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01 May 2026

TERM CALENDAR

MAY

1 Super 11 Rugby
5 Structured Literacy PLD 3pm
8 Super 11 Golf
13 Ngā Pu Korero Competition
15 Pink Shirt Day
15 Super 11 Futsal and Squash
19 Structured Literacy PLD 3pm
22 Super 11 Badminton
26 NYLD for Leaders in Hamilton
28 Mufti Day and sausage sizzle
29 Super 11 Mountain Biking

JUNE

1 Kings Birthday
2 Structured Literacy PLD 3pm
4 Super 11 Ultimate Frisbee
8 Leaders Camp Wellington
12 Mid-year Reports Live
12 Super 11 Rockwall
17 Fresh Moves
17 TKM Noho
19 Super 11 Rugby League
20 World Vision Challenge
23 TPI Cross Country
24 Learning Conferences
Staff Only Day
25 School Disco
26 Te Reo Kori finals
26 Super 11 Bowls
29 Year 6 Visits
30 Board of Trustees Meeting
30 Structured Literacy PLD 3pm

JULY

1 Tai Mitchell Rugby
2 Matariki Assembly
3 Latimer Assembly
3 Last Day of Term 2

Holidays

20 First day of Term 3

Welcome back to term 2 whānau. Term 2 is 11 weeks long and jam packed with learning and school events. Strap yourself in because *it's a ride* with Winter sports, Te Reo Kori, Leaders Camp, Tai Mitchell, Conferences, Disco, Fresh Moves, Learning Centre trips, Nga Pū Korero, Cross Country, Latimer Assembly, Matariki Assembly and more.

ANZAC Services

It was fantastic to see so many of our people at services across the rōhe last weekend.

We had staff and students at Hei Marae Friday evening and services at Maketu, Te Puke, Mount Maunganui and Papamoa on Saturday morning. It was great to see the phenomenal support for the recognition and remembrance of all our service people. Thanks to all our Leaders, students, staff and whanau who attended.

Nga Pū Korero Te Puke

Students from Te Korowai Matauranga and across the school are preparing for the Te Puke Pū Korero on the 13th of May. A beautiful event showcasing our tamariki and their Te Reo Māori proficiency along with their whakaaro on their chosen topic, I can't wait to hear their korero.

It is held at the Orchard Church; whānau and family are warmly invited to be attend.

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Staff Structured Literacy PLD

Just to keep you informed about the learning journey our Team are on - we have PLD (Professional Learning Development) after school, every second week, on the new *Structured Literacy* approach. Your child should be able to talk to you about the spelling they are doing and will soon be able to share the reading test and the reading structure the teachers will implement shortly. The programme is very scripted and prescribed. It involves more whole-class teaching and less small group-based learning for the instructional aspects of the programme.

The students are enjoying the spelling. Feel free to implement some new word knowledge at home for your child to learn, spell and use.

Structured Maths

Structured maths is well embedded here at TPI. The use of the resources from the *Maths No Problem* programme is also popular with our students. It is reminiscent of the 'good old days' when many of you attended school, with maths text books and workbooks for each student to use.

Again, this approach to maths is very scripted for the instructional teaching using whole-class teaching. This means we must pitch the lesson at the expected level for our students' age rather than teaching split levels.

Maths Acceleration Programme

We currently have 64 students enrolled in an online Maths acceleration programme through the MOE. Many of these students have completed the module components well and are utilizing this opportunity to increase their Maths success. Other students progress has been impacted due to their attendance.

Because the module is online, students can access this from anywhere, so if your child is in this group, they can work on any of it from home.

This current group has 1 week left on the programme and then a further 64 will be invited to lift their Maths achievement through the module.

