



TE PAEPAE O AOTEA

Kia eke atu ki Taupaenui o te tangata



Kia ora koutou

We have had an incredible year at Te Paepae o Aotea, finishing on a high with junior camps and prizegivings. Our school whakatauākī, *Kia eke atu ki Taupaenui o te tangata* – People reaching their full potential, continues to guide everything we do.

This year, we have seen significant improvements in student learning and attendance, alongside outstanding achievements in the sports, culture, and arts areas. It has been a privilege to celebrate these successes and watch our students thrive.

We are proud of the progress they have made and the way they embody our school values of:

Aotea (creating safe, caring environments and valuing identity), **Taupaenui** (striving for excellence with a positive attitude and growth mindset) and **Paepae** (showing courage, persistence and strength in learning).

After months of dedication, our students' NCEA results are due mid-January. These results are expected to set a new community record, with outstanding pass rates and a rise in Merit and Excellence endorsements.

Thank you to our dedicated staff and whānau for your unwavering support. Your presence at prizegivings and your contributions to camps, sports and other extracurricular activities make a real difference to the experiences our students have on offer.

If you've walked or driven past the school recently, you may have noticed the Dixon block freshly painted in our school colours. Two more blocks will be painted over summer, so keep an eye on progress. We're also excited that the upgrade of the Te Ramanui block begins in January, further enhancing our learning spaces.

After a busy and rewarding year, it's time for a break. Stay safe, enjoy the holidays and we look forward to reconnecting with you in the new year.

Ngā mihi nui
Rachel Williams
Tumuaki



SENIOR ART WORK

Above: ARNICA MAGNO YEAR 13

Left: KATHLENE CAMACHO YEAR 13



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Te Paepae o Aotea welcomes students for the 2026 school year.

January School Office Hours

20-23 January 2026 - 10.00am-2.00pm

NEW ENROLMENTS

Please contact the school office on 06 223 2000 for an appointment

2026 NZ Uniform 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

Whānau Hui Meetings

Monday, 26 January 2026 - 11.00am-4.00pm

Tuesday, 27 January 2026 - 9.00am-1.00pm

First Day of Instruction

Wednesday, 28 January 2026

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.

R Williams, Principal





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LIONS PEACE POSTER & SPEECH MAKER COMPETITION

Frank and Gerard from Normanby Lions visited to celebrate the outstanding success of three of our student's Peace Posters. Megan Jordan - 1st Place, Malinda Leng - 2nd Place and Willow Downs - 3rd Place. The judges praised the high standards of all posters and commended student's efforts.

Krishiv Lal, Olivia Solomon, 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. Krishiv Lal placed 1st in Year 7 and Dylan Smith, earned 3rd place in Year 8.



ENDEAVOUR CENTRE PRIZEGIVING



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 Bennets
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)



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 Innovative Year 7-8 Taurira
 (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
Skyla 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 & Rheein 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 & Sakyia 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
Sakyia 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 Schmacher - 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)
Rheein 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)



2025 Senior Prizegiving

YEARS 11-13



SENIOR PRIZEGIVING YEAR 11-13

Supreme Awards

Carlitos Morellon Anderson

Taupaeui 1st Place Year 13 - Dux

Miley Davidson

Taupaeui - Top Performing Arts/Cultural

Maddison Sturgeon

Taupaeui - Top Sporting

Akshay C Santhosh - Aotea Trophy

Julia Scott - Paepae Trophy

Taiharuru Ratima

Mana Māori Taupaeui Trophy

Russell Hockley

Mana Māori Aotea Trophy

Izzy McMahon

Mana Māori Paepae Trophy

Taupaeui 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

Taupaeui Overall Awards Year 12

Taiharuru Ratima - 1st Place in Year 12

Evita Morellon - 2nd Place in Year 12

Lauren Kalin - 3rd Place in Year 12

Taupaeui 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 Aotearoa Music
Awards (Halliwell's 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 Senior 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)

Taupaeui - Team of the Year

Ratahi Shield

Senior Boys 4x 100m Athletics Relay Team

Taupaeui - Player of the Year

Awards

Russell Hockley

Ki 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'a'elua - Netball Player of the Year

(Brewer Cup)

Lauren Kalin - Debating Student of the Year

(Kalin Family Cup)

Taupaeui 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)