



TE PAEPAE O AOTEAROA

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Newsletter – Friday, 28 February 2025

Kia ora e te whānau

We have had a great start to the year with attendance being the best it's ever been, with students making the most of the opportunities offered to them. On average, we have 92% of the school attending each day. This is fantastic, and we are delighted with the response from students and support of the whānau. Continue to connect with us in this space; our combined efforts are making a real difference to our students.

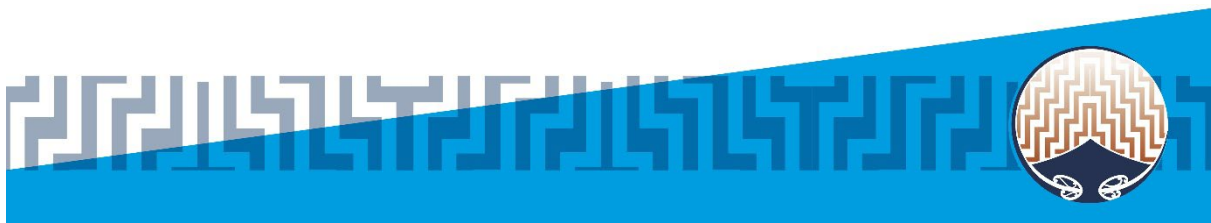
Last week, we had the first big school-wide event for the year, swimming. We tried something different this year and had three different options for our students. At the town pool, we had the more competitive swimmers, the school pool catered for those that wanted to swim but not do the competitive races and lastly, we had awa competitions for the remaining students. A huge thank you to all the staff and volunteers (mostly parents) that made this day possible. It was a very busy day for us but hugely rewarding to see our students out there competing and collecting points for their awa.

This week has been a huge week for our Taranaki community with Te Matatini. Congratulations to all those involved in roopu, volunteering, organising and attending. It has been an amazing opportunity for our community to see such a high calibre of kapa haka performance. I know our students who attended on Thursday were wowed by the standard and thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience.

Many of you will be interested to know whether your child has started each of their classes well this year. Next week we will send via email (also available on the parent portal) a progress report. This will give you a quick indication as to how your child has started the year. For each course, your child will get an indication that they are either "On Target" or "Concern." If they have a concern, then there will be a comment provided so you know what is of concern. These progress reports will have their overall attendance this year for school. Please be aware that students representing the school for extracurricular activities need to have attendance over 90%. Senior students will also have their NCEA summary so that you can see their progress and how many credits are on offer in each of their courses this year. As always, if you have any concerns with your child's learning, please connect with the whānau or course teacher.

Next week, Friday, 7 March at 2.00 pm in the HUB, we have our next whole school assembly. We welcome you all to join us to celebrate the successes of our wonderful students.

Ngā mihi nui,
Rachel Williams
Tumuaki



UPCOMING

dates



TERM 1 - 2025

MAR

3-4

SENIOR ART NOHO TRIP

9am 3 March - 3pm 4 March

MAR

10

TARANAKI ANNIVERSARY

SCHOOL CLOSED

MAR

14

SCHOOL ATHLETICS DAY

Hicks Park & TSB Hub Fields

MAR

24

STAFF ONLY DAY

SCHOOL CLOSED

MAR

26

YEAR 7-8

Intermediate Swimming Sports

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

www.tepaepaeoaotea.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

Reminder for Students Taking Repeated Medication

Medicine plans need to be arranged at the office for students taking repeated medication. Please see or contact Mel at the School Office 06 223 2000.

Public Health Notices (Ministry of Health)

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

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

Tuesday, 18 February in the Jubilee Gym – Caregivers welcome

Year 7 9.30am

Year 8 9.45am

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

Year 7/8 Immunisations

Tuesday, 18 March in PFA2 9-11am

Year 7 Boostrix

Year 8 HPV (first dose)

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

Year 7/8 Vision and Hearing checks

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

There will be further testing throughout the year.

Year 9 Free Health and Wellbeing Checks

Beginning Monday, 17 February, 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

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ACADEMIC LEADER

Carlitos Morellon Anderson



Kia Ora

It's fantastic to see all our students back in class and some of our senior students beginning their first assessments of the year.

The Academic Committee has been working hard planning a trip to Parliament for Years 12 and 13, which we are very excited about.

Additionally, we're introducing a new LRA this year, and we can't wait to share it with you all. Keep an eye out for the notices in the coming weeks to find out how you can sign up and earn points for your awa.

