



TE PAEPAE O AOTEA

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Newsletter – Friday, 14 November 2025

Kia ora e te whānau

Today marked the final day for our Year 11 students. We sincerely thank you for the support you have provided in encouraging students to attend school over these additional weeks. This time has been invaluable in helping them prepare for their exams and complete internal assessments. Attendance among Year 11 students remained consistently high which was wonderful to see.

We also extend our gratitude to all families who continue to support their Year 12 and 13 students during the exam period. Your involvement plays a vital role in ensuring our students strive for *Taupaenui*—reaching their full potential.

If you have driven past the school recently, you may have noticed that painting has begun on Dixon Block. Both the painting and new signage are scheduled to be completed before students return in early 2026. We are excited for staff and students to begin the new year with a refreshed and welcoming environment.

In January, work will commence on *Te Ramanui*. The first visible sign of this will likely be the installation of scaffolding. We are eagerly anticipating the start of this project which marks the beginning of our school-wide upgrade. We will continue to keep you informed as progress is made. The upgrade to *Te Ramanui* is expected to be completed by September next year and we look forward to welcoming the community to view the improvements once finished.

End-of-year activities and camps are fast approaching. Please remember all activity fees must be paid in full prior to the start of Activity Week on 1 December. We are excited for our students to enjoy enriching experiences during this time. If you have any questions regarding activities or camps, please contact the school office.

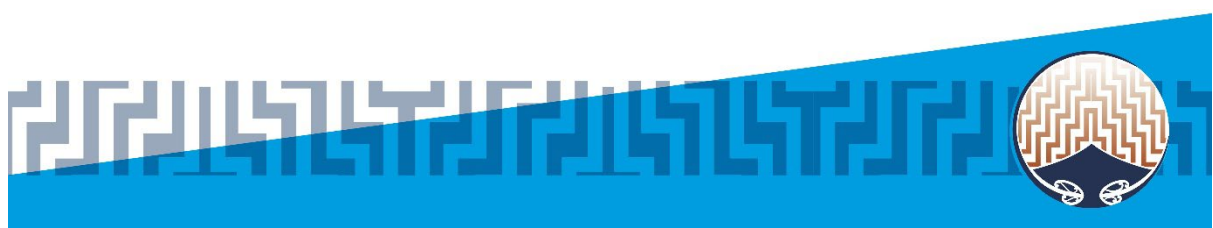
We will conclude the year with our junior prizegivings. The Year 9 and 10 prizegiving will be held on 9 December. The Year 7 and 8 prizegiving will follow on 10 December. Both events will take place upstairs at the HUB, beginning at 9:30am. Please save these dates—these celebrations are a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge the achievements of our students.

Thank you for your continued support of our incredible students. They continue to impress us with their commitment to upholding our school values: *Aotea*, *Taupaenui* and *Paepae*.

Our school values:

- Aotea – Representing strength and resilience, Aotea encourages students to stand tall and be proud of who they are.
- Taupaenui – The pursuit of excellence and personal growth; striving to reach one's full potential.
- Paepae – A commitment to respectful relationships and collective responsibility within our learning community.

Ngā mihi nui
Rachel Williams
Tumuaki





**Te Tāhuhu o
te Mātauranga**
Ministry of Education

Board Property Update: Oct 2025

The redevelopment of Te Paepae o Aotea to deliver buildings, facilities and learning environments is progressing well.

Te Ramanui Weathertightness Remediation Project

To ensure Te Ramanui is warm, safe and dry we will address weathertightness issues and provide new toilets in this block.

These works are currently out for tender and we anticipate construction to begin in January 2026 with completion estimated for late September 2026.

School Upgrade Project

The Master Planning process for the entire school site is underway, overall timeframes are being considered and we will provide an update as soon as we are able. The Master Plan will form a design that considers current and future needs and identifies and prioritises the areas of work required.

Future project phases may include the weathertightness remediation of Gray and Dixon blocks, some internal refurbishment to existing buildings, new Offsite Manufactured Building classrooms, removal of the temporary classrooms on Bayly Park and the replacement of the Wharenui and Learning Support Unit with modular or standardised buildings.

For any queries about the development, please contact the Ministry on 0800 333 032 or email cs.regionalpropertyteam@education.govt.nz

We are excited by the progress being made and will keep you informed with regular updates.

