



TE PAEPAE O AOTEA

Kia eke atu ki Taupaenui o te tangata

Newsletter – Friday, 25 July 2025

Kia ora e te whānau

Congratulations to our students involved in winter sports — they have been doing an amazing job representing our school. Finals and tournament week are fast approaching and I know our students will continue to display our school values of Aotea, Taupaenui and Paepae.

It has been awesome to see our students excelling in areas outside of school. We have students doing incredible things and we're grateful to parents and community members who share their successes with us so we can celebrate their achievements. If you know of students doing amazing things, please connect with us — we'd love to hear about it. We also have school honours badges; nomination forms can be found on the website or at the office. These are due by **5 September** to be considered for recognition in 2025.

Well done to our Year 10 and 11 students who passed their Literacy and Numeracy assessments last term. If you haven't checked your child's results, please log in to the MyKamar portal. If you've forgotten your password, contact the school office.

We've started Term 3 with great attendance which is especially important as we head toward assessments at the end of the year. Every minute in class counts, so keep up the great work and communicate with us early if needed. We are continuing to track our NCEA data closely to ensure our students are well supported in their NCEA journey. This year, we introduced the Marama group — a collection of Year 11–13 students striving to gain Merit and Excellence endorsements. This group is making great progress and across all three NCEA levels we're seeing an increase in Merit and Excellence grades. Once again, it's important that parents stay up to date with their student's progress using MyKAMAR.

Building plans are progressing well. We are currently working with architects and quantity surveyors on solutions and we'll be in a position very soon to share more information with the community.

Ngā mihi nui,
Rachel Williams
Tumuaki





Staff News

Introducing Waingongoro Junior Pastoral Leaders Terms 3 & 4, 2025

Yolandi Coetzer and Mereana Hooker



New staff joining Te Paepae o Aotea Terms 3 & 4, 2025



Girlie Edar
Classroom Teacher



Armeen Jeftha
Learning Assistant



Pareake O'Brien
Learning Assistant



Kaleece Potts-Broughton
Learning Assistant

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



New webpace for parents and whānau available

You will have seen in the news recently that a new webpace 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 webpace includes 'parent-friendly' versions of both The New Zealand Curriculum and Te Marautanga of Aotearoa.

You can explore the new webpace and view the available resources here:

[Parent Portal – Ministry of Education](#)

UPCOMING *dates*



TERM 3 - 2025

JUL 28	TSSSA ROTATIONAL GOLF Inglewood Golf Club
JUL 29	WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL Sports Exchange - Held in TPOA
JUL 30	YES BUSINESS CHALLENGE Young Enterprise Scheme
AUG 5	7S RUGBY TOURNAMENT For Year 7-8 - Held at Inglewood
AUG 7	TSSSA JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL Competitive - TSB Stadium NP

