



TE PAEPAE O AOTEA

Kia eke atu ki Taupaenui o te tangata

Newsletter – Friday, 8 August 2025

Kia ora e te whānau

It has been great watching our students on the sports field recently. We are now in the later stages of the winter season with many of our teams facing critical games. I've been impressed with how well our students have prepared themselves, consistently displaying our school values of Aotea, Taupaenui and Paepae on the field.

Our Kapa Haka rōpū are training extremely hard during the week and on weekends in preparation for Pae Rangatahi (regional competition) in Whanganui on 14 September 2025. Please add this date to your calendar—it would be wonderful to have a large contingent supporting our group on the day.

Hopefully, all our junior students have now chosen an activity for Term 4 Activity Week. A reminder email was sent home this week to students who have yet to make a selection. Confirmed groups for each activity will be published next week.

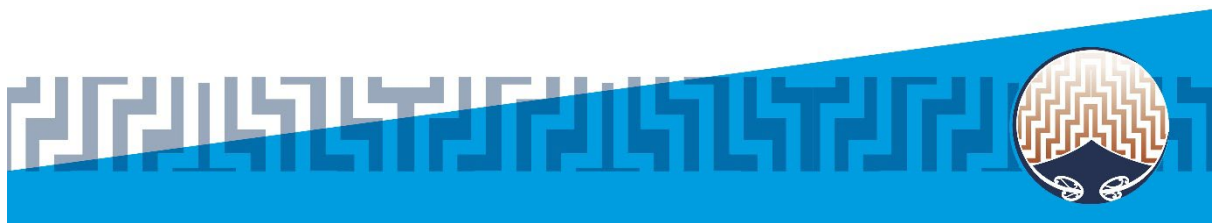
Another exciting event on the horizon is our annual Music Awards. Come along on 19 and 20 August to support our talented students. The Music Awards are a wonderful opportunity for students to challenge themselves and perform in front of a crowd. We look forward to seeing you there.

Later in this newsletter, we highlight the academic successes of our senior students. 17 Year 11 students have gained Level 1, 30 Year 12 students have gained Level 2 and 31 Year 13 students have gained Level 3. A good number of students already have, or are on track to gain, Merit and Excellence endorsements. It's been fantastic to see our senior students focused on their learning and achieving the results they deserve. They've been well supported by their whānau and our staff and the old saying, *"It takes a village to raise a child,"* feels especially true.

Recently, there has been a lot of media coverage about upcoming changes in the education sector. As new information becomes available, we'll make sure to share the key updates with you. The big announcement this week concerns proposed changes to NCEA. The Ministry of Education has produced a resource for parents and caregivers: [Proposed changes to NCEA: What you need to know as parents and caregivers](#). Feedback on these proposed changes is now open via the [Parent, family and student survey](#).

To quote the philosopher Heraclitus, *"The only constant in life is change,"*—a sentiment that feels very fitting in education right now. While many details of the proposed changes are still unknown, our role as adults is to guide our young people through these transitions by showing a willingness to adapt.

Ngā mihi nui,
Rachel Williams
Tumuaki



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

AUG 12	YEAR 7-8 VOLLEYBALL Taranaki Indoor Volleyball Champs
AUG 14	TSSSA HOCKEY 7'S Stratford TET
AUG 17	TOUGH GUY/GAL CHALLENGE Year 13 PE students - held in Rotorua
AUG 18	2025 MUSIC AWARDS Held from 18-20 August
AUG 19	CAREER EXPO Year 11-12 held in New Plymouth

