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TERM CALENDAR

MARCH

20	Super 11 Swimming Champs
25	KIA KAHA Fun Run fundraiser
26	HPV Vaccinations
27	Super 11 Touch Tournament
30	Year 6 visit

APRIL

1	Term 1 Disco
2	Latimer assembly
3	Good Friday / End of Term 1
20	TERM 3 Begins

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- TPI Explore
- TPI Energise
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- TPI Excel
- TPI Enrich
- TPI Expressive
- TPI Te Korowai Matauranga

Te Puke Intermediate Free Call Number

0800 131 033

Term One – Racing by Quickly!

I am sure you have noticed that TPI is a busy place! Already past half way through the Term and already so many opportunities are underway.

It can be quite a hectic change for some of our new people and we do try really hard to help them adjust, be in the right place at the right time, developing some independence as they grow.

It can be helpful to have a little whiteboard or planner at home where you place the weekly events your child is involved in along with the gear they will require. A visual reminder is helpful to both the students and to the rest of the whānau to support your child.

Here at school, when the Panui - '**daily notices**' are read via the radio each morning, students write into their radio book anything relevant to them and our teachers write them up on the board so students can double check where the meeting/practise is on and what time.

If you feel your child has missed a notice or an opportunity, make contact with your teacher in the first instance and we can follow up to see if we can accommodate them.

Parental concerns

If you have a concern or complaint, please contact SLT or the office in the first instance to book a time for a catchup.

Please do not turn up here just before school starts and go directly to the classroom.

Confronting a staff member with concerns or allegations just before they have to teach a class is most unfair. This is not the time for them to investigate or authenticate the concern. Emailing them with your concern allows them time to gather the evidence required and then meet with you.

HERO communications

You will have noticed that we use HERO all the time for comms to you as our whānau. I have had some feedback that there are quite a lot of notices sent. We do try very hard to target just the group involved with panui in HERO so it's very specific to those students and families. Hence, if you receive it - then it's for you and your child.

Term One Disco - Week 10

Students are looking forward to the Term 1 Disco which is Wednesday 1st of April.

Students invited to attend will receive an invite to come along and enjoy the evening while also supporting our Leaders trip to Wellington in term 2 as all proceeds from the Disco will go to the Leaders Camp.

There may be some students who have had too many relearns to receive an invite to this Disco and this reflects life and the consequences of their choices

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School Expectations first 6 weeks

Over the past 3 years we have been fortunate to not need the serious discipline plan with no stand downs or suspensions issued for serious breaches of our expectations.

We have experienced an interesting start to 2026 with this incoming cohort.
There appears to be a group of students (mostly Year 7 boys) who have some shaping up to do, showing our Values more consistently and not impacting other students' rights to be safe at school.

We have experienced illegal items at school and we have acted swiftly upon information and evidence from our cameras.
(We have cameras covering all of our school public areas and the footage can be used by SLT to evidence poor behaviour.)
We have a group of students who appear to not be able to manage their emotions and resort to physical altercations.
None of this behaviour will be tolerated here and we will use the serious discipline plan to ensure other students' rights are protected.

If your child has a relearn already, or more than one than this is a pretty clear indication they are not meeting our TPI expectations. Please take some time to talk with them about showing more maturity and stepping up now that they are at Intermediate.

Stand down and suspensions from school will be utilised when appropriate as the consequence for serious breaches of our expectations - i.e assault, swearing at staff and all illegal activity.
A student can only have 5 stand down days in a term then it must be a suspension which puts the child and whanau in a hui with the Board of Trustees to discuss their behaviour and future at TPI.

There will be some students who lose rights and privileges such as attending school trips due to demonstrating poor behaviour at the Noho Marae trips. Where their behaviour has impacted on others or damaged our school reputation, then we cannot trust them yet to go on further trips. They will need to earn this trust back.

School Uniform items – not named

Every day we collect a pile of hats, sandals and jackets that are left around the school grounds and are not named.
Please, please, get a sharpie and name all your child's uniform items.
A silver sharpie works well on our dark clothing items and brilliantly in the inside of the jacket, hat and sandals.

Almost daily I hear that 'my sandals have been stolen' but in reality, they were left somewhere and someone else has picked them up by mistake because they were not named.

Jackets - with the season changing, it is time to ensure your child has a school Jacket as part of their uniform please. We do not allow mufti sweatshirts to be worn on buses or walking to school, so please help support your child to be in the correct, warm school uniform by purchasing the fleece, jacket or both from Ree Style.

Sandals - a reminder that our school uniform sandals are Roman Sandals, not Birkenstocks. No Birks to school thanks - Romans or Black shoes only.