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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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 School, Ramanui School &
St Joseph's School

Wednesday, 5 November

Normanby Primary School,
Kakaramaea 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 School & St Joseph's School

Thursday, 20 November

Normanby Primary School,
Kakaramaea School, Mokoia School &
Ramanui School

Friday, 21 November

Hawera Primary School

Monday, 24 November

Tawhiti School

Friday, 28 November

Turuturu 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

Username tepaepaeoaotea
Password excellence



Policies under review Term 4 – Please login to SchoolDocs to read and provide feedback on these policies:

Bullying and Harassment
Behaviour Management
Searches, Surrender and Retention of Property
Minimising Physical Restraint
Stand-down, Suspension and Exclusion
Staff Wellbeing and Safety



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**STAFF
ONLY DAY**

Friday, 21 November 2025
School Closed

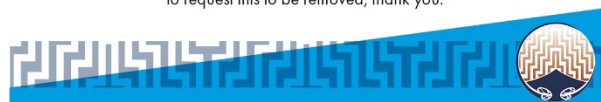


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**2025
YEARBOOK
\$25 PER COPY**

**Payments need to be made
by Friday, 14 November 2025**

All students have a charge of \$25 on their accounts,
if you do not wish to receive a copy of the 2025 Yearbook please email
accounts@tepaepaeoaotea.school.nz
to request this to be removed, thank you.



UPCOMING *dates*



TERM 4 - 2025

NOV | 1-28

TRANSITION VISITS START

For Year 6 Feeder Schools

NOV | 20

YEAR 7-8 TARANAKI ATHLETICS

TET Inglewood

NOV | 21

STAFF ONLY DAY

SCHOOL CLOSED

NOV | 26

TSSSA MSW - FAST 5 NETBALL

Waiwakaiho, New Plymouth

NOV | 27

TSSSA MSW - BEACH DAY OUT

Oakura Beach

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

www.tepaepaeoaotea.school.nz



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



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

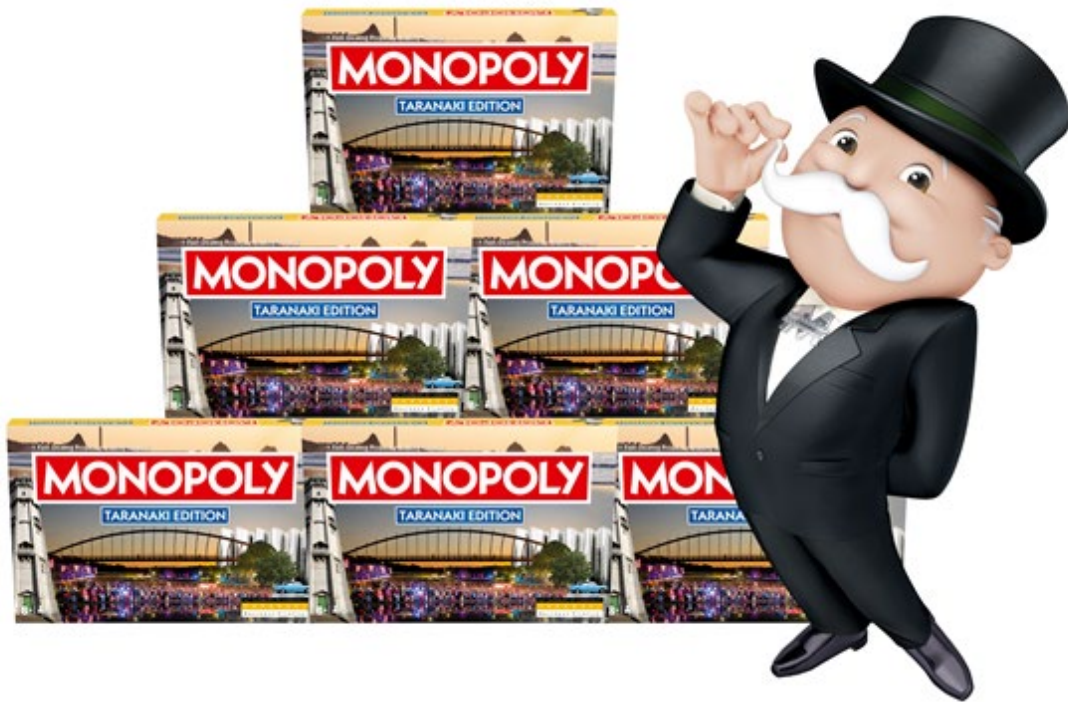
This also applies to students returning to Te Paepae o Aotea next year—all devices need to be collected for servicing and checks.

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



Support Our School & Get Your Christmas Shopping Done

This year we're partnering with the Taranaki Chamber of Commerce on a fun and easy school fundraiser with the new Taranaki Monopoly board game!

