



# TE PAEPAE O AOTEA

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## Newsletter – Friday, 5 September 2025

Kia ora e te whānau

A massive congratulations to our Netball, Hockey and Basketball teams who represented the school during Winter Tournament Week. All three teams demonstrated courage and school pride throughout the week. I was particularly impressed by their ability to learn and grow through the experience.

A heartfelt thank you to our volunteer coaches and managers—without your support our teams would not be able to compete. Special congratulations to our Junior Basketball team who were outstanding and won their competition. Summer sports will be starting soon. Please encourage your child to sign up at the Sports Office.

Most of our junior students have now selected their end-of-year activities. Charges for these activities have been added to school accounts. I 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 prior to the start of Activity Week on 1 December.

Next week, students will sit their Common Assessment Activities (CAA) for Numeracy and Literacy—corequisites for NCEA. This will be the first opportunity for Year 9 students to sit these assessments. Year 10 and 11 students who have not yet passed will also be given another opportunity. If you would like more information, please contact your child's Literacy or Numeracy teacher.

In the final week of term, Year 12 and 13 students will sit their practice exams. Year 11 practice exams will be held at the beginning of Term 4. These exams are essential, as results may be used in the event of an emergency at the end of the year and will also contribute to the selection of top academic awards at Prizegiving.

This week concluded with our Inter-Awa Kapa Haka competition. It was wonderful to see our students perform and challenge themselves in front of the school. A huge congratulations to all students who led in this space—you truly embodied our school value of Paepae. This value supports courage, adventure, strength, persistence and the pursuit of knowledge in the learning environment.

Our Kapa Haka rūpū is currently practicing diligently in preparation for Pae Rangatahi (Regionals) being held in Whanganui on Sunday, 14 September. We warmly encourage whānau and supporters to attend and cheer on our group—it would be wonderful to have a strong support crew present. I had the privilege of watching their practice last weekend and was blown away by the commitment and passion they displayed.

I have begun transition visits to our feeder schools. This is always an exciting time of year. Enrolments this year will be completed online. If you need assistance, please contact the school office. We also had a very successful Open Evening recently. If you would like a private or small group tour, please get in touch with the office.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Rachel Williams  
Tumuaki

## NCEA Update

### Literacy and Numeracy results to date

Year 11 Literacy – 56%

Year 11 Numeracy – 87%

Year 12 Literacy – 82%

Year 12 Numeracy – 96%

Year 13 Literacy - 93%

Year 13 Numeracy – 95%

Our target for the year is to have all senior cohorts with 90% plus passing their literacy and numeracy co-requisites

## NCEA progress

### Year 13 (76 students)

30 already have Level 3

91% have Level 1

87% have Level 2

Overall pass rate across all assessments this year is 89%

### Year 12 (107 students)

38 already have Level 2

78% have Level 1

Overall pass rate across all assessments this year is 89%

### Year 11 (127 students)

24 already have Level 1

Overall pass rate across all assessments this year is 91%

## Excellence endorsements

Congratulations to the following students who have already gained 50+ credits at Excellence this year.

### Level 1 Excellence

- Hunter Stephens
- Samara Stewart

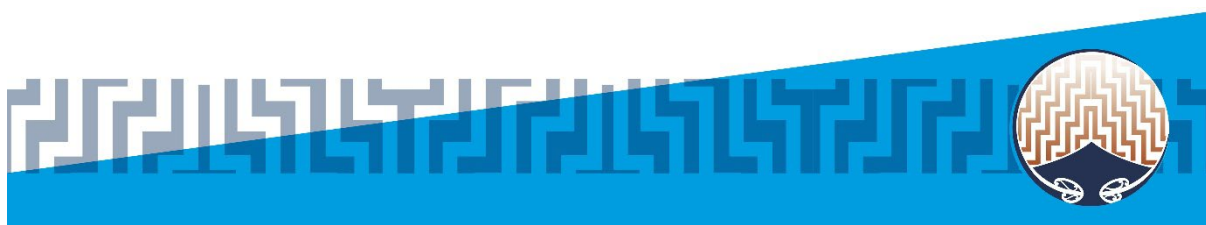
### Level 2 Excellence

- Lauren Kalin
- Taiharuru Ratima
- Evita Morellon
- Miley Davidson

### Level 3 Excellence

- Carlitos Morellon-Anderson
- Julia Scott

There are several senior students who only have a few more credits to go before they will be added to this list. Please keep encouraging your child to strive for excellence across all their assessments and subject areas.