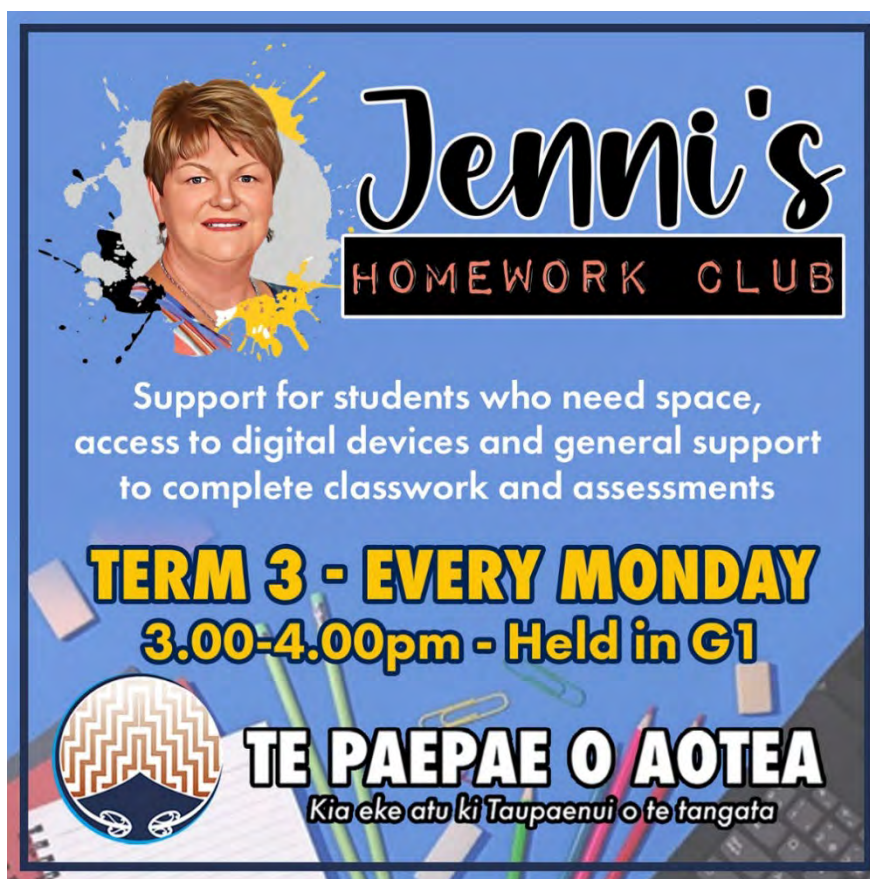
For more upcoming dates check out our calendar on the school website
www.tepaepaeoatea.school.nz



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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Kia eke atu ki Taupaenui o te tangata



All school uniform items are purchased through

WEARING IS BELIEVING
NZ UNIFORMS

tepaepaeoaotea.nzuniforms.com

The school office has a full uniform set for sizing purposes

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 3

Child Protection
Abuse Recognition and Reporting
Food and Nutrition
Safety Checking
Police Vetting
Missing Student Procedure

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

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Activity Week

JUNIOR STUDENTS YEAR 7-10 2-5 DECEMBER 2025

OVERNIGHT ACTIVITY WEEK TRIPS

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- These activities are privileges we aim to provide for our students
- Payment options will be available for your choice of activity
- Fundraising will be looked at as an option to reduce costs that will be credited to student school accounts

EXPECTATIONS OF OVERNIGHT TRIPS

- Students are to have 80% attendance from Term 3 until activity week
- Students who have been stood down externally from Term 3 until activity week will only attend day activities
- Students who have had internal stand downs will need to arrange a meeting with activity organisers

REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR EMAILS AND SIGN UP TO YOUR CHOSEN ACTIVITY!



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

Mary Poulouse - Mobile [027 517 3480](tel:0275173480) Email 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

The days and weeks have flown by and here we are already in Term 3—an exciting and challenging part of the year. The third quarter is often the toughest. You're almost at the finish line, but not quite yet. We kicked off the term with an awesome opportunity: a student trip to Parliament and the Supreme Court in Wellington. This was a valuable experience and we're grateful to everyone who helped make it happen. Looking ahead, there are some exciting things coming up, including The Chase later this term which promises to be a fun and competitive event for everyone involved. **To our junior students**—keep working hard, stay focused in class and keep putting yourself out there. This is your time to grow, learn and challenge yourself. **To our senior students**—exam season is fast approaching. October will be here before we know it and with it, the final stretch of the year. Make the most of the time you have left. Stay focused, study smart and look out for one another. Balance is key—find time to enjoy the journey too.