For every game purchased before the end of the school year using our school's unique code, our school receives a \$10 donation (you must use our schools unique code). It's the perfect Christmas gift that encourages family fun and every purchase directly helps us fund our school projects for next year.

How to support us

- Visit [Schools – Monopoly Taranaki Edition](#)
- Add the game to your cart
- Use our school's unique code at checkout: [using your unique code](#)
- We then get a school donation

Thank you for your support

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UNIFORM DESIGN



All school uniform items are purchased through



tepaepaeoaotea.nzuniforms.com

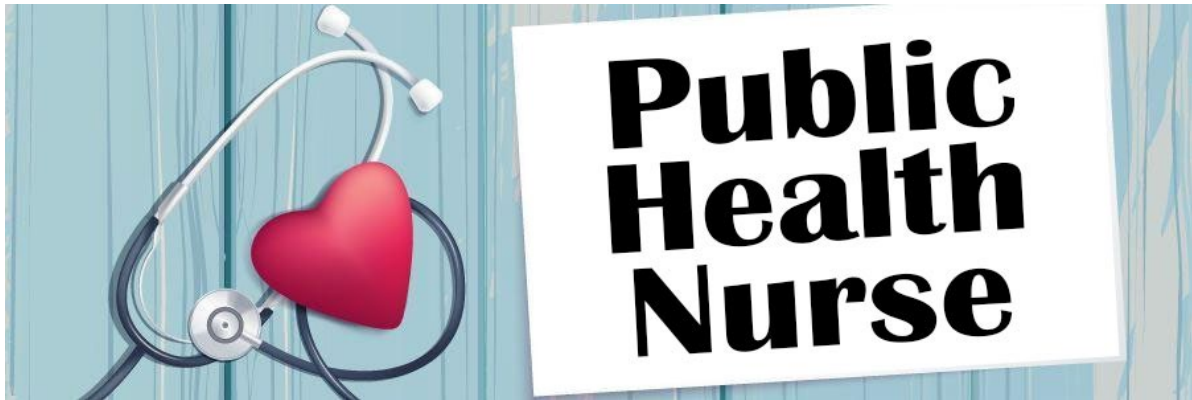
The school office has a full uniform set for sizing purposes

NZ Uniforms January Pop Up Shop Dates

- 13 January 2026 – 4.00pm-7.00pm
- 14 January 2026 – 9.00am-7.00pm
- 15 January 2026 – 9.00am-12.00pm

Second Hand Uniform

Do you have 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.



2026 HEAD LEADERS

Te Paepae o Aotea is proud to introduce our Head Leaders for 2026

Adam Stables - Academic Head Leader

Taiharuru Ratima - Cultural Head Leader

Lauren Kalin - Community Head Leader

Theo Soothill - Sports Head Leader





2025 Senior Prizegiving

YEAR 11-13

SUPREME AWARDS

Supreme Awards

Carlitos Morellon Anderson

Taupāenui 1st Place Year 13 - Dux

Miley Davidson

Taupāenui - Top Performing Arts/
Cultural

Maddison Sturgeon

Taupāenui - Top Sporting

Akshay C Santhosh

Aotea Trophy

Julia Scott

Paepae Trophy

Taiharuru Ratima

Mana Māori Taupāenui Trophy

Russell Hockley

Mana Māori Aotea Trophy

Izzy McMahon

Mana Māori Paepae Trophy

Taupāenui Overall Awards Year 13

Carlitos Morellon Anderson

1st Place in Year 13

Julia Scott

2nd Place in Year 13

Bethany Gyde

3rd Place in Year 13

Taupāenui Overall Awards Year 12

Taiharuru Ratima

1st Place in Year 12

Evita Morellon

2nd Place in Year 12

Lauren Kalin

3rd Place in Year 13

Taupāenui Overall Awards Year 11

Hunter Stephens

1st Place in Year 11

Samara Stewart

2nd Place in Year 11

Michael Stables

3rd Place in Year 11

High Achievement Awards

Miley Davidson

1st Place - Lynette Morris Vocal
Award (Lynette Morris Trophy)

Carlitos Morellon Anderson

1st Place - Te Paepae o Aotea Music
Awards (Halliwells Trophy)

Luana Afa Leota

The Phoenix Award "Rise Above The
Ashes" (Trophy)

Te Whaiti Brown

Angelmans Trophy

Riley Robinson

Employment Excellence Award

Nathan Hughes

Wendy Armstrong Cup Seize the
Day - Kapohia te Rā

Graham Merrey

Ngāti Ruanui Most Innovative Se-
nior Māori Student

Tama & Wahine Tu Kaha Awards

Russell Hockley

Tama Tu Kaha Award Kaitataki Tane
of the Senior Kapa Haka Roopu
(Mere Pirikahu Trophy)

