



TE PAEPAE O AOTEA

Kia eke atu ki Taupaenui o te tangata

Newsletter – Friday, 31 January 2025

Kia ora e te whānau

We are delighted to welcome our students back to Te Paepae o Aotea this week! It has been wonderful to see everyone reconnecting, learning about our school values, and meeting their new classmates, as we gear up to start our regular timetable on Monday.

Thank you to everyone who was able to make our whānau hui meetings this week. On average we had 80% of caregivers and students make these meetings. Your support is greatly appreciated and will ensure that our home/school partnership is placed well to support our wonderful students.

Wednesday was a massive morning for us as we welcomed 199 new students into our school at various year levels. Thank you to members of our community who joined us for our pōwhiri to ensure our new students had a great welcome and transition into our school.

This week, the new lunch scheme was launched, which has received positive feedback from our students. It's great to see the students try the food and embrace the new lunches.

A major focus for us at Te Paepae o Aotea, and nationally, this year is attendance. The Ministry of Education now collects daily attendance for all students in our school. Whānau teachers check their classes' attendance at the end of the day and will send a message to every caregiver whose child has a question mark on our system. If whānau teachers do not hear back from you, the question mark becomes a "T" for Truant. If they do hear back, they will change the code on our system. If your child is away then if you connect with us earlier in the day we can code your child correctly and this will save you getting a text in the afternoon.

Our goal is to have ALL students attending school 90% or more of the time.

To be marked present for a day, students need to have two half days. To get the first half day, they need to attend whānau hui and Block 1. To get the second half day, they need to be present for Blocks 2 and 3.

Our system now sends us an automatic notification if students are absent for 5, 10, and 15 days in a term. If a student has 5 days absent per term, the whānau teacher will connect with you and arrange a meeting to discuss your child's attendance. Once a student reaches 10 days absent per term, it will be the pastoral leader meeting with caregivers. At 15 days, a member of the senior leadership team will meet with you to discuss your child's attendance.

Attendance is vital for our students to achieve great outcomes, so we must continue to work together to ensure that students are at school every day. Later in the newsletter, we have shared some further information about attendance.

We concluded the week with our first whole school assembly for the year. It was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate our students' achievements. We recognized those who gained subject endorsements and overall endorsements for their NCEA qualifications. Additionally, we celebrated some outstanding sports achievements and had the privilege of appointing our junior and senior awa leaders for 2025. We also acknowledged our service leaders for 2025. We are incredibly proud of all our students who were recognized in this assembly.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to a successful and enriching year ahead.

Ngā mihi nui,
Rachel Williams
Tumuaki



Attendance Code Decision Tree



For more information visit: education.govt.nz/attendance-register

(S) Secondary schools only

Attendance Code Descriptions

Present for ½ day calculations

- P Present**
Student is present in class. This includes supervised dual tuition with Te Kura.
- L Late to class**
Student is late to class. Schools set the threshold for lateness (e.g. 10 minutes) in their school policy.
- A Alternative provision**
Student is present in a Ministry-approved alternative provision, such as a teen parent unit, alternative education, secondary-tertiary program, health school or activity centre.
- V Unsupervised exam study (S)**
Student is present in an examination or unsupervised study where the student is on-site.

- N Present but out of class**
Student is present but out of class due to an on-site school activity (cultural or sporting event), internal appointment, temporary removal from class, or time in the sickbay.
- Q Board approved offsite learning**
Student is present in Board-approved off-site learning, including courses, school-organised activities, and work experience.
- D Approved external appointment**
Student is present but has a medical appointment which is unable to be scheduled outside of school hours (e.g. doctor or dentist and includes travel time) or is participating in court proceedings.

Justified absence

- J Explained and approved**
Student is absent due to explained and approved reasons (e.g. family emergencies, bereavement, representing in national / cultural events, approved exemptions, or accompanying parents on overseas diplomatic / military postings).
- M Illness / Medical absence**
Student is absent due to illness or medical reasons, including mental health-related absences (e.g. anxiety).
- X Exam leave (S)**
Student is absent studying offsite preparing for exams. NOTE: Time allocated to this code is not included in Ministry attendance calculations.
- U Stood down or suspended**
Student is absent due to formal stand down or suspension. This code applies to the period of the stand-down or suspension, excluding the day it was imposed.

Unjustified absence

- T Truant**
Student is absent without explanation or permission from a parent / caregiver (e.g. skipping class).
- E Explained but not approved**
Student is absent and the reason provided does not meet the school's policy for a justifiable absence (e.g. a parent states their child didn't want to attend sports day).
- G Holiday during term time**
Student is absent due to a holiday taken.
- ? Unknown (temporary)**
Temporary code used when the reason for a student's absence is initially unknown. This will be updated once the reason is confirmed.

