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TERM CALENDAR

AUGUST

3	Mind, Body & Relationships unit continues
3	Academic Decathlon
3	ECO and Excel MOWs trip
5	Pre-AIMS Quick Rip
6	Expressive - Disney on Ice
7	Super 11 Cross Country
12	Samoa Group - Dive Zone
14	Super 11 7s Rugby
18	Year 7 Vision Testing
20	ECO trip Mclarens Falls
25	TPI Open Night
27	School Speech Finals
28	TPI Gumboot Day

SEPTEMBER

2	TPI Choir Music Festival
2	TKM Noho Marae trip
5	AIMS Games begin
16	Overseas Samoa trip
21	Alpine Camp
24	Science Fair
25	Latimer Assembly
25	Term 3 Concludes

Te Puke Intermediate Free Call Number

0800 131 033

Term 3

Welcome back to what is shaping up to be another busy term here at TPI. We had a fantastic first week with the majority of students returning from their break refreshed and ready to dive into learning and all of the opportunities our school has to offer.

Learning

Along with classroom/learning centre curriculum foci, there are a number of schoolwide units being taught this term. Speech writing is taking place as students learn the structural and language features of both persuasive and informative speech writing. Students will then write and present their speech to the class, with a chosen few making it through to learning centre and then school speech finals in Week 6. All classes are currently working through the recently modified Body, Mind and Relationships Health unit, communication regarding this unit was shared via Hero. The Academic Decathlon is in full swing with students participating and competing across ten school subjects. There are prizes for our top students and all students who participate in at least seven out of the ten events get 'Academic Decathlon' signed off for their Latimer Award.

Zespri KIWIFRUIT AIMS GAMES

Preparation is well underway for the 2026 AIMS Games which is taking place in Week 8 of Term 3 (5th - 11th September). TPI has entered into 23 sports with many of the major codes having their first information notice shared via Hero already. Mr Black is in the process of sharing an initial AIMS notice for many of the smaller codes over the coming days. We wish all of our students and coaches the very best over the coming weeks as they train and prepare for AIMS Games 2026! While we have coaches for many of our sports teams, we will most certainly require the support of parents for a number of sports and in most cases transport. If you are able to help out with transport/coaching for your child's AIMS sport, please contact Mr Black cam.black@tepukeint.school.nz

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Samoa Overseas Trip

Our Samoa travelling group continues to prepare for their overseas trip in Week 9 with weekly lessons beginning this term. Learning about Samoan culture and language, how to navigate overseas travel, trip readiness and building strong group connections are all part of these lessons.

Year 8 Camps

All camp deposits were due last Friday the 24th of July. Mr Black is in the process of finalising camp numbers. Camp leaders will put communications out regarding camps in the coming weeks. Alpine camp is the first of our Year 8 camps and takes place in Week 10 of Term 3. Please keep your eyes on Hero for information regarding your child's camp. Part of student camp preparations include participating in First Aid lessons, which have been taking place this week. Annette Binnie from St John New Zealand has been facilitating these lessons. As is the case with AIMS, we rely heavily on parental support for school camps. If you are able to attend a school camp, or provide transport, please reach out to the leader of your child's camp.

Attendance

Our schoolwide attendance for Term 2 was 91.3%. As you will be aware, our schoolwide target is 95%. Sickness always has a significant impact on our overall attendance, in particular during the winter months. Sickness/illness made up 51% of all absences in Term 2. A reminder that if a child is not well enough to attend school, then they should not be representing their school in sport on the same day. A concern for us as a school is the following statistics: 21% of Term 2 absences were truancies, meaning the school was not notified of the child's absence. 21% were explained absences but not justified according to the Ministry e.g., a holiday during learning time. A reminder that it is parents/caregivers' responsibility to contact the school anytime your child is going to be absent from school. This can be done by reporting an absence via the Hero app, contacting the school office or communicating directly with your child's teacher.

Learning Centre attendance stats for term 2 below.

1st	ENRICH	96.2%
2nd	ENERGISE	93.6%
3rd	EXPRESSIVE	92.3%
4th	EDVENTURE	91.5%
5th	EXPLORE	90.4%
6th	EXCEL	89.3%
7th	ECO	89.0%
8th	TKM	88.7%

Te Puke High School Enrolments

Just a reminder to complete your enrolment for TPHS. Your year 8 child should have come home with an enrolment pack. Please complete and return to **TPHS**. If your child is NOT going to TPHS, can you please let our office know so we are not chasing them up for paperwork.

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TPI Cross Country 23rd June

Congratulations to all the students who completed our TPI Cross Country back on Tuesday 23rd June. Each of you earnt valuable House Points and demonstrated a Kiwi 'can do' attitude by participating and developing your own personal health habits.

Congratulations to these students who finished in the top three places of their race - Mr Black

YEAR 7 GIRLS			
PLACE	**NAME**	**TIME**	**HOUSE**
1st	Alice McKean	11:36	Te Maia
2nd	Bella Forgie	11.58	Te Maia
3rd	Casey Armstrong	11.59	Te Mauri
YEAR 7 BOYS			
1st	Ryan Parton	9.43	Te Mauri
2nd	Wilson Lockwood	10.00	Te Ihi
3rd	Noah Cameron	10.24	Te Mana
YEAR 8 GIRLS			
1st	Sasha Isaac	10.45	Te Wehi
2nd	Saafiah Wilson	11.31	Te Mauri
3rd	Maddie James	11.32	Te Kaha
YEAR 8 BOYS			
1st	Henry Teat	9.46	Te Maia
2nd	Ollie Proudlock	10.29	Te Maia
3rd	Lebron Kamana	10.32	Te Mauri

School Leaders Mentoring Programme

This year our school leaders have established a new mentoring programme in partnership with Te Puke Primary and Fairhaven School. Our leaders, under the guidance of Mr Jacob have put together a series of sessions designed to grow the leadership skill set and capabilities of a group of selected year 6 students from each of the two schools. The TPI leaders visited Fairhaven and Te Puke Primary four times in term 2 and will continue this programme in terms 3 and 4.