Izzy McMahon

Wahine Tu Kaha Award Kaitataki
Wahine of the Senior Kapa Haka
Roopu (Mere Pirikahu Trophy)

Taupāenui - Team of the Year Ratahi Sheild

Senior Boys 4x 100m Athletics

Relay Team

Taupāenui - Player of the Year Awards

Russell Hockley

Kī o Rahi Player of the Year

Jack Wasley

Cricket Player of the Year (Soothill
Family Cup)

Wills Griggs

Football Boy Player of the Year
(Mike Brisco Photography Trophy)

Jayda Sharp

Football Girl Player of the Year

Baxter Hunt

Rugby Boy Player of the Year
(Werder Family Cup)

Shai-Ann Kahui

Rugby Girl Player of the Year (Kahui
Whānau Cup)

Emmanuel Tshimanga

Basketball Boys Player of the Year

Theo Soothill

Hockey Boy Player of the Year
(Elgar Trophy)

Peyton Scott

Hockey Girl Player of the Year
(Harvey Trophy)

Ranginui Cuthbert

Senior A Touch Player of the Year

Jaxon McDonald

Volleyball Player of the Year
(Korau Cup)

Sofia Va'aelua

Netball Player of the Year
(Brewer Cup)

Lauren Kalin

Debating Student of the Year
(Kalin Family Cup)

Taupāenui Sports Championship Awards

Baxter Hunt

Senior Boys Swimming Champion
(Steven Wereta Cup)

Bethany Gyde

Senior Girls Swimming Champion
(Linaya Wereta Cup)

Daniel Mandengu

Senior Boys Athletic Champion
(Wills Family Cup)

Elizabeth Cudby

Senior Girls Athletic Champion
(Wills Family Cup)

Maddison Sturgeon

Intermediate Girls Athletic
Champion (J Cressingham Cup)

Carlitos Morellon Anderson

Senior Boys Cross Country
Champion (Hawera Harriers Cup)

Maddison Sturgeon

Senior Girls Cross Country
Champion (Hawera Harriers Cup)

Afeef Ridzuan

Golf Champion (Fare Cup)

For all 2025 Senior Prizegiving results please click on the link below

[2025 Senior Prizegiving](#)



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LIONS SPEECHMAKER SUCCESS!

Krishiv Lal, Olivia Soloman, Eva Soothill, Siba Matshaya, Libby Tate, and Dylan Smith proudly represented Te Paepae o Aotea in the Year 7-8 Lions Speechmaker Competition. Competing against 40 students from across Taranaki and beyond, all six participants showcased their skills with Paepae and Taupaenui.

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates Krishiv Lal, who placed 1st place in Year 7, and Dylan Smith, who earned 3rd place in Year 8.



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Lysaght-Watt Trust

RONALD HUGH MORRIESON

2025 LITERACY AWARDS

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates Lauren Kalin on her outstanding success at the Lysaght-Watt Trust Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards. Lauren received accolades in three categories:

- Secondary School True Story**
2nd Place
- Secondary School Poetry**
3rd Place
- Secondary School Short Story**
Highly Commended

This is the third year in a row that Lauren has been named a finalist at the Awards, a reflection of her growing talent.




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YEAR 13 LEAVERS TAONGA

Each Year 13 leaver will receive a taonga designed and crafted by a student run enterprise led by Jaxson Rae, with support from Ngāi Ruanui. Jaxson has blended traditional Māori motifs with modern digital design, then brought them to life through 3D printing. Each piece has been blessed, recognising tikanga and the aroha of our community, and is intended to carry your connection to Te Paepae o Aotea into whatever comes next. The taonga symbolise hard work, creativity, and the courage to innovate while honouring whakapapa. Te Paepae o Aotea would like to thank Jaxson Rae and his team for these amazing taonga, and to acknowledge Ngāi Ruanui for their guidance and tautoko.



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LIONS PEACE POSTER COMPETITION



Megan Jordan 1st Place	Malinda Leng 2nd Place	Willow Downs 3rd Place
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Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates Megan Jordan, Malinda Leng and Willow Downs who placed at the Normanby & Districts Lions Peace Poster Competition.

The judges praised the high standard of all posters and commended students' efforts. They focused on subject interpretation, found the artwork impressive, and noted that most written descriptions matched well and were thoughtfully done.