Ngā mihi, Carlitos Morellon Anderson

COMMUNITY LEADER

Julia Scott



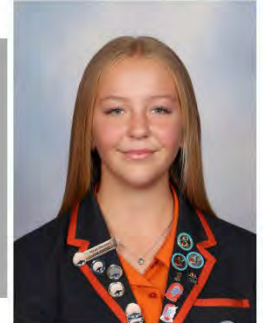
Kia Ora

Welcome back. To begin, I would like to give a huge congratulations to Taihararu for her selection as student board representative. We are so excited to see her join the student leadership team. The community council plan to run a range of events this term with a large focus on raising awareness and funds for the cancer society. We plan to run our annual shave-a-thon, can drive and more. We remind all our senior students to study hard and focus hard on completing your goals as term 3 is the last term to do so. We also encourage all the juniors to engage in every opportunity being held at school and never be afraid to reach out to your respective awa leaders and teachers. If anyone has any ideas for term 3 or any events they'd like to see held, please reach out to either myself, the community council or Mrs Hopkins.

Ngā mihi, Julia Scott

CULTURAL LEADER

Bethany Gyde



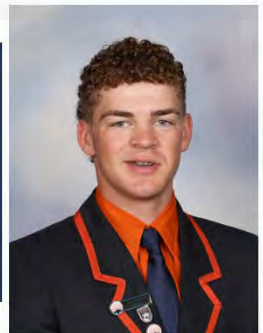
Kia Ora

Practice has officially kicked off for this year's Haka competition and the energy is already next level. Huge shoutout to everyone showing up with passion, pride and purpose—it's awesome to see your commitment, teamwork and respect for the cultural roots behind the haka. Keep bringing that fire each session! With the competition just around the corner, let's stay sharp, support each other and make every practice count. Whether you're a seasoned performer or learning it for the first time, your effort matters and contributes to something powerful. Also, don't miss *Guess the Country LRA* coming up in Week 4. Put your global knowledge to the test with clues, flags and cultural twists—start brushing up on your geography now.

Ngā mihi, Bethany Gyde

SPORTS LEADER

Baxter Hunt



Kia Ora

With a fresh start in term 3, some things remain the same. Our winter sports teams are still competing and LRA's are still pumping. This week the sport council ran its first ever pickle ball LRA which had a big turnout every day from students wanting to get involved in the growing sport. We plan to run this again at some point during the term. Next week on Tuesday, Te Paepae o Aotea will face Whanganui High School in a school exchange so make sure you come down and support our teams' face off. Keep an eye on school notices for upcoming LRA's and other sporting events and opportunities.

Ngā mihi, Baxter Hunt

VISIT TO PARLIAMENT



Last Thursday, our Year 12 and 13 students had the incredible opportunity to visit Parliament and the Supreme Court of New Zealand. The day was packed with fun and learning.

At the Supreme Court, students took part in a mock trial at the old High Court building. In the afternoon, they explored Parliament and learned how laws are made. To finish the day, students watched Question Time in Parliament House, where Members of Parliament debated and questioned current government policies.

It was an amazing experience with received lots of positive feedback from students. *Ngā mihi to everyone who helped make this trip possible!*



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Tauria enjoyed an interactive session with students from Auckland University Māori Students Association, Ngai Tauria Māori.

This association is made up of students from all over Aotearoa who study at the university. They shared their journey and tips for university life and a bit of information on what they study.



Waipapa Taumata Rau University of Auckland

TE PAEPAE O AOTEA

MUSIC AWARDS

19-20 AUGUST
HAWERA MEMORIAL THEATRE

CATEGORIES

YEAR 7-8 TE PAEPAE O AOTEA GOT TALENT

(PERFORMING ARTS SHOWCASE)
Can Include Singing, Instrumental, Dance, Speech / Monologue.
Enter As A Group Or Duo

YEAR 9-10 JUNIOR MUSIC AWARDS
(VOCAL OR INSTRUMENTAL)

YEAR 11-13
HALLIWELLS INSTRUMENTAL AWARD

YEAR 11-13
LYNETTE MORRIS VOCAL SCHOLARSHIP

YEAR 9-13 WAIATA REO - SONG IN TE REO MAORI

ENTRIES NOW OPEN!

