



Kia ora parents, whānau and caregivers,

New long-term strategy for COVID-19

You'll be aware that New Zealand will move to a new, long-term approach to COVID-19. These changes have been made based on public health advice and reflect high levels of immunity and declining case numbers across New Zealand.

This new approach will only result in minor changes to the way we operate.

The very positive news is that household contacts of a person with COVID-19 do not need to isolate, but instead are asked to complete a RAT test each day, for five days. Therefore, ākonga who are household contacts but test negative and do not have COVID-19 symptoms, should continue to attend. It is the best place for them to be so they can be engaged in their learning, and connected with their teachers, classmates and friends.

Information on how to get RAT kits can be found here: Request a RAT- Ministry of Health
https://requestrats.covid19.health.nz/?_ga=2.172757601.3975240.1662597008-1471031908.1652402260

Mask wearing is no longer required in public.

All the other recommended public health measures will stay in place as we know they reduce the spread of infectious illnesses including COVID-19. These include ensuring our indoor spaces are well-ventilated, maintaining good hand hygiene, encouraging everyone to cough or sneeze into elbows and, most importantly, staying home and getting tested if students have COVID-19 symptoms.

New School Uniform

As has been communicated, we will be introducing a new TIS uniform from the start of next year. We will share all information on who the supplier is and what the uniform looks like at the beginning of next term. The feedback we have received from our students throughout this process has been extremely positive and we are confident our school community will be happy with the quality, style, price and options on offer. As with any uniform change, we will have a year of transition next year, with both our current and new uniform being able to be worn.

Public Holiday

As you will have heard, Monday 26th September will be a public holiday to honour the recent passing of Queen Elizabeth II. This means school will be closed on this day.





AIMS Games

Last week we had 310 students participate in the Zespri AIMS Games. It was a magnificent week of sport, with TIS teams participating in the 23 different sports on offer. Our school performed very well against the 325 schools participating. Congratulations to the following medalists:

Gold

Izack Olson Y8 Boys Canoe Slalom,
Emily Shearer Cross Country
Female Athletes with Disabilities,
Olivia Cook Trampoline Twisters
Girls
Jackson Welsh Trampoline Twisters
Boys
Alex Ormsby Trampoline Open
Junior Girls
Matthew Spargo Indoor Bowls
Singles
Indoor Bowls Team
Matthew Spargo & Jasper Lucas
Indoor Bowl Pairs
Brooke Valois Squash Girls
Girls Squash Team

Silver

Xavier Bell BMX Time Trial
Cleo Bell Gymnastics Advanced
Junior Artistic Girls
Cailan Black Indoor Bowls Singles
Sophie Stockdill & Esther Lee Indoor
Bowls Pairs
Girls Rugby 7's

Bronze

Girls Basketball,
Year 7 Boys Team Cross Country
Team
Alex Ormsby Gymnastics Junior
Artistic Girls
Emma Gibbs Trampoline Twisters
Girls
Ariel Halpin Trampoline Twisters
Boys
Callum Hitchcock Indoor Bowls
Singles
Eilidh Duncan & Haemin Park Indoor
Bowls Pairs
Boys Indoor Cricket
Boys Rugby 7's
Hannah Greener Girls Squash

Thank you very much to all whānau who billeted students from Christchurch's Chisnallwood Intermediate School, over the week of the AIMS Games. Their staff were blown away by your hospitality and kindness.

Student Led Conferences

Student Led Conferences will be held in Week 1 of Term 4, on Wednesday 19th October from 3:30pm to 6:00pm, and Thursday 20th October from 8:00am to 7:00pm. This is a chance to hear your child talk about the progress they have made in their learning as well as connect with their teacher to ask questions and set goals for Term 4. Interview bookings will be open from Thursday 22nd September. If you cannot make these dates, please contact your child's teacher to schedule a different date, or conference via phone or zoom.

Reports

Reports will be sent home in Week 1 of Term 4, on Tuesday 18th October. These are a progress report showing learning progress from Term 1 to Term 3 with a general comment outlining how your child is progressing as a learner. At the end of the year your child will bring home an 'End of Year' report which will show their progress against the curriculum, from the end of Term 1 to the end of Term 4.

Open Evening

We were very happy to host our TIS Open Evening on Thursday 1st September. Our student leaders did a great job of running the evening. As communicated on the evening, we are in a position to offer a lot of additional out of zone enrolments at TIS next year. If you have family or friends who may be interested, please get them to contact the school office.



Ultimate Relay

We look forward to hosting the annual Ultimate Relay at school on Friday 28th October. Ultimate Relay is our annual student fundraiser for Ngamuwahine Outdoor Education Lodge. On Ultimate Relay day, students run around a set course at school in their class and House teams. The aim is to run a certain distance in a set time. Due to the sensitivities of Covid 19 on the workforce and our community, we have decided not to do the student community fundraising again this year. We will however be sending out some information very soon about how individuals, whānau or businesses can support us, if they are in a position to do so.

Ngā mihi nui, Cameron Mitchell

COMING UP

Term 3 – Week 9:

- **Wednesday 21st September** – Tauranga Boys Testing

Week 10:

- **Monday 26th September** – Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Day – **school closed**
- **Friday 30th September** – Term Three Concludes 3.00 pm

Term 4 – Week 1:

- **Monday 17 October** – 8.30 am Term Four commences

Week 2:

- **Monday 24 October Labour Day** – **school closed**
- **Wednesday 27 October** – WBOP Tennis Comp @Papamoa
- **Friday 28th October** – Ultimate Relay

Week 3:

- **Monday 31st October – Thursday 3rd November** – TIS Athletics

Week 4:

- **Friday 11th November** – PB/BOP Volleyball

Week 5:

- **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:

- **Friday 2nd December** – PB/BOP Athletics @Tauranga Domain

Week 8:

- **Tuesday 6th December 6.00 pm** – Sports Prizegiving
- **Wednesday 7 December** – Year 8 Cabaret

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**