## 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

SEP   8-12	<b>CAA TESTING</b> Reading, Writing & Numeracy
SEP   9	<b>TSSSA STUDENT COACH DAY</b> 9am-2pm at Stratford TET
SEP   10	<b>YEAR 10-12 NCEA SUBJECT EXPO</b> & Information Evening 5.00-7.30pm
SEP   12	<b>YEAR 7-8 VOLLEYBALL</b> TSB Stadium, New Plymouth
SEP   15-19	<b>SENIOR PRACTICE EXAMS</b> Year 12-13 ONLY

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





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

## Enrol Online



The enrolment form is on the school website  
[www.tepaepaeoaotea.school.nz](http://www.tepaepaeoaotea.school.nz)

## Feeder School Visits

**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**

Kakaramaea 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

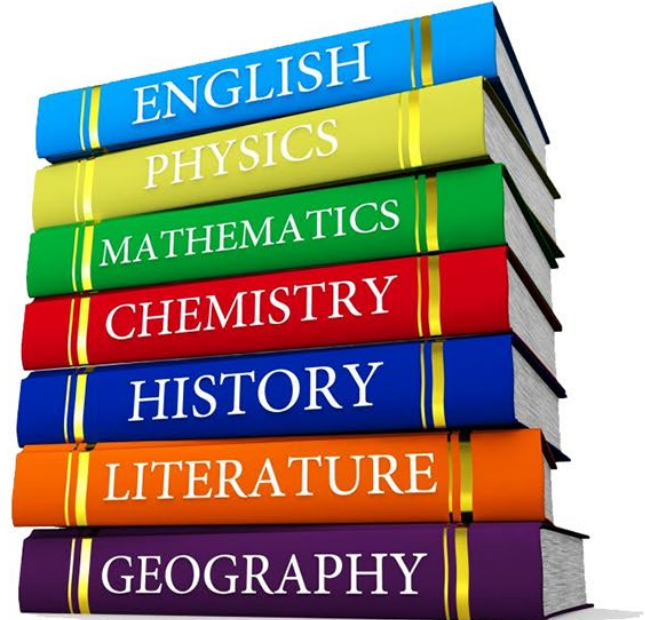




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## YEAR 10 NCEA INFORMATION EVENING



