



TE PAEPAE O AOTEA

Kia eke atu ki Taupaenui o te tangata



Message from the Principal

Kia ora koutou

Our new school, Te Paepae o Aotea, in Hāwera has now been open for six months and we would like to take this opportunity to update and to thank our community for their ongoing support. We were given a huge challenge but also a wonderful opportunity to reshape what education looks like in Hāwera. Our students and staff have embraced this change and have been making the most of the opportunities presented at our new school. A great way to get the latest news about what our fabulous students have been up to is to check out our Facebook page or download our school app from SchoolAppsNZ.

Kia eke atu ki Taupaenui o te tangata *People reaching their full potential*

The above is our school whakataukāki. A whakataukāki is a proverb where the person who said it is known. Our school whakataukāki was written by Dr Huirangi Waikerepuru in 1998 as part of a karakia, Te Hā Oranganui, at Taiporohenui Marae on Ohangai Road. Dr Huirangi Waikerepuru was an esteemed leader who devoted his life to the preservation of Te reo Māori and having Te reo Māori recognised as an official language in New Zealand. He was of Ngāti Ruanui and Ngāpuhi descent and was described by others as a lifelong learner, always humble and wanting to learn more. As a school we are therefore incredibly fortunate to have this whakataukāki to guide us in our endeavours.

Our school whakataukāki challenges us to instil in our students tools to help them achieve their full potential in the pursuits they and their whānau deem important. We are delighted to be sharing with you the achievements and success of our students over the past few months. We are incredibly proud of them.

We promote three values within our school community: Aotea, Taupaenui and Paepae. Our value of Aotea represents a caring environment for all students, staff, whānau and community, to explore identity. Our value of Taupaenui supports the attainment of human potential, the pursuit of knowledge and striving for excellence. Our value of Paepae supports the courage, adventure, strength, persistence and the pursuit of knowledge in the learning environment. Our rewards and certificates given during the year, as well as acknowledgements at prizegivings, are centered on these three values.

It is vital that our students leave school with their qualifications and being able to exhibit our school values of Aotea, Taupaenui and Paepae. It is therefore very pleasing to be able to share the progress our senior students are making toward their NCEA qualifications.

82% of our Year 11 students are on track to gain their Level 1 qualification. 81% and 85% of Year 12 and 13 students respectively are also on track to their Level 2 and 3 qualifications. Our senior students are not only passing but many are also achieving Merit and Excellence grades.

We are a community school and as such we welcome our community to play a part in supporting our young people to fulfil their potential. If you would like to become involved in our school community, please contact us. Your support makes such a difference to the opportunities we can give our young people. We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who is already involved with our school.

Ngā mihi
Rachel Williams
Tumucki



Taranaki Rohe Nga Manu Kōrero and Pae Rangitahi

SPEECHES

Jahzel Potaka

Senior English Second Place
Kōrero Tene (impromptu)

Erina Frearson

Junior English Third Overall

KAPA HAKA PLACINGS

Haka: Third Place

Moteatea: Second Place

Te Reo Māori: First Equal

Overall Placing: Fourth Place

Term two marked a momentous occasion as Te Paepae o Aotea proudly presented its first ever kapa haka roopu at the renowned Pae Rangatahi event. This gathering showcased the talent of 12 secondary schools from te rohe o Aotea, as they united to deliver awe-inspiring performances.

Our roopu embarked on a transformative seven week journey, centered in the embrace of Kimihia te Rangimarie. During this period, we had the privilege of learning from esteemed local tutors, including the skillful guidance of Tere Diamond, Marvera Maraki, Sunnie Hurunui and Te Ruinga Diamond. Every student in our group wholeheartedly embraced the rigorous campaign, delving into new learnings of waiata, moteatea and haka.

The day of the performance arrived and our students stood resolute and well-prepared. While nervousness lingered in the air, the unwavering support of whānau, kura and friends bolstered our kaihaka as they took the stage for the first time as Te Paepae o Aotea. In front of an audience of thousands, our roopu delivered an exceptional and mesmerizing bracket, exceeding all expectations, as we reached new heights, in line with our whakataukāki, *kia eke atu ki taupaenui o te tangata*.

From the outset, our goal was to form a cohesive and accomplished group to participate in Pae Rangatahi. Therefore, the news of our students' impressive 4th placing brought overwhelming surprise. Te Paepae o Aotea extends heartfelt gratitude to everyone involved, including our devoted whānau, dedicated cooks, motivated students and supportive teachers. A special acknowledgment goes to our exceptional tutors who made significant sacrifices to nurture and initiate our roopu on this remarkable journey.





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New Zealand Race Unity Awards

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates Ebony Kalin, our Year 13 Head Academic Leader, who recently travelled to Auckland to represent South Taranaki in the National semi-final of the Race Unity Speech Awards. Ebony qualified for the national final and finished in the top six, winning the Baha'i Faith New Zealand Tohu Maramatanga award for insight. Ebony was also named Taranaki Regional Champion.



Taranaki Smokefree Rockquest regional finalists

Students from Te Paepae o Aotea participated in the Smokefree Rockquest Taranaki Finals held on 30 June at the TSB Showplace, New Plymouth. We had three entries. All bands to write and play original music. Abby Pennington in the solo category; Matthew Finer, Kayden Brogden-Willis, Emilia Scott and Aries Pouto "The Crystallizers"; and Izzy Logan, Robbie Saysell and Orlando Davidson (Pātea Area School) "Ungoliant". Ungoliant placed 1st out of 13 bands. Izzy Logan was awarded a musicianship award and Emilia Scott won best vocalist. Ungoliant will find out this week if they are one of the Top 30 bands in NZ, with a chance to make the top 10 and play live at the National final.



