



# TE PAEPAE O AOTEA

*Kia eke atu ki Taupaenui o te tangata*

## Newsletter – Friday, 28 November 2025

Kia ora e te whānau

Our school whakataukāki, *Kia eke atu ki Taupaenui o te tangata*—People reaching their full potential—challenges all of us to perform to the very best of our ability.

As we approach the end of this term, we look forward to celebrating student success at our junior prizegivings.

- **Year 9 and 10 Prizegiving** - Tuesday, 9 December
- **Year 7 and 8 Prizegiving** - Wednesday, 10 December

Both events will be held upstairs at the HUB, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Please save these dates—these celebrations are a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge the achievements of our students.

Next week marks our end-of-year activities and camps. Please ensure all activity fees are paid in full by the end of the day on Monday, 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.

This week, our Year 9 and 10 students have enjoyed participating in TSSSA's modified sports week. It has been fantastic to see them having fun and making the most of the sunshine!

Transition visits for our new students starting in 2026 have now been completed. We have enjoyed hosting them and look forward to welcoming them at the beginning of next year. We already have well over 100 enrolments, but we know there are still more to come. Please encourage community members to enrol early—this helps us ensure all arrangements are in place.

On **Monday, 1 December, from 11:30am to 4:00pm**, we will hold end-of-year interviews with whānau teachers. These meetings provide an opportunity for students, whānau and teachers to reflect on learning throughout the year and begin setting goals for 2026. If you have not yet booked an appointment and need assistance, please contact the school office.

Many of you will have heard about the upcoming curriculum changes for junior students in 2026. Our staff are actively engaging in professional development and refining learning programmes to meet the revised guidelines. Further information is available in the course booklets on our website.

[Course Booklets](#) | [Te Paepae O Aotea](#)

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](mailto: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](#)

# Junior Whānau Meetings

**Monday, 1 December 2025 - 11.30am-4.00pm**

School will finish at 11.00am on Monday, 1 December for Year 7-10 students. To make a booking with your student's Whānau teacher, please click on the link for a 10 minute slot.

<https://www.console.skoolloop.com/interviews/24424/>

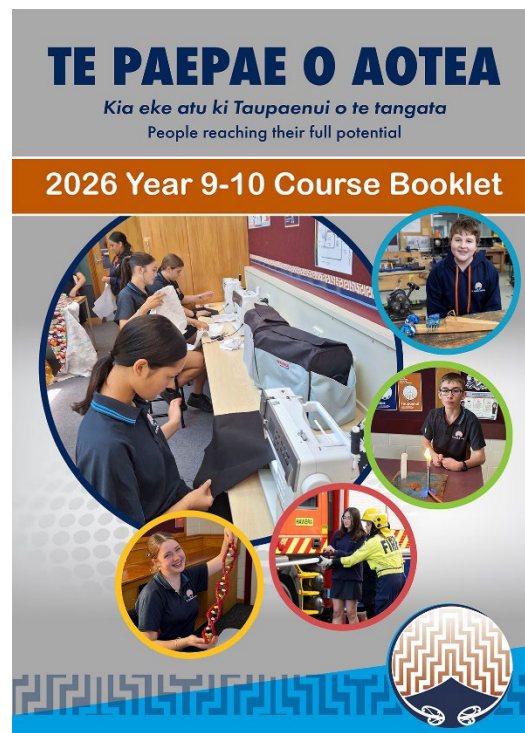
## 2026 Junior Course Booklets



[Year 7-8 Course Booklet](#)

**Course Subject link**

[Te Paepae o Aotea Year 7 & 8 Community Contribution Selection 2026](#)



[Year 9-10 Course Booklet](#)

**Course Subject link**

[Te Paepae o Aotea - Year 9/10 Option Selection 2026](#)

# 2026 Start Dates

## January School Office Hours

19-23 January 2026, 10am-2pm

## Whānau Hui meetings

Monday, 26 January & Tuesday, 27 January 2026

## First Day of Instruction

### Wednesday, 28 January 2026 – Years 7 & 8

Pōwhiri to welcome new students, 9am.

