

TE PAEPAE O AOTEA

Kia eke atu ki Taupaenui o te tangata

Newsletter - Friday, 19 September 2025

Kia ora e te whānau

What an amazing end to the term we've had.

We've celebrated regional success in both Golf Croquet and Kapa Haka. Jayda Sharp and Charlie Ainsworth showcased exceptional talent, winning the Central North Island Golf Croquet competition. Our senior kapa haka rōpū were magnificent on stage last Sunday at *Pae Rangatahi* (the regional competition for Taranaki and Whanganui), placing 5th overall. These students have truly embodied *Taupaenui* (striving for excellence) throughout their campaign and we couldn't be prouder.

Last week, our Year 7 and 8 students took the stage at *Tatarakihi*, the Taranaki primary schools' kapa haka festival. Once again, they were outstanding and the whole school was treated to their performance at our end-of-term assembly.

As a school, we know these incredible achievements are the result of our community working together for the betterment of our students. A massive thank you to everyone who continues to support our students in their endeavours.

The end-of-term assembly was also a chance to celebrate students who have earned honours. Honour badges are awarded for achievements in the Arts, Culture and Sport. Our top award, the Blues Badge, is given to students who have represented at a national level. Orange Badges are awarded for regional representation and Silver Badges recognise students who have served the school at the highest level for at least two years.

Looking ahead, our senior students will only be with us for a few more weeks. Year 12 and 13 students finish on 29 October, while Year 11 students remain until 14 November. It's vital that seniors stay focused during this final stretch to ensure they achieve their NCEA goals. All cohorts are tracking well and we're excited to see them finish the year strong.

As mentioned in our last newsletter, most junior students have now selected their end-of-year activities. Charges for these have been added to school accounts. We encourage whānau to begin making payments early to ease financial pressure later in the year. Please note that all activity fees must be paid in full before Activity Week begins on 1 December.

Transition visits to our feeder schools have begun and enrolments this year will be completed online. If you need assistance, please contact the school office. If you missed our recent open evening and would like a private or small group tour, we'd be happy to arrange one—please get in touch with the office.

We are looking forward to Term 4 and hope everyone has a wonderful break over the holidays.

Remember to add our school prizegiving dates to your calendars.

Ngā mihi nui,Rachel Williams **Tumuaki**



Year 11-12 Whānau Meetings

Wednesday 8 October 2025 - 1.30-5.30pm

The purpose of these meetings is to review the goals set at the beginning of the year and to confirm subject selections for 2026.

We encourage all parents and students to book a time slot to see their Whānau teacher. These meetings will take place in their whānau classroom.

Please click on the link below to make an appointment

Year 11-12 Whānau Meetings



YEAR 11 PRACTICE EXAMS

Jubilee Gym - 6-10 October 2025

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	6 October	7 October	8 October	9 October	10 October
9.30am- 12.30pm	L1ENG	L1INS	L1HEA L1COM	L1HIS L1GEO L1MAO	L1MAT

What to bring to your exam



Pens Highlighters Ruler



Water in a clear water bottle



Calculator if you need it



Fully charged Laptop if your exam is digital



A positive attitude





TSB Stadium, New Plymouth

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



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PRIZEGIVING DATES

Senior Year 11-13 Wednesday, 29 October 2025 6.30pm-8.30pm - TSB Hub, Hāwera

Year 9-10 Tuesday, 9 December 2025 9.30am-11.30am - TSB Hub, Hāwera

Year 7-8 Wednesday, 10 December 2025 9.30am-11.30am - TSB Hub, Hāwera







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Uniform Fitting TERM 4

Monday-Friday, 3.00-4.00pm
A full fitting size is held
at the School Office.
All uniforms need to be
purchased through



tepaepaeoaotea.nzuniforms.com

Enrol Online



The enrolment form is on the school website www.tepaepaeoaotea.school.nz

Monday, 1 September - 2pm Turuturu Primary School

Tuesday, 2 September - 10am Hawera Christian School

Friday, 5 September - 9.30am Matapu Primary School

Monday, 8 September Auroa Primary School - 9.30am Kakaramea Primary School - 11am

