available throughout 2023 and we will look to introduce our new uniform fully from the start of 2024. Next year's Year 7 students will be able to wear their uniform throughout their two years at Intermediate, meaning whānau will not have to buy two different uniforms. We have done everything possible to change this situation and would like to apologise for this setback.

Our school uniform will continue to be available from Stitch by Stitch on 22nd Avenue. We will have our annual second hand uniform sale at school on Thursday 15th December. More information will follow in the next few weeks.

### Staffing News

At the end of November we say farewell to our Deputy Principal, Wayne Arthur. Wayne has won an HR advisor role with Seeka. We are delighted to announce that our new Deputy Principal is Mr Adam Roach. Adam is currently Team Leader of Kauri House and will take up his new position in January.



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## Learning Celebrations

Te Ao Kaihaukai: Global picnic – to celebrate all cultures throughout the globe we are holding a Global Picnic on Thursday 1st December! Each class will prepare food, games and entertainment to share with the school.



## Ultimate Relay

On Friday we held our annual Ultimate Relay Challenge at school. Our students ran the 600 metre relay course for a combined five hours and completed 4,441 laps for a total of 2,554 kilometres. A huge effort by our students and a great day was had by all. The Ultimate Relay Challenge is a fundraising event for Camp Ngamuwahine and this year the money raised is being used to finish our new Out-Camp facilities. To date the students have raised over \$40,000. This is a fantastic effort and on behalf of our school, I want to thank our school community for their generous and ongoing support of our school. Your donation directly supports our vision – Exploring Personal Potential, through supporting the Out-Camp and the opportunities this will provide for our students. Ngā mihi nui ki a koe.



## Athletics

The annual TIS Athletics Championship was a huge success culminating with our finals today. A huge congratulations go to all students for giving the events a go and earning points for their house. A special congratulations to the following students for their overall placings as top competitors across the week.



Year 7 Girls: 1st Sobhan – Totara, 2nd Meleane – Kahikatea, 3rd Mackenzie – Tawa

Year 7 Boys: 1st Matt – Rata, 2nd Henry – Totara, 3rd Ash – Miro

Year 8 Girls: 1st = Izzy – Kauri and Ella Robinson Totara, 3rd Staycee Woods – Kauri

Year 8 Boys: 1st Remy – Matai, 2nd Rhayn – Matai, Tim – Mānuka



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## Girls Rugby Tournament

Girls Rugby is a growing sport in New Zealand and we had an amazing opportunity to take our girls to the first ever Global Games Junior Girls Rugby Festival in Auckland on Labour Weekend.. The girls played some outstanding Rugby all weekend, shown through in their results (as follows)

TIS v Invercargill 57-0

TIS v Horouta (Gisborne) 64-0

TIS v Palmerston North 57-5

TIS v Canterbury 5-5

TIS v Te Teko 17-10

Not only did the girls have the opportunities on the field but they also spent Sunday Exploring Auckland, walking up One Tree Hill, attending the All Blacks Experience at Sky City and going up the Sky Tower. Also on Sunday they were lucky enough to experience some once in a lifetime activities off the field including a tour around the Blues Headquarters and attended the Rugby World Cup Games at Waitakere Stadium. We are so proud of the girls' achievements this year and the weekend away was an awesome end to the season. Special mention to Meleane (Kahikatea) who was selected as the Most Valuable Player of the tournament. Kei runga noa atu koe Meleane.

## 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.

## 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 Thursday 24th November. They will need to be in their formal uniform and will be supported by staff from TIS to and from their respective colleges.

## 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. More information will be shared with whānau over the coming weeks - please keep an eye on your emails to make sure your child doesn't miss out on this chance.





## **Paid Union Meeting (PUM)**

On Wednesday 16 November, there is a NZEI Paid Union Meeting (PUM) during Block 1 (only for teachers). 8:45 – 10:45 a.m.

We are able to provide supervision on site with classes operating within their Houses during this time. This means that students attend school as normal on this day.

Teachers will be back in their classrooms by Block 2 (after morning tea). We thank you in anticipation of your support.

**Ngā mihi nui,  
Cameron Mitchell**

## COMING UP TERM 4:

### • Week 4:

- Sunday 6th – Monday 7th – Mount T20 Girls' tournament
- Friday 11th November – PB/BOP Volleyball

### Week 5:

- Wednesday 16 November – NZEI Paid Union Meeting – **Students come to school as normal.**
- Thursday 17 November – PB/BOP Beach Challenge Gisborne
- Friday 18 November – PB/BOP Triathlon Gisborne

### Week 6:

- Thursday 24 November – TBC Orientation and TGC Orientation Days

### Week 7:

- Thursday 1st December – Kaihaukai: Global Picnic
- Friday 2nd December PB/BOP – Athletics Tauranga Domain

### Week 8:

- Tuesday 6th December – 6.00 pm Sports Prizegiving
- Wednesday 7 December – Year 8 Leavers Ball from 6:30 – 8:30 pm
- Thursday 8th December – NZ Cup vs Shaun Brown Academy Australia

### Week 9:

- Monday 12 December – 9.00 am Year 7 Final Assembly
- Tuesday 13 December – 9.00 am Year 8 Final Assembly
- Wednesday 14 December – School concludes at 12.00 noon
- Thursday 15th December – Individually-led Secondhand Uniform Sale