



# TE PAEPAE O AOTEA

*Kia eke atu ki Taupaenui o te tangata*

## Newsletter – Wednesday, 10 December 2025

Kia ora e te whānau

We have had an incredible year at Te Paepae o Aotea, and what a fantastic way to finish with junior camps last week and junior prizegivings this week. Our school whakataukāki, *Kia eke atu ki Taupaenui o te tangata* – *People reaching their full potential*, has continued to guide everything we do.

Thank you to everyone who came along to support our students at prizegivings. Your presence is so important, as it shows our students that they have strong support from home and the wider community.

Camps and activities were once again a highlight of the year and none of these opportunities would be possible without your contribution. We sincerely thank everyone who helped prepare and assist students for camps and activities. We also appreciate the effort families made to fund these experiences; we know that at this time of year, that is not always easy.

Our students have continued to excel in their academic, sporting and cultural pursuits. It has been a privilege to share and celebrate their successes throughout the year. We are excited about what 2026 will bring and are confident our students will continue to make us proud by living our school values of Aotea, Taupaenui and Paepae.

We look forward to NCEA results being released in mid-January so we can celebrate those achievements. Our senior students have worked hard all year and many are on track to gain endorsements, which is fantastic.

There are two new changes for next year both focused on supporting student engagement, communication and wellbeing. The first is that we will regulate the use of headphones and AirPods during school hours. The second is a ban on energy drinks and similar high-caffeine products. Further information about these initiatives can be found later in the newsletter. It would be advantageous to start talking to your child over the summer break about these changes so they are fully prepared for the new school year.

After another busy and rewarding year, it is now time for our staff and students to enjoy a well-deserved summer break. We hope everyone stays safe and look forward to reconnecting with you in the new year.

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](#)

# 2026 Whānau Meetings

Monday, 26 January 2026 - 11.00am-4.00pm

Tuesday, 27 January 2026 – 9.00am-1.00pm

Click here to make a booking

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

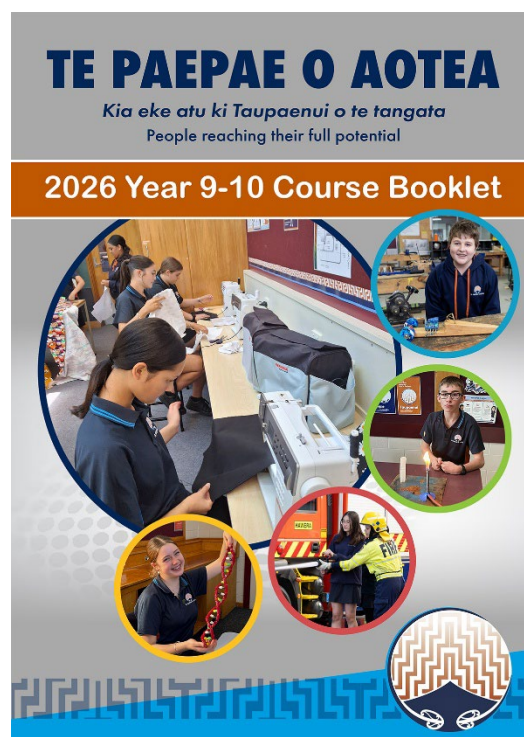
## 2026 Junior Course Booklets



[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](#)





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## Enrol Online



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

## NZ UNIFORMS

WEARING IS BELIEVING

## 2026 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

Held in the Jubilee Gym, Te Paepae o Aotea

## 2026 Start Dates

### January School Office Hours

20-23 January 2026, 10am-2pm

### Whānau Hui meetings

Monday, 26 January 2026 – 11am-4.00pm

Tuesday, 27 January 2026 – 9.00am-1.00pm

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### 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.



## Junior Stationery List YEARS 7-10

[Junior Stationery List Click Here](#)

## Senior Stationery List YEARS 11-13

[Senior Stationery List Click Here](#)

## 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 for full details.

[BYOD newsletter October 2025 \(1\) - Adobe cloud storage](#)

## Energy Drink Ban

[TPOA Energy Drink Ban Procedures](#)

## Headphones & Airpods Regulations

[TPOA Headphones & Airpods Regulations Procedure](#)



## 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

## 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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# UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

**Both shoes and sandals  
must be entirely black**

This means footwear must have no other colors — including on soles, patterns, or logos. Crocs, slides, scuffs, and jandals are not permitted.

