



TE PAEPAE O AOTEAROA

Kia eke atu ki Taupaenui o te tangata

Newsletter – Friday, 14 February 2025

Kia ora e te whānau

Thank you for the amazing response to attendance so far this year. We have 638 students with 100% attendance! Our average daily attendance is sitting at 93.3%. Our hope is that these trends continue for the whole year.

We have been equally impressed by the uniform this year. Students are looking smart and we are getting great feedback in this area from the community. We are incredibly thankful to all of our families for ensuring our students have the correct uniform.

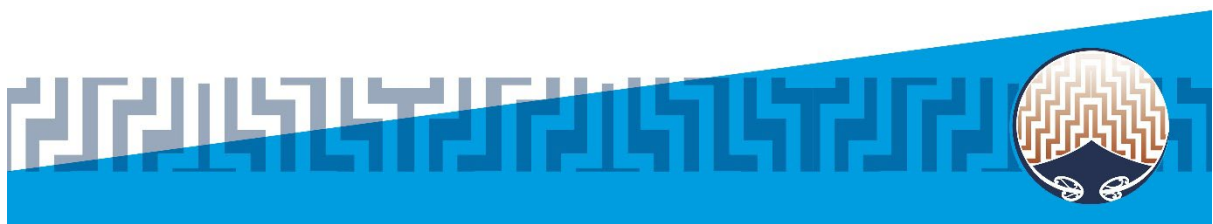
Students have been on timetable now for eight days and have settled well into their new routines. I have been particularly impressed with our new students who joined us this year. They have very quickly settled into school and are already beginning to make the most of the opportunities on offer. Our Year 11 students have made the biggest shift of all our current students, moving from the junior school over to the senior learning village. I was impressed with them at the end of 2024 when they started their transition and have continued to be impressed by their focus on their learning. Over 70% have already gained some NCEA Level 1 credits. We look forward to seeing their progress throughout the year.

Student leaders have been selected and have started meeting. They have turned up to their meetings with some great ideas for activities and initiatives they want to do with their peers this year.

Term 1 is always a busy one with swimming, athletics and general sports events. Students receive the daily notices in whānau class every morning. Parents can also check the daily notices in the school app so they can support their child to access the opportunities on offer.

Thank you all for your continued support of the school,. We are looking forward to working with you all to have a fantastic year.

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 1/2 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 several 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

21

SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

9.15am, Hawera Aquatic Centre

FEB

25

YEAR 7-8

Vision & Hearing Testing

FEB

28

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Whole school individual photos

MAR

10

TARANAKI ANNIVERSARY

SCHOOL CLOSED

MAR

14

SCHOOL ATHLETICS DAY

Hicks Park & TSB Hub Fields

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 1

- Health, Safety and Welfare Policy
- Safety Management System
- Risk Management
- Healthcare

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

Public Health Nurse

The Public Health Nurse will be at school two days every week for any health needs. Clinic is confidential and free.

- Health and Hauora (wellbeing checks)
- General health concerns
- Contraception
- Condoms and pregnancy tests
- STI checks and the morning after pill
- Vision and hearing

For students to book an appointment, please visit reception at the Pastoral Hub, or contact the Public Health Nurse:

Danielle Peach Mobile [027 239 0679](tel:0272390679) Email Danielle.peach@tdhb.org.nz
Mary Poulouse Mobile [0275173480](tel:0275173480) Email Mary.poulouse@tdhb.org.nz

Public Health Notices (Ministry of Health)

The Public Health Nurses begin their Health programme next week at Te Paepae o Aotea.

1. Year 7/8 Immunisation Information Presentations (10 mins each)

Tuesday 18th February in the Jubilee Gym – Caregivers welcome

- Year 7s 9:30am
- Year 8s 9:45am

Please get your consent forms back to Whānau teachers as soon as possible.

2. Year 7/8 Immunisations

Tuesday 18th March in PFA2 9-11am

- Year 7s Boostrix
- Year 8s HPV (first dose)

Catch-up day: Tuesday 1st April 9-11am

3. Year 7/8 Vision and Hearing checks

Wednesday 19th February in PFA2 9:30-11am

There will be further testing throughout the year.

4. Year 9 Free Health and Wellbeing Checks

Begin Monday 17th and continue throughout the year.