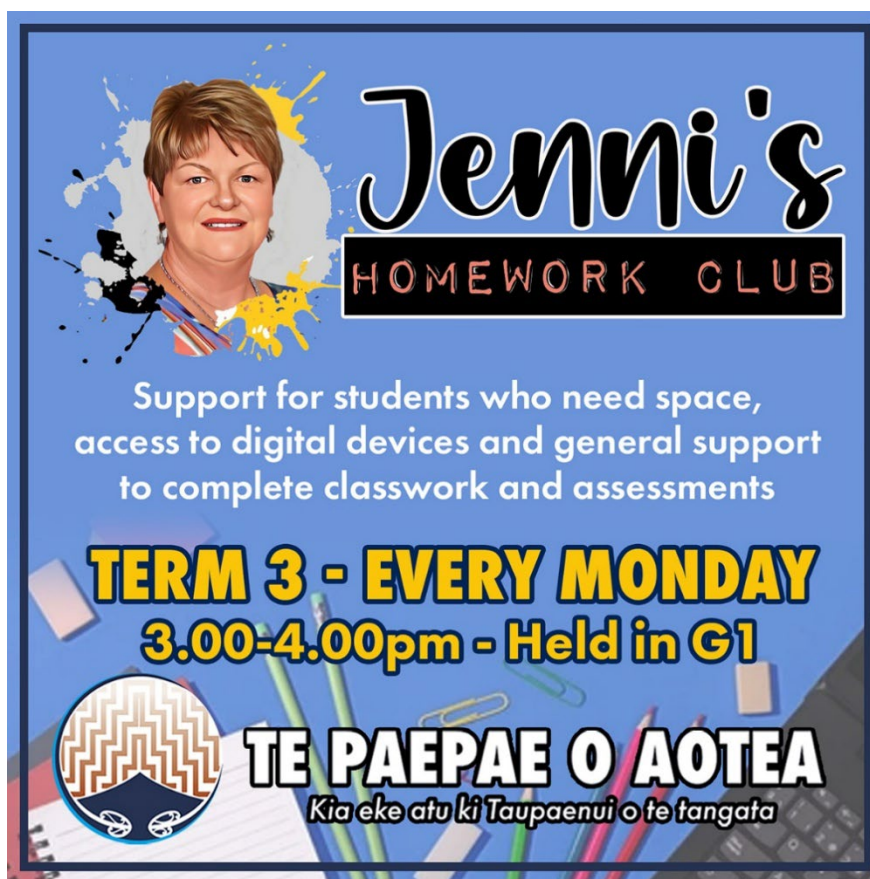
For more upcoming dates check out our calendar on the school website
www.tepaepaeoatea.school.nz



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



Expressions of Interest to Host International Students 2026

As part of our school's long-term vision to enrich cultural understanding and global engagement, we are currently in the process of applying for accreditation to welcome international students to our community in 2026.

If you are interested in hosting a student in the future, please register your interest here. (Host families will be paid a weekly fee).

[EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST TO HOST INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS 2026](#)

Return of Prizegiving Trophies

Please return all Sports, Academic and Supreme trophies from the Year 7-13 2024 Prizegivings to the School Office by Friday, 22 August 2025. Thank you.

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

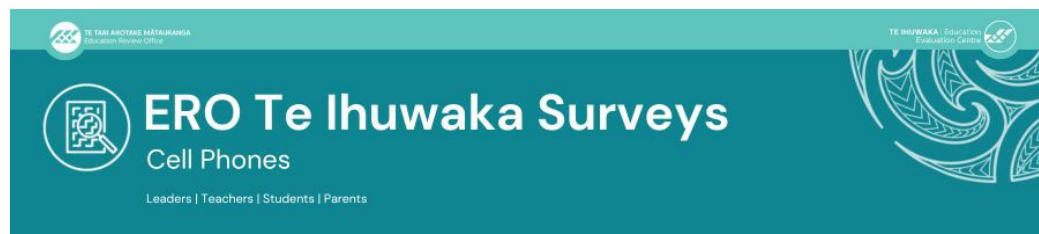
Please login to SchoolDocs to read and provide feedback on these policies.

All school uniform items are purchased through



tepaepaeoaotea.nzuniforms.com

The school office has a full uniform set for sizing purposes

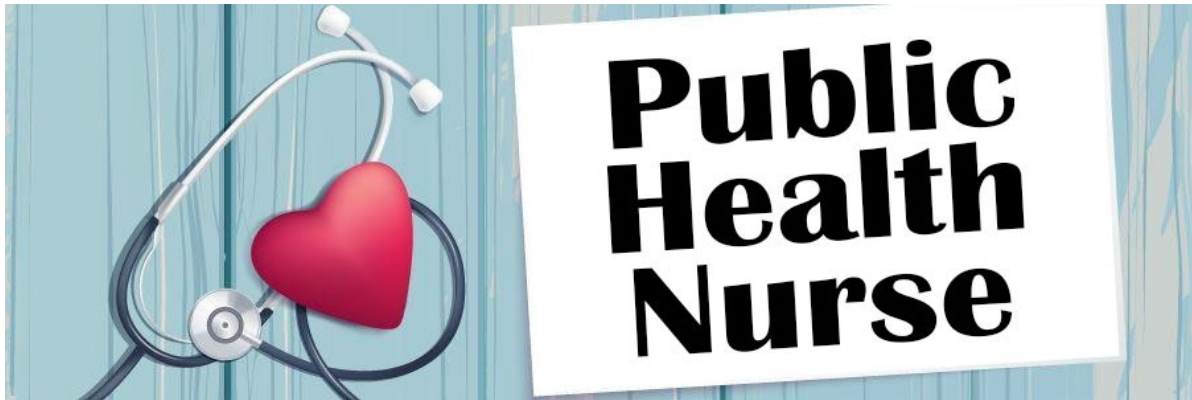


The Education Review Office is carrying out some research to learn more about how 'Phones away for the day' is going. They want to hear your thoughts on what's working, what's not working, and what could make it better. Take 5–10 minutes to share your thoughts in this quick survey — your input really makes a difference.

