



# TE PAEPAE O AOTEA

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## Newsletter – Friday, 27 June 2025

Kia ora e te whānau

This term our students have excelled both academically and across a wide range of extra-curricular activities. Winter sports are now beyond the halfway point of their season and our teams have represented the school with pride and determination. Weekly results and draws are available on our school app and Facebook page. Our students thrive when supported by the wider community—we warmly encourage you to come along and cheer them on.

A major highlight of the term was our school production of *Into the Woods JR*. This event provided a wonderful opportunity for students to showcase their talents in performance, production and teamwork. I was incredibly proud of the students, staff and community members involved. The final product was outstanding and it was heartening to see the theatre nearly full for every performance.

Attendance continues to be a national focus and we are pleased to share that our daily attendance rate across all year levels is 88%. We have also seen a significant increase—20% from last year—in the percentage of students attending school 90% or more of the time.

This week, we officially welcomed our elected school board with a pōwhiri on Wednesday morning. Their first board meeting was held last night, so it's been straight to work for them. Thank you to everyone in our community who took the time to vote and a huge congratulations to all candidates. It is never easy putting yourself forward and I commend everyone who was brave enough to do so.

Our senior students have completed, on average, 39% of their NCEA standards for the year, with an impressive average pass rate of 92% across the school. Congratulations to the 14 Year 13 students who already have Level 3, the 18 Year 12 students who have achieved Level 2 and the 10 Year 11 students who have gained Level 1. It's fantastic to see students working hard and achieving their qualifications.

Recently, we hosted the Senior Ball—a memorable occasion for our senior students to come together and celebrate their journey through school. As always, the vehicle entrance was a highlight and we hope you enjoy the photos from this special evening.

Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Rachel Williams  
**Tumuaki**





## Te Paepae o Aotea Elected Board Members 2025

Photo: Back left: Rachel Williams, Will Edwards, Shaun Kalin (Presiding Member) and Taiharuru Ratima (Student Representative). Front row: Hilary Meyer, Sarah Neyens (Vice Deputy) and Julia Ord.  
Absent: Tinui Willing (Staff Representative)

19 June 2025 marked the end of the tenure of our Establishment Board, who have served Te Paepae o Aotea with unwavering dedication since December 2021. We extend our sincere thanks to Ross Dunlop, Hauraki Erb, Will Edwards, Dinah King, Te Kiri King, Cheryl Luke-Maraki, Diana Reid and Neryda Sullivan for their outstanding service to our school and community.

The Establishment Board undertook the significant task of establishing the foundation of our school, successfully delivering on all objectives set by the Ministry of Education. Their commitment, vision and leadership have laid a strong platform for the future. Our newly elected School Board took office on 20 June 2025 and we look forward to their guidance and leadership as they build on this legacy and steer Te Paepae o Aotea into its next chapter.

## Parent Portal **Understand your child's learning**



### **New webspace for parents and whānau available**

You will have seen in the news recently that a new webspace is available that provides practical videos, activities and resources to support learning that is easy to understand – empowering whānau to take a more active role in their child's education.

The webspace includes 'parent-friendly' versions of both The New Zealand Curriculum and Te Marautanga of Aotearoa.

**You can explore the new webspace and view the available resources here:**

[Parent Portal – Ministry of Education](#)

# UPCOMING *dates*



TERM 3 - 2025

<b>JUN 27</b>	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM 2</b> Term 3 starts Monday 14 July
<b>JUL 15</b>	<b>PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS</b> Seniors Year 11-13 - July 15-16
<b>JUL 17</b>	<b>YEAR 12-13 PARLIAMENT TRIP</b> Wellington
<b>JUL 29</b>	<b>WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL</b> Sports Exchange - Held in TPOA
<b>JUN 30</b>	<b>YES BUSINESS CHALLENGE</b> Young Enterprise Scheme

For more upcoming dates check out our calendar on the school website  
[www.tepaepaeoatea.school.nz](http://www.tepaepaeoatea.school.nz)



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## SENIOR YEAR 11-13 PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

We will be holding parent teacher interviews for Senior Students on

**Tuesday, 15 July – 3.15pm-7pm and**

**Wednesday, 16 July - 3.15pm-7pm**

Interviews will be 5 minute slots. Parents can book back-to-back interview slots if more time is required.

