



Kia ora parents, whānau and caregivers, Term 2, Week 9

At last week's Assembly, I spoke to the school about having aspirations and how short a time we spend at school compared with our working lives. I highlighted to students the importance of the next 5 years, in particular attending school regularly, trying their best, striving to learn and getting involved in a range of activities. I encouraged students to make the most of school and have aspirations of attending university, polytech or doing a trade apprenticeship. I emphasised that every student can achieve and that by setting goals and having aspirations beyond Secondary School is important, as each individual can make positive choices to impact their futures.

School vs Working Life Span

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FPS- America

We recently had four students attend the World Future Problem Solving competition at the University of Massachusetts in America. Heidi Askin, Drew Kenny, Ryman Song and Ryan Piddock won the New Zealand National FPS competition last year in the junior division on the topic of Mining. This year's international competition was on the topic of Currency. The team finished 26th overall against 54 other teams in the middle division which had students up to the age of 16. There were 45 students from across New Zealand involved in this year's competition and NZ managed to take out three 1st out of 8 divisions.



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Basic Facts Pizza Celebration

Recently, I hosted the most improved mathematics basic facts student from each class for a celebratory pizza lunch. Well done to all students who have improved their basic facts knowledge.



Reminders:

School Driveway - We are concerned with the number of cars driving right down our driveway to drop and pick up students outside the office before and after school. This is a safety issue with large numbers of students in this area. Please drop off and pick up at the front gate or at Fraser Cove. Please do not park on our field if it is wet.

Mobile phones- A reminder that mobile phones are not to be brought to school unless special permission has been given for these to be kept at the office. It is reassuring to see that mobile phones have now been officially banned in schools in every state in Australia, except Queensland.

School Uniform - A reminder that students are to wear plain black shoes with no different coloured branding or soles. Black roman sandals may also be worn in winter if students choose to. Please ensure students only wear our school fleece, soft shell jacket or raincoat to and from school. TIS school fleeces are available from our Wellness Centre.

Sport

Ultimate Frisbee is a sport that has gained interest amongst our students since introducing it as an inter house competition. The best of our frisbee players were selected to compete in Gisborne during week 7. The team competed well and finished 3rd overall. Mason (Kahikatea) was named MVP.

Additionally, in week 7 we held our annual TIS Cross Country Championship Race and Colour Run. The way the races are structured are to ensure there is something for our top runners as well as those students who are less competitive, but wanted to contribute to their house tally,

Placings were as follows:

Year 8 Girls: 1- Meleane (Kahikatea), 2- Sobhan (Totara) 3- Japji (Manuka)

Year 8 Boys: 1- Oscar (Rata), 2- Matt (Rata), 3- Neitana (Matai)

Year 7 Girls: 1- Amo (Tawa) 2- Te Whetumarama (Matai), 3- Zoe (Totara)

Year 7 Boys: 1- Cooper (Rata), 2- Lachie (Kauri), 3- Timothy (Totara)



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Our TIS Gymnastics Team competed at the ARGOS Schools Festival in Week 7. We had Trampoline, Rhythmic and Women's Artistic competitors and for the first time in a while we had a team entered in the Men's Artistic category. All of the gymnasts performed well with many of them gaining gold, blue, and red ribbons for their efforts. We are looking forward to the AIMS Games next term.

Our PB/BOP Super 11 Cross Country Mountain Biking team faced the cold Rotorua in Week 8. The day consisted of a 13 km Cross Country loop with a fair bit of elevation in the Whakarewarewa Forest, where all students pushed themselves and had fun riding. A massive congratulations to all students who attended and a special congratulations to Junsei Shirley for placing 3rd in his Year 8 Boys category and to Oona Hepburn for placing 3rd in the Year 7 Girls.

Combined Student Leadership Camp 2023

We were proudly represented by an incredible bunch of student leaders at the leadership camp last month. This combined camp included a total of 70 student leaders from Mt Maunganui Intermediate, Whakatane Intermediate and Katikati College.

We spent 3 days at Ngamuwahine Camp where our student leaders forged new friendships, gained knowledge about public speaking, worked collaboratively on problem-solving tasks, created combined art works and had a chance to show off their brains in a Trivia Night, along with many other "camp activities".

I was so proud with how they engaged with peers and whānau helpers and their willingness to help wherever possible.





School Production

Our biennial school production 'Te Wa'i is fast approaching. This will be a fantastic showcase of performing arts based on a script written by our very own TIS students. Please mark the dates in your diary and get along to support and enjoy what will be a fantastic show.

Matariki

**Mānawa maiea te putanga o Matariki
Mānawa maiea te ariki o te rangi
Mānawa maiea te mātahi o te tau
“Hail the rise of Matariki
Hail the lord of the sky
Hail the New Year”**



Next week TIS will celebrate Matariki as a whole school to finish off the term. Although Matariki Day falls on July 14, we will have the opportunity to acknowledge the time of Matariki which we are in now. All ten HOUSES have been allocated a STAR to celebrate leading up to next week and they will also have the opportunity to celebrate by having a shared lunch by bringing authentic food or having a hangi at school. We will also have a three day sports competition playing Māori traditional games which are Ki O Rahi, Te Uru and Tapuwae. These games will be played by 6 teams from each HOUSE. A Year 7 mixed team and a Year 8 mixed team for each game. Whānau are most welcome to come and watch over the three days. This was a great success last year and we are looking forward to seeing all students supporting their respective teams next week representing their HOUSES

**Ngā mihi nui,
Cameron Mitchell - Principal/Tumuaki**



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UPCOMING DATES

TERM 2

Week 9

- Friday 23rd June - Super 11 Indoor Bowls (TIS)
- Friday 23rd June - Super 11 PB/BOP Rock Climbing - Taupo

Week 10

- Wednesday 28th June - Sunday 2nd July Tai Mitchell tournament (Whakatane)
- Friday 30th June - **Last day of Term 2**
- **Monday 3rd July - Friday 14th July : School Holidays SCHOOL CLOSED**
- Friday 14th July - Matariki - This falls within Term Break.

TERM 3

Week 1

- Thursday 20th July - Squash BOP inter school champs- Rotorua

Week 2

- Monday 24th -Wednesday 26th July- TIS Production
- Thursday 27th July - Tauranga Girls' College Open Evening 5:30-8pm
- Thursday 27th July - Basketball World Cup- Mercury Arena
- Friday 28th July - PB/BOP Super 11 Winter Tournament- Various locations
- Friday 28th July - WBOP Badminton- QEYC

Week 3

- Monday 31st July - PB/BOP Super 11 Basketball- Rotorua Stadium
- Wednesday 2nd August - Tauranga Boys College - Māori Pathways Hui @TIS 5 - 6:30 pm
- Friday 4th August - PB/BOP Super 11 Cross Country- Waipuna Park

Week 4

- Tuesday 8th August - BOP Table Tennis- Memorial Hall
- Wednesday 9th August - AIMS Parent meeting- TIS
- Friday 11th August - PB/BOP Super 11 Rugby Sevens- Blake Park
- Friday 11th August - Mount Bowls Tournament- Mount Sports Centre

Week 5

- Wednesday 16 August - Tauranga Boys College Open Evening 6 - 8:30 pm

Week 8

- Saturday 2nd- Friday 8th September- AIMS Games

Week 9

- Wednesday - Whānau Conferences 3:30-5:45pm
- Thursday - Whānau Conferences 8am-6:45pm

Week 10

- Monday 18th September- Teacher Only Day