Student Achievements

New Zealand Race Unity Awards

Ebony Kalin - Regional Winner and Winner of the Baha'i Faith New Zealand Tohu Maramatanga Ward for Insight

Empower Youth

Founder/Chair: Ebony Kalin
Te Paepae o Aotea Members: Kairo Garrett, Evita Morellon and Liesa Hofstadler

AFS New Zealand Educational Trust Scholarship

Summer Ngeru

YES Taranaki Entrepreneurs In Action

Jacob McCrea - Second Place

GISS Youth Conference in Qatar

Liesa Hofstadler and Emilia Scott

Outward Bound Scholarship

Marshall Frearson & Quincy Julian

Invitational 2023 USA NABI Tour

Peyton Nelson

Taranaki U17 Girls

Basketball National Champs

Sofia Va'aelua

Taranaki Sharks U18 Boys 2023

Tamihana Wirihana

Taranaki Sharks U16 Boys 2023

Koha Tamou

Taranaki Sharks U16 Girls 2023

Kasik Phillips, Millah Gray, Nevaeh Ratahi, Rhianna Thompson and Shai-Ann Kahui

Taranaki Sharks U14 Boys 2023

D'Vante Thompson-Tapiki and Kingston Rei-Raimona

Taranaki School Hip Hop Mega Crew

Natalia Rook

Central Roofing Taranaki

Whio Squad 2023

Pearl Kahui

Central Skating Area Champs

Freestyle: Jayda Weherua, Kaitlyn Bensley and Elizabeth Cudby

Figures: Jayda Weherua, Kaitlyn Bensley, Bridget Bone, Ayala Bond, Chrissy Southey and Elizabeth Cudby

Loops: Chrissy Southey, Ayala Bond and Elizabeth Cudby

2023 Oceania Artist Skating Team

Ayala Bond, Elizabeth Cudby and Chrissy Southey

Netball Taranaki U14 Team

Madisyn Pascoe

Netball Taranaki U16 Mixed Team

Charles Bien Jemenez

Ross Brown South Rugby Team

Kaia Berry, Phoenix Edwards, Mason Lord, Matt Johnston, Cooper Symes and Sebastien Stark

ACADEMIC LEADER

Ebony Kalin



SPORTS LEADER

Tessa Leatherby



CULTURAL LEADER

Shaneya Patel



COMMUNITY LEADER

Hannah Coogan



Kia ora, My name is Ebony Kalin, Head Academic Student of Te Paepae o Aotea.

Within my position, I work alongside the Academic Senior and Junior Awa Leaders in what we call the academic committee.

Our role as a collective is to support our students to strive for excellence in and outside the classroom.

Over the past two terms we have worked hard to create learning opportunities for our students.

Our biggest highlight was LRA (Lunchtime Recreational Activity) 'The Chase'.

What a success it was! This inter-awa competition was student VS staff, where they challenge their knowledge about sport, art, food, history, New Zealand general knowledge, random facts and more.

I am so proud of how both our students and staff got behind this initiative.

We had so many spectators, the doors of the auditorium had to be locked shut. There was absolutely no seating!

We look forward to continuing to celebrate the academic success of our students.

Kia ora, My name is Tessa Leatherby. I am the Head Sports Leader at Te Paepae o Aotea. My job is to run the Sports Committee which consists of myself and the Senior and Junior Awa sports leaders. Our goal this year is to encourage participation in sport within the school.

We are doing this by running events catering to different student interests. In past terms, almost every week we ran lunchtime recreational activities (LRA), like dodgeball and indoor football. These events give students an opportunity to try new activities with the encouragement of friends in an open environment.

This term we continue our LRA with turbo touch and non-stop cricket. The Sports Committee has also been busy planning a school-wide event called Town vs Country. This event is a friendly competition between the town students and country students across many activities like netball, basketball, debating and more.

We are excited about our programme and look forward to running these events throughout the term.

Tēnā koutou katoa, I'm Shaneya Patel, Head Cultural Leader at Te Paepae o Aotea. I am excited to be working with such a talented and passionate team of Senior and Junior Awa Cultural Leaders. This year we are committed to creating an uplifting and positive sense of culture where students feel encouraged and supported. Together, we have accomplished a lot. We celebrated International Language Week with a variety of fun and educational activities promoting language learning and cultural awareness to help create a welcoming environment where students can feel more connected to their peers. We organised a successful Pride Week celebrating the many people that make our school community shine with a jam-packed week of activities. Looking ahead, we're excited to be planning an Arts and Drama Week that's perfect for students to showcase their creativity through inter-awa kapa haka, singing, dance and art challenges. Through hosting fun and engaging events that bring everyone together, we aim for students to feel more connected, enthusiastic and proud to be a part of their school community.

This year has been full of great opportunities, but the best one of all was the opportunity to work alongside my fellow leaders giving back to our community. Whether it was through our term-long can drive, various non-uniform days to raise money for a range of different charities or turning up to community events to support our school, our community leaders have put in a top effort to build relationships between Te Paepae o Aotea and the wider community. I couldn't be prouder!

