



TE PAEPAE O AOTEA

Kia eke atu ki Taupaenui o te tangata

Newsletter – Friday, 13 March 2026

Kia ora e te whānau

We would like to acknowledge and thank our community for the wonderful support you have shown our students this year. Your efforts to ensure they arrive in full uniform, prepared for learning with the right stationery and devices, make a significant difference. We know the start of the year can be challenging and we truly appreciate everything you do to set our students up for success.

Over the past few years, we have seen excellent progress in student learning and we are incredibly proud of their achievements. A major contributor to this success has been improved attendance across the school. Students who attend more than 90% of the time consistently achieve better educational outcomes, which is why we continue to monitor attendance closely.

To further encourage strong attendance, we have set clear expectations for participation in extracurricular activities—including sports exchanges, school events and the school ball. Students must maintain attendance above 80% to represent the school in these activities.

In the final week of term, whānau will have the opportunity to meet with course teachers to discuss how their child has been progressing this term. We strongly encourage you to take up this opportunity. On that day, students will finish classes at 1pm, with interviews beginning at 1.30pm.

Next Friday afternoon we will be holding a full-school assembly where we will celebrate a range of achievements, including summer sports and academic awards. We warmly welcome community members to join us in recognising and celebrating our students' success.

Later this term, our Volleyball and Waka Ama teams will be competing at national tournaments. We know they will represent our school with pride and we look forward to following their journeys.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our students and our school. Your commitment helps ensure our learners continue to thrive.

Ngā mihi nui

Rachel Williams
Tumuaki





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YEARS 7-13 STUDENT SUBJECT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Tuesday, 31 March 2026 – 1.30-7.30pm

Held at Bayly Park, Camberwell Rd, Hāwera

Interviews are 10 minute slots. Parents can book back-to-back interview slots if more time is required.

For alternate appointment times, please email your students subject teacher.

School will finish at 1pm

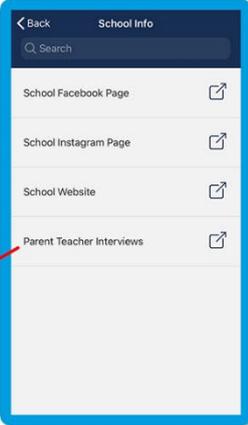
Buses will run at normal times



School App Instructions



You can find a link to the Skooloop Interview booking page by clicking on the **School Info** button in the School App



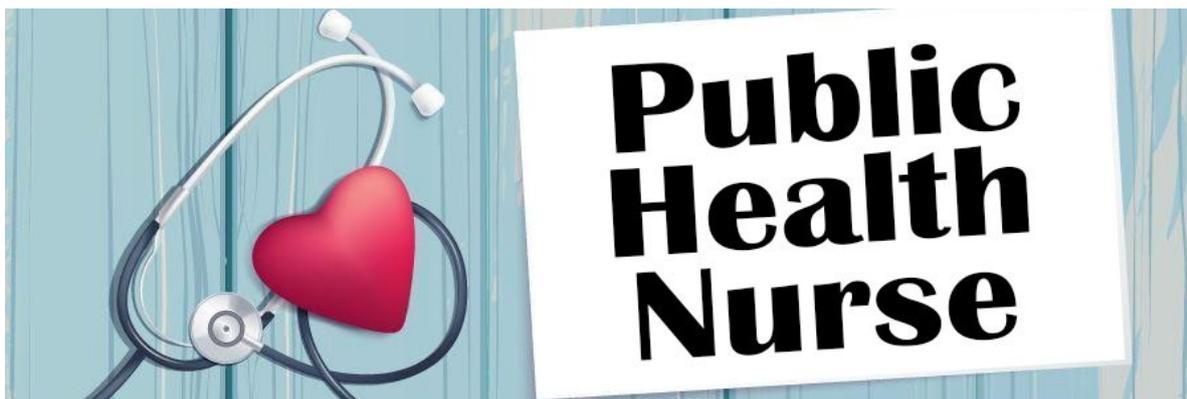
Then click on **Parent Teacher Interviews**



or click on the link to make a booking

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

[Subject Teacher List](#)



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 directly.

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](#)



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



Important Information BYOD 2026

Click the link below for all details about our Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) plan at Te Paepae o Aotea in 2026.

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:AP:ee2724bb-cb59-4254-ad5d-534d53a14ba3>

Updating Student Contact Details

If your contact details or your child's emergency contact information has changed, please notify the school office administration team with the updated details. Thank you.



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TE PAEPAE O AOTEA
UNIFORM DESIGN



All school uniform items are purchased through



tepaepaeoaotea.nzuniforms.com

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

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.



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WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Friday, 20 March 2026

Held at the TSB Hub at 2pm

Camberwell Road, Hāwera

Whānau and friends welcome



SUPPORTING
OUR STUDENTS



KAI ROOM

BREAKFAST

CLUB!