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TPI Te Reo Kori House Competition

Last term, our annual Te Reo Kori competition once again showcased the incredible talent, pride, and passion of our students. After five dedicated one-hour practice sessions, each house took to the stage to perform our school haka and this year's Waiata, Ka Pioioi E. Throughout the term, students worked hard to learn unique choreography, refine their performances, and support one another in preparation for the big day.

Competition day certainly didn't disappoint. There were plenty of nerves before each performance, but every house rose to the occasion, performing with confidence, energy and mana. The atmosphere in the PAC was electric as students, staff, and whānau came together to celebrate te ao Māori and our strong house spirit.

Congratulations to Te Wehi for being crowned our 2026 Te Reo Kori champions. Final placings were Te Wehi, Te Maia, Te Ihi, Te Kaha, Te Mauri, and Te Mana. A huge congratulations to every student who took part and helped make this year's competition another memorable success. A special thank you to all staff who supported the preparation and practices, as well as our judges who took time out of their busy schedules to share their expertise and help make this event possible. - Whāea Simone

Gumboot Friday

TPI will be getting behind Gumboot Friday to support free counselling for Under 25's. This will be held on Friday 28th August and students will be able to get signed off for their Latimer. It will be a mufti day (wearing gumboots) and a $2 donation. Students can bake one oversized Gumboot themed cookie – it should be in the shape of a gumboot and decorated in gumboot theme and have some form of icing / writing around gumboot day. More details will be sent out closer to the date

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Te Puke Tai Mitchell - 2026 Champions (Boys)

In the last week of Term 2 Mr Sutherland and Mr Harvey took our Tai Mitchell team to Opotiki to compete in the annual Tai Mitchell tournament. The Tai Mitchell Boys team had a fantastic week on and off the field. They were lucky to have a fantastic venue to stay in at camp which enabled them to spend quality time together and build solid relationships and connections that benefited them greatly on the field. On the field they remained unbeaten scoring a total of 338 points and conceding just 44 across the 7 games. The final was a tough battle against Tauranga West with us winning 38 – 14. The following boys were named in the Tournament Team; Beaudyn Sutherland, Maika Williams, Monty Naiyaga, Te Aoturoa Roberts, Jonty Ohia and Blake Degan. Te Aoturoa Roberts was named as the Player of the Tournament.

Following the Tai Mitchell Tournament, the following boys were selected for the BOP Primary School WASPS team; Beaudyn Sutherland, Maika Williams, Monty Naiyaga, Te Aoturoa Roberts, Blake Degan, Billy Weldon, Marley Taylor and Ifi Baravilala. - Mr Sutherland.

Te Puke Tai Mitchell - 2026 4th Place (Girls)

The girls headed down to Ōpōtiki on Wednesday for the opening ceremony and our first games of the tournament, starting strong with wins over Galatea and Rangitaiki. Day 2 and 3 brought mixed results, with losses to Rotorua Maroon and Whakatāne following a bye. Those results saw us face Whakatāne again in the semi-final, where we unfortunately came up short. The 3rd/4th playoff was played in a mud bath with pouring rain, making for a tough contest. We narrowly lost on the final play of the game, finishing the tournament in 4th place.

Despite finishing 4th, we had plenty to celebrate, with three of our players named in the Girls Tournament Team: Breanna Rae, Meila Sands, and Alexis Young. Congratulation's girls—an outstanding achievement! - Matua Mike

A massive thank you to our coaching staff Aaron Sutherland, Darren Harvey, Michael Collins and Georgia Broughton. Their time, effort and dedication to Tai Mitchell Rugby and the athletes was truly appreciated.

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TECH Arts Assembly

It was yet another busy term for TPI students in Technology classes in Term 2. At our final assembly of the term, our amazing TECH team awarded students certificates for their contribution and excellence within Food, ICT, Art and Workshop. Congratulations to the following students:

Food TECH:

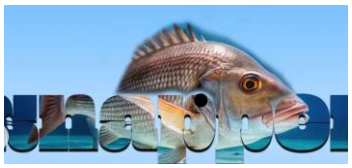
Anna Holmes
Breanna Rae
Toa Selwyn
Rangitoia Whare
Arnavjeet Singh
Rosalie Dale

Art:

Chevelle Moetara
Isla Grylls.
Angus Ecclestone
Harper Davis-Apaapa
Charlotte Hann

ICT

Maddie Gloyn
Ariana Tamatea
Joel Bowyer
Room
Liam Thomas
Isla Macdonald
Blake Neems
Indie Stewart
Mason Coombes



Spotlight from the Board Gurwinder Singh

My name is Gurwinder Singh and I am a parent representative on the TPI Board. I work as a Quality & Food Safety Manager in the kiwifruit post-harvest industry and am passionate about supporting student learning, development and supporting our community, which inspired me to join the board.

As part of our monthly board meetings, we visit different learning centres each month to gain insights into academic learning, attendance, sports and other activities. We recently visited Excel and Expressive and it has been a great opportunity to interact with students, teachers and hearing about their learning experiences.

Coming from an educational background in India, I found some similarities between the Year 7–8 curriculum of the Excel Learning Centre. However, I am particularly impressed by the different teaching approaches and it is inspiring to see students taking ownership of their learning and expressing their ideas so effectively.

HOUSE POINTS 31 JULY 2026

Te Ihi	Te Mana	Te Mauri	Te Wehi	Te Maia	Te Kaha
1215	815	960	1055	1095	780