**Year 7s together with all new students** are to meet on Court 3 at The Hub.

*Once the Pōwhiri is over, new students in Years 9+ return home.*

**Returning Year 8s** are to meet in their Whānau class.

### Thursday, 29 January 2026

All students return to 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



# UPCOMING *dates*



TERM 4 - 2025

NOV | **28**

## WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

2pm TSB Hub, Hāwera

DEC | **1**

## JUNIOR WHĀNAU MEETINGS

School Finishes at 11 am

DEC | **2-5**

## JUNIOR CAMPS

2-5 December

DEC | **9**

## YEAR 9-10 PRIZEGIVING

Last day for Year 9-10 students

DEC | **10**

## YEAR 7-8 PRIZEGIVING

Last day for Year 7-8 students

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

[www.tepaepaeoaotea.school.nz](http://www.tepaepaeoaotea.school.nz)



## Important Information

### BYOD 2026

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 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 school's 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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## TE PAEPAE O AOTEA

UNIFORM DESIGN



All school uniform items are purchased through



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

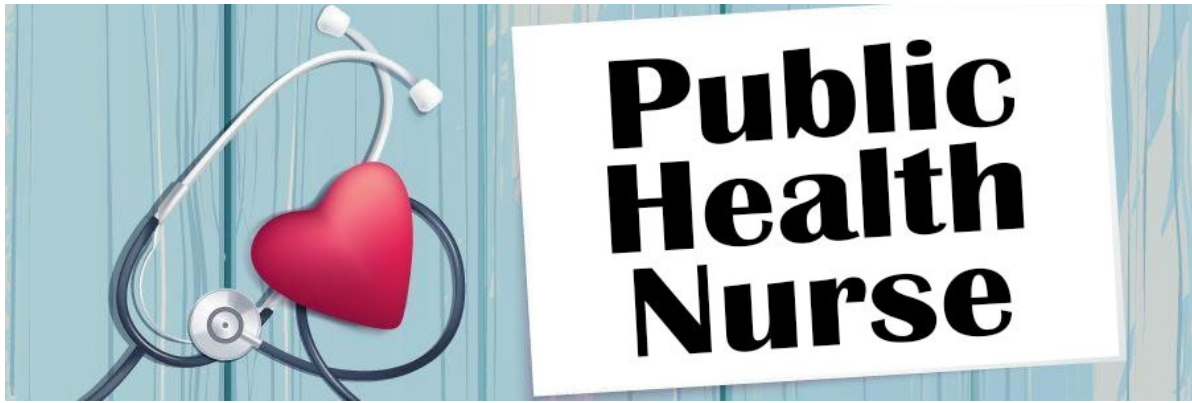
*The school office has a full uniform set available for sizing purposes only*

### 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 Uniforms

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](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.





## NORMANBY LIONS VISIT WAINGONGORO AWA

Frank and Gerard from the Normanby Lions visited Waingongoro Awa to celebrate the outstanding success of three of our Peace Posters. A huge congratulations to our 2025 winners!



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## RONGOA MĀORI AT AE

Our AE students have been creating their own kawakawa balm. They had already infused the olive oil in kawakawa, being sure to use the sweetest leaves chosen by the caterpillars. Using this kawakawa oil they used beeswax and essential oils to create their own scented or pure kawakawa. Kawakawa balm is used worldwide and is popular for its natural healing properties, especially for cuts, scratches, bruises and eczema. They make great lip balms too.



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# Thank You



The Te Paepae o Aotea athletics team will be heading to Hastings on December 4th to compete in the Secondary School National Track and Field Competition. Over three days, our team of nine talented athletes will take part in a range of events.

This incredible opportunity has been made possible thanks to the generous support of our staff, students, and wider school community through BBQ fundraisers.

We would like to thank to everyone who contributed to helping these athletes reach this stage.

Our team is excited to represent TPOA with pride and uphold our school values of **Taupaenui, Aotea, and Paepae**. We're looking forward to an amazing competition and appreciate your continued support!



