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## Year 10 students achieve NCEA Credits

NCEA has implemented changes on how students achieve their Literacy and Numeracy credits.

Numeracy in NCEA is the ability to understand and use mathematics and statistics in daily life, at home, at school (in all subjects not just Mathematics), and at work. Numeracy is important as it develops learners' mathematical skills which they are likely to need in everyday life.

Students will sit a digital exam in Year 9 and Year 10 if they are working at curriculum level 4 or higher.

This year we trialed a Numeracy assessment with one Year 10 class in Term 2. Mr Virendra Kumar was their class teacher. All the students who sat the assessment successfully passed the digital exam. Congratulations to all the students for their 10 credit achievement! In term 4, all the Year 10 students will be sitting the Numeracy assessment.

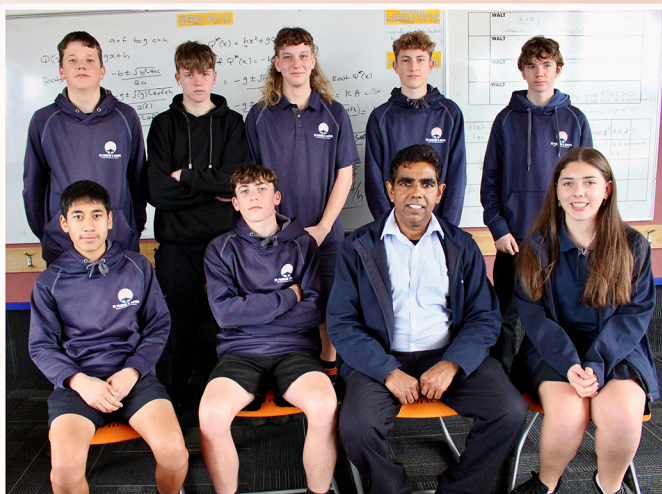


PHOTO Back row: Cameron Tong, Michael Hayman, Aston Soothill, Theo Soothill, Oliver Bone. Front row: Afeef Ridzuan, George Le Quesne, Mr Kumar and Lauren Kalin. Absent: Noah Broughton.



## Message from the Principal

Kia ora koutou

Term 4 is going to be an exciting term as our students complete their learning programmes for the year and we celebrate the success of our students. Our senior students will be finishing on 1 November with their formal prizegiving on 3 November.

Our senior prizegiving will be to celebrate the achievements of our Year 11 – 13 students. Everyone is welcome to join us upstairs in the Hub at 6.30pm. Our junior prizegivings will be held later in the year on 15 December. All our prizegivings are formal events and students should be in correct school uniform.

Organising our prizegivings for the first time has been exciting. It has given us an opportunity to reflect on our school values, the aspirations of our students and their whānau, and the aspirations we have for them. It has been an opportunity for us to talk about forming new traditions, ensuring we reward students in keeping with our school values formed from the aspirations collected from our community during the consultation phase of designing our school.

We are busy having custom trophies made for our major awards. We have decided not to purchase the remainder of the trophies this year as we know there will be people in our community who wish to donate trophies and have them named after family members. If you would like to donate a trophy for one of the awards listed in the prizegiving breakdown sheet, please contact the office to take you through the process.

Senior students have now received the results of their practice examinations and should be using the feedback from these examinations to prepare for their external NCEA examinations. All senior students should have a study plan and have recorded on their calendar the dates and times of their examinations. They should also have checked that they can log-in to the NZQA website to access their results in the new year.

All Year 11 and 12 students should have chosen their courses for 2024. If they haven't, they need to urgently connect with their whānau teacher.

Junior students have started their Term 4 modules and like the previous two terms, parents will receive reports sent via email at the end of the year. Year 10 students should have chosen their courses for next year and if they haven't, they need to connect with their whānau teacher. If further guidance is required from the Careers Department, please contact the office to set up an appointment.

Our Year 9 and 10 students also have the opportunity this month to sit the new literacy and numeracy standards as part of their NCEA journey. We wish them well and know that they will endeavour to put their best foot forward. If students pass, they can tick off numeracy and/or literacy. These students can then extend themselves in literacy and numeracy at curriculum level 6 and beyond (NCEA Level 1 is set at Curriculum Level 6). If they are not yet able to pass, there will be further opportunities in 2024.

Our junior students have activity week from 11 – 14 December. Students will be in their whānau classes doing a variety of activities. Some activities will be offsite and we will share this information closer to the time. All learning programmes (e.g., Flexitime, Community Contribution and Integrated Learning Modules) for junior students will finish at the end of the previous week. Market days will be Thursday and Friday, 7 and 8 December.

Enrolments for 2024 are underway. This term we welcome transition visits for prospective Year 7 and 9 students. Our current Year 10 students will be spending their Monday morning time ensuring they are prepared to transition from the junior school to the senior school. Transition visits will begin week 6 onwards, once senior students begin study leave.

Thank you to everyone who has enrolled their child for 2024. Having students enrolled early certainly helps with our planning. Please encourage all those that have not yet enrolled to contact us.

Thank you all for your continued support of the school. We have a massive term ahead and we look forward to sharing these experiences with you.

Ngā mihi  
Rachel Williams  
Tumuaki

## Te Paepae o Aotea 2023 Music Award Results

**Taupaenui Junior Music Award:** Awarded to a Year 7-10 student, striving for excellence with the most polished vocal or instrumental performance. 1st Place - Izzy Logan - Drums. Runner Up - Haily Hortillosa - Piano.

**Taupaenui Senior Vocal Award:** Awarded to a Year 11-13 student striving for excellence with the most polished vocal performance. 1st Place - Summer Hortillosa. Runner Up - Chelsea Babalon.