For alternate appointment times,  
please email your students subject teacher.

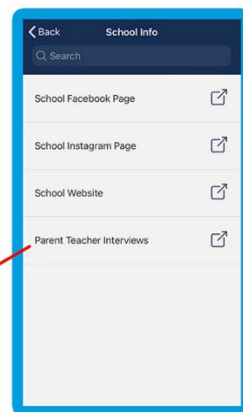


### School App Instructions



You can find a link to the Skoolloop Interview booking page by clicking on the **School Info button** in the School App

Then click on  
**Parent Teacher Interviews**

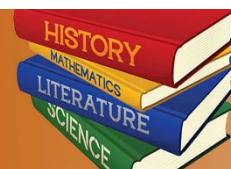


### Interview Booking Link

[PTI: Te Paepae o Aotea - Bookings - Select Teachers](#)



# AFTER SCHOOL Senior Sessions Term 3



SUBJECT	Room	DAY
English	B11	L1 - 3: Tuesday L1 - 3: Thursday
Maths	B3 B3 B3	SHU & ADU: L1 – Maths - Wednesday VKU/SHU/ADU: L2 – Maths - Tuesday VKU: L3 - Stats & Calculus - Thursday
L1 Science		EPL – Tuesday and Thursday TWI - Wednesday
Biology	B10	EPL - Tuesday and Thursday TWI - Wednesday
Physics	B13	GBA - Thursday
Chemistry	B10	EPL - Tuesday and Thursday
Hard Materials	TN5	Tuesday
Digital	G1	Monday
Textiles	TR6	Monday
Art / Photography	TR 10	EDA - Tuesdays
Drama/Music	Music / Drama space	KBA/SCA – Odd weeks (1,3,5,7,9)
Te Reo	B5	L1-3: Te reo Maori - Monday L1-3: Te Ao Haka - Thursday
PE / Health	B7	L2/3 PE - Thursday
Commerce / Accounting / Economics	B1	KEL - Tuesday
History / YES	B2	CMO - Tuesday / Wednesday
Geography	B1	Monday, Odd weeks (1,3,5,7,9)
Psychology	B6	YCO - Thursday



# Jenni's

## HOMEWORK CLUB

Support for students who need space,  
access to digital devices and general support  
to complete classwork and assessments

**TERM 3 - EVERY MONDAY**

**3.00-4.00pm - Held in G1**



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## HOLIDAY UNIFORM FITTING HOURS

**Tuesday, 1 July 2025**

10am - 12pm

**Tuesday, 8 July 2025**

10am - 12pm

Full fitting size held at the  
Te Paepae o Aotea School Office  
13 Camberwell Road, Hāwera

**All uniforms needs to be  
purchased online at**

**NZ UNIFORMS**

[tepaepaeoaotea.nzuniforms.com](http://tepaepaeoaotea.nzuniforms.com)



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## 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 2 (closes today, 27 June 2025)**

- Planning and Preparing for Emergencies, Disasters and Crises
- Communication During an Emergency, Disaster or Crisis
- Emergency Closure
- Emergency Management
- Disaster Management
- Crisis Management

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



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

Danielle Peach - Mobile [027 239 0679](tel:0272390679) Email [Danielle.Peach@tdhb.org.nz](mailto:Danielle.Peach@tdhb.org.nz)

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

- **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.

## **Community Health Update: Keeping Our Tamariki Well This Winter**

As the colder months settle in and more of us are spending time indoors, Taranaki District Health Board (TDHB) has reported an increase in common community health concerns such as **scabies**, **head lice** and **impetigo (school sores)**.

