



TE PAEPAE O AOTEA

Kia eke atu ki Taupaenui o te tangata

Newsletter – Friday, 14 March 2025

Kia ora e te whānau

Today was our whole school athletics day. It was great seeing our students in their house colours competing and encouraging others to do the same. We had some great performances from our student athletes, but what was even more impressive was the care and support our students showed for one another throughout the day, regardless of ability level.

We all know that attendance is a massive focus nationally and for us as a school. Thank you all for your support to ensure students are at school, and if they are not, that they are coded correctly. The collective efforts of the whole community is making a huge difference. Attending school is crucial for students as it lays the foundation for better future outcomes. Regular attendance ensures students gain essential qualifications, opening doors to higher education and better job opportunities. By attending school consistently, students are better prepared to succeed in their future endeavours and contribute positively to society.

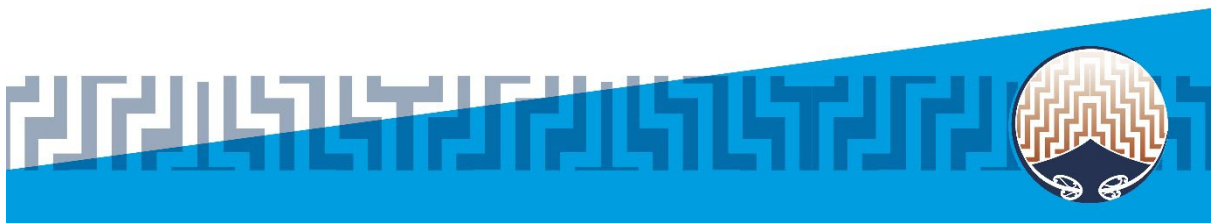
Relay for Life is coming up on 29 March. We are up over the \$5,000 mark, which makes a super team. This has been a great effort by our students and we are looking forward to seeing how many laps they can each do of the Inglewood track. If you would like to sponsor the team, click on this link:

[Te Paepae o Aotea - Relay For Life.](#)

Summer tournament commences the week of 24 March. This year we have Volleyball and Waka Ama teams representing our school. These teams have prepared well and I know they will display our school values of Taupaenui, Aotea and Paepae during their campaign.


Later in our newsletter, you will see information about our upcoming board elections. We will be hosting two information evenings for the community to learn more about what it means to be a board member. These sessions will be run by the regional advisor for the New Zealand School Board Association (NZSBA). I would encourage anyone thinking of putting their name forward to be a board member to come along to these sessions.

Ngā mihi nui,
Rachel Williams
Tumuaki



Te Paepae o Aotea Parent Board of Trustees Elections

The Establishment Board of Trustees (EBoT) applied for an alternative constitution but the Minister of Education has declined this application. While the EBoT does not agree with this decision and this is not the desired outcome, the EBoT is committed to moving the school forward. Therefore, the school will transition to an elected board, with the timing of the new board coinciding with Matariki. The EBoT has valued its nga iwi partnership through the establishment phase of the school, which has set the school on a positive pathway. The New Zealand School Board Association will run board sessions for the community prior to the elections for potential board members.

 TE PAEPAE O AOTEA <small>Ko eke atu ki Teupānui o Te Kōngoto</small> Parent Board of Trustees Election Timeline	Event	Date
	Select Returning Officer by	Friday, 11 April 2025
	Close Main Roll	Friday, 18 April 2025
	Call for Nominations by	Sunday, 20 April 2025
	Close Supplementary Roll	Wednesday, 7 May 2025
	Nominations Close (at 12pm)	Friday, 9 May 2025
	Voting Papers Issued by	Friday, 16 May 2025
	Election Day	Friday, 13 June 2025
	Close Poll	4pm on Election Day
	Accept Postal Votes	Wednesday, 18 June 2025
	Count Votes	Thursday, 19 June 2025
	Board Takes Office	Friday, 20 June 2025
First Meeting of New Board	Thursday, 26 June 2025	

Information Evening

For parents interested in becoming
a Board of Trustees representative

with Paula Helms Regional Advisor - Governance NZSBA

Wednesday, 2 April **At 5.30pm**
Tuesday, 29 April MEET AT SCHOOL OFFICE,
13 CAMPERWELL ROAD, HAWERA



UPCOMING

dates



TERM 1 - 2025

MAR | 17

L1 COMMERCE MARKET DAY

From 11.15am-11.45am

MAR | 19

TSSSA ATHLETICS DAY

TET Stadium, Inglewood

MAR | 20

PHOTOLIFE PHOTOS

School Catch-up Photos

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.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 under 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

NZU

TE PAEPAE O AOTEA
UNIFORM DESIGN

WEARING IS BELIEVING

NZU UNIFORMS

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 [027 517 3480](tel:0275173480) Email Mary.Poulouse@tdhb.org.nz

Reminder for Students Taking Repeated Medication

Medicine plans must 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 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 (took place Wednesday, 19 February)

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

14 March 2025



ACADEMIC LEADER

Carlitos Morellon Anderson



Kia Ora

It's great to see most of our students settling into their classes. The Academic Committee has been busy planning an exciting new LRA for next term, which will involve both junior and senior students. Keep an ear out for upcoming notices to learn how you can sign up and earn points for your awa.