Pātea students are first, followed by Tangahoe, Waingongoro and Kaupokonui. *These take all year to complete. Year 9 caregivers have an email about these. If you wish to opt out, please ring the school office.*

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Head Leader News

14 February 2025



ACADEMIC LEADER

Carlitos Morellon Anderson



Kia Ora

I hope you have all transitioned well into your classes this year. I'm Carlitos, and I am proud to be the Head Academic Leader this year at Te Paepae o Aotea. I've begun discussing a few ideas for events I'd like to run with some of the other leaders this year, and I hope to get some running in the coming weeks. Make sure you keep an eye out and listen to the notices from your teachers. We've got some fun events coming up already, with Competitive School Swimming Champs next Friday, School Athletics on Friday, 14 March, then Relay for Life a few weeks later. I encourage you to sign up for events like these, as they certainly offer great opportunities to have fun and meet other people with similar interests. I am a great advocate of trying lots of different activities and encourage you all to use paepae so you can become the best you can be. "Until you spread your wings, you'll have no idea how far you can fly."

Ngā mihi

Carlitos Morellon Anderson

CULTURAL LEADER

Bethany Gyde



Kia ora,

My name is Bethany Gyde and I am the head cultural leader for 2025. I'm incredibly excited to embrace this opportunity to inspire and unite our school community. I look forward to working alongside our talented and passionate team. We will work hard to create a school environment where everyone is celebrated and heard. So far, we have had one meeting together where we began planning a variety of events such as cultural week, LRA Karaoke, and a Te Matatini showing, to highlight the richness of different cultures within our school. My goal is to ensure everyone feels heard, respected and connected. We will be looking for contribution from different cultural backgrounds to help with our events, so watch this space. I can't wait for the year ahead and look forward to enriching our school's culture.

Ngā mihi

Bethany Gyde

COMMUNITY LEADER

Julia Scott



Kia ora,

I have the pleasure of being Te Paepae o Aotea's community leader this year. I have many great ideas for this year including can drives, cultural celebrations, shave a thon, mental health awareness and other community projects. This week the community council held their very first event utilising Valentine's Day but instead of it being a romantic day we used it to promote kindness, where our senior school wrote kind notes to their friends or classmates to encourage a positive year.

A quote I love and believe sets the goal for 2025 is "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." – Eleanor Roosevelt. Here's to a great year.

Ngā mihi

Julia Scott

SPORTS LEADER

Baxter Hunt



Kia Ora,

My name is Baxter Hunt. I have the honor of being Te Paepae o Aotea's 2025 head sport leader. I have many goals and ambitions around the sports world here at school, like getting our participation numbers the highest they have been in the three years we have been open. Our first event this year is our school swimming sports on Friday 21 February. I hope to see everyone there competing for their awa and having a fun time. Following this, we have school athletics on Friday, 14 March - sign up and compete with your friends. I would also like to congratulate all sport and other leaders; I look forward to working with you all throughout the year.

Get amongst it this year and be on the lookout for TSSSA and LRA events you might be keen on.

Ngā mihi

Baxter Hunt



Sports News

There's lots on the go for everyone this term. Our calendar is jam packed with all sorts of events which is awesome to see.

It is important it to listen to the school notices in the morning, check information on the sports office window and check our school Facebook and school app for everything sports. All the information is there. **Most importantly, keep an eye on closing dates for registrations.** It is important that you get your name/team in on time. **If it is after the closing date, your entry will not be accepted.**

Our Sports leaders have some great ideas to keep everyone busy during interval and lunchtime: Rippa, Non-stop Cricket, Volleyball, Hobbie Horse races! Check these out as it's for everyone here at school.

Make sure you are prepared for your event or training. It is important you have the correct gear for the right occasion. A change of clothes to practice/play in is a must, proper footwear and a drink bottle to rehydrate.

Te Paepae o Aotea Swimming Championships

Friday, 21 February is our Championship Swimming. We have added a new event 'Non-competitive Widths' (for those not confident swimming 50m) at the Hāwera Aquatic Centre. This should be a fantastic day, if the weather continues to be sunny.

We welcome whānau to come along and support. A schedule of the day has been posted on our social media platforms, please check this.

Fun events will be held for other students interested over at our school pool.

Athletics

Friday, 14 March, this is a compulsory event for all students. Sign up information will be sent out this weekend. Students either sign up to the championship events or be involved in a tabloid/athletic day.

Pre-Season training and trials

Several of our winter codes are starting their Pre-season training and trial dates have been set. Please keep an eye out for this information.