ENTRIES CLOSE WEEK 4 FRIDAY 8TH AUGUST

ARTISTIC SKATING FIGURE WORLD CUP 2025



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Te Paepae o Aotearoa would like to congratulate **Ayla Bond** on being selected to represent New Zealand at the **2025**

Artistic Skating Figure World Cup

This prestigious event is in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in September. What an amazing opportunity for Ayla to showcase her talents to the rest of the world - we know you'll be amazing!

Fundraising

Ayla will be holding some fundraisers to support her journey to this event, so keep an eye out and show your support!



ROLLER SKATING Success!



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A huge **Congratulations** to the 2025 Hāwera Roller Skating team who proudly represented Hāwera at the National Artistic Roller Skating Championships in Blenheim in the school holidays.

Ayla Bond

1st Junior Figures

1st Matanga Loops

Elizabeth Cudby

2nd Junior Figures

3rd Matanga Loops

1st Junior Free

Top Junior Cup

Jayda Weherua

1st Cadet Figures

Nelly Rongonui

2nd Espoir Figures





Sports News

Te Paepae o Aotea Sports Update – Term 3 Kickoff

We're back into Term 3 and the sports scene is buzzing with Winter sports wrapping up and Summer sports starting. Lots of events on offer, so make sure you sign up and do not miss your opportunity.

Netball

Finishing off their season with a bang last Friday, our Premier Netball Team finished the season strong. Young, determined and improving every week – they've earned serious respect across the grade.

Our Satellite teams are gearing up for their final games this weekend – go well, team!

Rugby

Rugby is back in action post-holidays. Our 1st XV is sitting pretty at 2nd on the table, while our U15 Boys are holding it down at 8th. Finals are coming up on 16 August in New Plymouth – mark your calendars. Teams still have a few games before then so if you get the chance, get out and support the boys.

Mixed Hockey 1st XI

Our TPOA Hockey team is absolutely smashing it – currently 1st place in their competition and heading into Tournament Week with serious momentum. They have a tough match coming up next week that will put the team put through their paces.

Football

Our Boys 1st XI are finishing their season as winners next week, while our Girls team still have a few more games to show off their skills. Huge thanks to Staff in Charge Tracey Hardy who has gone over and above ensuring both teams are looked after.

Whanganui Sports Exchange

Exchange is happening Tuesday 29 July – we're hosting Whanganui High School for a full day of friendly rivalry across Netball, Rugby, Basketball, Mixed Hockey, Boys Volleyball, Football, Golf and Debating. First games kick off at 10:15am – check our Facebook page or Sports Office window for the full timetable.

LRA

Sports leaders ran Pickleball at the Hub this week and it's been a smash hit. We're planning a Te Paepae o Aotea Doubles Competition, so keep your eyes peeled for registration information.

Congratulations for outstanding student success:

- **Taranaki U18 Rugby Skills Day:** *Baxter Hunt, Cody McPhail, Felix Butler, Adib Ridzuan, Ranginui Cuthbert*
- **Taranaki U16 Boys Rugby Trial:** *Te Whati Brown, Connah Laupama, Sebastein Stark, Issac Symes, Murphy Farrell, Cohen Robins, Waka Jones*

Summer Sports are on the horizon – get ready for Touch and Cricket interest coming soon!

Keep working hard and finish off your season strong. I've truly enjoyed watching and hearing about all our student successes on the court or field.

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. All nominations forms need to be in by Friday, 5 September 2025.

Printable Honour Badge form [Nomination Form](#)

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

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

2025 Upcoming Sporting Events	
TSSSA Events	
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
Year 7-8 Sporting Events	
Year 7-8 7s Rugby Tournament	Tuesday, 5 August
Sport New Zealand - Survey	
Voice of Rangatahi in Sport	Tuesday, 5 August

EVENT DETAILS:

TSSSA Trail Relay caters for students of all levels, those with experience, and those that are new to the sport.