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Additional information for caregivers around attendance

[Attendance - Ministry of Education](https://www.education.govt.nz/attendance-register/)



**Te Tāhuhu o
te Mātauranga**
Ministry of Education

Government school lunch programme



The Government announced changes to Ka Ora, Ka Ako | Healthy School Lunches programme.

Students will continue to receive nutritious meals they know and love, helping them to learn and thrive at school.

From Term 1 this year, our lunches will be provided by the School Lunch Collective, led by Compass Group and supported by a number of food manufacturers and suppliers. These hot and cold meals will be delivered daily and will meet the same nutrition standards as our current lunches.

Our ākonga in years 0-8 will receive a 240-gram lunch, the same size our learners in years 4-8 received in 2024. Students in years 9 and up will receive a meal of at least 300 grams.

There are no changes for our ākonga with complex special dietary requirements. Their meals will continue and will be funded at the current settings.



Term 1 Menu

January, February, and March 2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week One	Tex-Mex Beef & Beans with Rice & Cheese	Butter Chicken served with Rice & Vege	Mac & Cheese Pasta with Ham in Cheese Sauce	Beef Pasta Bolognese in Classic Tomato Sauce	Thai Jungle Curry Chicken & Veg with Rice
Week Two	Beef & Vege Risssoles with Potato & Gravy	Mac & Cheese Pasta with Ham in Cheese Sauce	Beef Cottage Pie & Veg with mashed potato	Chicken Pasta Bake with Creamy Veg Sauce	Beef Meatballs & Tomato Sauce on Golden Rice
Week Three	Butter Chicken served with Rice & Vege	Tex-Mex Beef & Beans with Rice & Cheese	Mac & Cheese Pasta with Ham in Cheese Sauce	Beef Meatballs & Tomato Sauce on Golden Rice	Chilled Chicken Teriyaki Rice Bowl with Veg



Beef Rissoles



Pasta Bolognese



Cottage Pie



Mac & Cheese



Beef Meatballs



Butter Chicken



Chicken Pasta



Mexican Mince



Teriyaki Chicken



Coconut Curry

UPCOMING *dates*



TERM 1 - 2025

FEB

6

WAITANGI DAY

NO SCHOOL

FEB

7

TEACHER ONLY DAY

NO SCHOOL

FEB

12

FOOD TRUCK MEET & GREET

School grounds from 4pm-7pm

FEB

21

SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

9.15am, Hawera Aquatic Centre

FEB

28

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Whole school individual photos

For more upcoming dates check out our calendar on the school website

www.tepaepaeoatea.school.nz

School Policies

The school has a subscription with SchoolDocs to maintain, update and review our policies. SchoolDocs provide us with a comprehensive core set of policies that are well researched and follow the Ministry of Education National Administration Guidelines. The policies and procedures are tailored to our school and we supply specific information such as our charter together with procedures for behaviour management, reporting to parents, etc.

SchoolDocs update, modify or create policies in response to changes in legislation or Ministry guidelines, significant events, reviews/requests from schools and regular reviewing from the SchoolDocs team.

We invite you to visit the site at <https://tepaepaeoaotea.schooldocs.co.nz>

SchoolDocs login details

Username tepaepaeoaotea
Password excellence



Policies for review Term 4

- Finance and Asset Management Policy
- Managing Income and Expenditure
- Financial Conflicts of Interest
- School Donations and Student Activity Payments/Attendance Dues and Other Income Expenditure
- Asset Management and Protection
- Property Planning and Maintenance
- Prevention of Bribery, Corruption, Fraud and Theft

Please login to SchoolDocs to read and provide feedback on these policies.

All school uniform items are purchased through



tepaepaeoaotea.nzuniforms.com

The school Office has a full uniform set for sizing purposes

2024 NZQA Honours Awards

NCEA Level 1 Excellence Endorsement

Taiharuru Ratima

NCEA Level 1 Merit Endorsement

Erina Frearson
Lauren Kalin
Carly Maynell
Evita Morellon
James Nickel
Afeef Ridzuan
Theo Soothill
Adam Stables

NCEA Level 2 Excellence Endorsement

Chelsea Babalcon
Liesa Hofstadler
Carlitos Morellon Anderson
Taiharuru Ratima
Julia Scott

NCEA Level 2 Merit Endorsement

Ayla Bond
Danyon Cook
Elizabeth Cudby
Charlotte Denton
Bethany Gyde
Liesa Hofstadler
Jaida Rei
Adib Ridzuan
Elliot Wills