[Whānau/ Parent / Caregiver Survey](#)

**Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates the following
Year 11-13 students who have gained Level 1, 2 & 3**

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Jemma Gibbs Zoe Waller Ashlyn Graham Ani Erb Haily Hortillosa Cohen Soothill Kayla Hagley Lachlan Pick Hunter Stephens Peyton Scott Samara Stewart Jack Clarke Suzanna Corrigan Michael Stables Liam Neil Max Surgenor Nazeer Rye <i>Hunter Stephens and Samara Stewart have already gained enough Excellence credits for an Excellence Endorsement.</i>	Hunter Griffin Russell Hockley Tempest Fenton Wills Griggs Tiama-Deziah Hill Chase Hassell Robbie Saysell Fortune Terrill Leyton Potroz TJ Suailua Hannah Bishop Tegan Hunt Te Kingi Morehu Hanikawhe Marley Kerehoma Evita Morellon Erina Frearson Cameron Tong Brooklyn Lake Kairo Garrett Amelia Garrett Rawiri Monu Adam Stables Ryan Blackburn Jacob Spakes Peysa Hawira Oshey Low Miley Davidson Taiharuru Ratima Koen Broughton	Taerere Hepi-Puke Adib Ridzuan William Brooking Anastazja Kowal Sofia Va'aelua Izik Brogden Sarah Bishop Niamh Clancy Ariana Graham Carlitos Morellon-Anderson Daeyn Baldevieso Julia Scott Ranginui Cuthbert Sienna MacRae Jaida Rei Cassidy Ratahi-Smith Jayda Sharp Elliot Wills Hokowhitu Ngaheu Emily Bird Annja Petersen Rhys Paul Ayaan Ali Bethany Gyde Charlie Ainsworth Ayla Bond Myschief Fenton Shai-Ann Kahui Baxter Hunt Campbell Wiley Cassidy Hughes



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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STAFF ONLY DAY

Friday, 22 August 2025

School Closed



VERBREC SENIOR BOYS RUGBY SEMI FINAL

**SATURDAY
9 August 2025**

11.30AM KICK OFF AT BAYLY PARK

**TPOA Boys 1st XV Rugby
v
Stratford/Central**

Come along and support the boys



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**SENIOR ONLY
SHAVE-A-THON**



Seniors please see
Mr Barnard or Julia Scott
to register your interest



Shave
for a Cure

CRAZY HAIR DAY!

**Wednesday
27 August**

Come to school with the craziest, wackiest, most
creative hair style and show kids and grown-ups going
through a tough time right now that you care about
them by bringing a gold coin donation.



JUNIOR STUDENTS CAN PARTICIPATE
IN CRAZY HAIR DAY ONLY

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

REGISTER NOW

ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY 8 AUGUST!

[2025 Music Awards Register Here](#)



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*All whānau and students
are warmly invited*



OPEN EVENING

**Wednesday 27th August
5:30 - 7pm**

INFORMATION AND SCHOOL TOURS

Please
meet at the
School
Office

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Head Leader News

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ACADEMIC LEADER

Carlitos Morellon Anderson



Kia Ora

Our top Yr 7 & 8 Math students have completed their fourth test of the Otago Math Challenge with one to go. With the help of the other academic leaders, I've organised tutoring lessons for these students to better prepare for the remaining test.

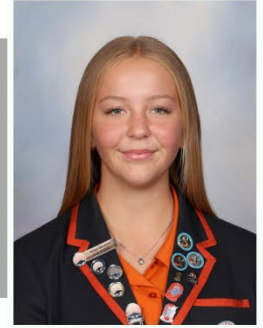
Internal assessments are ending for seniors, with exam season on the horizon - use these three months wisely. The Marama program, established by Mrs Jenni Brewer, has been amazing this year. Having so many gain NCEA Levels 1, 2 and 3 before exams is incredible, however it's important to continue to aim high and keep getting those Merit and Excellence credits coming.