Swimming Champs from term 1

Warmest congratulations to our Swimming Champions for 2026:

Year 7 Girls

3rd Alexis Lawrance
2nd Monroe Taiapa
1st Bella Abraham

Year 7 Boys

3rd= Kaden Rakaupai
3rd= Brix Isaac
2nd Nate Pepper
1st Dallas Long

Year 8 Girls

3rd Lukah Pamment
1st= Blake Vaughan
1st= Sasha Isaac

Year 8 Boys

3rd Clay Heatley
2nd Kaz Petri
1st Elliott McFadden

Super 11 Tennis from Term 1

At the end of last term our Tennis Team went to the Super 11 Tennis champs.

Congratulations to Maddie Campbell on winning the Super 11 Girls Singles tournament on Thursday 2nd April. Ella Tristram also finished runner-up, which was a fantastic result for TPI!

Kaz Petri qualified for the quarterfinals in the boys' singles but was unfortunately knocked out in a sudden death round.

Thanks to Kylee Tristram and Jesse Shalfoon for managing our team on the day.

Maddie and Ella also retained their Super 11 Doubles title, winning the overall tournament in consecutive years. A huge achievement, congratulations girls!

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Mid-Year Reporting and Conferences

This year there are some changes to the way schools are required to report to whānau. As you know the Government have refreshed/is refreshing the entire curriculum and the assessment.

Our mid-year reports will go live on Friday 12th of June on HERO. This will provide a snapshot of how your child is tracking against the new expected standards. As part of the refresh, the Government advisers have moved the goalposts of achievement, as well as the terminology used to describe where your child is at.

In moving the goalpost to the new expected level, this will make it harder for students to achieve the expected standard. So, in this first year of new reporting, it is expected that many students will appear to have gone backwards. Please understand, they haven't gone backwards, the standard has been raised.

More information to come closer to the time of reports on the language and what you should expect to see.

Immediately following the reports, we hold our Learning Conferences event. This is a whole day event where every parent and their child books a time to meet with their teacher and discuss their child's progress, the new standards and how together we can best support your child's progress.

The Learning Conference Day is a whole Staff Only Day with whanau coming in at their booked time. **Wednesday 24th of June** is the date.

Information on how to book your Learning Conference will come home at report time. It is an expectation that every student and their whānau will attend a Learning Conference. There is no normal school on this day, but teachers will have learning tasks in their google classroom for students to do at home.

TPI Group participation - is your child involved in something?

Kapahaka - we currently have approximately 120 students coming weekly for Kapahaka on Fridays, tutored by Whāea Jenay, Whāea Marcia, Matua Tamarangi and Whāea Mia.

Matariki will be the first opportunity to perform a bracket at Te Kete ō Matariki in Te Puke. Students will be selected for the performance roopu based on their commitment and performance at weekly sessions.

Nesian Pride - we currently have approximately 200 students from across the school attend Nesian Pride sessions weekly. Tutored by Rejoice Pulega and supported by Whāea Simone these sessions are for anyone interested in learning about Pasifika culture and performance.

Tu Tangata - this group is for students of Pacific decent and is a leadership and mentoring programme for our Pacific learners. Facilitated by Aisea Tamani, this group has 35 participants weekly.

Malohi Pasifika - is a Te Puke wide learning and support group for Pasifika students and their aiga. Hosted at Te Puke High School in weeks 3-6 students and their whanau can attend for connection and support. All of our Pacific learners have received info about this opportunity.

Indian Dance group - another group of approximately 50 students meet weekly to learn, share and celebrate through Indian dance. Tutored by Jasrose Malhi and supported by Whāea Raj, this group performs at community events.

Fresh Moves - is a bi-annual event for us, alternating with our Production year. Our group of 40 students are bringing the theme "UNPREDICTABLE" to life through a story about a student moving through different phases of life. They are exploring this through a range of dance styles and music, while leading the creative process using the strands and elements of dance. Tutored by Miss Gardiner, these students are meeting in their lunchtimes to prepare for this event on Wednesday 17 June at Baycourt Community & Arts Centre, 7:00–8:30pm.