These conditions spread easily, especially in close-contact environments like homes and schools. Students cannot be at school if they are contagious. We encourage all whānau to be vigilant:

- **Check regularly** for signs of head lice and treat promptly.
- **Keep an eye out** for itchy rashes or sores that may indicate scabies or impetigo.
- **Seek medical advice** if anyone in your household has a **sore throat**, especially if it persists—this can help prevent more serious illnesses like rheumatic fever.

If you're unsure about symptoms or need support, please contact your GP or local health provider.

Let's work together to keep our school community healthy and thriving this winter!

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## Head Leader News

27 June 2025



### ACADEMIC LEADER

Carlitos Morellon Anderson



Kia Ora

This term, the Academic Committee kicked off some of our big events and LRAs including the much-anticipated Staff vs Students Spelling Bee and a special visit from current university students.

With the support of our amazing staff, student leaders and helpers, we've run multiple events bringing plenty of energy and fun to our school. While the students put up a strong fight, staff came out on top in the Spelling Bee - but don't worry, we're planning a different event next term for an awesome rematch!

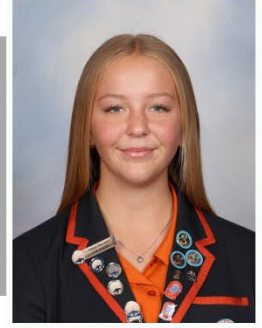
Looking ahead, we're excited to run more events, so keep an ear out for the notices and announcements for dates and details.

Finally, we're planning to launch tutoring and study sessions for Year 7 and 8 students, perfect for those preparing for the final rounds of the Otago Maths Challenge or wanting extra support with classwork. If this sounds like you, reach out to me or one of our Academic Leaders to register your interest.

Ngā mihi, Carlitos Morellon Anderson

### CULTURAL LEADER

Bethany Gyde



Kia Ora

Last week we held our second annual inter-awa waiata competition which was an absolute success! Each awa had outstanding performances, exceeding everyone's expectations, with Waingongoro taking it out this year. A big thank you to our judges who came in and made the tough decisions - it is much appreciated.

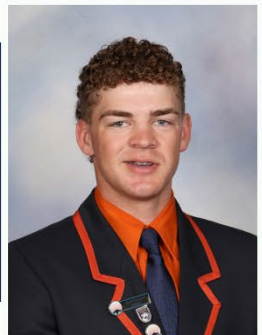
The cultural team now shifts its focus to the Haka comp in August. Once again, awas will come together to compete for the trophy (and bragging rights). I hope to see all our Year 13 students at Staff vs Seniors LRA week next week, starting Monday with Grab the Mic in PFA1.

Have a lovely rest of the week and enjoy this last week of school.

Ngā mihi, Bethany Gyde

### SPORTS LEADER

Baxter Hunt



Kia Ora

We have completed term 2 and much like term 1, it has completely flown by.

Term two has been jampacked with events. In the community space we completed our bottle cap collection, needing a second collection bin due to the overwhelming support from our school and wider community. Pink Shirt Day, another success as we stood against bullying.

Our fabulous seniors worked hard, performing to a very high standard in the 'Into the Woods JR' production.

Last week we had our second Kura Kai cook. Huge thanks to the volunteers from Fonterra and the senior hospitality class for helping with this cause. Next term the community council is planning a can drive, shave a thon and daffodil day celebrations.

I wish everyone a great holiday filled with lots of rest to prepare for Term 3.

Ngā mihi, Julia Scott

Kia Ora

This term, our school's LRA sports have brought excitement and unity to our lunch breaks. Students have enthusiastically joined in games like dodgeball, multisport and turbo touch, showing off their skills and school spirit.

Participation has been fantastic, with students from all year levels getting involved. These events aren't just about winning—they're about living our school values. **Aotea** – Caring is seen in the way students support each other on and off the playing ground. **Paepae** – Courage shines when someone tries a new sport or steps up to lead, and **Taupaenui** – Reaching Excellence is clear in the effort and determination shown in every game.

