

CALENDAR

August

- 14 BOP/POV Bay Cross Country
- 19 TPI Open Night
- 25 BOT Meeting
- 26 Speech Finals

September

- 3 School Disco
- 7 Sports Week
- 21 Ski Camp
- 25 Latimer Assembly
- 25 2021 Enrolments Due
- 25 End of Term 3

October

- 11 Year 8 Tongariro OPC Camp
- 12 First day of Term 4
- 12 Year 8 Ngatuhua 1 Camp
- 19 Year 8 Ngatuhua 2 camp
- 19 Year 8 Waitomo Camp
- 27 Staff only day (after Labour Weekend)

November

- 1 Year 8 Great Barrier Camp

TE PUKE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL



Enrolment for 2021 OPEN EVENING

For all Year 6 Students
and their Parents/Caregivers

Wednesday 19 August 2020

6.00pm - 8.30pm

Performing Arts Centre

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RED NOSE MUFTI DAY

Thanks to everyone who participated in the recent mufti day to raise money for Cure Kids. Staff were impressed with the behaviour and attitude of our crew in their mufti which is a huge positive for future mufti days.

We raised \$668 which has all been banked directly into the Cure Kids bank account.

A worthy cause – thanks to one of our students and their whanau for raising our awareness again to this group who support lots of local whanau.

2021 ENROLMENTS

OPEN NIGHT 19 AUGUST

Please help us to spread the word to our local whanau about enrolments for 2021. We expect to be inundated with students enrolling for next year from across the rohe.

It's important that our local whanau are aware of the enrolment schedule and deadlines. Once our Centres are full, we won't be in a position to accept late enrolments or students who want to shift throughout the year in 2021.

Anyone interested in enrolling here at TPI for 2021 should attend the Open Night next week, collect the enrolment pack and have their enrolment in on time.

First choice of Learning Centre and admission to TPI is dependent on meeting these deadlines.



TPI NESIAN PRIDE GROUP PERFORMING AT
THE TPI CULTURAL EVENING

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MALOHI PASIFIKA TE PUKE

The Te Puke Pasifika Teachers Network are excited to announce the launch of Malohi Pasifika 2020, on Thursday 13 August. Our program supports Pasifika students from the Te Puke Schools and their families. We have been lucky to receive funding from a lotteries grant, which will enable us to run Malohi Pasifika for the next three years.

Our vision for the next three years:

In Malohi Pasifika we embrace, strengthen and celebrate Pasifika culture and language to empower our tamaiti to learn and achieve as Pasifika learners. Malohi Pasifika is an aiga where we are encouraged to live our values, share our beliefs and use our life experience to help our tamaiti make meaning of our world and to prepare them to be lifelong leaders.

Our focus for 2020 will be on wellbeing.

We would love you to be part of our journey and hope that you will be able to come along to some of our sessions.

When: Thursdays 5.30 -7.30pm

13 Aug - 22nd Oct (9 sessions)

Learning sessions will run from 5.30 - 7pm.

Supper 7.00 -7.30pm

Venue: Te Puke High School Tech area



YEAR 8 CAMPS

We have had a massive response to the year 8 camps with the vast majority of forms and deposits in by last Friday. We have the biggest number of students interested in a couple of camps that we have seen for a while.

The push now is to find parents to support these camps. EOTC must meet the safety ratio of students to adults and we are keen for as many students as possible to experience these camps but we NEED YOU!

Please let us know this week if you can assist on one of these camps – email Mr Cam Black

cam.black@tepukeint.school.nz

If your child did not return their form or deposit by last week – please do not think they cannot attend a camp. They definitely can! The deadline last week was for those camps that are oversubscribed to undergo a ballot to determine the group.

I would LOVE every Year 8 to experience a camp and we will do our best to support everyone to get there. Forms and deposits can still come in right up till the end of this month.

SCHOOL DISCO

THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

It is overdue! COVID put the kibosh on these types of events and gatherings but it is time for our students to experience a disco here at TPI.

Mark it on your calendar, more info to come with invites given to students to come along and boogie with the staff. There will be some students who may not receive an invite due to inconsistent demonstration of our school values but we hope to see the majority of our students here.



STUDENT WELLBEING

I am unsure if this is connected to COVID fallout or not, but we continue to see significant numbers of students whose wellbeing is not strong, their resilience and their ability to 'bounce' is seriously reduced. At the same time, we have students who are tired, out of sorts, cranky and unable to focus on learning at school.

Our staff are currently supporting an increasing group of students and our Social Worker has a wait list so she has referred many students to outside local agencies to speed up access to support.

My opinion is that social media and online activity plays a large role in the current wairua of our youth. Too much time sitting docile watching some form of media of which the content is dark.

I encourage you to talk with your child, spend time with them doing activities that are *positive* family activities, releasing *endorphins*, getting some *fresh air, vitamin D* etc. Get off devices whenever possible. The negative / self-harm talk is becoming a normalised response online amongst some of our youth and we need to change this.

Consult your GP if you have noticed changes in your child, negative talk, depression or mood changes. The education system is not well resourced to manage health on the scale we are seeing, so please visit your local doctor for support if required.

WINTER TOURNAMENT

Recently TPI played in our annual Winter Tournament (football, hockey, netball and rugby) against the other 10 Intermediate schools in the Bay of Plenty and Poverty Bay area. Our teams played incredibly well and did us proud! Here's a summary of our best performances:

7A Netball – 3rd (coached by Rose October)

15's Rugby – 3rd (coached by Mr Sutherland)

Girls Football – 4th (coached by Miss MacDonald)

The school would like to acknowledge the following parents who kindly made themselves available to coach on the day, without your support we couldn't have provided this opportunity for our students.

Willy Koberstein (hockey)

Phil McFarlane (hockey)

Rose October (7A netball)



COMMUNITY BEHAVIOUR IMPACTING ON SCHOOL

When things are positive in the community they are the same in school. Our environment is largely impacted by how things are in our community.

You may or may not be aware that for the past month or so there has been significant negative behaviour in our community,

I feel it is important that everyone is aware that recently our community has had large groups of youth arranging fights, conducting these fights, filming them and posting them to build the hype around this type of activity. Large groups have been taking the Hopper bus to the Mount to stage gang related fights – Eastside / Westside talk which has not been prevalent here for well over 10 years.

This behaviour and attitude has involved some of our TPI students (and even some primary school students) which then spills over into our school playground. The talk about weekend fights means the gang mentality comes into our environment. This then morphs into other illegal substances being brought into school and we have both girls and boys currently out for vaping or having alcohol at school.

We have responded swiftly with stand downs and suspensions but it's important that as a community, we address these behaviours. As parents and grandparents in this Te Puke community we all tighten up, know where our kids are, who they are with and what they are doing. Don't let them out unsupervised for a while, monitor their phones, Instagram accounts etc where these things are arranged. Check their school bags as they leave in the morning, monitor / secure your alcohol, cigarettes and vapes so you know your stuff is not going missing.

The High School has now banned phones in light of this behaviour in the community and the impact on their school environment. Our current cell phone policy is that phones are allowed but must be switched off and in the student's school bag during school time. The BOT will revisit this policy if the need arises.

Community issue – we need whole community solutions. Schools are just one part of the equation. Whanau, we need you to help stamp this ugly behaviour out.



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HOUSE POINTS AS AT 07.08.2020

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595	545	620	600