### Wednesday, 10 September 2025

Resource Hub, Te Ramanui Block

NCEA Information Talk at 5.00pm

## YEARS 10-12

## SUBJECT EXPO

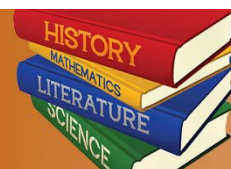
Te Ramanui Block- 5.30-7.30pm



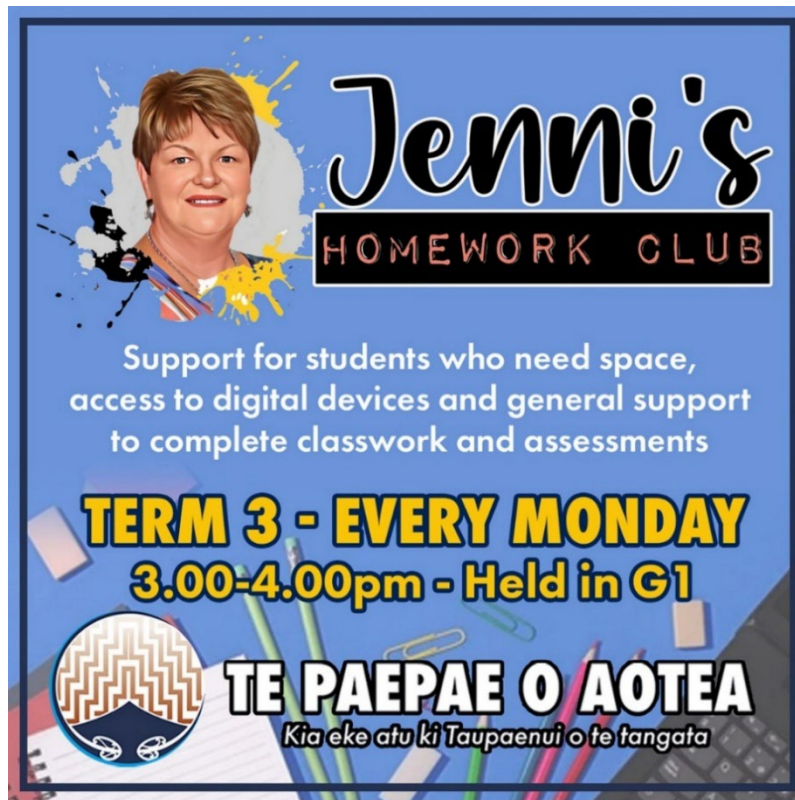




# AFTER SCHOOL Senior Sessions Term 3



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



## School-Wide Well-Being Survey

Each term in weeks three (3) and seven (7) our students are asked to fill in our Well-Being Survey during Whānau Hui. This provides students the opportunity to tell us how we are tracking as a school and to let us know if they need any help or support. It is a helpful review tool used to identify what we need to address or put into our curriculum/pastoral care. The whole process is confidential – no names or information is shared, unless this is a request of the student.

It is an expectation from the MOE and is in line with our strategic plan for the school.

**Strategic Goal 1:** Enhance well-being by developing a school culture so ākonga can successfully participate in learning and contribute to the community.

**Objective 1:** Learners at the centre (Learners with their whānau are at the centre of education).

**Priority 1:** *Ensure places of learning are safe, inclusive and free from racism, discrimination and bullying.*

## 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](#)

## 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 – 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



**All school uniform items are purchased through**



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

*The school office has a full uniform set for sizing purposes*





**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

22 August 2025



### ACADEMIC LEADER

Carlitos Morellon Anderson



Kia Ora

Over the last few weeks our senior students have been busy wrapping up internal assessments and studying for practice exams. Likewise, our sharpest Year 7 and 8 mathematicians recently completed their final test for the Otago Maths Challenge. We hope to have the results from these tests soon.

It's hard to believe we now approach the final weeks of school for our Year 13 students. I truly believe most of us will be well ready to continue our careers, whether that be through an apprenticeship, tertiary study or some other area of study and/or work.

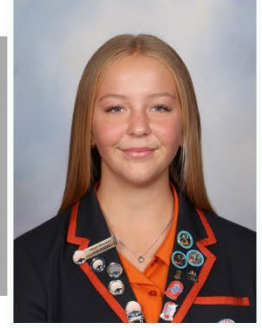
Finally, this week the Academic Leaders ran an exciting LRA, The Chase, where student teams face off against the teachers to see who has the best general knowledge. Unfortunately, the staff won yet again, so our students have some catching up to do!

To all our students, keep staying involved and enjoy the years you have in school as they don't last forever.

Ngā mihi, Carlitos Morellon Anderson

### CULTURAL LEADER

Bethany Gyde



Kia Ora

The Haka competition is finally here today, and I'm really looking forward to seeing all the hard work, dedication and practice pay off. It's always amazing to see the passion, energy and pride each group brings to the stage and I can't wait to find out who will take the win this year. The atmosphere is sure to be electric, with every team giving their all to represent their group and culture.

As we head towards the end of the year, most of the cultural team's events are wrapping up. This is the perfect time to get involved and share any ideas you might have for next year. If you have any questions or suggestions, make sure you get them in quickly so we can keep building on this amazing momentum.

Nga Mihi, Bethany Gyde

### COMMUNITY LEADER

Julia Scott



Kia Ora

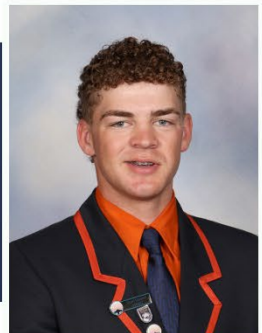
The community council has been incredibly busy the last couple weeks as we wrap up for the year. We saw the close of the can drive and Patea taking the win with 200 cans total. On Friday our council took these cans to the food bank so we can help as many families in our community as possible. On 27 August we held the shave a thon and crazy hair day. We raised a total of roughly \$6,500 and our very own Tangahoe community leader, Jayda Sharp, is donating her hair to be made into a wig. A huge thank you to Nadine Hunt, Mr Barnard and Mrs Hopkins for supporting and going above and beyond to help with this event.