The Trail Relay is a team sport, where 4 runners take their turn to run one lap around a set course (2.7km) as fast as they can.

TSSSA Trail Relay is a great introductory event to running.

TSSSA TRAIL RELAY

THURSDAY 11TH SEPT

Check in: 1pm

Race starts: 1:15pm

Brooklands Park, New Plymouth

To sign up see your School Sports Coordinator.



www.tsssa.org.nz



TSSSA

EVENT DETAILS:

TSSSA Hockey 7's is an exciting fast paced brand of hockey for all levels!

Expect plenty of goals, plenty of space and plenty of fun! Grab some mates and register to test out your hockey skills.

Social and competitive grades available.

TSSSA HOCKEY 7'S

THURSDAY 14TH AUGUST

Check in: 9:15am

Games start: 9:45am

TET Stadium, Stratford

To sign up see your School Sports Coordinator.



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EVENT DETAILS:

TSSSA Competitive Junior Volleyball caters for students with experience in the sport of volleyball.

This event is for teams that have the intention of attending regionals later in the year, as this is a seeding event for the regional qualifying series run later in Term 3.

Grades: Competitive Girls & Competitive Boys



TSSSA JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL (COMPETITIVE)

THURSDAY 7TH AUGUST

Check in: 8:45am

Games start: 9:15am

TSB Stadium, New Plymouth

To sign up see your School Sports Coordinator.



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EVENT DETAILS:

This day is for any students, staff members or community members who are coaching a Summer sports team or individual in 2025.

Learn about coaching young people through theory and fun practical based sessions.

TSSSA STUDENT & COMMUNITY COACH DAY

TUESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER

Check in: 9am

Welcome/karakia: 9:15am

TET Stadium, Stratford

To sign up see your School Sports Coordinator.



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TSSSA

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!



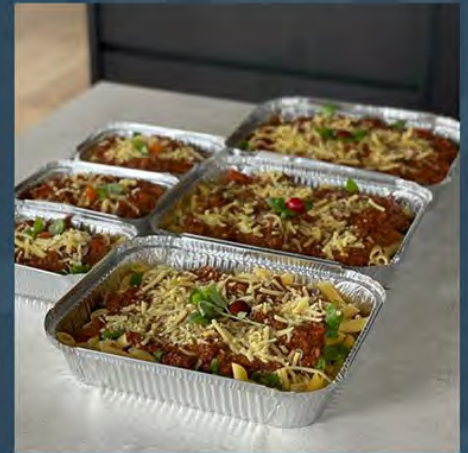
Once you've conquered your chosen tasks, it's time to submit them to the one and only Mrs Surgenor for marking. If your work shines bright like a star in the night sky, you'll be rewarded with a certificate of achievement and, drumroll please, your very own Taupaenui badge!

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](#)



Every Bit of Support Makes a Difference

Kura Kai is a charitable organisation that provides chest freezers to High Schools around Aotearoa. At Kura Kai, they live by the value of manaakitanga (generosity and caring for others) and we are very fortunate at our school to have been included in this organisation.

Kura Kai have provided a freezer that we can stock, so our rangatahi and whānau can access support when they need it. Meals will be cooked by our students.

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

Contact: *Nic Edwards*

nicolaschumacher@hotmail.co.nz | 027 275 4878

If you need a Kura Kai meal please contact Nic Edwards

TE PAEPAE O AOTEA School Sponsorship



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



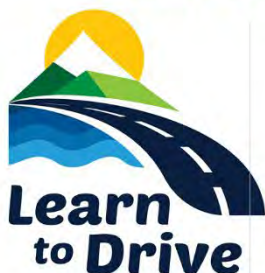
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If your business would like to sponsor a school sport or event please contact Vicki.Roberts@tepaepaeoaotea.school.nz or Claire.Kalin@tepaepaeoaotea.school.nz