



# TE PAEPAE O AOTEA

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## Message from the Principal

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).

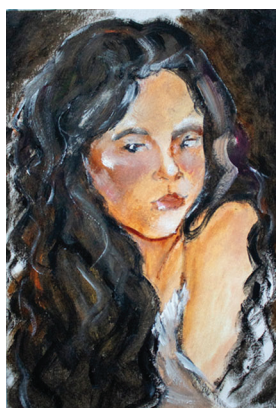
After months of dedication, our students' NCEA results are due mid-January. These results are expected to set a new community record, with outstanding pass rates and a rise in Merit and Excellence endorsements.

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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ENDEAVOUR CENTRE PRIZEGIVING

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



## 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)





# 2025 Junior Prizegivings YEARS 7-10

## JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING 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 Taurā

(Ngāti Ruanui Trophy)

**Dylan Fagan**

Noho Pūmau Ki Te Oranga Ako Remain  
committed to a life of learning (Katu  
Whānau 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 & Rheelin 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)

**Rheelin 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



## Supreme Awards

### Carlitos Morellon Anderson

Taupaenui 1st Place Year 13 - Dux

### Miley Davidson

Taupaenui - Top Performing Arts/Cultural

### Maddison Sturgeon

Taupaenui - Top Sporting

### Akshay C Santhosh - Aotea Trophy

### Julia Scott - Paepae Trophy

### Taiharuru Ratima

Mana Māori Taupaenui Trophy

### Russell Hockley

Mana Māori Aotea Trophy

### Izzy McMahon

Mana Māori Paepae Trophy

## Taupaenui 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

## Taupaenui 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

## Taupaenui 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 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)

## Taupaenui - Team of the Year

### Ratahi Shield

### Senior Boys 4x 100m Athletics Relay

Team

## Taupaenui - 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)

## Taupaenui 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)