The community council has now finished its events but we remain active in our efforts to support our other councils with something very exciting happening behind the scenes for our Year 13 leavers.

Ngā mihi, Julia Scott

### SPORTS LEADER

Baxter Hunt



Kia Ora

Winter sports are coming to an end. We offer congratulations to the Year 9-10 basketball team who won their Taranaki Steelformers Boys Basketball tournament last week - a huge accomplishment. The Senior A netball and 1<sup>st</sup> XI hockey teams also played in their winter tournaments last week with netball placing 25<sup>th</sup> and hockey 11<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations for playing with pride and resilience, we are incredibly proud. Our thanks go to our coaches, managers and parents for all the effort you've put into sport this season--it doesn't go unrecognized.

Next week the sports council is running LRA Rippa rugby, Monday - Wednesday. Seniors will be on the Bayley Park field. Juniors on the the quadrants of the main campus. Come along, play or support -- double points are up for grabs for your awa's point ladder.

Ngā mihi, Baxter Hunt





## Leaders deliver CANS to Foodbank


On Friday 29 August, our amazing Community Leaders rolled up to the Hawera Foodbank with a van full of canned goods collected through the Inter Awa Can Drive Competition. The donations were warmly received and will make a real difference.

Huge shoutout to **PĀTEA AWA** for leading the charge with the highest number of cans donated!



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## L2GTO DAY TRAMP 3

The students were using this day tramp as a training activity for their Overnight Tramp during Week 2 next term. Leaving school at 7.30am we headed round the south side of our Maunga to the top of Ihaia Rd. Leaving the van at the end of the road we headed up the Ihaia Track on a beautiful sunny day to Waiaua Gorge Hut where we stopped for about 45min for lunch. We then returned back to the van down the same track that we went in on. Once back at the van we returned to school with an almost compulsory stop at the Kaponga 4 Square.



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#### SENIOR ONLY SHAVE-A-THON



### CRAZY HAIR DAY!



### leukaemia & blood cancer NEW ZEALAND

Vision to Cure. Mission to Care.



## \$6427 Raised for Shave for a Cure



On Wednesday, 27 August 2025, our Community Leader Julia Scott, alongside Kevin Barnard, hosted a Shave for a Cure event. Jayda Sharp - a student and three staff members Kevin Barnard, Jason Crashingham, and Tania Eldridge bravely shaved off their locks to raise funds for Leukaemia & Blood Cancer New Zealand.

Te Paepae o Aotea also held a Wacky Hair Day, inviting students to come to school sporting their wildest, most imaginative hairstyles. With a gold coin donation, students helped support children and adults facing cancer—turning creativity into compassion.

## JENNI BREWER AWARDED LNISS LIFE MEMBER

Jenni Brewer receives Lower North Island Secondary Schools Netball - Life Member Award.

A huge number of hours spent on netball trainings, Number of K's clocked in travel would be thousands, players coached would hit triple digits, few boxes full of coaching notebooks and one of the many respected and familiar faces around any netball court.

Last year Jenni Brewer was the first person to be awarded the prestigious Ivy Topping Trophy for her contribution and Service to Secondary School Netball, roll on 2025 Jenni was awarded a Lower North Island Secondary Schools (LNISS) Life Member Award at last weeks tournament in Palmerston North.

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates Jenni, we are so proud of your achievement and your continued support of netball with our Kura and community netball. You're our superstar!



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## TARANAKI RUGBY U16 GIRLS

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates the following students selected for the Taranaki U16 Girls Final Squad:

### Zevaya Prestidge FORWARD

### Nevaeh Ratahi BACK

Te Paepae o Aotea wishes the girls all the best for their upcoming tournament.

