Te Puke Intermediate Newsletter No 4

17 June 2026

TERM CALENDAR

JUNE

17	Fresh Moves
17	TKM Noho
19	Super 11 Rugby League
20	World Vision 40-hour Challenge
23	TPI Cross Country
23	Learning conferences after school
24	**Learning Conferences Staff Only Day**
25	School Disco
26	Te Reo Kori finals
26	Super 11 Bowls
29	Year 6 Visit
30	Board Meeting
30	Structured Literacy PLD 3pm

JULY

1	Tai Mitchell Rugby begins
2	Matariki Assembly
3	Latimer Assembly
3	**Last Day of term 2**

Holidays

20	**First day of term 3**

Te Puke Intermediate Free Call Number

0800 131 033

Super 11 Climbers Reach New Heights in Taupō

A team of enthusiastic climbers from Te Puke Intermediate travelled to the Taupō Events Centre on Friday, June 12, to compete in the Super 11 Rock Wall Climbing Competition.

Leading the way for the team was Joseph, who achieved an outstanding 2nd place in the Year 7 Boys division. Joseph demonstrated excellent technique and composure under pressure, consistently performing strongly across the competition.

There were also excellent results from Keida and Katie, who both successfully qualified for their respective Year 8 Boys and Girls finals. Reaching the finals is a significant achievement, reflecting the hard work and commitment throughout training and preparation. The students represented Te Puke Intermediate with pride. It was wonderful to see the resilience, sportsmanship, and courage they showed in challenging themselves.

Ultimate Frisbee Champions!!!

For the 6th year in a row, TPI has taken the Ultimate Frisbee crown in the Super 11 competition.

This is no accident; our staff and students train every lunchtime for weeks in preparation for this event.

Massive congratulations to all our students in the two teams who both made the final, playing against each other for first and second place.

Matua Wiremu and Mr Knightly our supreme Coaches deserve all the accolades for the coaching skillset and time invested in our team's preparation.

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End of Term 2 Wrap Up

Term 2 is racing by with just 3 packed weeks left to go until the holidays with loads of activities, trips and learning goals to be achieved in this time.
Thanks to everyone who has supported class trips, Leaders Camp, Super 11 sports, school sports teams as well as your child's learning across this term. It has been pretty hectic with loads of things on for our people and we appreciate and value your support to allow us to do what we do.

Term 1, I mentioned that **behaviourally** we were having a rough time. This has largely settled down with the majority of our students demonstrating our school values and making the most of their opportunities here at TPI.
There remain a few students who continue to be disrespectful or non-compliant, making little effort to fit with our expectations. We continue to use all measures at our disposal to encourage and incentivise their behaviour. Note though, when it's unsafe, illegal or detrimental to our other students we don't tolerate it and there are consequences, some of which will be inconvenient to you as parents. Being stood down from the bus or from School has consequences that impact all your whānau and this needs to be made clear to your child that their behaviour impacts you as well. Students whose behaviour is undesirable at school cannot be trusted on school or class trips so will have this privilege removed.
Most students don't receive a single relearn in the whole year so if your child is receiving relearns this is a clear sign, they are not meeting expectations.

Attendance on the whole is pretty good across all our classes with our school having 90.7% regular attendance in Term 1. **Our goal is 95%** so we are not where we want to be.
Some of this is due to no communication from whānau advising us why your child is not at school. There may be a legitimate reason for the absence but unless you let us know, it's registered as Truant. I would love it if we could collectively do better by completing an absence notice on HERO or calling the absentee line. The other thing that needs to improve significantly is the number of students who are **late to school** almost every morning. This generally is not the students' fault but a family responsibility to address.

Here are the Learning Centre attendance stats for term 1:

1st	ENERGISE	94.8%
2nd	ENRICH	93.5%
3rd	ECO	91.7%
4th	EDVENTURE	91.3%
5th	EXPLORE	90.3%
6th	TKM	89.6%
7th	EXPRESSIVE	89.3%
8th	EXCEL	88.5%

Mid-Year Reporting

We have just published the **mid-year reports** on HERO for all our current students. The only students we did not provide a full report for are those who have recently started at TPI and these students will have had a General Comment provided by email to you as guardians.

This report shows you how your child is tracking against the expectations for their year group.
It provides next steps for learning and ways you can help at home.
The General Comment provides information on how your child has settled, contributes and meets expectations across the school.
Their attendance shows you their attendance rate along with the amount of justified or unjustified absences they have.

All of this will be discussed at the **Learning Conferences** next week. We ask that every student has the opportunity to share and discuss their progress with you and their teacher at a conference, so please make your booking on the HERO app under School Bookings. Thanks to those of you who have already completed this task.
Reminder - Wednesday 24th June is a learning from home day with Learning Conferences happening all day here at TPI. No normal school.

Term 2 wrap-up with finances:

Now is the time to take a check of the finances for your child, see if you are up to date with all sports and activity fees.

Year 8 camps, AIMS Games fees, Term 4 events all come with some costs so staying ahead is really important.
We would appreciate you completing payment for anything from the first half of the year please.