As we move through the term, with tests and assessments ahead, remember that your grade does not define who you are. No matter the outcome, the most important part of these assessments is the knowledge you gain and the personal growth you experience. These lessons will stay with you for life, no matter what path you choose to take. That's all from the Academic Committee for this week. Have a wonderful weekend and enjoy the time you have left at school!

Ngā mihi

Carlitos Morellon Anderson

CULTURAL LEADER

Bethany Gyde



Kia Ora

The cultural team has been working hard on some awesome events to showcase our school's culture. Our first event was Te Matatini, shown on projector during morning tea and lunch this week, 25-28 February. Te Matatini is something our community looks forward to every year, so we brought it into school for students to enjoy.

Our team's big project this year is Cultural Week, 12, 14-15 May celebrating the melting pot of vibrant cultures present in our school through activities, performances, art and food. We will be looking for help from our school community and beyond for this event, so keep a look out for this in the Notices.

For now, make sure you are enriching the culture of your awa by participating in events like athletics, dressing up in your awa colours and bringing a positive attitude.

Ngā mihi

Bethany Gyde

COMMUNITY LEADER

Julia Scott



Kia ora,

This is a busy time for the community council as we enter the business side of this term. We are currently organising Pasifika Day being held on 7 March. We will be celebrating the different cultures we have within our school with food, games and special cultural performances in different areas of the school.

We are also fundraising for Relay for Life. You still have time to sign up if you wish to be part of this event. Message me or any of our other community leaders.

Ngā mihi

Julia Scott

SPORTS LEADER

Baxter Hunt



Kia Ora,

How awesome was swimming sports last Friday. So many competitive swimmers and a lot of non-competitive swimmers jumping in and giving 'widths' a go. I'm proud of everyone who got in and had fun. Thank you to all the parents that came down and helped run our big day and/or support our swimmers. Still keen to swim? **Awa Relays, 6 March**. If you're keen to participate, speak with our Sports Coordinator Vicki, your awa sports leader, or me.

We've run two very successful LRA's with lots of participation – congratulations! This year we're looking to increase participation across all codes of sport, with a particular emphasis on growing rugby across all grades in our school. If you're interested, please see Vicki or me. Finally, **Athletics Day, 14 March**. Get involved! This is a compulsory event.

Ngā mihi

Baxter Hunt



Jack Wasley



Theo Soothill

EXCEPTIONAL CRICKET PERFORMANCES


On Saturday 22 February 2025 Te Paepae o Aotea Senior 1st XI played against Boys High School in the Timberco Premier Secondary School Division 1 Competition. Jack Wasley and Theo Soothill both batted exceptionally well.

Jack Wasley scoring 150 not out and Theo Soothill 100 not out. Jack scored his 150 off 77 balls. This included hitting 18 4's and 8 6's. Theo scored his 100 off 68 balls. This included 10 4's and 4 6's. The team went on to post a school record and high score of 305 and won their match 45 runs.



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SISTER SUCCESS

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates Tayla and Maddison Sturgeon on their recent sporting success.

Tayla Sturgeon competed at the Taranaki Children's Athletic champs in Inglewood over the weekend. Tayla broke a 40 year old record in the 12 year olds, 400m race with a 1.01.69

Maddison has been selected to represent the New Zealand team in the 16-19 year old World Age Group Triathlon to be held in Australia, October this year.



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Graeme Sheppard Skating Challenge

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates the following skaters for placing at Graeme Sheppard Skating Challenge that was held during Waitangi weekend in Rotorua recently.

Ayla Bond
1st Place Junior Figures

Elizabeth Cudby
2nd Place - Junior Figures,
2nd Place - Junior Freeskating



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Porrit Classic World Athletics Permit Meet

Carlitos Morellon Anderson 2nd in the Secondary School boys 1500m (personal best) and Daniel Mandengu 3rd in the World Athletics Permit Men's Long Jump.





BLUELIGHT LIFE SKILLS COURSE

On 10 February, Te Paepae o Aotea students Hoani Hockley, Narna Thompson and Exodus Ritchie attended the Bluelight Life Skills Course in Trentham. This kaupapa is for taiohi aged 14-17 years and is run in partnership with the New Zealand Defence Force Youth Development Unit.

For five days the students learnt about teamwork, communication, self-management and self-confidence.

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates Hoani Hockley for receiving Peers Choice Award.