Birkenstocks must also be completely black.

The School Board expects these standards to be upheld,  
and all students are required to meet this expectation for 2026.

*Thank you*



**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 items 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.





## TPOA GIRLS CRICKET TEAM WIN TIMBER CO BASH GRAND FINAL

The much-anticipated Timber Co Bash Girls Cricket Grand Final was an absolute thriller. The showdown featured Te Paepae o Aotea and Sacred Heart Girls' College, with Sacred Heart hosting the match and electing to bat first.

Sacred Heart put up a competitive total of 99 runs for 7 wickets after their 20 overs. The Te Paepae o Aotea bowlers delivered a strong performance, with standout contributions from:

- Rita Whana: 1 wicket for 15 runs (3 overs)
- Emma Wasley: 1 wicket for 9 runs (2 overs)
- Laumua Afa Leota: 2 wickets for 10 runs (4 overs)

Chasing 99, Te Paepae o Aotea showed determination and grit. The match came down to the very last ball, with three runs needed for victory. In a moment of pure excitement, Emma Wasley, who starred in last year's final, smashed a boundary to seal the win. She finished unbeaten on 17 runs, while Laumua Afa Leota top-scored with 23 runs.

With this nail-biting finish, Te Paepae o Aotea are now back-to-back champions for 2025. Congratulations to the team on an incredible performance and well-deserved victory. Well done, girls and thank you to all coaching staff and parental support.



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## NEW ZEALAND SECONDARY SCHOOL TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

What an incredible weekend for Te Paepae o Aotea at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Track and Field Championships in Hastings! Our team proudly represented Te Paepae o Aotea on the national stage, showcasing talent and determination. Congratulations to our amazing Athletics team for spreading the name of Te Paepae o Aotea across the country!

Student	Event	Placing
Daniel Mandengu	Senior Boys 400m 48.75 is a Taranaki U20 record	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
	Senior Boys 100m (10.82)	5 <sup>th</sup> Place
<b>Named in the New Zealand Team</b>		
David Mandengu	Senior Boys Long Jump	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
	Senior Boys 200m	11 <sup>th</sup> Place
	Senior Boys 100m	23 <sup>rd</sup> Place
Elizabeth Cudby	Senior Boys High Jump	12 <sup>th</sup> Place
	Senior Girls Triple Jump Personal best (11.03m)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
Lachlan Wills	Senior Girls Long Jump	15 <sup>th</sup> Place
Elliot Wills	Junior 800m	14 <sup>th</sup> Place
	Senior Boys Long Jump	10 <sup>th</sup> Place
	Senior Boys 400m	18 <sup>th</sup> Place
Carlitos Morellon Anderson	Senior Boys 100m	47 <sup>th</sup> Place
	Senior Boys 800m	25 <sup>th</sup> Place
Tayla Sturgeon	Senior Boys 1500m	32 <sup>nd</sup> Place
	Year 9 Girls Road Race	9 <sup>th</sup> Place
Ryan Finney	Junior Girls 800m	16 <sup>th</sup> Place
	Junior Boys Road Race	20 <sup>th</sup> Place
Maddison Sturgeon	Junior Boys 3000m	20 <sup>th</sup> Place
	Senior Girls Road Race	22 <sup>nd</sup> Place
Senior Relay Team Daniel Mandengu David Mandengu Lachlan Wills Elliot Wills	Senior Boys 4x100m Relay Set the Taranaki U18, U20 and Senior record in the heat	4 <sup>th</sup> Place
	Senior Boys 4x400m Relay Running a Taranaki U18 and U20 record in the process - the U20 record was 65 years old	6 <sup>th</sup> Place



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# 2025 Junior Prizegivings YEARS 7-10

## Year 7-8

### Supreme Awards

**Dylan Fagan** - Taupaenui Trophy  
**Ashley Finey**  
Taupaenui - Arts/Cultural Trophy  
**Ollie Shaw** -  
Taupaenui - Top Sporting Trophy  
**Eva Soothill** - Aotea Trophy  
**Krishiv Lal** - Paepae Trophy  
**Kahurangi Hockley**  
Mana Māori Taupaenui Trophy  
**Adelaide Davey**  
Mana Māori Aotea Trophy  
**Mahalia Kunaiti**  
Mana Māori Paepae Trophy