Wednesday, 10 September - 10am St Joseph's School Hawera

Thursday, 11 September - 10am Ramanui Primary School

Friday, 12 September - 10am Mokoia Primary School

Friday, 12 September - 1.30pm Manaia Primary School

Thursday, 18 September - 10am Normanby Primary School

Friday, 19 September - 11am Hawera Primary School

Tuesday, 7 October - 10am Tawhiti Primary School



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

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Password excellence



Policies under review Term 3 – Please login to SchoolDocs to read and provide feedback on these policies:

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

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



All school uniform items are purchased through

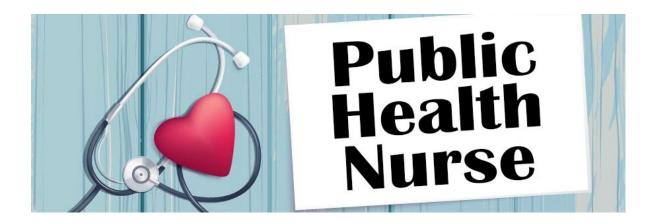


tepaepaeoaotea.nzuniforms.com

The school office has a full uniform set for sizing purposes

Second Hand Uniform

Got uniform pieces at home you're no longer using? Bring them in clean to the office—our pastoral team will pass them on to students who need them.



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

Danielle Peach - Mobile <u>027 239 0679</u> Email <u>Danielle.Peach@tdhb.org.nz</u> Mary Poulose - Mobile <u>027 517 3480</u> Email <u>Mary.Poulose@tdhb.org.nz</u>

- 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.



What a term. Often the hardest to keep motivated as we deal with the cold and often wet winter days but one the busiest with a full Arts and Cultural Calendar.

Drama, Music, Photography and Visual Arts students are finalising performances and folios which will see them gaining their creative NCEA credits. Along with their hard work in the classroom, much is done in public performance to our community.

Senior Drama and Music students always enjoy the chance to experience a live performance and this term was no exception. A small group travelled to New Plymouth Opera House to see the workings behind theatre life. The visit included this year's stand out show "Chicago". Thank you to Mr Barnard for organising this amazing opportunity.

Early in the term students were captivated by a professional performance by the talented New Zealand Army Band as part of their recruitment drive through Taranaki. With the whole school attending it was a lively and interactive show enjoyed by all.

The Memorial Theatre stage was once again home to 'Te Paepae O Aotea has Talent,' Waiata Reo and Music Awards displaying a whirlwind of creative growth from both junior and senior students. Congratulations to all who took part and a special thank you to our sponsors for the evening, allowing for generous awards for all the winners.

This term has been one of the busiest for cultural competition. The corridors have echoed the sound of wonderful Kapa Haka as awa practised for the annual Haka Competition. Awa pride was on full display as all took to the stage with a high calibre ending a close competition. Congratulations to Tangahoe who won by two points ahead of Patea.

Te Paepae o Aotea Junior non-competitive Kapa Haka rōpū performed locally as part of Tatarakihi later in the term while the seniors shone in Wanganui at Pae Rangatahi. As this newsletter goes out, this talented senior team is traveling to Queenstown to participate in the "Big 10" We wish them fun and success. Thank you so much to staff, tutors, whānau and the dedication of students who have been practising all year for these performances.

And we mustn't forget our staff who have also worked hard this year for their annual performance at Kahui Whetu, Taranaki's Kapa Haka festival for Secondary School Staff held this year in Patea.

While students are away on break, staff continue to work hard.

On return for Term 4, keep an eye out for the new mural installation on Dixon Block. These are part of Level 1 Visual Art and reflect both the colours and theme of Te Paepae o Aotea.

"Te toi whakairo, ka ihiihi, ka wehiwehi, ka aweawe te ao katoa.