NCEA Level 3 Excellence Endorsement

Liesa Hofstadler
Kaia Silva

NCEA Level 3 Merit Endorsement

Olivia Corrigan
Mason Kempton
Emilia Scott
Aldrin Thomas
Will Thomson



2025 Leadership Roles



ACADEMIC LEADER
Carlitos Morellon Anderson



COMMUNITY LEADER
Julia Scott



CULTURAL LEADER
Bethany Gyde



SPORTS LEADER
Baxtor Hunt

Pātea Awa Leaders

JUNIOR LEADERS



Academic
Christina Saysell



Community
Lily Veevers



Cultural
Elliott Coogan



Sports
Ryan Finey



Academic
Koría Aprehama



Community
Eloise Sharrock



Cultural
Akeelah Laupama



Sports
Alyssa Mills

SENIOR LEADERS



Academic
Adam Stables



Community
Charlotte Denton



Cultural
Lucy Roberts



Sports
Anastazja Kowal



Academic
Jaida Rei



Community
Jayda Sharp



Cultural
Taiharuru Ratima



Sports
Theo Soothill

Tangahoe Awa Leaders

JUNIOR LEADERS

Waingongoro Awa Leaders

JUNIOR LEADERS



Academic
Charlene Chicherita



Community
Yeshna Patel



Cultural
Hoani Hockley



Sports
Tayla Sturgeon

SENIOR LEADERS



Academic
Evita Morellon



Community
Daniel Mandengu



Cultural
Te Kingi Morehu Hanikawhe



Sports
Maddison Sturgeon

Kaūpokonui Awa Leaders

JUNIOR LEADERS



Academic
Regan McGee



Community
Charlie Williamson



Cultural
Sarah Brotherson



Sports
Mikayla Arnold

SENIOR LEADERS



Academic
Adib Ridzuan



Community
Emily Bird



Cultural
Erina Frearson



Sports
Elliott Wills

2025 SERVICE LEADERSHIP ROLES

2025 Bus Monitors

Kazmira Warren-King
Andrew Hart
Koria Aperahama
Alexa Ogle
Ryan Finey

2025 Digital Monitors

Ashley Finey
Xavier Mullin Smith
Amani Temara

2025 Environmental Monitors

Emily Colban
Anthea Sharrock
Lucy Marshall
Ashley Finey
Nikayla Boothby

2025 Kai Monitors

Kahu Hockley
Alysha Bublitz
Nikayla Boothby
Hamu Pullen-Akapita
CJ Pickering

2025 Resource Hub Monitors

Spencer Stupples
Zoe Atkinson
Amani Temara
Sumaiyah Singh
Sarah Pennefather
Dylan Fagan
Graham Merrey
Datsun Rees
Eden Harvie
Hannah Bishop
Cooper White

2025 Sports Monitors

Nikayla Boothby
Pheonix Upton
Jo'han Leef-Luke
Cazna Armstrong Snooks
Olivia Bull
Ryan Finey

2025 Tikanga Monitors

Mahuri Hori
Kitaylia Hori
Lachlan Mills
Kahu Hockley
Shakaia Tipene-Edwards
Hoani Hockley
Ree Baller
Rheein Luke
Indyka-Azaria Hill



Sports News

Welcome back!! Hope everyone enjoyed their summer break.

Lots is happening here at kura in Term 1 and Term 2. My biggest tip for this year is to make sure you read the school notices in the morning, check out links and registration forms on our school app and other social media platforms, and to register your interest or teams' interest in the sports office at interval or lunchtime.

Pre-season training will be starting with winter codes along with trials for various sports. Please make sure you check the notices to know when these are happening.

Swimming Sports is our first school event. Students who want to go for the School Champion cup must enter the 50m Champion event.

We are offering another event where students who are not confident at swimming 50m however still want to do proper swimming a 'Widths Event' swimming either 15m or 30m (width).

School Athletics is also happening this term. Links to sign up will be posted soon. There is a lot of sporting events on so let's see students participating.

Ngā mihi,
Vicki Roberts
Sports Coordinator

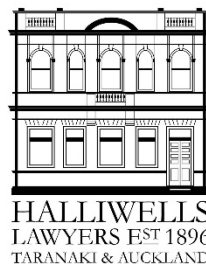
Upcoming Sporting Events	
TSSSA Events	
TSSSA Beach Volleyball	Thursday, 16 February 2025
TSSSA Surfing	Friday, 17 February 2025
TSSSA Tennis	Thursday, 20 February 2025
TSSSA Rogaine	Wednesday, 26 February 2025
Whole School Events	
2025 Swimming Championships	Friday, 21 February 2025 Register here for 2025 Swimming Champs
2025 Athletics Day	Friday, 14 March 2025
Year 7-8 Events	
Year 7-8 Southern Ripa Rugby Tournament	Thursday, 27 February 2025



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School Sponsorship

Te Paepae o Aotea wish to thank our amazing businesses for their support with sports teams and school events.



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If your business would like to sponsor a school sport or event please contact Vicki.Roberts@tepaepaeoatea.school.nz or Claire.Kalin@tepaepaeoatea.school.nz