### Taupaenui Overall Year 7-8

**Lewis Ritson** - 1st in Year 7  
**Krishiv Lal** - 2nd in Year 7  
**Joshua Fagan** - 3rd in Year 7  
**Dylan Fagan** - 1st in Year 8  
**Dylan Smith** - 2nd in Year 8  
**Ashley Finey & Libby Tate**  
3rd Equal in Year 8

### Literacy Awards Year 7-8

**Georgia Scown & Krishiv Lal**  
1st Equal in Year 7  
**Lewis Ritson** - 3rd in Year 7  
**Libby Tate** - 1st in Year 8  
**Ashley Finey** - 2nd in Year 8  
**Dylan Fagan** - 3rd in Year 8

### Numeracy Awards Year 7-8

**Joshua Fagan** - 1st in Year 7  
**Ryder Hartley & Lewis Ritson**  
2nd Equal in Year 7  
**Dylan Fagan** - 1st in Year 8  
**Dylan Smith** - 2nd in Year 8  
**Levi Fairbrother** - 3rd in Year 8

### Module Awards Year 7-8

**Archie Dawson** - Top in Year 7-8 Flexitime  
**Blake Riddle** - Top in Year 7-8  
Community Contribution  
**Dylan Smith & Olivia Solomon** - Top in  
Year 7-8 Integrated Learning Modules

### Special Awards

**Kahurangi Hockley**  
Te Teina Tū Tane of the Year 7-8 Kapa Haka  
Roopu (Diamond Whānau Trophy)  
**Mahalia Kunaiti**  
Te Teina Tū Wahine of the Year 7-8 Kapa  
Haka Roopu (Diamond Whānau Trophy)  
**Riwha Grindlay** - Ngāti Ruanui Most Inno-  
vative Year 7-8 Taura  
(Ngāti Ruanui Trophy)  
**Dylan Fagan**  
Noho Pūmau Ki Te Oranga Ako Remain  
committed to a life of learning (Katu  
Whanau Trophy)

## Year 7-8 Taupaenui - Player of the Year Award

**Lucas Skipper**  
Basketball Boys Player of the Year  
**Indie Potts**  
Basketball Girls Player of the Year  
**Shakira Bailey**  
Hockey Player of the Year  
**Capri Hill**  
Netball Player of the Year  
**Charlie Williamson**  
Rugby Boy Player of the Year  
**Aylssa Mills**  
Rugby Girl Player of the Year

## Year 7-8 Taupaenui

### Sports Championship Award

**Dylan Smith**  
Year 7-8 Boys Swimming Champion  
**Ingrid Sharrock**  
Year 7-8 Girls Swimming Champion  
**Levi Fairbrother**  
Year 7-8 Boys Athletic Champion  
**Skylla Penny**  
Year 7-8 Girls Athletic Champion  
**Lucas Arnold**  
Year 7-8 Boys Cross Country Champion  
**Caiyan Campbell**  
Year 7-8 Girls Cross Country Champion

## Year 9-10

### Supreme Awards

**Tamamihia Edwards**  
Taupaenui Trophy  
**Eloise Sharrock**  
Taupaenui - Arts/Cultural Trophy  
**Jayda Weherua**  
Taupaenui - Top Sporting Trophy  
**Tyla Poulsen**  
Aotea Trophy  
**Sarah Brotherson**  
Paepae Trophy  
**Rapine Aperahama & Rheel Luke**  
Mana Māori Taupaenui Trophy  
**Hoani Hockley**  
Mana Māori Aotea Trophy  
**Connah Laupama**  
Mana Māori Paepae Trophy

### Taupaenui Overall Year 9-10

**Regan McGee** - 1st in Year 9  
**Lucy Crowley** - 2nd in Year 9  
**Nea Zaviera Alluad** - 3rd in Year 9  
**Tamamihia Edwards** - 1st in Year 10  
**Seth Schumacher** - 2nd in Year 10  
**David Meyer & Sakya O'Keeffe**  
3rd Equal in Year 10