MONDAY-FRIDAY

8.15am-8.50am

Held in the Canteen

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Creating a Safe, Healthy and Focused Learning Environment



NZ UNIFORMS





HEAD ACADEMIC LEADER

Adam Stables



Kia ora koutou

It's been awesome to see students getting involved in school events and lunchtime activities over the past fortnight. Our Escape Room LRA ran well, students worked in teams, solved challenges under pressure and helped their team throughout. Congratulations to Kaupokonui, who took out the win with the fastest time. It was great to see the enthusiasm, teamwork and problem-solving on display from all awas.

A reminder to make the most of the opportunities that come up this year. Trying something new can feel a bit outside your comfort zone, but you don't always know what you'll enjoy or what you're capable of until you give it a go.

Looking ahead, the Academic Council is planning our next LRA for later in the term, along with a Parliament trip for Year 12/13 students later in the year. We'll be sharing more information soon, keep an eye out.

Ngā mihi, Adam Stables



HEAD CULTURAL LEADER

Taiharuru Ratima



Tēnā koutou katoa

No doubt we all enjoyed a busy Taranaki Anniversary long weekend. It was a big weekend with the Te Kāhui Maunga kapa haka regionals held in Waitara. It involved many local groups and hundreds of enthusiastic whānau coming in to tautoko and enjoy the performances, whanaungatanga and kai.

To those who stood on stage on Saturday - you all did us proud. It was great too seeing so many of our kura community there to support our taiohi and whanaunga. Congratulations to Ngā Waihotanga, one of our local kapa haka rōpū, who placed third and got through to the national Matatini competitions to be held in Waikato in 2027. A group of current students, alumni and our kapa haka tutors are part of Ngā Waihotanga. A big mihi to you all.

To our students who performed, you are the embodiment of Taupaenui- striving for excellence, and Paepae - being courageous, determined and hard working. And to our supporters who showcased Aotea- you all created a caring environment by being there to support and cheer everyone on. Our kura values are out on full display, not only at school but in the community and in everyday life.

Noho ora mai, Taiharuru Ratima



HEAD COMMUNITY LEADER

Lauren Kalin



Kia Ora

We're over halfway through our first term here at school and there is no shortage of things happening around the school. It's important to make sure you're keeping up with the notices and social media feeds to ensure you can take advantage of all the awesome opportunities on offer.

The Community Council is working on our LRA, minute-to-win-it challenges, where teams of four from each awa will work through a series of five different tasks before the team begins. We've been collecting signups, and students are welcome to come along and participate on the day.

Relay for Life is less than three weeks away. There is still time to register to be part of the school team or donate to any of our participants. Last Friday we held a sausage sizzle fundraiser and made over \$400 and we are planning another one for **Friday, 20th**. Whether you're a student, staff or community member; this is a great opportunity.

For seniors: there will be a survey coming around about the school ball soon. Please take the time to fill it in to help us create a night everyone will enjoy.

Ngā mihi, Lauren Kalin



HEAD SPORTS LEADER

Theo Soothill



Kia ora whānau

As Head Sport Leader, it has been awesome to see the level of participation and energy in our recent LRA dodgeball. The event was a huge success, with students from across the school getting involved, showing great teamwork, competitiveness and plenty of school spirit. It was fantastic to see so many people stepping onto the court, supporting their friends and enjoying the opportunity to be active over lunchtime.

Looking ahead to Term 2, the sports committee has some exciting LRAs planned that we're sure students will enjoy just as much. These activities will continue to provide fun opportunities for everyone to get involved, try something new and represent their awa with pride.

We also have our school Cross Country coming up next term. This is always a great event that challenges students while bringing the whole school together. We encourage everyone to get involved and give it their best effort.

Ngā mihi, Theo Soothill



L1 COMMERCE MARKET DAY

Monday, 16 March 2026

Interval - 11.15-.11.45am

Outside office block

- Cookies
- Ice Cream
- Cookie Sandwiches
- Canned Drinks
- Brownies & Kool Aid
- Lollie Cake
- Sausage Sizzle
- Biscuits
- Popcorn



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Te Kahui Maunga Regionals

Past and present Te Paepae o Aotea students lit up the stage at the recent Te Kahui Maunga Regional Kapa Haka Competition, showcasing powerful performances.

Ngā Waihotanga - Harlem Thompson-Tapiki, Te Koha Domb, D'vantage Thompson-Tapiki, Peyton Nelson, Delila Tun, Jahliyah Hori, Hannah Boothby and Lucy Roberts.

Taranaki Ke Te Tonga - Ranginui Baller and Shay King.

Te Moungaraa - Taiharuru Ratima.



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2026
TE KAHUI MAUNGA REGIONALS

STUDENT SUCCESS



Art - Pasifika Navigation

Mixed-media landscape paintings were produced by the Year 9-10 Pasifika Navigation Arts class, all within a 20-minute limit.



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YEAR 9-10 ART CLASS



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In L2 Agriculture, students have been learning about how to handle and care for livestock. We're fortunate to have support from the Showgrounds and the Corrigan's, who allow us to work with their animals. Students observed the behaviour of heifers and also had the chance to pat a horse that will be competing at an event at the showgrounds this weekend.