Netball pre-season training will be on Mondays after school from 3.15pm – 5.15pm for Year 7-13. If you are interested in getting involved, just turn up. Hub Court 2, inside.

You must be in the correct gear to train – change of clothes, correct footwear and drink bottle.

Netball Trail Dates

Years 9 –13 Tuesday, 18 February, 3.30pm – 5.30pm

For those who are interested in trialling for the Premier team, Development team and further satellite teams. Hub Court 2, inside.

Years 7-8 Wednesday, 19 February, 1.30pm – 4.30pm, Hub Court 1 & 2, inside.

Signing up to events

It is important when signing up that you intend participating. There is a lot of work behind the scenes to make an event happen. If an event costs money to attend for either travel/fees, permission will need to be given. Any payments required must be made before the event or you cannot attend. Please understand, if your student does not show up a charge will be added.

Year 7-8 Sports

We have three sports exchanges coming up against Highlands, Devon and Manukorihi. Listen out for the sports to trial for. Training will take place during Taha Tinana time.

TSSSA Events

We have several students signing up to TSSSA events this term. This is great to see. Getting involved and active is healthy for the mind, body and soul.

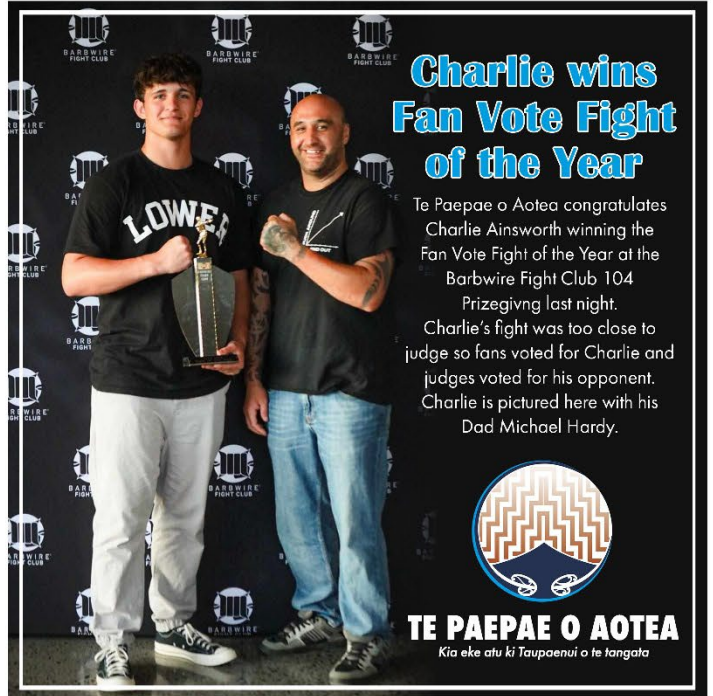
Ngā mihi,
Vicki Roberts
Sports Coordinator

2025 Upcoming Sporting Events	
TSSSA Events	
TSSSA Beach Volleyball	Sunday, 16 February
TSSSA Surfing	Monday, 17 February
TSSSA Tennis	Thursday, 20 February
TSSSA Rogaine	Wednesday, 26 February
Waka Ama	Tuesday, 4 March
Mountain Biking	Wednesday, 5 March
Croquet + All Ability	Wednesday, 12 March
Championship Golf	Sunday, 16 March
Athletics	Wednesday, 19 March
All Ability Swimming	Thursday, 27 March
Student Coach Day	Tuesday, 1 April
Outdoor Bowls & All Ability Bowls	Tuesday, 8 April
Whole School Events	
2025 Swimming Championships	Friday, 21 February
2025 Athletics Day	Friday, 14 March
Year 7-8 Events	
Year 7-8 Southern Ripa Rugby Tournament	Thursday, 27 February



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Student Success



Charlie wins Fan Vote Fight of the Year

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates Charlie Ainsworth winning the Fan Vote Fight of the Year at the Barbwire Fight Club 104 Prizegiving last night. Charlie's fight was too close to judge so fans voted for Charlie and judges voted for his opponent. Charlie is pictured here with his Dad Michael Hardy.



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NZSSAA Young Official at Cooks Classic

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates Bethany Gyde for representing New Zealand Secondary Schools Athletics Association as one of the young officials at the Cooks Classic.



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23/24 Season Yellow Belt Youth Girl NO-GI Champion

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates Emma-May Bublitz on her official announcement from New Zealand Grappler as the season 2023/2024 Champion.