### Literacy Awards Year 9-10

**Nea Zaviera Alluad** - 1st in Year 9  
**Regan McGee** - 2nd in Year 9  
**Lucy Crowley** - 3rd in Year 9  
**Tamamihia Edwards &**  
**Seth Schumacher** - 1st Equal in Year 10  
**Sakya O'Keeffe** - 3rd in Year 10

## Numeracy Awards Year 9-10

**Regan McGee** - 1st in Year 9  
**Francheska Soquera** - 2nd in Year 9  
**Nicholas Corrigan** - 3rd in Year 9  
**David Meyer** - 1st in Year 10  
**Tamamihia Edwards** - 2nd in Year 10  
**Seth Schumacher** - 3rd in Year 10

## Module Awards Year 9-10

**Eli Dromgool & Ethan Finer**  
Top in Year 9-10 Flexitime  
**Lucy Crowley** - Top in Year 9-10  
Community Contribution  
**Lucy Crowley** - Top in Year 9-10  
Integrated Learning Modules

## Special Awards

**Jacob Cope**  
Ngāti Ruanui Most Innovative Junior  
Māori Student in Year 9-10  
(Ngāti Ruanui Trophy)  
**Rheel Luke**  
Horner Award Most Promising  
Year 10 Art Student

## Year 9-10 Taupaenui - Player of the Year Award

**Leonardeous Snooks**  
Basketball Boys Player of the Year  
**Emma Wasley**  
Junior Cricket Player of the Year  
**Lucy Crowley**  
Junior Debater of the Year  
**Vivaan Chand**  
Golf Match Play Champion  
**Sarah Brotherson**  
Junior Netball Player of the Year  
**Sebastien Stark**  
Junior Rugby Boy Player of the Year  
**Liberty-Anne Mcleod**  
Junior Rugby Girl Player of the Year

## Year 9-10 Taupaenui Sports Championship Award

**Tayla Sturgeon**  
Junior Girls Swimming Champion  
**Charlee Stokes**  
Intermediate Girls Swimming Champion  
(Wallis Girls Family Cup)  
**Brayden Hughes**  
Intermediate Boys Swimming Champion  
(Mark Johnston Cup)  
**Leonardeous Snooks**  
Junior Boys Athletic Champion  
**Tayla Sturgeon**  
Junior Girls Athletic Champion  
**Kymanii Tautuku-Walker**  
Junior Boys Cross Country Champion  
**Tayla Sturgeon**  
Junior Girls Cross Country Champion  
(R & J Brewer Cup)  
**Ollie Symes**  
Junior Golf Champion (Gyde Family Cup)





## Endeavour Centre Prizegiving



### Endeavour Centre Supreme Awards

**Ayjahpride Nathan** - Taupaenui Trophy  
**Ben Hodson** - Aotea Trophy  
**Jay Larsen** - Paepae Trophy

### Literacy Awards

**Braxton Garrett** 1st Place in Literacy  
**Kanuka Ngatai Whana & Shaylyh-Kaye Taputoro-Garrett**  
2nd Equal Literacy  
**Carter Taylor & Ben Hodson**  
3rd Equal Literacy

### Numeracy Awards

**Cooper Bennetts**  
1st Place in Numeracy  
**Mia Dorn & Quentin Maru-Clemas**  
2nd Equal in Numeracy  
**Ben Hodson & Hazel Pumipi**  
3rd Equal in Numeracy



### Special Awards

#### Hunter Larsen

Ngakau o te Ropu (Heart of the Team Award) A student who brings energy, encouragement and positivity to our team.

#### Lachlan Mills

Kaitiaki Award (Guardian of the Team)  
For a student who supports others, helps with peers, cheers from the sidelines or contributes in non-playing roles

#### Ayjahpride Nathan

Mana Motuhake Award  
(Self Determination) A student who advocates for themselves, sets goals and works hard to achieve them

#### Carter Taylor

Tu Tangata Award (Standing Proud)  
A student who consistently shows pride, courage and determination in sport regardless of their ability

### Sports Championship Award

**Kanuka Ngatai** - Para Athletic Girls  
Champion (J Cressingham Cup)

**Mia Dorn** - Para Athletic Boys Champion  
(J Cressingham Cup)





# JUNIOR ACTIVITY WEEK













# TE PAEPAE O AOTEA School Sponsorship



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



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