Pink Shirt Day - Anti Bullying - Week 4

Pink Shirt Day for 2026 is Friday 15th of May and TPI whole heartedly participates in Pink Shirt Day. There will be a number of activities for our people to get involved in and of course we raise funds for the Mental Health Foundation by wearing pink and paying $2 to look cool for the day. This is specifically a pink mufti - students need to wear some pink.

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Te Reo Kori House Competition

Starting week 6, all students will begin practising with their House to compete in the annual Waiata and Haka competition.

The final will be held on Friday 26th of June and it's a phenomenal event. Again, whānau are warmly invited to come and watch or check out the live stream.

Tai Mitchell Rugby - Boys and Girls

The heartiest congratulations to everyone who trialled for the prestigious Te Puke Tai Mitchell teams. The tournament will be played in Opotiki at the end of this term over 5 days.

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Ultimate frisbee Teams - week 7

Congratulations to everyone who trialled for the Ultimate Frisbee teams. TPI has been the reigning Super 11 champion for 4 years straight and in 2026 we go to Gisborne to defend our title.

The level of competition at the trials gave Mr Knightly and Matua Wiremu quite the headache in selecting their squad. Credit to you all for the skill level you showed.

Here is the squad of selected players who have yet to be finalized into A and B teams:

Autumn Gamble
Meila Sands
Blake Vaughan
Jade Whare
Ella Tristram
Kataraina Gourlay
Eve Payne
Ngawiki Rolleston
Rangitamoe Ronaki
Chloe Lochhead
Non traveling reserve Georgette Murphy

Chayse Wynyard
Kaz Petri
Korban Knightly
Billy Weldon
Henry Stapleton
Lebron Kamana
Maika Williams
LJ Roberts
Wilson Lockwood
Charlie Eves
Non traveling reserve Jonty Ohia

Winter Sports Teams

Basketball, Netball and Hockey Teams have been selected and named for the winter season. Congratulations to all players who are involved at every level of sport.

Competitions are about to get underway so it is time for all **sports fees** to be paid or set up a payment plan so fees are paid off by the end of the season. We have amazing community of people who support TPI so that no player misses out on their sport due to financial stress, so please make contact with Cam Black if you require support for your child to be able to play.

Players will not be issued their playing uniform nor can they play without the above taking place.

Athletes have been given a **Behaviour Contract** to complete and sign. This contract is for players and supporters.

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Mufti Day and Sausage sizzle week 6

The Girls Tai Mitchell team are fundraising for the cost of attending their tournament in Opotiki. There will be a mufti day on the 28th of May along with a sausage sizzle. More info to come from the Tai Mitchell crew but note the date on your calendar.

Upcoming Important Dates to note:

Monday 1st of June – ***Kings Birthday*** Weekend

Wednesday 24th June - Learning Conferences - no normal school

School Cross Country - week 10 - 23rd June

All students are involved in our Cross Country, competing for their House. We do not expect everyone to LOVE the event but we ask everyone to try their best and have a go. Finishing is an achievement for some while others will be trying to break the record.

House points on offer, join your mates and give it your best shot.

School Disco - week 10 - 25th June

The Samoa group are fundraising for their upcoming trip and they have a Disco organized for everyone on Thursday 25th June. Pop this in your calendar to attend, dressed in Island style. Invitations will be issued to students who have consistently demonstrated our School Values and of course, you must be at school on the day of the Disco.

School Leaders Camp to Wellington

Our Leaders will attend their Leadership conference in Hamilton this year due to a clash with a TPI event. However, they will still attend their Leaders Camp in our Capital city in week 8 this term.

The crew are busy fundraising with Bake Sales and we are very grateful for local community and whānau support with donations towards the significant costs of travelling to Wellington. Thank you so much.

HOUSE POINTS as of 01 MAY

Te Ihi	Te Mana	Te Mauri	Te Wehi	Te Maia	Te Kaha
500	375	395	520	475	305