LRA sports have created a fun, inclusive space where students can stay active, build friendships and enjoy healthy competition. A big thank you to the staff and student leaders who help organise and run these events. You make it all possible!

Ngā mihi, Baxter Hunt

# ARTS DEPARTMENT

Term 2 has been packed with performances, opportunities and events across the Arts and Cultural spectrum from Manu Korero, Smokefree Rock Quest to the highly successful senior school production of 'Into the Woods JR.'

When we have a major production the hard mahi begins in Term 1, well behind the scenes. Students rehearse regularly after school and at weekends before packing into the theatre just a week before the show opens to the public. The production was a huge success with audiences impressed by the highly polished performances.

It's wonderful to see so many students eager to give up their own time to be a part of these exciting musical events.

Term 2 began with our annual Arts/Cultural Week run by our student Arts Committee. Kind weather allowed for outside chalk art in the quad and lunchtime Karaoke challenges, ending the week with an outdoor concert featuring our Junior Choir, several senior bands, kapa haka and a cultural dance exhibition adding richness to the week.

We were thrilled to have talented students feature again in this year's SmokeFree Rockquest Competition. Senior Band 'Exit Haze' made its debut performance along with experienced Izzy Logan who drummed for Coronation 7. Well done to all involved.

Art and Photography students are now well positioned with planning their folio boards. Over 50 students received an extra creative boost when they visited Govett Brewster Art Gallery/Len Lye Centre to view New Zealand's NCEA Top Art and Photography folio boards with the added bonus of viewing the exhibition 'Lalaga Le Hui Fono.'


Public speaking competitions continue to be a highlight for many students, with Lions Young Speechmaker and Manu Korero featuring this term. Te Paepae o Aotea continues to stand out in this area with students being acknowledged for their confidence and speech writing craft.

Our annual Inter Awa Waiata Competition continues to excel as awa competed for the prized trophy and points that will ultimately go toward the overall Awa winner for the year. Congratulations to this year's champions, Waingongoro.

Puānga is not only a celebration for New Zealand but a special event for our school as it was at this time that we were gifted our name, Te Paepae o Aotea. This year a small group braved the early morning chill to come together at Wharepuni Pa to remember, celebrating the present and looking to the future.


Exciting events for Term 3 are on the horizon, so watch out for information on upcoming events; Te Paepae o Aotea Music Awards, Pae Rangatahi and Tatarakihi Kapa Haka Festivals, The Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards and a special Concert from the New Zealand Army Band.





## RONALD HUGH MORRIESON WRITING WORKSHOPS

Today, in preparation for the upcoming Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards, the three Judges (Tania Roxborough, Melinda Szymanik and Matt Rilkoff) have shared their expertise with students from Te Paepae o Aotea and a few visitors. We look forward to seeing how they perform when the results are announced later in the year.



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## WEST MAKES KAWAKAWA BALM

For Matariki WEST our students have been learning about Rongoa Māori (traditional Māori healing system), in particular the benefits of kawakawa. Students infused the olive oil with kawakawa leaves and then made kawakawa balm.



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## Awa Waiata Competition Placings

<b>WAINGONGORO</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Place
<b>TANGAHOE</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
<b>PĀTEA</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
<b>KAŪPOKONUI</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> Place



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## FONTERRA VOLUNTEER FOR KURA KAI

With National Volunteer Week 16-19 July 2025 Fonterra staff wanted to support the local Kura Kai initiative. Fonterra volunteers came to Te Paepae o Aotea to cook for our local community. Fonterra kindly donated dairy products that were not only used on the day but will also be used in future cooks. It was a fun interactive afternoon for the Fonterra volunteers and our students.



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## CREATIVE CATS ART CLASS

Whaea Katey's Year 7-8 Creative Cat's Art Class designed their own Cubist inspired masks out of paper mache and mixed media.



