



TE PAEPAE O AOTEA

Kia eke atu ki Taupaenui o te tangata

Newsletter – Friday, 17 October 2025

Kia ora e te whānau

We would like to begin by congratulating our students on an excellent start to the term. Our senior students, in particular, have returned with a strong focus on learning, and we are confident this will translate into outstanding internal and external results.

Please note that Year 12 and 13 students will conclude their classes on 29 October, which coincides with the Senior Prizegiving. Their external examinations commence the following week. Year 11 students who are sitting Level 1 English will have their first exam on Tuesday, 11 November. Year 11 students will remain at school until 14 November. This additional class time will support their preparation for external assessments and allow them to complete any remaining internal tasks without undue pressure.

Attendance for senior students during the remainder of the term is absolutely essential. It is critical that they are present to complete their coursework and prepare thoroughly for their examinations.

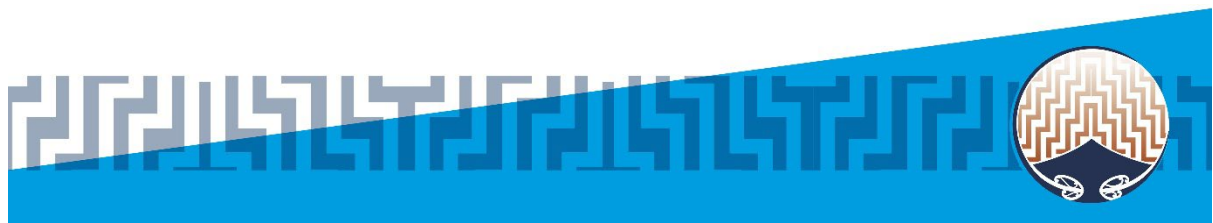
Junior Camps and Activity Week are scheduled for Week 9 of this term. Charges for these events have been added to school accounts. We encourage whānau to begin making payments early to help ease financial pressure later in the year. Please be reminded that all activity fees must be paid in full prior to the commencement of Activity Week on 1 December.

All transition visits to our feeder schools have now been completed, and enrolments for the upcoming year will be online. If you require assistance, please contact the school office. If you were unable to attend our recent open evening and would like a private or small group tour, we would be happy to arrange one—please reach out to the office. We encourage all members of our community to ensure their students are enrolled as soon as possible to assist with planning for 2026.

Term 4 is always a particularly busy time, and with the recent partial and full strikes, the time we have with our students is more valuable than ever. We will endeavour to keep you informed of any changes to the school calendar as soon as possible. Please monitor the school app and Facebook page for updates.

Lastly, please remember to add our school prizegiving dates to your calendars.

Ngā mihi nui,
Rachel Williams
Tumuaki



UPCOMING *dates*



TERM 4 - 2025

OCT | **21**

YEAR 8 IMMUNISATIONS

Year 8 Catch up HPV Immunisation

OCT | **21**

TSSA AB ATHLETICS

TET Stadium, Inglewood

OCT | **24**

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

2pm - TSB Hub, Hawera

OCT | **29**

SENIOR PRIZEGIVING

Last Day for Year 12-13 Seniors

OCT | **30**

YEAR 13 LEAVERS DINNER

Hāwera Club - formal dress

For more upcoming dates check out our calendar on the school website

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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

*If you require assistance with online enrolment,
please visit the office for support*

School Visits

**Whānau are welcome to
call the office and book an
appointment for a school visit
Phone 06 223 2000**

2025 Transition Visits

Monday, 3 November

Hawera Christian School, Matapu School,
Manaia Primary School, Ramanui School &
St Joseph's School

Wednesday, 5 November

Normanby Primary School,
Kakarama School & Mokoia School

Friday, 7 November

Hawera Primary School

Tuesday, 11 November

Tawhiti School

Friday, 14 November

Turuturu School

Monday, 17 November

Hawera Christian School, Matapu School,
Manaia Primary School & St Joseph's School

Thursday, 20 November

Normanby Primary School,
Kakarama School, Mokoia School &
Ramanui School

Friday, 21 November

Hawera Primary School

Monday, 24 November

Tawhiti School

Friday, 28 November

Turuturu School





AFTER SCHOOL Senior Sessions Term 4



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 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

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](#)



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Activity week

JUNIOR STUDENTS YEAR 7-10
2-5 DECEMBER 2025

We're looking forward to our upcoming junior camps and activities — these experiences offer valuable learning opportunities and are a highlight of the school year.