Sports Academies

Currently students are being invited to apply for each of our Sports Academies.
These Academies were setup to cater for our top athletes in these codes to further enhance their opportunities as athletes and future aspirations in sport.
In most cases, external coaches are employed to work with our athletes, enhancing their physical and mental attributes, skill base, fitness, training and recovery techniques.

Generally speaking, the Academies might have more Year 8's to begin with, the Year 7's joining as we get to know them and witness their talent, effort and attitude.

Some Academies have more expenses than others, so have significant financial support and sponsorship attached to them, others less so.
For instance, Boys rugby academy sponsorship allows us to offer scholarships to two boys annually from Fiji to come and study at TPI, while also playing rugby.

We thank all of our generous sponsors and supporters of these Academies.

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Noho Marae at Ngati Moko

What a fantastic week we had out at Moko, getting to know one another and learning about our Tapuika whānau. Huge thanks to everyone for their support of this learning experience - staff, whānau, and our specialist team for their support of every Learning Centre. We had the 'dream team' out at the marae for the week ensuring every Centre had the same great experience.

Thanks to those whānau who came out and stayed the night. Without you we could not undertake this opportunity, so you made it possible - nga mihi.
TPI wishes to also acknowledge and thank Whāea Kellie for her overall planning, organisation and facilitation of the Noho experience for each Centre. Kellie was out there every day and every evening to support the programme and the dinner for each roopu.

Our sincere thanks also to Koro Anthony Wihapi, Maika Te Amo, Ngaire Dinsdale and Raponi Wilson for their awhi and support at the Marae.

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KIA KAHA Fun Run

Our students are busily collecting sponsorship or donations towards our one school fundraiser - our Kia Kaha Fun Run 2026.

Next Wednesday 25th March is the day! 9.30am - 11.30am. Two hours of activity, fun, water, games and music while we run and walk the course to raise money for new technology for our students.
Last year we raised over 55K towards purchasing new devices for learning in class and this year the Team have asked for it go towards Air Conditioning in the PAC. The quote for this is over $100,000 so let's go hard Team.

There is an expectation that every student will participate in this very enjoyable 'fun run' and collect sponsorship to support our goal. We all do the best that we can by doing as many laps as we can, while having some fun together.

To be signed off for their Latimer, students need to participate fully in the event, completing the funrun and bringing in some sponsorship.

Parents, caregivers and whānau are invited to participate and collect house points for your child or even sponsorship for your laps to add to your child's total.

Top School Champions 2026

Heartiest congratulations to both our Top Schools Team and our Cheerleaders. Both groups were stand out performers last Sunday out at Paengaroa school.
The Shield has *come home* and been returned to its place on the wall in the PAC.
Congrats to Matua Wiremu and Miss Gardiner for their preparation and facilitation on the day.
Great result from excellent effort with our school values demonstrated consistently.

TPI School Values

Each week we have a different focus on one of our 4 school values. This is presented at the assembly the Friday before and becomes the PB4L focus for the coming week.
Our 4 Values can be adopted at home as part of developing our rangatahi into responsible, respectful, contributing members of our school and home whānau.

Be Active
Be Excellent
Be Respectful
Be Yourself

We encourage you to use the same terminology so there is some consistency and cohesion and our young people understand positive behaviour looks the same everywhere.

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Visiting International students from Japan

We were very fortunate to host a group of 18 students from a Japanese high school for 10 days recently. Many of our families were host families, having students stay with them and sharing our Te Puke and BOP lifestyle.

We all learned so much from this experience, it was a delight to have these students with us and we were all quite sad to see them go.

Thanks so much to all host families for the wonderful job you did hosting - you truly went above and beyond with the experiences you provided and the care you showed our guests. We are grateful to you all.

TPI 50th Birthday

Earlier this term in February we celebrated our 50th birthday here at TPI with foundation staff and pupils attending a day here, looking at what school looks like in 2026 and also reliving some memories through the archived photo albums.
It was marvellous to reconnect with people who have taught here over the past 50 years.

Winter Sports Teams

Students are busily trialling for winter sports teams at the moment: Basketball, Netball and Hockey for TPI.
A gentle reminder that to be named in a team and to play - **the sports fees must be paid first**, or a weekly direct debit must be setup to cover the fees by end of the season.
Sport is expensive and all 3 codes have raised their fees again for 2026 so we must pass this on. It's not pleasant chasing our students for their fees so please, as their adults, have this sorted for them.

HOUSE POINTS as of 13 March 2026

Te Ihi	Te Mana	Te Mauri	Te Wehi	Te Maia	Te Kaha
150	150	150	180	200	130