In Week 6 we'll introduce a new inter awa competition. Awas will compete playing Uno, Pictionary, Scrabble and Chess. House points will be awarded for both participation and placing. Details will be announced over the loudspeakers prior to the competition. Please listen out.

Ngā mihi, Carlitos Morellon Anderson

CULTURAL LEADER

Bethany Gyde



Kia Ora

The cultural team ran their first LRA of the term this week 'Guess the Country.' It was lots of fun and enjoyed by those who attended.

The Haka competition is going very well, with every group showing commitment, power and unity in their performances. It's clear that the hours of practice are paying off so let's keep that momentum going! Keep practising hard, have pride for your awa, and continue supporting one another as a team.

If anyone in LRA has ideas they'd like to share with the cultural team – whether it's around costumes, chants or performance elements – please contact myself or any cultural leaders and they would be more than happy to help.

Nga Mihi, Bethany Gyde

COMMUNITY LEADER

Julia Scott



Kia Ora

The community council continues to work hard with our Can Drive officially up and running. We encourage everyone to bring non-perishables to their whānau class so they can be donated to their respective awa's charity. Kaūpokonui: Te Ara Pae Trust, Tangahoe: Taranaki Foundation, Waingongoro: Food Bank, Patea: Salvation Army. On 20 August we're hosting our annual shave-a-thon and Crazy Hair Day. If any seniors are willing to shave or cut their hair, please get in touch with either myself or Mr Barnard.

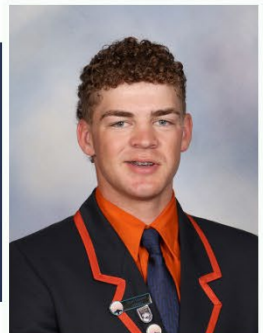
We also have new study spaces and an official Year 13 common room established within our school. Make the most of these spaces as they are a great asset for all.

Winter has seen many viral colds going around. Make sure you're wrapping up warm and resting well before exams for seniors, and activity planning for juniors.

Ngā mihi, Julia Scott

SPORTS LEADER

Baxter Hunt




Kia Ora

Term 3 has rocketed by so far and LRA pickle ball has been a blast. Unfortunately, the Whanganui school sports exchange was cancelled, but next week, the sports council are running LRA crazy softball. This will run Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. So come over to the Hub and have a run around to collect points for your Awa.

Following that in the sports world, we can look forward to a mix of tug of war and knockout basketball in week 7, with Rippa rugby to round things off in week 9.

For these and all LRAs, listen out for the notices and the intercom to find out whether you're at lunch or interval if you're a junior or senior.

Ngā mihi, Baxter Hunt






MILEY RECEIVES AFS NZL ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates Miley Davidson who has been selected to participate in the New Zealand AFS Intercultural programme in France.

Miley has also been selected as a recipient of the Ross Mathieson AFS NZL Alumni Scholarship for 2025.

Miley will be an excellent ambassador for our school and community as well as AFS whilst she studies in her host country.



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ENDEAVOUR CENTRE ENJOYS TSSSA GOLF

A fun day was had out at the TSSSA Golf.

Our students were learning to putt and drive the ball. The students gave the teachers a run for their money.



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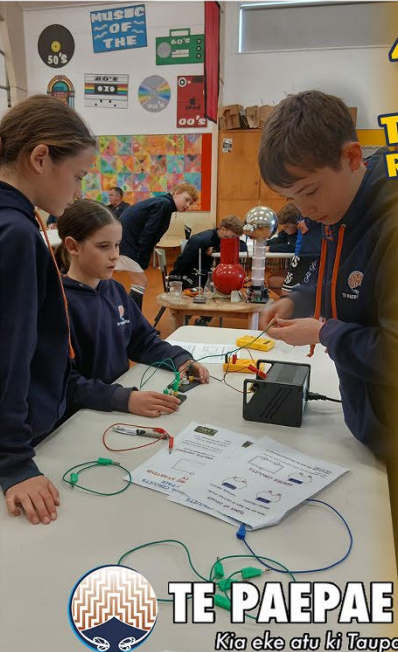
NEW ZEALAND CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates Tayla Sturgeon who place third in the U14 Girls New Zealand Cross Country Championships held in Christchurch in recently.




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4TH PLACE AT SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY REGIONAL QUIZ

Today the Year 7-8 Te Paepae o Aotea students - Ashley Finney, Alyssa Mills and Lewis Ritson traveled to Mangorei school to participate at the Science and Technology Quiz - an annual event of the Taranaki Science and Technology Fair. The team secured the fourth position and made us all proud. Congratulations and keep up the good work.