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NEW ZEALAND GRAPPLER

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates Ollie Shaw and Brayden Hughes who competed at Jiu Jitsu in Auckland recently.

Ollie Shaw
Silver - Gi
Bronze - NoGi

Brayden Hughes
Silver - Gi
Silver - NoGi



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Sports News

Over the last fortnight, there has been outstanding sporting achievements from our Te Paepae o Aotea students.

Coverage, perseverance and that inner drive to do their best has brought them success. Well done to everyone. Keep up the good work.

Sports leaders have been active and taken the lead in running LRA activities during interval and lunchtime on a Wednesday. This has been awesome as our senior and junior leaders have been leading from the front and getting great participation numbers across the school.

Keep an eye out in the Notices for next events.

Swimming sports was held last week. Unfortunately, the weather didn't play its part, delivering a cold snap. Well done to all that took part in this day - Championship swimmers, widths swimmers and those who participated in a fun event in the school pool.

Thank you to all our parents who watched and helped throughout the day. Huge thanks to our staff cheering on the side line and making the day run smoothly.

We have a few events coming up: Awa Swimming relays in the school pool, synchronised swimming and whole school Athletics.

Athletics is compulsory for everyone, no exceptions. Three events each. See our Sports Coordinator, Vicki, for registration.

TPOA Volleyball Competition

Every Friday after school in the Hub, we have been running a volleyball tournament to boost student interest. Five Senior teams and four Junior teams battle it out. Huge thanks to Te Kiri and Tuki for taking the time to help run this.

Rippa Rugby

We have seven Year 7/8 teams competing. We looked sharp, displayed great sportsmanship and showed our school values.

Our Senior PE students have taken coaching responsibilities for our teams this year. It is an opportunity for our Senior PE students to gain valuable credits, coaching confidence and leadership skills with our younger students.

Cricket

Te Paepae o Aotea cricket teams have been playing in the weekends. Unfortunately, due to weather conditions, some teams are yet to play. Mr White is working on rescheduling these games.

Netball

Year 7/8s have been working on skills and drills after school on Mondays over recent weeks and we have noticed a huge improvement in these players. To build and grow netball in schools and in our community, we have invited Matapu and St Joesphs to join in. This has been a huge success and soon we will soon see the results out on the court.

Trials are underway for all 2025 Netball teams.

Rugby

Our vision and drive this year is to grow rugby in school. We have talented rugby players across all year groups for both boys and girls and we encourage everyone to give it a go.

Musters and training nights are being held for players can get the feel of the ball and put in some extras in time for trials and games.

If you are keen to get involved, see our Sports Coordinator, Vicki or our Head Sports Captain, Baxter Hunt.

Basketball

Next week trials begin for Year 9/10 and senior students. Basketball has been growing and we're seeing great participation.

We encourage all new and existing players to get along to one of our musters and give it a go.

Football

Good to see numbers increasing for football, especially with our girls. This week a get together was organised to dust off the cobwebs and kick a few balls around, work some drills and enjoy being out on the pitch again.

If you're still interested in playing, please see Tracey Hardy for more information.

Hockey

We have two Year 7/8 teams competing in a Hockey tournament in Stratford beginning of March.

Planning for a Senior Hockey get together is underway.

If you are keen to play, please see Deidre Coogan.

TSSSA Events

We have had high participation numbers for several TSSSA events. We're impressed with the number of girls giving events a go.

If you are looking to participate in any of up-and-coming TSSSA events, it is **very important to show up to meetings.**

Moving forward, if individuals or teams do not commit, your entry will be removed.

Nothing is more rewarding than seeing our students out in the playground being active, reading the accomplishments of talented students across our school, witnessing students show and perform our

values of Aotea, Paepae and Taupaenui without being asked and maintaining a positive mindset and attitude.

Keep it up, we are proud of what has been achieved so far.

Ngā Mihi
Vicki Roberts
Sports Coordinator

2025 Upcoming Sporting Events	
TSSSA Events	
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 Athletics Day	Friday, 14 March
Year 7-8 Sports Events	
Rippa Rugby Tournament	Thursday Nights
Upcoming Sports Trails	
TPOA Mixed Hockey Muster	Tuesday, 4 March – 3.30-5.00pm, Bayly Park
Year 9-10 Boys & Girls Basketball Trials	Thursday, 6 March – 3.30pm, TSB Hub

Tuakana Teina Term 1 Schedule

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



HANDS-ON OTAGO

Lauren Kalin - Year 12

During the summer holidays January 12-17, I had the incredible opportunity to experience 'uni life' at the University of Otago. Hands-On at Otago is a week-long programme in which 400 students who are about to enter Year 12 and Year 13 dive into a research project for the week.