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## Mathletics LRA

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>WAINGONGORO</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>TĀNGAHOE</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>PĀTEA</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>KAŪPOKONUI</b>



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## TEAM GREEN PLACES THIRD AT TARANAKI RIPPA RUGBY TOURNAMENT

On Tuesday, 17 June 2025, two Year 7-8 Te Paepae o Aotea Rippa Rugby teams qualified for the Taranaki Rippa Rugby Tournament finals day. Both teams showcased outstanding performance, with TPOA Green securing 3rd place and TPOA Red placing 5th. Congratulations to all the students involved, and a big thank you to our coaches and supporters.



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## YEAR 9-10 SIGNS & SYMBOLS ART CLASS

Whaea Katey's Year 9 & 10 Signs and Symbols Art class spent the last six weeks working on 'Tony Harrington inspired artworks'. Tony Harrington is a New Zealand artist who is inspired by New Zealand culture. Student's designed and cut their own wooden bases. They then chose elements that represent them as New Zealanders and painted them.



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## NEW ZEALAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY


Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates our Cross Country team who all ran well at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships held in Whangarei.

New Zealand Secondary Schools Cross Country Results		
Year 9 Girls	Tayla Sturgeon	16 <sup>th</sup> Place
	Lucy Crowley	52 <sup>nd</sup> Place
Junior Girls	Mikayla Arnold	49 <sup>th</sup> Place
Junior Boys	Ryan Finey	27 <sup>th</sup> Place
Senior Girls	Maddison Sturgeon	70 <sup>th</sup> (27 <sup>th</sup> U17)



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## SPELLING BEE

WIN TO THE TEACHERS

On Tuesday, 24 June 2025, the Academic Leaders hosted an electrifying Spelling Bee showdown between staff and students. The atmosphere was buzzing with excitement as participants battled it out, word by word. In the end, the staff emerged victorious.



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## UNIVERSITY STUDENTS INSPIRE YEAR 12-13 STUDENTS

On Wednesday 25 June, our Year 12 and 13 students had the fantastic opportunity to connect with recent local graduates now studying at seven different universities: the University of Auckland, Waikato University, Massey University, Victoria University of Wellington, University of Canterbury, University of Otago, and Duke University (USA). It was an inspiring and insightful session, where students could ask questions about university life, study expectations, and living away from home - all in a relaxed and open setting. We'd like to extend a huge thank you to both the dedicated staff who made the event possible and the incredible former students who generously gave up their study break to come and speak.




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## GRAMMAR CARNIVAL

Grammar worksheets can get boring after a while, therefore Year 9-10 TGBA students put on a 'Grammar Carnival' for two Year 7-8 classes. The Year 9-10 students invented side show style games to teach different grammatical issues.



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# Sports News

As Term 3 wraps up, it's been incredible to see our rangatahi out there representing our kura with pride, passion and purpose whether it's on the field, court or sideline. From sports exchanges to TSSSA events, coaching, umpiring and helping at school and community events — you've all been absolute superstars, showing what it means to be part of the Te Paepae o Aotea whānau.

## Why We Play Sport

Sport teaches us more than just skills — it builds character. We play to:

- Work as a team
- Train with purpose
- Show commitment
- Give our best every time

It's not just about winning — it's about how we play. This means showing up to training, supporting each other and bringing Positive Vibes Only to every game, every sideline and every huddle. We can be competitive and still be kind, respectful and encouraging.

## Shoutout to Our Sports Whānau

A huge welcome to Shae Kahui, a fantastic addition to our sports team, helping out a few days a week. He's done a bit of coaching, managing teams and is learning the ropes of sports coordination (including the glamorous job of washing uniforms). He's building great relationships and connections with our students and whānau.

Big thanks also to Clare Baylis for her behind-the-scenes mahi. Sports might look simple from the outside, but the time, energy and paperwork involved is massive — and our small team makes it all happen.