Artistic excellence makes the world sit up in wonder."



TE PAEPAE O AOTEA Head Leader News

19 September 2025



ACADEMIC LEADER

Carlitos Morellon Anderson



CULTURAL LEADER

Bethany Gyde



Kia Ora

With only a few weeks left in the school year for senior students, it's starting to feel very much like the end of the year already. The past few months have been exceptional and I am incredibly proud of all you have achieved, both in your own pursuits and in representing Te Paepae o Aotea across a wide range of competitions.

Special congratulations go to Dylan Fagan, the highest-scoring student at Te Paepae o Aotea in the Otago Maths Challenge. I would also like to acknowledge all the other students who took part. Your efforts showed our values of Paepae and Taupaenui which is amazing to see. Keep taking up opportunities like these whenever you can.

Looking ahead, the Academic Committee is planning a Spelling Bee early next term to wrap up the year. Be sure to come along and earn some points for your awa. With a bit of luck, this might be the time students finally make a comeback against the staff.

Ngā mihi, Carlitos Morellon Anderson

COMMUNITY LEADER

Julia Scott



Kia Ora

We have made it to the end of the term. This term has been a rollercoaster with the community council having their can drive, shave a thon and crazy hair day all within a short timeframe. In the senior space, seniors have been working tirelessly as mocks are fast approaching and university deadlines have come up. My reminder for these holidays is to rest and reset before the final school term for 2025.

I applaud everyone's hard work whether it be in academics or in sports, your success is one to celebrate and I hope this term break allows you to do just that. Term 4 will not see the community council hold any events but I do remind all Year 13s to tie up loose ends as we make our exit and also start planning for dress up week as this is the time to get funky. For juniors, look toward the following years and start making subject selections and applying for leadership roles to take full advantage of all the opportunities on offer.

Ngā mihi, Julia Scott

Kia Ora

We've had an awesome term filled with energy, growth and unforgettable moments. One of the absolute highlights was the haka competition. It was incredible to watch and truly showcased the strength, unity and mana of our school. The powerful haka exchange between students and teachers was a standout moment that brought the whole school together and left a lasting impression on everyone who witnessed it. A huge thank you to all the staff, students and whānau who supported each other throughout the term. Your hard work and positive vibes made all the difference. As we wrap up, congratulations to everyone receiving awards at the end of term assembly. Your dedication and effort have not gone unnoticed and you should all be proud of what you've achieved. Let's carry this momentum into next term and keep striving for excellence together. Have a safe and restful break – see you all next term.

Ngā mihi, Bethany Gyde

SPORTS LEADER

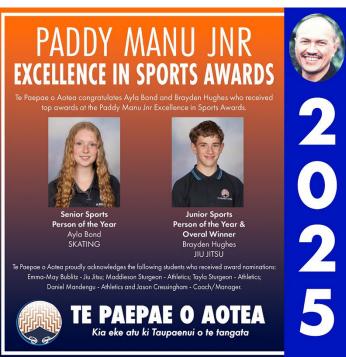
Baxter Hunt



Kia Ora

The last two weeks of term 3 have been filled with excitement. Recently Charlie Ainsworth and Jayda Sharp competed and placed 1st in the Hawkes Bay at the NZ North Island Secondary School Croquet Tournament. This is a huge accomplishment -congratulations to you both. We also had winners in the Paddy Manu Jnr Sports Awards; Ayla Bond - Senior Sports Person of the Year and Brayden Hughes - Junior Sports Person of the Year and Overall Winner. Congratulations to you both and to all others nominated for awards. Over the past weekend Michaela Blyde, Conrad Smith and Ross Brown tournaments were played with South winning Michaela Blye and Conrad Smith. Congratulations to those teams and all those selected to play. As the holidays start, I hope everyone has a good break with lots of study for those students with exams, but I also hope everyone takes advantage of the warmer days we're having to get outside and be active. Ngā mihi, Baxter Hunt