While living in Otago's newest residential college, Te Rangihīroa, I formed friendships with students from all over New Zealand while enjoying all the activities.

Out of the 25 different projects offered by Hands-On, I was selected to participate in the Media, Film, and Communications project. Throughout my week in the media department, we worked with a variety of media, visited off-site media outlets and produced work that is expected within university studies.



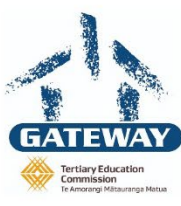

Throughout the week I gained valuable skills and insight into the media, film, and communications degree; it provided me with a pathway into new options that I had never thought about.

If you are passionate about a particular area of study or are just curious about life at Otago University, I encourage you to have a look into this amazing Hands-On at Otago programme.



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Baxter at Hubfit

Baxter Hunt is taking part in the Te Paepae o Aotea Gateway program with his placement at Hubfit. Baxter is working towards a Personal Trainer qualification. As part of the Gateway program students need to find work placement. Baxter has placement at Hubfit every Thursday from 12pm-6pm.

If your business would like to get involved in the Gateway program with our students please contact our Gateway Coordinator.

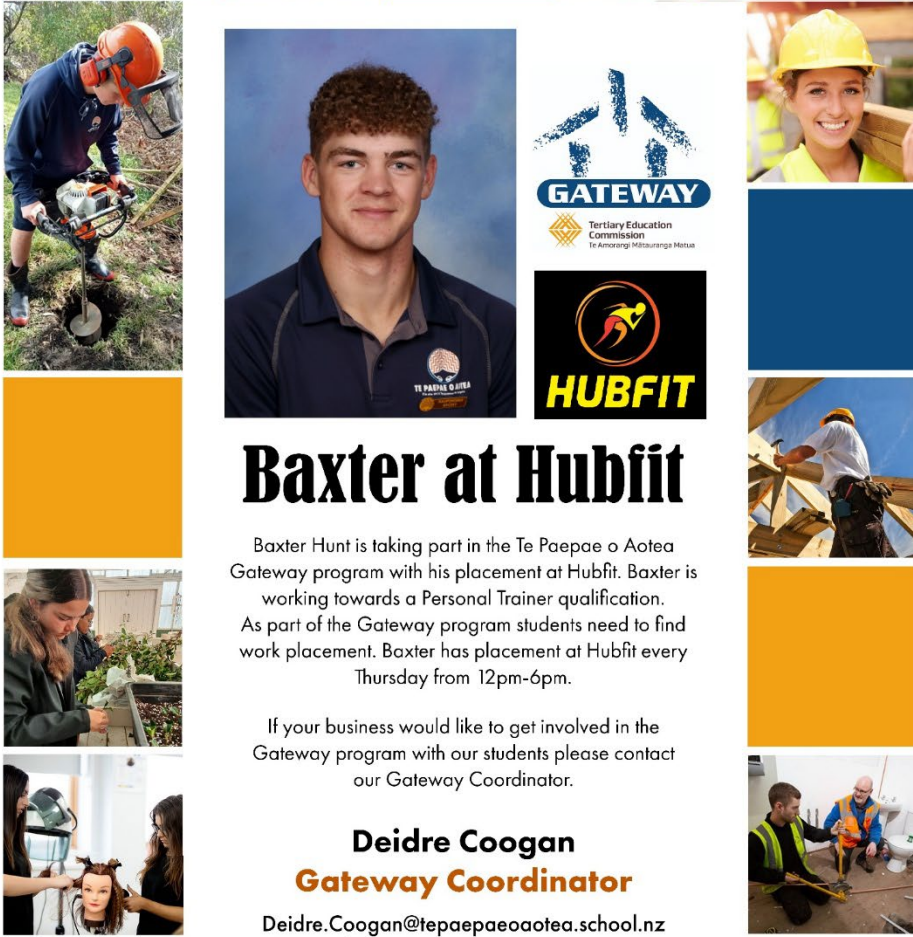
Deidre Coogan
Gateway Coordinator

Deidre.Coogan@tepaepaeoaoatea.school.nz
 Phone 06 223 2000 Ext 819



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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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