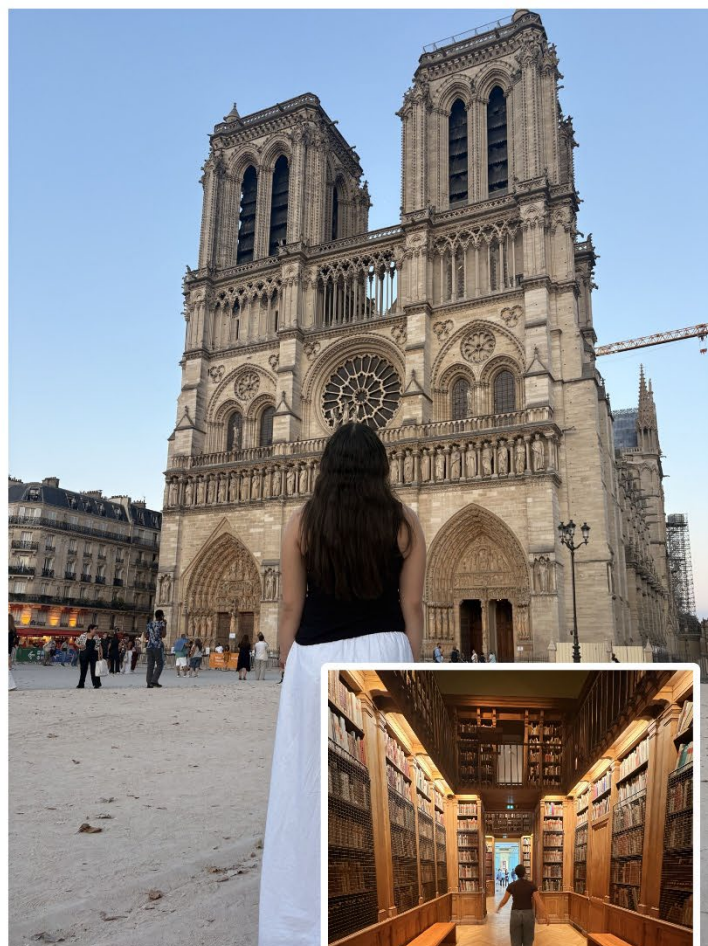
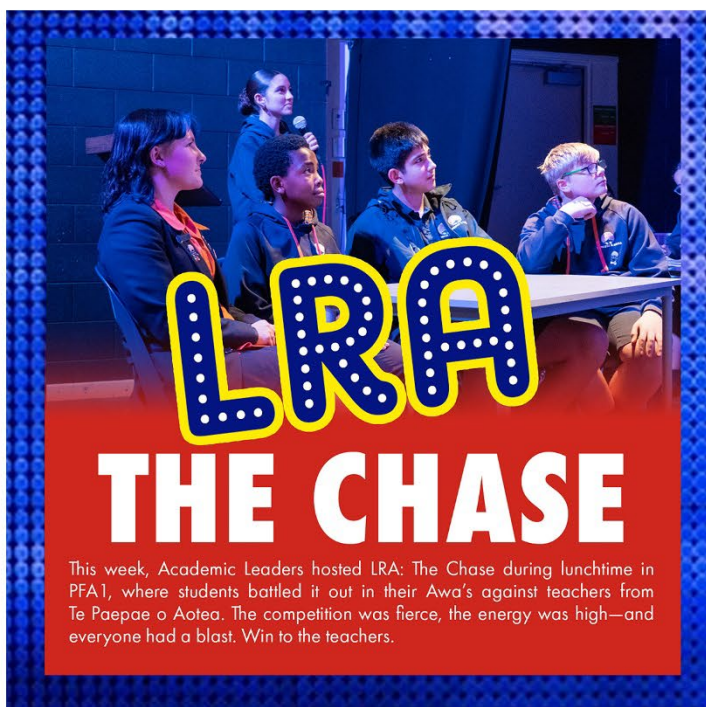


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# 2025 SQUAD





# ERINA IN FRANCE

Monday, 25 August, 3pm NZ time, I boarded a flight and begun my greatest journey and adventure yet. After many, many, hours (34 to be precise) I arrived in the beautiful city of Paris. It was INSANELY hot.