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Outward Bound

An Incredible Opportunity

Kateia Mills

Earlier this year, I had the opportunity to spend 21 days in Anakiwa completing an Outward Bound course with 13 other students from Taranaki. On arrival, all our devices were handed in. Phones, books, and other distractions had to be left behind, allowing us to properly disconnect and focus on the challenges ahead. Our course began with waka ama, paddling across The Marlborough Sounds and sleeping under the stars. From there, we tramped into the bush for three days, carrying everything we needed on our backs. Next came the three-day sail. Living and working on the water taught our watch both patience and teamwork. After sailing, we faced one of the most unique parts of the course: a two-night solo. Each of us camped alone in the bush with only basic gear and our own thoughts for company. Once we regrouped, the challenges continued with a three-day tramp, testing both our endurance and our ability to support one another through tough conditions. And finally, the course concluded with a half mararthon. Crossing that finish line was an achievement that summed up everything we had worked toward over the three weeks—resilience, perseverance, and self-belief.
Throughout it all, our instructors Dani and Caleb guided us with a balance of teaching and stepping back, allowing us to take responsibility and learn for ourselves. I'd like to thank them along with our kaiako and the sponsors who made this incredible



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PAE RANGATAHI

Our Senior Kapa Haka rōpū took to the stage on Sunday, 14 September at Pae Rangatahi in Whanganui, delivering an exceptional performance finishing 3rd place for Haka and fifth place overall. For all photo and video highlights:

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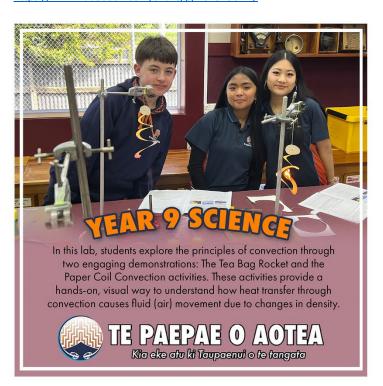


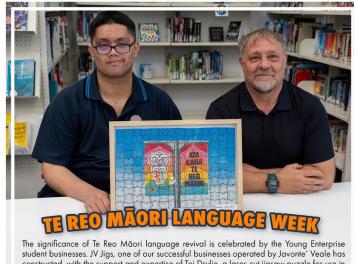
TATARAKIHI FESTIVAL

Our talented Year 7–8 Kapa Haka group brought incredible energy and pride to the stage at the Tatarakihi Festival, held at the TSB Hub in Hāwera on Friday, 11 September 2025.

For all photo and video highlights:

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Ihe significance of le Reo Māori language revival is celebrated by the Young Enterprise student businesses. JV Jigs, one of our successful businesses operated by Javonte' Veale has constructed, with the support and expertise of Toi Drylie, a laser-cut jigsaw puzzle for use in our school library, to exemplify our commitment to Te Reo Māori as a living language, as well as the challenge and perseverance needed to meet our school's goals.



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TEXTITLE STUDENTS

This week the year 12 and 13 textile students went to Wellington to watch the WOW show and explore the variety of textile and design opportunities. It was an amazing opportunity for our students, we went to Weta workshop to see how they create their props and costumes, and we went on a behind the scenes tour of the Te Papa textiles collection to see how fashion in New Zealand has evolved sine the 1800's. We then had the opportunity to visit both the design schools of Victoria and Massey University's to see what opportunities they had for the students, there is so many different options and pathways available to them to follow their passions. Of course, the main event was watching the WOW show on Wednesday night! It was a spectacular show that challenged our sight, sound and imagination, along with the amazing costumes, there was amazing dancers, acrobatics and even Opera singing. Once again it was an amazing opportunity for the students to see the opportunities out there for them and to be exposed to different points of view and culture.

















Sports News

'Boom, Clap and that's a Wrap' for Term 3

Term 3 has been packed with wins, wow moments and wicked talent across our kura. From local fields to international stages, our students and teams have made us proud — showing grit, skill and heart in every game and event you all participated and entered in.