We know our students will gain a lot from participating, both socially and educationally.

As we prepare for these events, please be aware of the conditions required to attend any away-from-school activities:

1. Attendance must be at least 80% from Term 3.
2. Students who have been externally stood down from school during Term 3 and Term 4 are not eligible to participate in off-site activities.

If you have not yet been placed in an activity, please see Mrs Hopkins during Whānau Hui time. From this point forward, activity changes are not easily made due to associated costs. If you believe a change is necessary, please come and discuss your situation with Mrs Hopkins directly.

Looking ahead, please note that Year 7–10 camps will run every second year, always in odd-numbered years — for example, 2025, 2027.



Senior Laptop Returns

All senior students (Years 11- 13) who have loaned a school laptop must return it **on the date of their final exam; or no later than Thursday 27 November** (the final exam date).

Please ensure that **chargers are returned with laptops**. All devices should be **handed in to the Main Office**.

This applies **even for students who are returning to Te Paepae o Aotea next year** — all devices need to be collected for servicing and checks.

Please note: Laptops not returned by the due date may result in a charge being applied to families to cover the replacement cost.

2026 BYOD Important Information

As we prepare for the 2026 school year, here are some important updates about our Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) plan at Te Paepae o Aotea. Click the link below to read all the details.

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:AP:ee2724bb-cb59-4254-ad5d-534d53a14ba3>



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STRIKE DAY

Thursday, 23 October 2025

School Closed

Due to Industrial Strike action

Endeavour Centre to remain open

We will communicate as soon as possible if the strike day is cancelled



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WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Friday, 24 October 2025

Held at the TSB Hub at 2pm

Camberwell Road, Hāwera

Whānau and friends welcome



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UNIFORM DESIGN



All school uniform items are purchased through

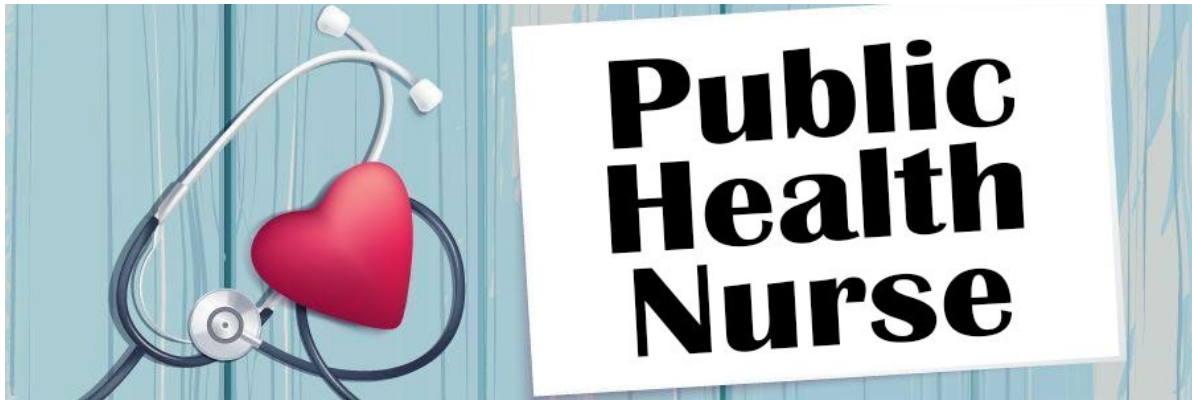


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The school office has a full uniform set for sizing purposes

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 [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

19 September 2025



ACADEMIC LEADER

Carlitos Morellon Anderson



Kia Ora

As we near the end of the school year for our senior students, the excitement is building. With mock exams now behind us, we can all look forward to celebrating our achievements at Senior Prizegiving in less than two weeks.

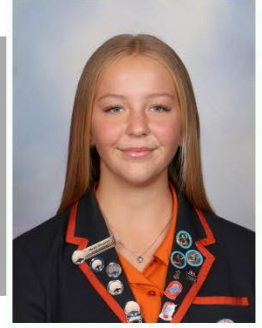
While the year may be wrapping up, it's important to remember that learning and growth don't stop here.

Looking ahead, the Academic Committee will be running a Spelling Bee next week on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at lunchtime to finish the year on a fun note. Come along, earn some points for your awa, and see if the students can finally give the teachers a real challenge!