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BCITO He Hunga Hanga Mātou building people LEVEL 2-3 COURSE

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates Lewis Finn who recently passed his BCITO Level 2-3 course. This will help Finn towards his apprenticeship which he starts later in the year at Arthur Brown Construction.



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mito LEVEL 2 COURSE

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates Josh Midgley who recently passed his MITO Level 2 course. This will help Josh towards his current apprenticeship that he has started at ActionMoto.



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Outward Bound

Rory Proud to be a COOK 727

Rory McLeod

Outward Bound was an unforgettable experience that has improved my life in every way possible. Each day presented a fresh set of challenges and opportunities to do things I never would have thought possible.

My self-confidence soared to new heights by being pushed to succeed by my instructors and watchmates. I had the time of my life throughout the course, made some lifelong friends, and went on some amazing adventures.

Without a doubt, Outward Bound is the single greatest experience I've ever had, and it has motivated me to reach for the stars. I'm proud to be a Cook 727.



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2025 SCHOOL GRADE TOUCH REGISTRATIONS

Students interested in playing touch this year in either a Year 7/8 Mixed Grade or Year 9-13 Secondary School team, must register using the 2025 Touch Registrations link below.

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Use link to register

[2025 Touch Registrations](#)



YEAR 7-8 TEAM BLUR WIN BASKETBALL FINALS

**Year 7-8 Basketball Trophy
Back Where It Belongs – In Our Cabinet!**

Last night, our Te Paepae o Aotea Year 7/8 Mixed Basketball teams wrapped up the Hāwera Basketball Competition in style — sweeping the podium with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishes.

The final was a thriller: TPOA Blur vs TPOA Oasis went point-for-point, ending regular time at 26-all. Enter Golden Point — Lucas Skipper nailed a clutch 2-pointer to seal the win for Blur, 30–28!

Huge shoutout to our superstar student coaches: Te Aute Grindlay (TPOA Blur) and Leo Snooks & Jo'han Leef-Luke (TPOA Oasis)

In the 3rd/4th playoff, TPOA Panterra came out firing, but Manaia Thunder made a strong comeback. Final score: Panterra 36–27, locking in 3rd place!

MVPs of the 2025 Yr 7/8 season:

Girl MVP: Indie Potts - Boy MVP: Lucas Skipper

*Massive congratulations to all our players for showing true
Taupaenui and bringing the trophy home!*



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BOYS WIN DIVISION 3 AT NZSS SQUASH NATIONALS

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates our boys' team for their outstanding performance at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Squash Nationals, where they emerged as winners of Division 3.

Division 3, a newly introduced category for lower-graded players. Over the course of three days in Wellington, more than 700 squash matches were played, featuring 35 boys' teams and 21 girls' teams — including nine composite teams.



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YES Business CHALLENGE

"COLOUR THEORY"



Today marked the final day of the YES Business Challenge, where students presented their sustainable business ideas to a panel of local South Taranaki business professionals.

First place was awarded to **Colour Theory** the group included Charlee Stokes, Sarah Brotherson Liam Coogan and Anise Borrie.

Second place was award to **Eco Bricks** this group included Mikayla Arnold, Andie French, Brooke Stokes, Lucian Harper and Wallis Gyde.

Lucas Kempton was recognized as one of three standout entrepreneurs over the three-day event.

The event was enjoyed by all our students and a big thank you to our local judges and the event organisers.



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GET-2-GO

Regional Challenge

Te Paepae o Aotea - Take 3rd Place



Te Paepae o Aotea entered a mixed team of eight in the Get-2-Go Regional Challenge held at Lake Rotomanu, New Plymouth on 25 July.

A great group of students proudly representing Te Paepae o Aotea, working as a team to get through the challenges of the day, coming away with 3rd Place for Competitive Grade.

The challenge is an outdoor education event for Year 9 & 10 students, made up of four girls and four boys. This years team was Mikayla Arnold, Tayla Sturgeon, Brooke Stokes, Charlee Stokes, Ryan Finey, Lachlan Wills, Logan Hunt and Tamamihiaata Edwards.

The action-packed day combines outdoor adventure activities of orienteering, kayaking, mountain biking, problem solving with the added element of time pressure.

Stage 1 started with mountain biking loops, while the rest of the team worked together to complete tasks that gave them the items to light a fire and cook sausages.