Me and many other students had the privilege of visiting the sights of Paris. Some of my favourite were the Opéra Garnier, the Eiffel tower and Notre Dame. The architecture everywhere is gorgeous. I felt I couldn't get enough of everything.

I am now living with my host family in Iffendic, Brittany where I will be staying for the next five months. I'm attending high school at Lycée la Providence.

I am so incredibly grateful for this opportunity to experience and live in another culture, and to everyone who helped me get here along the way.

Merci beaucoup, à la prochaine fois!  
Erina Frearson





# Sports News

## Winter Tournament Week Wrap-Up!

What a week it's been. Our kura was buzzing with sporting action as Winter Tournament Week took centre stage. From Palmerston North to Stratford to Hawera, our teams gave it their all in Netball, Hockey and Junior Basketball.

### Senior A Netball – LNISS Tournament, Palmerston North

I travelled with our Senior A Netball team to the LNISS A Grade tournament – and wow, what a journey. Facing off against some of the strongest schools in the central region, our team showed grit, growth and heart.

Despite a tough start, the girls rallied, winning three out of 10 games, climbing five spots to finish 25th out of 64 teams. A huge achievement for a young squad still finding their rhythm.

A massive shoutout to everyone who sent messages of support – your aroha lifted the team and reminded them they were never alone.

### 1st XI Mixed Hockey – Stratford Tournament

Our Mixed Hockey team hit the turf in Stratford and gave it everything. This young team is in a building phase, but the potential is clear. Most games were tight and the learnings were invaluable.

Watch this space – in a year or two, they'll be a force to reckon with.

### Junior Boys Basketball – Taranaki Steelformers Classic

Our Junior Boys Basketball team lit up the court in Hawera at the Taranaki Steelformers Classic. Competing in the Championship Grade, they didn't drop a single game and were crowned Championship Winners after beating Spotswood in the final.

### Paddy Manu Sports Awards – Good Luck Nominees

This Monday night, we celebrate some of our kura's finest at the Paddy Manu Sports Awards – a special event honouring the legacy of a true community sports legend.

**Congratulations and good luck to our nominees:**

- **Daniel Mandengu** – Athletics
- **Maddie Sturgeon** – Triathlon
- **Tayla Sturgeon** – Athletics/Cross Country
- **Alya Bond** – Skating
- **Jason Cressingham** – Coach of the Year (Athletics)

Just being nominated is a huge honour – we're proud of you all!

## Netball Legend Honoured – Jenni Brewer

She's coached hundreds, travelled thousands of kilometres and filled boxes with coaching notebooks – and now she's officially a LNISS Life Member.

Last year, Jenni Brewer received the prestigious Ivy Topping Trophy and this year she's been recognised again for her incredible contribution to secondary school netball.

Jenni, you're the G.O.A.T. We're so proud of you and grateful for everything you do for our kura and community netball. You're our superstar.

## TSSSA Events & Rugby Tournaments

Term 3 is wrapping up, but there are still a few TSSSA events to jump into. Term 4 will bring more action for our juniors as our seniors finish strong.

Keep an eye on notices and sign up!

Good luck to all students heading into upcoming rugby tournaments – play hard, play smart and represent with pride.

## Thank You Whānau, Students & Staff

To everyone who's supported our teams over the past two weeks – thank you. Your encouragement, time and energy make all the difference.

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

2025 Upcoming Sporting Events	
TSSSA Events	
Student and Community Coach Day	Tuesday, 9 September
TSSSA Trail Relay	Thursday, 11 September
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 Sporting Events	
Year 7-8 Trail Relay	Thursday, 11 September
Year 7-8 Taranaki Indoor Volleyball	Friday, 12 September

# TE PAEPAE O AOTEA School Sponsorship



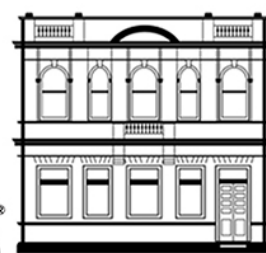
Te Paepae o Aotea wish to thank our amazing local businesses for their support with sports teams and school events.



**Ben Thomas**  
PANEL BEATING



**CORRIGAN**  
ELECTRICAL



**WEIR BROS**  
NEW ZEALAND



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**FAIRVIEW HAWERA**



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