## Giving Back Through Sport

It's been inspiring to see so many of our students giving back — coaching, umpiring, helping at events and supporting younger players. These actions grow leadership, confidence and community spirit. If you see someone stepping up, take a moment to thank them — it means a lot.

## NZSS Cross Country Champs

A huge congratulations to our Cross Country team who competed at the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Cross Country Championships in Whangārei:

Tayla Sturgeon  
Lucy Crowley  
Mikayla Arnold

Ryan Finey  
Maddison Sturgeon

Outstanding running from all — you've done our kura proud.

## **Mixed 1st XI Hockey – Top of the Table**

Our Mixed 1st XI Hockey team have been improving each week. With a mix of senior players and rising junior talent, the team has shown huge growth and development week on week. Competing against some of the quality teams, they've risen to the challenge and are currently sitting top of the table.

This is perfect preparation as they build towards Tournament Week in August, being right here in Stratford. Keep an eye on this team — they're going places.

## **Awa Points – The Battle Is On**

It's a tight competition between our Awa this year. Hopefully, it heats up even more in Term 3 to close the gap.

Only 23 points separate Tangahoe and Waingongoro with Pātea and Kaupokonui not far behind.

**1st – Waingongoro 304 points**

**2nd – Tangahoe 281 points**

**3rd – Kaupokonui 232 points**

**4th – Pātea 223 points**

But it's not over yet. Term 3 is your chance to close the gap, climb the leaderboard and take the win. Get involved in LRA events, sports, academic, cultural and community activities, TSSSA Year 7/8 events — every point counts. Who knows there could be double points given for 1<sup>st</sup> place.

## **AB Students Getting Active & Involved**

It's been fantastic to see our AB students jumping into a range of sports and activities this term. With modified games designed to be inclusive and engaging, students have had loads of fun learning new skills, staying active and building confidence.

Our supportive staff have been right there alongside, cheering, coaching and even joining in the action. These sessions are all about movement, teamwork and having a great time staying fit and connected.

Ka pai to everyone involved — keep up the awesome mahi and positive vibes.

## **TSSSA Squash**

A small but mighty team competed at Kwarau Park in New Plymouth. Great prep for those heading to NZSS Squash Nationals.

## **Yr 7/8 Rippa Rugby**

Five teams represented us at the South Taranaki tournament — four mixed and one girls team.

*TPOA Green* – 1st place

*TPOA Red* – 3rd place

At the Taranaki Year 7/8 Champs at Yarrows Stadium, Green placed 3rd and Red 5th. Ka mau te wehi.

## **TSSSA Junior 3x3 Basketball**

Two teams competed with awesome results:

*Te Aute, Jo'han, Loxton* – 1st place

*Te Kanawa, Lenardeous, Kymanii* – 2nd place

## **TSSSA Senior 3x3 Basketball**

Six teams played at the Hub in Hāwera. Mixed results, great energy and even better, funny banter — not all were ballers, but everyone had fun.

## **Waiopahu College Exchange**

We hosted a fantastic exchange with games in football, volleyball, netball, rugby and basketball. Overall the exchange ended in a 'draw,' some great games were played.

Wins – Netball, Junior Basketball

Draws – Volleyball, Boys Football

Losses – 1st XV Rugby, Girls Football

Massive thanks to our refs, scorers and helpers — you made the day a success.

**Coming Up:** We're excited to host Whanganui High School in Term 3 with even more sports involved.

## **Strapping Night – Coming Soon**

Keep an eye out for a Basic Strapping Night run by Hāwera Physio's, Liam Clancy.

Learn how to do basic strapping for ankles, knees and hands — perfect for players, coaches and supporters.

Date & time to be confirmed, with a small cost involved. Limited spots available. Flyer coming soon.

## **Honours & Achievements – Get Recognised**

- Done something awesome in sport, culture, academics or the community?
- Fill out the Honours Badges & Achievement form
- Hand it in at the main school office
- Entries close before the end of Term 3

This is how you get your Honours Badge. Information provided is also considered for the Taupaenui Awards at the end of the year.