Ngā mihi, Carlitos Morellon Anderson

CULTURAL LEADER

Bethany Gyde



Kia Ora

As the year comes to a close, I want to take a moment to reflect on what an incredible journey it's been. We've achieved so much across the year, from unforgettable events to powerful moments of connection and growth. To our amazing Year 13s, congratulations on reaching this milestone—whether you're heading to university or stepping into the workforce, we're proud of you and excited for all that lies ahead. It's been a true privilege to serve as your Head Cultural Leader this year. Thank you for your support, energy, and spirit. Wishing you all the very best for the future and a fantastic rest of the year—keep striving, keep shining, and don't forget your roots.

Ngā mihi, Bethany Gyde

COMMUNITY LEADER

Julia Scott



Kia Ora

This term is a short one giving the seniors a very short time to say their goodbyes and enjoy the time they have left at school. Upcoming events are our Year 11-13 prizegiving, Leavers Dinner and Armistice Day.

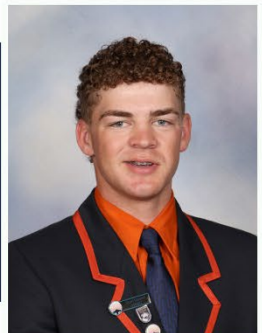
The Year 13s have enjoyed dressing up in accordance to a range of themes including first letter of your name and what you wanted to be when you were younger.

It has been incredibly exciting getting to hear the scholarships and offers everyone has received from a range of university and tertiary institutes. The journey has begun for the new head leaders as interviews have been conducted this week, I wish them all the best.

Ngā mihi, Julia Scott

SPORTS LEADER

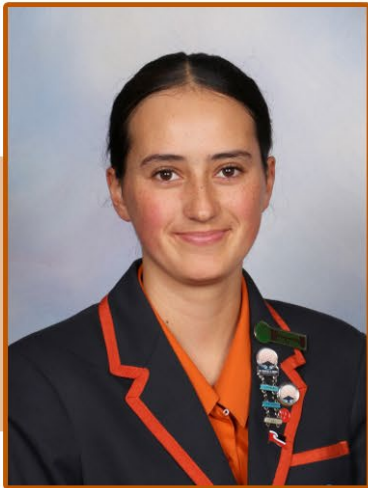
Baxter Hunt



Kia Ora

As this year comes to an end that also means we're coming to a close on all the events happening at school. But as summer comes around, that means our summer sports are starting. Touch is starting with our year 7 & 8 teams as well as the secondary school grade which many of our students participate in. I wish all these teams good luck for their seasons. Cricket is also starting up so also a big good luck to them. Badminton after school and volleyball are still running so go down and have a hit around at badminton if you are keen. In around school, the volleyball net has just gone up, and the school pool will be opening in a couple of weeks. Just a reminder to respect these spaces and enjoy them. I hope everyone is studying hard if you have exams and enjoying school if you are around. For our year 13's really enjoy the next week and a half you have at school because it's your last. Make it worthwhile.

Ngā mihi, Baxter Hunt



Tēnā koutou,

He uri ahau nō ngā iwi o Ngāruahine, Taranaki Iwi, Te Pakakohi, Tāngahoe, Ngāti Ruanui, Te Whakatōhea, me Ngāti Awa. I'm pleased to introduce myself as your new Student Board Representative.

I want to start by saying a huge thank you to everyone who took the time to participate in the process, cast their vote and stand for the position. The role of Student Board Representative is to be a student voice at the governance level.

I'll be contributing to Board meetings and sharing a student perspective on important issues and decisions that affect our kura. I'm pleased to have this opportunity to work alongside other Board members who are also committed to doing the very best we can for students, whānau, staff and our wider school community.

If you have any questions or thoughts, you want to share please feel free to come and have a kōrero when you see me around our school.

We are all here to support one another "Kia eke atu ki Taupaenui o te tangata".

Noho ora mai

Taiharuru Ratima

Student Board Representative



SKATING



ARTISTIC WORLD FIGURE CUP BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates Ayla Bond on her impressive 13th-place finish worldwide in the Junior Ladies Figures category at the Artistic World Figure Cup in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Well done Ayla!