As we move through the term, I encourage you to make the most of your learning opportunities—many students elsewhere don't have access to the same resources and support that we do at Te Paepae o Aotea. Our dedicated staff and leaders are always here to help, so don't hesitate to reach out if you need support.

If you have any ideas or suggestions about how we can enhance your learning experience, I'd love to hear them! Feel free to speak with me anytime.

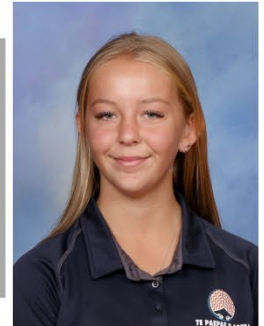
That's all from the Academic Committee for this week.

Ngā mihi

Carlitos Morellon Anderson

CULTURAL LEADER

Bethany Gyde



Kia Ora

Our cultural team has been hard at work behind the scenes collaborating to bring you some exciting events in the near future. We can't wait to showcase the diversity and talent within our school community! In the meantime, I encourage you to get involved with events being run by other councils to further enrich the culture of your awa.

Creating a strong school culture starts with bringing the community together, whether that's through small friend group or a united school effort. One simple and fun way to build this sense of unity is by dressing up in your awa colours for events like Athletics Day. It's a chance to show your school pride, support your peers, and celebrate the spirit of your awa. Make sure you strive to get best dressed in your awa and chant as loud as you can.

Ngā mihi

Bethany Gyde

COMMUNITY LEADER

Julia Scott



Kia Ora,

The weeks have been absolutely flying by all packed with an overwhelming number of positive things happening within the school. In the community space our second event of the year, Pasifika Day, was a huge success. The day ran smoothly and both staff and students came to support this day. It is also very important we recognise it was International Women's Day on 8 March and while we did not do an event for this at school, the day remains important and special for all. Our next steps for the community council are continuing fundraising for Relay for Life. If you still wish to sign up/sponsor a member or our team, please see one of our community leaders and they can help you with this.

As the term progresses keep working toward your goals and aim for success.

Ngā mihi

Julia Scott

SPORTS LEADER

Baxter Hunt



Kia Ora,

Term 1 is flying by and that can only mean one thing – it's been an amazing, fun term so far with plenty happening. Recently we held our school relays at the school pool with Kaūpokonui taking out the Awa relay and the Juniors taking out the senior vs junior vs staff relay. At athletics today, it was great seeing students dressing up, participating and competing for their awa, but most importantly with smiles and joy on their faces because that's what athletics day is all about. It's great seeing so many of our students competing and representing themselves and our school at TSSSA events and even wider regional events. We are so proud all of you. We have also been holding LRA's on Wednesdays at break times with this week's LRA, Rippa Rugby, a resounding success with a great turn out. Thanks to all students, staff and parents who have helped make this term a success.

Ngā mihi,

Baxter Hunt

YEAR 7-8 SURFING COMPETITION

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates Ollie Shaw who competed in the Taranaki Intermediate Surfing Competition on Tuesday, 11 March 2025. Ollie's had an amazing day representing our school and surfed his way into the finals to finish 3rd place out of 19 competitors. We are extremely proud to see Ollie doing what he loves and being rewarded with a podium finish. Huge thanks to Ollie's Dad, Justin for taking him through.



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UN+ YOUTH 2025



Lauren Kalin



Evita Morellon

UN YOUTH HIGH SCHOOL AMBASSADORS

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates Lauren Kalin and Evita Morellon who have been accepted in the United Nations Youth High School Ambassador program. Lauren and Evita will be working together to promote, advertise and provide UN Youth opportunities to the students of Te Paepae o Aotea with the likes of Model UN and Youth Declaration events.



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Jayda Sharp at Viva Hair Design

Jayda Sharp is currently placed at Viva Hair Design for her hairdressing Gateway programme. Gateway is a tailored programme for ākonga who have a chosen career path and want to gain the skills and experience needed to further their goals.

Te Paepae o Aotea thanks Viva Hair Design for supporting our Gateway programme.

Deidre Coogan
Gateway Coordinator
Deidre.Coogan@tepaepaeootea.school.nz
Phone 06 223 2000 Ext 819



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Aston Soothill at Bailey Motorcycles

Aston Soothill is currently placed at Bailey Motorcycles training as a bike mechanic through the Gateway programme.

Gateway is a tailored programme for ākonga who have a chosen career path and want to gain the skills and experience needed to further their goals.

Te Paepae o Aotea thanks Bailey Motorcycles for supporting our Gateway programme.

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GATEWAY FIRST AID CERTIFICATE

On Thursday, 13 March some of our Gateway students obtained their NZ First Aid Certificate through trainers Life Care Consultants. This is an invaluable qualification for our students to obtain. It not only earns them credits but is an excellent addition to their CV's.