Printable Honour Badge form [Nomination Form](#)

Honour Badge Criteria <https://tepaepaeoaotea.school.nz/co-curricular/awa/senior-honour-badges/>

## **Holiday Break & Reminders**

- Some sports will pause over the holidays — check our social media for updates and draws
- Keep attending training
- Show up with a positive attitude
- If you're not playing, be the best supporter you can be

And remember to thank your parents, caregivers, coaches and managers — they're the real MVPs behind the scenes.


Have an enjoyable break. Let's finish Term 3 strong and keep those Positive Vibes Only flowing.

I look forward in seeing you back ready for more action in Term 3.

**"There is a way to do it better – Find it. Innovate, set the standard, do more with less."**

For all sports queries, please contact Vicki Roberts, Sports Coordinator, via mail, [vicki.roberts@tepaepaeoaotea.school.nz](mailto:vicki.roberts@tepaepaeoaotea.school.nz)

2025 Upcoming Sporting Events	
TSSSA Events	
Girls Day Out	Wednesday, 23 July
Gymnastics	Thursday, 24 July
Rotational Golf/SNAG AB	Monday, 28 July
Competitive Junior Volleyball	Thursday, 7 August
Hockey 7s	Thursday, 14 August
Ki o Rahi	Wednesday, 20 August
Senior Sports Exchange	
Whanganui High School Exchange	Tuesday, 29 July



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## WAIOPEHU SPORTS EXCHANGE RESULTS

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Score	Team	V	Team	Score
WIN 66	TPOA Juniors Boys Basketball	V	Waiopehu Juniors Boys Basketball	38
WIN 57	TPOA Premier A Netball	V	Waiopehu Senior Netball	30
DRAW 2	TPOA Boys Senior Volleyball	V	Waiopehu Senior Volleyball	2
DRAW 1	TPOA 1 <sup>st</sup> XI Boys Football	V	Waiopehu 1 <sup>st</sup> XI Boys Football	1
0	TPOA 1 <sup>st</sup> XI Girls Football	V	Waiopehu 1 <sup>st</sup> XI Girls Football	6
33	TPOA 1 <sup>st</sup> XV Rugby	V	Waiopehu 1 <sup>st</sup> XV Rugby	61
OVERALL RESULTS				
DRAW	TPOA	V	Waiopehu	DRAW

# TAUPAENUI BADGES



**Are you ready to embark on an exciting journey of learning and exploration?**

**Te Paepae o Aotea Taupaenui Badges are our homework program for year 7 & 8 students.**

What are Taupaenui Badges, you ask? Well, imagine a treasure trove of fascinating homework projects, each one a shiny badge waiting for you to earn. From the depths of history to the wonders of science, and everything in between, there's a badge for every curious mind.

## Here's how it works:

Taupaenui Badges is completely optional, but oh-so-rewarding! You get to choose which badges you want to tackle, whether it's diving into the mysteries of space or uncovering the secrets of ancient civilizations. Each badge comes with a variety of tasks, each worth a different number of stars.

Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to complete a total of 20 stars' worth of tasks to the best of your ability. Don't worry, you can complete them either digitally or with good ol' pen and paper – whatever suits your style!



Once you've conquered your chosen tasks, it's time to submit them to the one and only Mrs Surgenor for marking. If your work shines bright like a star in the night sky, you'll be rewarded with a certificate of achievement and, drumroll please, your very own Taupaenui badge!

**Picture yourself proudly wearing that badge at the next Awa assembly, knowing that you've ventured into the realms of knowledge and emerged victorious.**

**So, what are you waiting for? Let the quest for Taupaenui begin!  
Dive in, explore, and let your curiosity guide you to greatness. The adventure awaits!**

**Please click on the link below for ALL Badge information:**

[Year 7-8 Taupaenui badge information.pdf](#)



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If you are in a position to offer support by way of donations, ingredients or meals we would love to hear from you.

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