YEAR 9-10 EMERGENCY SERVICES

The Year 9-10 Youth in Emergency Services class was privileged enough to have Senior Constable Phillippa Joblin give a talk about life in the police service. The students got an in depth understanding of all things involved in joining the police.



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YEAR 13

Dress Up Week



Through the Decades



Dynamic Duos



First Letter of Your Name



Your Future Self



Sports News

Kia ora e te whānau, and welcome back!

We hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable break. Term 4 is here, and with it comes sunshine, summer sports, and plenty of exciting opportunities for our students to get involved and give things a go! The warmer weather is creeping in, fingers crossed it sticks around! With the sun shining, we're looking forward to kicking off our summer sports season, including Touch and Cricket, plus a range of Junior TSSSA and Year 7/8 events.

School Pool Opening Soon

We're aiming to open the school pool mid-November for lunchtime swims and Block 3 class sessions. Keep an ear out for notices so students can dive into some fun!

Reminder: As the sun heats up, don't forget your school hats and sunblock. We've got sunblock available in the Sports Office if you need a top-up.

Touch

Our teams kicked off their season last week in the Hāwera Touch Module, held Thursday nights at Turuturu Soccer Grounds.

This year, we're running Wednesday Taha Tinana trainings for all our Year 7/8 teams — that's 85 students learning key skills and drills. A massive shout-out to our awesome staff, senior students, and whānau who are helping out.

Our Senior Mixed Touch Team is training hard for the 2025 NZ Secondary Schools Nationals in Rotorua (Dec 10–14). For many of our seniors, this will be their final tournament — a special moment to represent our kura with pride.

Cricket

It's been a challenge pulling together teams, but we're excited to have both girls and boys cricket teams ready to start after Labour Weekend.

We're still on the lookout for more players — if you're keen, see Mr White to register.

TSSSA Futsal

Three teams took part in the TSSSA Futsal yesterday at The Hub. What a day! Our students rocked pink gear to support *Positive Vibes* — promoting fair play, kindness, and positive behaviour.

Year 7-8 Events

Term 4 is packed with opportunities for our Year 7/8 students:

- Indoor Bowls: Competing next week against other Taranaki Intermediates. Big thanks to Whaea Liz for leading trainings.
- Annual Summer Sports Tournament: Includes Touch (at Devon Intermediate) and Volleyball (hosted by TPOA). Listen to notices and register your interest — spots are limited!
- Taranaki Athletics: Happening 20th November — selected students will represent our kura.

Sports Uniforms

Still got a sports uniform tucked away in a drawer? Please return it to the Sports Office ASAP. I'll be sending out reminders soon!

Sports Fees

If your child participates in sports or events, fees are added to your school account. Statements go out monthly, but feel free to contact me or the main office if you'd like to check your balance.

Payments can be made via internet banking, cash, or EFTPOS at the school office. Friendly reminders will be sent out over the coming weeks.

Taupaenui Effort – Celebrating Success

- Porsha Lasike – Selected for the Taranaki U16 Girls Touch Team.
- Junior Cricket Representative - Emma Wasley Year 9-10 Girls team and Theo Soothill Year 11-12 Boys team.
- Divan Denton – Selected for Taranaki Shand Cup Golf Team.
- Mr Blake Robins – Completed the Taupō Ultra Marathon 100km in 13 hours and 51 minutes. Even after twisting his ankle 15km in! An incredible achievement showing true grit and determination.

As the days get warmer, keep an eye out for lunchtime activities and events. Get involved, give it a go, and enjoy being active and having fun with your friends.

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

2025 Upcoming Sporting Events

TSSSA Events

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
TPOA Athletics	Friday, 14 November
Taranaki Athletics	Thursday, 20 November
Summer Sports Touch/Volleyball/5-a-side Football	Wednesday, 26 November

School Grade Touch

held at Turuturu Soccer Grounds	Thursday Nights - 4-6pm
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Te Paepae o Aotea wish to thank our amazing local businesses for their support with sports teams and school events.



Bert Thomas
PANEL BEATING



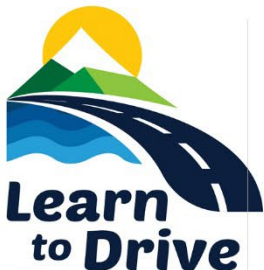
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FAIRVIEW HAWERA



If your business would like to sponsor a school sport or event please contact
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