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L1 COMMERCE

MARKET DAY

Monday, 17 March 2025
at interval - 11.15-11.45am

Cookies of various types including:
chocolate chip, Anzac biscuits,
Sweetie tooth cookies

Sorbets & hot chips/wedges

Tanghulu

Brownies

BBQ sausages

Cake Pops

Lots more
at affordable
prices
CASH ONLY



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Sports News

It's been great seeing students getting involved in sports and activities at school. Huge thanks to all who have attended trials and trainings, and to parents who have helped and been involved in these areas.

As we transition from summer to winter sports, there will be lots of notices going out. It is super important to listen to morning notices in whānau hui, check our school app school notices or ask your whānau teacher or our Sports Coordinator Vicki Roberts, to find out what's happening.

If you're interested in playing or being involved in sports, be proactive in finding out what's happening.

Congratulations to our coaches and managers who have been named this year to develop and grow students in their chosen sports. It is important that students attend trainings and games, have the correct gear and are engaged.

Next week we have two codes attending Summer Tournament week: three Waka Ama teams and a Senior Boys Volleyball team. Players and management have been working hard to ensure they are prepared for their up and coming event. We wish them all the very best.

We have seen a number of sports teams and individual successes this term. It has been awesome reading about their achievements. Keep it up.

Athletics

Athletics day is a whole school event with students competing in field or track events. This is an initiative from our PE department to get students active and to underline the importance of getting involved.

Thank you to everyone who helped, especially whānau, who came in and assisted with events and marshalling.

Surfing

Well done to Year 8 student, Ollie Shaw. Ollie represented Te Paepae o Aotea for the first time in the Taranaki Intermediate Surfing event. Ollie performed extremely well making his way through his heats to finish 3rd overall.

Rugby

Te Paepae o Aotea are working to build team numbers participating in the school competition this year. We are currently building our Boys 1st XV, u15 Boys, Girls 1st XV and u15 Girls teams.

It has been awesome seeing the support from TRFU and Southern Rugby helping our teams develop and grow. If you or your child is interested in playing, please get along to musters and trainings as we are always looking for players.

LRA - Lunchtime Sports

Our sports leaders are doing a fantastic job running activities for Seniors and Juniors on Wednesdays. Their goal for Term 1 is to raise participation numbers. Please support this, by getting active and involved.

TSSSA Events

Rogaine, Croquet and Golf are recent events our students have been involved in. We have great numbers attending these events, with students enjoying themselves. Keep it up.

Year 7-8 Events

Taranaki Intermediate Swimming is coming up end of March. We have a number of students representing our school.

Rippa Rugby teams are doing well on Thursday afternoons over at the HUB. Thank you to everyone who helps and supports our students.

Sport Exchanges - Trials will take place over the **next two Wednesdays at school**. If you'd like to be involved, you will need to commit to attending all three exchanges. Make sure you sign up.

Staff Achievement

It is important we also celebrate staff who have been successful or attending tournaments. Well done to Whaea Rachel participating in the Masters Hockey tournament last week. An outstanding achievement reaching the finals, only to narrowly miss out on Gold, taking home Silver.

Matua Mahaki is playing in the Mixed Netball Nationals. Matua Mahaki is very talented in netball and is pretty quick and very tricky in his attacking game. We wish him and his team all the very best.

Keep up the hard work and put in the extras to build your kete of knowledge and skills. Becoming better, wiser and fitter comes down to what you do in your extra time.

For all sports queries, please contact Vicki Roberts, Sports Coordinator, via email vicki.roberts@tepaepaeoaotea.school.nz

2025 Upcoming Sporting Events	
TSSSA Events	
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
Year 7-8 Sports Events	
Rippa Rugby Tournament	Thursday Nights
Winter Sports Exchange Trials Students to sign up with their Whānau teacher	First Trial – Wednesday, 19 March
Intermediate Swimming Sports	Wednesday, 26 March



Sporting Events



SWIMMING CHAMPS



TE PAEPAE O AOTEA 2025 SWIMMING CHAMPIONS

Year 7-8 Girl Champion	Ingrid Sharrock
Year 7-8 Boy Champion	Dylan Smith
Junior Girl Champion	Tayla Sturgeon
Junior Boy Champion	NO AWARD
Intermediate Girl Champion	Kaylee Tweeddale
Intermediate Boy Champion	Melakaih Tweeddale
Senior Girl Champion	Bethany Gyde
Senior Boy Champion	Baxter Hunt



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2025 ATHLETIC PRELIMS



Tuakana Teina Term 1 Schedule

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



Please
note change
of date

Sat 22 March, 3.30 till 4.30pm
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](#)



WE WANT YOUTH 12-24 YEAR OLDS

**Do you want to be the Youth
Voice of South Taranaki?**

Join EmpowerYouth Today!

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<https://forms.office.com/r/ETMtvjJzqJ>



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Do you want to be the Youth Voice for our District?

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communities rangatahi. If this sounds like you registrations are now open -

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<https://forms.office.com/r/ETMtvjJzqJ>