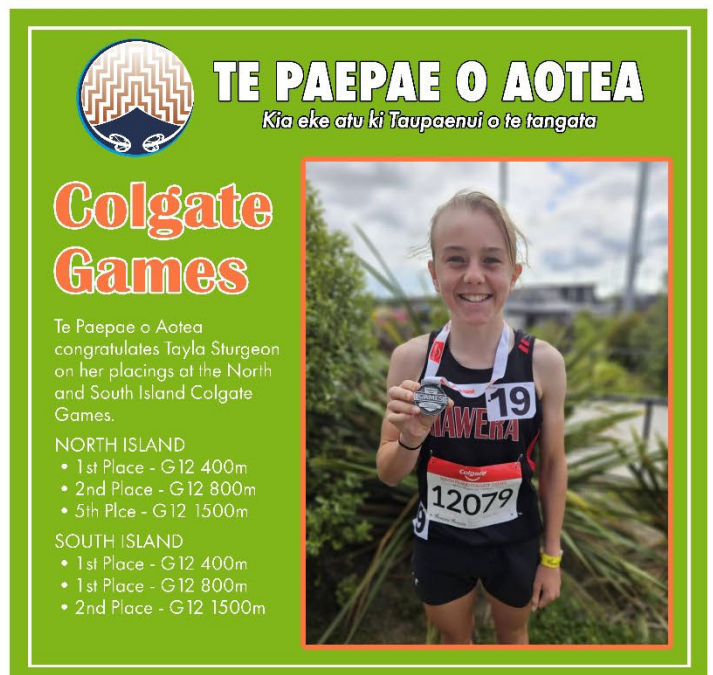


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2025 New Zealand U14 Koru Basketball Tour

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates Riwha Grindlay for his selection in the 2025 New Zealand Koru Basketball team. The team toured Albury, Australia taking out their grade.

Riwha has returned to New Zealand and is now playing in Rotorua representing Taranaki U14 Boys for the Māori basketball tournament.



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Colgate Games

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates Tayla Sturgeon on her placings at the North and South Island Colgate Games.

- NORTH ISLAND**
- 1st Place - G12 400m
 - 2nd Place - G12 800m
 - 5th Place - G12 1500m

- SOUTH ISLAND**
- 1st Place - G12 400m
 - 1st Place - G12 800m
 - 2nd Place - G12 1500m

Tuakana Teina Term 1 Schedule

Awa Assembly Organisation and Chants	14 February	Each Awa in charge of own space Location: R1 (P - Library, K – Jubilee, W – Court 1, T – Court 3)
Swimming Sports	21 February	Championships – Hāwera Aquatic Centre Non-championships – School Pool Other participants – In class (or water relays etc)
School Photos Whānau time	28 February	Social and Emotional Learning In whānau classes [time for e-portfolios, credit tracking, study skills, leadership/ tuakana teina learning, graduate profiles]
Full School Assembly	7 March	TSB Hub
Athletics	14 March	Competitive – HUB fields Non-competitive – Bayly Park Block 2 March/ Relays block 3 - everyone at HUB
Setting up for success Whānau Time	21 March	Exploring Whakapapa: Our Ancestral Connections In whānau classes
Setting up for success Whānau Time	28 March	Bridge building challenge In whānau classes
Setting up for success Whānau Time	4 April	Design and create a marble track In whānau classes
Full School Assembly	11 April	TSB Hub



Free Physical Activity Sessions
for Youth Aged 12 - 18

LET'S GET ACTIVE 2025

COLOUR RUN



Tues 15th April, 2 til 4
BY REGISTRATION ONLY

CROSS FIT



Fri 28th Feb, 3:30 til 4:30
Fri 4th April, 3:30 til 4:30
BY REGISTRATION ONLY

SQUASH



Thu 20th Feb, 3:30 til 4:30
Thu 27th Mar, 3:30 til 4:30
BY REGISTRATION ONLY

HIP HOP



Sat 8th Mar, 3:30 til 4:30
BY REGISTRATION ONLY

**Encouraging physical activity in our
community**

No matter your skill level, give it a go!

**Grab your sneakers, gather your
friends, & have fun**

Click on the links below to register your student for FREE activities:

[Let's Get Active 2025: Colour Run](#)

[Let's Get Active 2025: Squash](#)

[Let's Get Active 2025: Hip-Hop](#)

[Let's Get Active 2025: CrossFit](#)



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