Stage 2 Kayaking involved collecting scrabble tiles to create a sentence.

Lastly the Orienteering **Stage 3** had the team racing up and down the walkway and surrounding area to collect as many check points as possible and be back before time was up!





Sports News

TPOA Sports in Full Flight

What a term it's been for our athletes. From netball courts to rugby fields, squash courts to hockey turfs, our students have shown grit, growth and greatness. Here's your latest sports round-up.

Saturday Netball – Cheers All Round

Our Saturday netball teams wrapped up their season with energy and enthusiasm. A massive thank you to all the parents and coaches who supported the players week after week, rain or shine. Your dedication makes all the difference. The players showed awesome teamwork and improvement throughout the season. Ka pai.

U15 Boys Rugby – More Than Just a Score

Our U15 boys finished 7th overall but that number doesn't tell the full story. These boys played with heart, passion, and Taupaenui. Never giving up, always pushing forward. Congratulations to Connah, Murphy and Sebastian selected in the Taranaki U16 squad. We're proud of you.

Rugby Finals Fever – Bring It On

It's finals time and our rugby stars are stepping up.

- Nevaeh Ratahi, Shai-Ann Kahui and Zevaya Prestidge have been shining in the Central Girls Rugby team. This week they played a thrilling semi-final against Waitara Whānui, winning 42–29. Now they're heading to the Verbrec Senior Girls Final next Wednesday, 7:30pm at The Gully against NPGHS. Awesome mahi, wāhine toa.
- Our TPOA Boys 1st XV are charging into their semi-final against Central Boys 1st XV this week. Kick-off is 11:30am at Bayly Park. This team has shown incredible improvement, culture and determination throughout the season. Despite a few injuries, they've stayed strong and focused. With nothing to lose and everything to gain, this match is set to be a cracker.

TPOA Squash – Smashing Success

Our squash squad made waves at the NZSS Squash Tournament in Wellington. Six boys represented TPOA and finished top of the 3rd division. A fantastic result and a testament to their hard work and determination.

Winter Tournament Week – Eyes on the Prize

From 23 - 29 August, our netball and hockey teams will be chasing their goals at Secondary School Tournament Week.

- Netball will compete in the LNISS Netball Competition in Palmerston North
- Hockey heads to Stratford for the Mixed Hockey Tournament.

Training has been intense and teams are making strides both on and off the court. Keep up the great work.

Year 7-8 Rugby 7s – Taupaenui in Action

Two teams participated in the Taranaki Rugby 7s tournament in Inglewood and wow, what a performance. Each game showed improvement, resilience and that never-give-up attitude we call Taupaenui. Great effort from all involved.

TSSSA Events – Seniors, It's Your Time

Only a few TSSSA events left on the calendar for our senior students. Don't miss out. Get involved and give it a go. We'd love to see more girls participating too. Let's finish the season strong.

2025 School Grade Touch – Get Ready

Touch season is coming up fast. If you're in Year 7/8, register your interest now. Year 9-10? Get your team together. Touch is a fast, skillful and super fun sport to play with your mates. Don't miss out.

[Touch Registrations](#)

Final Whistle

To all our athletes, coaches, supporters and families, thank you for making this season unforgettable. Whether you won, lost or learned, you showed what it means to be part of our school community.

"Keep pushing, keep striving—your best is always ahead of you."

Honours & Achievements – Get Recognised

Done something awesome in sport, culture, academics or the community? This is how you get your Honours Badge

- Fill out the Honours Badges & Achievement form
- Hand it in at the main school office
- Entries close before the end of Term 3

Information provided is also considered for the Taupaenui Awards at the end of the year. All nomination forms must 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 email, vicki.roberts@tepaepaeoaotea.school.nz

2025 Upcoming Sporting Events	
TSSSA Events	
Hockey 7s	Thursday, 14 August
Ki o Rahi	Wednesday, 20 August
Student and Community Coach Day	Tuesday, 9 September
Trail Relay	Thursday, 11 September
Senior Winter Tournament Week	
Hockey 1 st XI Mixed	25-29 August – Stratford
Netball Senior A	25-29 August – Palmerston North
Year 7-8 Sporting Events	
Year 7-8 Taranaki Indoor Volleyball	Tuesday, 12 August

VERBREC SENIOR BOYS RUGBY

SEMI FINAL

SATURDAY

9 August 2025

11.30AM KICK OFF AT BAYLY PARK

TPOA Boys 1st XV Rugby

V

Stratford/Central

Come along and support the boys



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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

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