Sports Conference Insights

This week, I had the awesome opportunity to attend the Sports Conference in Palmy. It was a goldmine of ideas around sports management, student involvement and how we can better connect with our Gen Z athletes/students — especially through social media.

Rugby Legends in the Making

A massive shoutout to all our students who smashed it at recent rugby tournaments. We had players in the South Conrad Smith, Michaela Blyde and Ross Brown teams — Solid performances were seen at the South Conrad Smith and Michaela Blyde teams overall winners

Good luck to Nevaeh Ratahi and Zevaya Prestidge as they rep the Taranaki U16 Girls Rugby team at the North Island Tournament in Whangārei. These Year 11 stars have already proven their dedication earlier in the season with the Central U18 Girls team. Go hard, wāhine toa.

Cross Country Champs

35 Year 7/8 students represented our kura at the Taranaki Primary Schools Cross Country at the Hawera A&P Showgrounds. Everyone gave it their all and a special congratulations to Alyssa Mills, who placed 10th in the U12 Girls. Whether you placed or paced yourself — ka pai. You showed courage and commitment.

Section Good Company Company

Who knew croquet could be so intense? Charlie Ainsworth and Jayda Sharp lit up the NZ North Island Golf Croquet Secondary Schools Tournament in Hawke's Bay. They entered the finals as underdogs, trailing by 4 points — but came back with fire to beat PNGHS in a nail-biting match. Big ups to Maree Sturgeon, their camp mum and ultimate supporter. You helped make history — our kura is now the first school engraved on the cup.



Paddy Manu Jnr Sports Awards

We celebrated our sporting legends at the Paddy Manu Jnr Excellence in Sports Awards — a night full of pride and passion. Paddy was a mentor to many and his legacy lives on through his whānau, community and the athletes he inspired.

Nominees

- Junior Sports Person: Tayla Sturgeon (Yr9 Athletics), Brayden Hughes (Year10 Jiu Jitsu)
- Senior Sports Person: Daniel Mandengu (Yr13 Athletics), Maddison Sturgeon (Year 12 Triathlon), Emma-May Bublitz (Year 12 – Jiu Jitsu), Ayla Bond (Year 13 – Skating)
- Volunteer/Coach: Jason Cressingham (Staff Athletics)

Winners

- Junior Sports Person of the Year Brayden Hughes
- Senior Sports Person of the Year Ayla Bond
- Overall Sports Winner of the Year Brayden Hughes

Metball Nationals

This week, Lakein Woods, CB Jemenez and Matua Mahaki are repping Taranaki at the NZ Men's Netball Nationals in Hawke's Bay. Lakein and CB are playing for Tysons U20 Mens and Matua for Waitara Whanui Masters Mens. These two bring serious flair and energy to the court — can't wait to hear how they go.

Enjoy the holidays. Take a breather, recharge and maybe sneak in some training for Term 4s summer sports. Let's come back fit, focused and fired up!

"Success isn't always about greatness. It's about consistency. Consistent hard work leads to success. Greatness will come." – Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson

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













2025 Upcoming Sporting Events					
TSSSA Events					
TSSSA Junior Volleyball	Friday, 10 October				
TSSSA Junior Futsal	Thursday, 16 October				
TSSSA All Ability Athletics	Tuesday, 21 October				
TSSSA Junior 6 Aside Cricket	Thursday, 30 October				
TSSSA Touch	Wednesday, 5 November				
TSSSAQ All Ability Cricket	Monday, 24 November				
TSSSA Modified Sports Week	Monday 24 – Friday 28 November				
TSSSA Junior Beach Volleyball	Thursday, 27 November				
Year 7-8					
Indoor Bowls	Tuesday, 21 October				
Athletics	Thursday, 20 November				
Summer Sports	Wednesday, 26 November				
Touch/Volleyball/5-a-side Football					
School Grade Touch					
held at Turuturu Soccer Grounds	Thursday Nights - 4-6pm				



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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