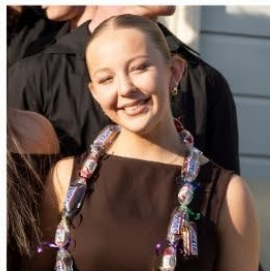
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2025 ARMISTICE DAY

On Tuesday, 11 November, Te Paepae o Aotea students proudly took part in the Armistice Day commemorative service at the Hāwera RSA, paying tribute to the end of World War I and honouring all who served in conflicts past and present.





Year 13 Leavers Dinner

On Thursday evening, Thursday, 30 October 2025 Te Paepae o Aotea hosted a memorable Leavers Dinner for our Year 13 students. Held at the Hawera Club, the event brought together staff and whānau in a truly special atmosphere of celebration and reflection.

Te Paepae o Aotea wishes all our Year 13 students all the best as they prepare for their upcoming exams. We look forward to seeing each of you embrace the opportunities ahead—whether that path leads to employment or further tertiary study. Kia eke atu ki Taupaenui o te tangata!





Sports Talk

Sun's Out, Sports Are On

With the warmer weather finally here, our school has come alive with energy. Everywhere you look, students are out in the quad playing touch, basketball, football, volleyball—you name it. The laughter, the friendly competition and even the tunes playing in the background make for an awesome vibe.

A quick reminder though, while you are soaking up the sun, remember to be *sun smart*! Slip, slop, slap and wrap—block up with sunscreen and pop on a hat. Sunblock is always available in the Sports Office, so swing by and help yourself. And if you need a hat, we've got school bucket hats for just \$10—perfect for that extra layer of protection.

Pool's Open

Big shout-out to Trevor for getting our school pool up and running. It might feel a little chilly right now, but give it a week or two and the temperature will be perfect. Lunchtime swims are back, so bring a towel and a change of clothes. We can't wait to see manu bombs, back slaps and maybe even a cheeky tan while being on life guard duty 😊

Welcome Future Te Paepae o Aotea Students

One of the coolest things happening lately has been the transition visits from Year 6 students who will join us in 2026. Our junior leaders did an amazing job showing them around, especially showing them the best part of school—the Sports Office. They got a sneak peek at all the awesome sports and events we offer to keep everyone active and entertained. It was fantastic meeting them and I am looking forward to seeing their faces around school soon.

TSSSA Junior Social Volleyball

Last week, 25 of our students headed to the TSB Stadium for a fun, social—and very pink—volleyball day. Volleyball was the winner but the real highlight was seeing so many girls getting involved. Huge thanks to Shae and Sue for stepping in as our last-minute taxi drivers.

Year 7/8 Athletics Day

This Friday, it's time for our Year 7 and 8 students to shine at Athletics Day. Everyone will compete in sprints, long jump, discus, shot put and some fun events before finishing with the championship 100m and relays. By the end of the day, we will crown our 2026 Year 7/8 Athletic Girl and Boy Champ—who will take the title?

Summer Sports Exchange

Our annual Summer Sports Exchange is this month. Year 7 and 8 students will head to Devon Intermediate for a day of Touch, while back at school we will host volleyball with our two boys' teams and one girls' team. It's always a great day of sport and school spirit.

TSSSA Modified Week

Next week, our Year 9/10 students will take part in TSSSA's Modified Week—Ripper Rugby, Fast 5 Netball and Beach Day. Each day brings a new sport and plenty of fun.

Senior Mixed Touch Team

Our Senior Mixed Touch team is ramping up their training and playing solid games in the Hawera Touch Module as they prepare for Nationals. A massive thank you to Hawera Physio, our main sponsor and to all the whānau and friends who have supported the team. Special mihi to NZ Bass, Sam Lasike for their generous donation. Your support will make a difference for the team.

Uniforms Reminder

If you've got sports uniforms at home, please return them to Vicki ASAP. Let's get everything back before the year wraps up.

The year is nearly over, so get out there, join in the events, enjoy the sunshine, and make memories with your friends. Laugh, play and have fun—you'll feel amazing.

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 Cricket	Monday, 24 November
TSSSA Modified Sports Week	Monday 24 – Friday 28 November
TSSSA Junior Beach Volleyball	Thursday, 27 November

Year 7-8

Taranaki 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
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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



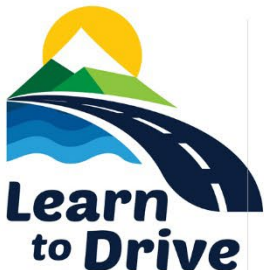
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SILVER FERN
FARMS

Mane Street Hair

TODD STOKES
EARTH MOVING & CARTAGE



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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