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TPI Leaders events

Recently our School Leaders travelled to Hamilton for the annual NYLD leaders conference. Traditionally, we would usually attend this in Wellington as part of the Leaders Camp but it clashed with the Ultimate Frisbee date and many of our Leaders are involved in the Ultimate teams.

The Hamilton conference is an opportunity to hear from a variety of speakers about the ways in which we can 'lead' others and how this can impact our own lives.

Fairly quickly this was followed by their week-long camp in Wellington where the students (and parents) were treated to another incredible visit to the Capital city. Making the most of their time, our people were treated to visits to Parliament, NZ Rugby House, National Library, Te Papa, Wētā Workshop, train transport, city safari and more. Amazing opportunity to be immersed in city life while networking as a group and cementing relationships in Leadership.

Te Puke Tai Mitchell

In the last week of this Term, our boys and girls Tai Mitchell teams head to Opotiki for the annual event.

Games will be played Wednesday 1st July through till Sunday 5th July.

We wish all our players and Coaches all the very best for this prestigious tournament and hope you reap the rewards of your training and preparation.

We will be down there to see you play and represent Te Puke.

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TPI Fresh Moves

Wishing all our students in our Fresh Moves performance group the very best of luck for this Wednesday evening performance. Special thanks to Miss G for her creativity and time with these students, across many, many lunchtimes. Credit to these people who have also sacrificed their lunch break to practise and perfect their performance.
We hope you thoroughly enjoy your time at Baycourt this week.

TPI Te Reo Kori House Competition

It's on whanau!! Next week, Friday 26th we have our annual House Competition in Waiata and Haka.

Period 2 in the PAC, you are warmly invited to come along and witness this incredible event.
The skill level is high, right across the 6 Houses with Staff and students passionately practicing in preparation.

It will of course be live streamed so you watch from mahi as well!

AIMS Games 2026

Phew! The 2026 AIMS Games will be bigger again than ever before! It's amazing how they keep growing with more NZ schools as well as international schools attending in 2026.
TPI has entered both individual and team codes based on what you told us, showed us with trials and interest in the following 20 codes:

Badminton, Basketball, BMX, Cross Country, Football, Gymnastics, Hip Hop, Hockey, Indoor Bowls, Mountain Biking, Netball, Orienteering, Rip Rugby, Rockwall Climbing, Rugby 7s, Squash, Surfing, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis.

Get online to the website and check it out for 2026.

TPI Cross Country 23rd June

Next week, Tuesday 23rd June will see all our people running their annual Cross Country. All classes are practising each day to build up their stamina across the course.
Running, running and walking, walking, skipping, singing and having fun are all acceptable ways to complete the run. Winning the championship, house points, personal goals and personal pride are all legitimate reasons for participating to the best of our ability.
Let's make sure we are all here, no opting out, giving it our best shot.

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Term 3 Principal on Leave:

As this will be the final newsletter for Term 2, I wanted to advise you that I will be on leave for term 3. This is Leave without pay, provided in our Collective after a length of service for one Term and I am using it to travel with my husband to Europe.

In my absence, Mr Stephen Knightly will be Acting Principal. Left in his capable hands and ably supported by our incredible TPI Team, I know that things will be smooth sailing here.

School Disco - Samoa fundraiser

Next week, Thursday 25th June we have a school disco to support our 2026 Samoa travelling group.

Students will be issued an invitation if they have been consistent with our School Values this term.

Matariki theme, cost is $5 to attend. Canteen will be open.

Winter uniform:

As it gets cooler in the mornings and winter approaches, we see some of our students still have no jacket or winter shoes.

We are blessed to be supported by KidsCan with jackets and shoes so please reach out to your teacher if your child would like support with these items.

We have made the offer here at assembly and remind our students, no one should be cold.

We can help out at any time, for anyone.

Year 8 Camps

This week our Year 8 students have had their camping options introduced to them.

They now have the Camp booklet and Choice form.

Please read this carefully with them, support them to make the best choice for them.

I made a HERO post to Year 8 parents a couple of weeks ago to give you a heads up so you could read and digest all the information before your child brings it home.

Meeting the deadlines, payments etc is imperative for your child to have the best chance of getting their choice.

Spotlight from the Board Jo Matthews

As part of our role on the board, we visit a different Learning Centres each month to learn more about its focus, celebrate their successes, and understand what support the board could provide to further enhance teaching and learning.

During the Board's recent visit to the ECO Learning Centre, we saw the newly renovated learning environment and learned about the animal life students were investigating. We were shown the egg incubator, the gardens and the frogs, all of which highlighted the centre's engaging, hands-on approach to learning.

My own experience of school was largely textbook-based, so it was inspiring to see hands-on learning in action.

To further support this space, the Board has approved an outdoor canopy in front of the classrooms, which will help protect the learning environment from bad weather.

The Canopy will be installed over the next school holidays.

World Vision 40-hour Challenge

We are so impressed with the number of students who have signed up for the 40 hour Challenge this year.

Congratulations to everyone willing to go without something precious to them for 40 hours and raise funds to support a family across the globe. Keep those funds coming in whānau and support your child.

World Vision

HOUSE POINTS as of 12 JUNE 2026

Te Ihi	Te Mana	Te Mauri	Te Wehi	Te Maia	Te Kaha
840	555	670	740	760	550