**Taupaenui Senior Instrumental Award:** Awarded to a Year 11-13 student striving for excellence with the most polished instrumental performance. 1st Place - Carlitos Morellon - Piano. Runner Up - Tamati Horo - Piano.

**Aotea Award:** Awarded to a student who shows the most creative and individual performance. 1st Place - Bethany Gyde.

**Paepae Award:** Awarded to a student who has shown courage and given it a go. 1st Place - Jill Paulino.



## Te Paepae o Aotea Win 2023 Taranaki Secondary School Safety challenge

The Te Paepae o Aotea team of Ronan Hurley, Tyler Midgley, Luke Barnett and Ryan Hockly took out the 2023 Taranaki Secondary School Safety Team Challenge against six other high schools. In a hard fought battle they nudged out runners-up Stratford High School in the final event which was the safety Quiz.

This competition began in 1998 so has a long history and is keenly contested between high schools of Taranaki.

In the competition the contestants have to demonstrate their knowledge and practical skills in safety in a broad range of situations like quad bikes, tractors, livestock handling, firearms, first aid and mental health. Our team were good all rounders which ensured they took out the trophy.







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## Textiles students experience WOW Show in Wellington



Our Senior Textiles students travelled to Wellington to attend the WOW show. Our students experienced a behind the scenes textiles tour at Te Papa, a tour of Massey Design School's Fashion Design Department, and The WOW show, which was an amazing futuristic themed show with lots of lighting effects, aerial acrobatics and amazing costumes. The students also had an amazing hands-on experience at Weta Workshop.



## Students achieve at TOPEC

During Week 10 of Term 3, 20 of our Year12 students spent the week at TOPEC where they were participating in rafting, high ropes, and rock & absailing for each student to gain an additional 6 Level 2 credits.

## School Open Days

Between 4pm-6pm

Wednesday November 1  
Wednesday November 8  
Wednesday November 15

Wednesday November 22  
Wednesday November 29

Student Leaders will take members of the public on half hour tours throughout the school grounds.

This is an ideal opportunity for prospective students wanting to attend Te Paepae o Aotea and members of the public who want to observe our new curriculum in action.



## Senior A Netball Team

This season the Te Paepae o Aotea Senior A Netball Team came first in their grade in the Taranaki Championship. The Te Paepae o Aotea Senior A team represented the school in the Winter Secondary School LNISS Netball Competition and will now play in the Taranaki Premier 3 Grade for the 2024 season.



## Senior A Girls Basketball Team

The Te Paepae o Aotea Senior A Girls Basketball team won the Basketball Taranaki Girls final against NPGHS 10A. The final score was 51-46, with Sofia Va'aelua being named MVP.



## 1st XI Mixed Hockey Team

This season our Te Paepae o Aotea 1st XI Mixed Hockey team won the Taranaki Secondary School Boys Championship Final against Stratford XI Boys team 1-0. The hockey team then took part in the North Island Secondary School Mixed Hockey Winter Tournament in Taupō coming away with 4th place.



## Student Achievements

**Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Award Finalists**  
Shaneya Patel, Bethany Gyde and Lauren Kalin

**YES Taranaki Regional Finalist for 2023**  
Jacob McCrea - The Plank

**Taranaki U13 Boys Amber 2023**  
Kayliss Ross

**Taranaki Primary School Cross Country**  
Tayla Sturgeon - 1st Place 11 Year old Girls

**NZ U18 Ngā Māreikura Girls Squad**  
Pearl Kahui

**Koru Tour 2024 U18 Girls**  
Sofia Va'aelua

**TSSA Road Relays**  
Year 7/8 Girls Team placing 3rd  
Mikayla Arnold, Emily Cleaver, Brooke Stokes and Charlie Stokes  
Year 9/10 Girls Team placing 2nd  
Maddison Sturgeon, Tayla Sturgeon, Kaitlin Pennington and Peyton Scott

**Taranaki U16 Interprovincial Golf Team**  
Divan Denton

**Taranaki FTC 12th Grade Girls Football Team**  
Abby Marsh

**2023 Aztex Football Academy**  
Girls Team: Sophie Cocker, Mikayla Arnold, Eloise Sharrock, Abby Marsh and Cody Naylor.  
Boys Team: Jack Cocker, Lucas Hunt, Micah Fitzpatrick, Wills Griggs, Lochie Kalin, Jayden Denton, Logan Hunt and Ashton Hardy-Walker.

**Hawera Basketball Association**  
Year 7 & 8 League Winners  
Te Paepae o Aotea Year 7&8 Aotea team

**CF FC Western Football Team**  
Jacob Fearnley and Thomas Towers

**U16 Central Vipers League Team & Taranaki Māori U16 League Team**  
Koha Tamou

**2023 World Skate Oceania Artistic Skating & Pacific Cup Open Championships**  
Chrissy Southey - 4th Pacific Cup Youth Figures  
Ayla Bond - 3rd Pacific Cup Cadet Figures  
Elizabeth Cudby - 8th Oceania's Cadet Freeskating & 5th Pacific Cup Cadet Figures

**Hip Hope Unit NZ School Championship Secondary School Mega Crew - National Champions**  
Natalia Rook

**Taranaki Rugby U16 Girls 2023 Squad**  
Kasilk Phillips

**Taranaki Rugby U16 Boys 2023 Squad**  
Ryan Hockly

**Michaela Blyde South Rugby Team**  
Eliza Kahui, Emily Cleaver, Jasmine Kunaiti, Kayla Hori and Liberty Anne McLeod.