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## ATHLETIC RESULTS

### TARANAKI YEAR 7-8 ATHLETICS

GIRLS EVENTS	BOYS EVENTS
<b>Finals - Year 7 Girls - 200m</b> Capri Hill - 5 <sup>th</sup> Place	<b>Finals - Year 7 Boys - 200m</b> Lachlan Cox - 1 <sup>st</sup> Place
<b>Year 7 Girls Relay - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b> Skyla Penny, Capri Hill, Keira Taylor, Mila Stevens	<b>Finals - Year 7 Boys - 100m</b> Lachlan Cox - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Ryder Hartley - 4 <sup>th</sup> Place
<b>Year 7 girls Shot Put</b> Jahlei Tucker - 4 <sup>th</sup> Place	<b>Year 7 Boys Relay - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b> Lachlan Cox, Ryder Hartley, Lucas Arnold, Cullen Lord
<b>Year 7 Girls Long Jump</b> Skyla Penny - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	<b>Year 8 Boys Relay - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b> Mace Pullen-Lyne, Romyn Tupuse, Levi Fairbrother, Dylan Smith
	<b>Year 8 Boys Shot Put</b> Levi Fairbrother - 10.06m (record) 1 <sup>st</sup> Place



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# TARANAKI YEAR 7-8 ATHLETICS DAY







**TSSSA MODIFIED SPORTS WEEK**  
**RIPPA RUGBY**







# Sports Talk



## Countdown to the End of the Year

The finish line is in sight and what a term it's been. Our junior school has been buzzing with activities, keeping everyone busy. The sunshine has brought even more fun with the school pool being open—lunchtimes have been full of manus and laughter. It's also awesome to see the volleyball nets getting heaps of use—they've been super popular.

While we were disappointed to postpone the Year 7/8 Summer Exchange, the good news is it's locked in for Term 1 next year and we're already excited for what's to come.



## Year 7-8 Athletics Day – What a Hit

This was a real highlight. Every student gave it their all in events like 100m, 200m, long jump, discus and shot put. Big mihi to our helpers—Tui Finey, LAs, support staff, PE crew and students—you made the day a huge success.

### Champions of the Day

**Yr 7 Girl** Skyla Penny

**Yr 7 Boy** Ryder Hartley

**Yr 8 Girl** Dihanna Snooks

**Yr 8 Boy** Levi Fairbrother

### Overall Champs

**Girl** Skyla Penny

**Boy** Levi Fairbrother

### Record Breakers

Carlyn Campbell – Shot Put (7.63m)

Dihanna Snooks – Long Jump (3.90m)

Levi Fairbrother – Shot Put (9.19m) & 200m (29.46s)

Dylan Smith – Discus (22.53m)



## TSSSA Modified Sports Week & Positive Vibes

This week was all about fun and positive vibes—Rippa Rugby, Fast 5 Netball and a Beach Day. These events are perfect for trying something new and just enjoying the game. Next year, we're keen to do more of this.

Keep a look out for our students wearing green high-vis vests with "Positive Vibes" on the back—they'll be volunteering at kura and community events.



## **Intermediate Taranaki Athletics**

Selected students headed to Inglewood to compete against other schools—what a day. The cherry on top? A warm-up with **Ritchie McCaw** (yes, THE legend). Photos, autographs, signed gear... mean as.

### **Top Placings**

Skyla Penny – 3rd Long Jump  
Lachlan Cox – 1st 200m, 3rd 100m  
Levi Fairbrother – 1st Shot Put  
Yr 7 Girls Relay – 2nd  
Yr 7 Boys Relay – 3rd  
Yr 8 Boys Relay – 3<sup>rd</sup>

## **Sponsorship Shout-Out**

Massive thanks to:

**NZ BASS** – Sam Lasike  
**Hāwera Touch**  
**Hāwera Physio** – Liam & Debbie Clancy

And a HUGE mihi to Yarrows for always coming through with bread and buns for fundraisers—you've helped us break down financial barriers for our rangatahi. Ngā mihi nui.

## **End-of-Year Reminders**

Please ensure sports fees are paid and uniforms are returned before the year wraps up.

## **Nationals – Good Luck Teams**

Sending all the aroha and support to our Senior Mixed Touch and Athletics Team heading to Nationals in the next few weeks. You've trained hard, fundraised like champs and we know you will represent Te Paepae o Aotea with pride. Go hard.

**Enjoy the sunshine, stay active and let's finish the year strong.** 

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

## 2025 Upcoming Sporting Events

### 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.



**Bert Thomas**  
PANEL BEATING



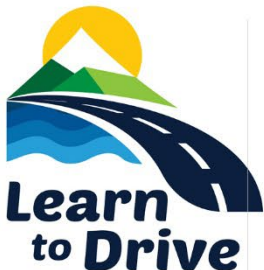
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**FAIRVIEW HAWERA**



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