LEVEL 2 AGRICULTURE

RELAY FOR LIFE

A huge shout-out to Silver Fern Farms, Yarrows the Bakers and TPOA staff who donated towards our Relay for Life sausage sizzle.

Te Paepae o Aotea raised over \$460!

Thank you to our community for supporting this event.



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Cancer Society

Te Kahui Matapuakopiko o Aotearoa



To make a donation to Relay for Life click on the link

[Te Paepae o Aotea RELAY FOR LIFE](#)



Hands on First Aid

Our Gateway students completed a First Aid course, learning essential life-saving skills including CPR, how to use a defibrillator/AED, responding to choking emergencies, and managing life-threatening bleeding. Such an awesome step toward being confident and capable in real-world situations.



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GATEWAY FIRST AID COURSE

2026 LEFT-HANDED GOLF CHAMPION

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates Divan Denton who won the 2026 Left-Handed National Golf Championship held in Te Awamutu for the National Association of Left-Handed Golfers of New Zealand (NALGNZ)



Divan Denton



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Divan took out the win with scores of 74, 70, 75, 69.

NATIONAL GOLF

LRA



The Academic Leaders held a LRA Escape Room competition during break times, where Kaupokonui shattered the record and claimed first place after breaking out of the room in spectacular time.

1st Place - KAŪPOKONUI - 8:56

2nd Place - PĀTEA - 13:22

3rd Place - TANGAHOE - 16:45

4th Place - WAINGONGORO - 18:40



CENTRAL PULSE NETBALL

Te Paepae o Aotea students were thrilled to meet Central Pulse Netball stars Parris Mason, Lili Gorman-Brown, and Khiarna Williams, who stopped in at the TSB Hub in Hāwera to connect with some of their biggest fans.



- Each Awa can enter as many teams of four as possible
- Each team will go through a series of challenges
- Once completed the next team starts

Held in the Jubilee Gym

Tuesday, 17 March 2026

Interval - PĀTEA | Lunchtime - KAŪPOKONUI

Wednesday, 18 March 2026

Interval - WAINGONGORO | Lunchtime - TANGAHOE



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STUDENT SUCCESS





Busy Busy Busy – Keep it up

Term 1 is always full-on... and this one did not disappoint. From finishing off Athletics and Swimming Sports, to running trials, taking trainings and organising trips – our sports department has been flat out... and loving every minute of it.

Yes, we were tired – but the way everyone supported each other to make sure our rangatahi had every opportunity possible was absolutely awesome. Ka mau te wehi, team.

Seeing the whole school get involved in Athletics and Swimming was a massive highlight. So proud of everyone who got stuck in, gave things a go and helped build our school culture.

Congratulations to our overall Year 7-8, Junior, Intermediate and Senior Girl and Boy Champions for Athletics and Swimming. That's the tahi when you put in the mahi.

A huge mihi to our staff and whānau who helped make these events happen – we couldn't do it without you. And a special shout-out to our Sports Leaders, who are growing in confidence and stepping into their roles like champs. Keep pushing yourselves and owning your leadership journeys.

Capturing Our Kura – Claire & Michelle, You're Stars

At Te Paepae o Aotea, we are incredibly lucky to have school events shared so quickly with our whānau. Often, the event has *just finished* and within 30 minutes, photos and write-ups are already online.

A huge thank you to Claire Kalin and Michelle Shaw for consistently capturing the sports, culture, academic achievements and special moments happening across our kura. You two always deliver.

Central Pulse Roadshow

On Wednesday we had the privilege of hosting three Central Pulse players – Parris Mason, Lili Gorman-Brown and Khiarna Williams.

Our students had the chance to ask questions, get autographs, take photos and spend time with elite wāhine toa – including current Silver Fern, Parris Mason. What an incredible opportunity.

It was also fantastic to welcome students from Waverley School, St Joseph's and Matapu.

Thank you to Netball Taranaki for organising this awesome experience for our South Taranaki schools. Your support makes moments like this possible for our rangatahi.

Regional & Nationals Prep – Bring It On

Senior Boys Volleyball

These boys are looking sharp as they prepare for their tournament in Palmerston North. Huge thanks to Coach Reg and Manager Alison for the awesome mahi getting the team ready.

Girls Waka Ama

Our 6-girl crew have been up early training on the Pātea River with Matua Mahaki and the legendary Whaea Paano. Their dedication and excitement are next-level – we can't wait to see them compete.

Rippa Rugby – 13 Teams Strong

We have 13 teams from Year 7–13 competing every Thursday in the Southern Rugby Rippa Tournament. With only two weeks left, we're hoping to bring home the silverware again. Keep up the great mahi everyone.

Positive Vibes Only

Let's continue promoting Positive Vibes (fair play) in our school and at all sports events.

We especially want to uplift our student coaches, referees and players. Their roles aren't easy – so let's make their experience a great one.

If you see one of our students wearing a green vest, give them a smile, a thank you, or a helping hand. Every bit of encouragement fills their bucket.

Winter Sports Are Coming

Sign-ups and musters are underway for:

- Netball
- Rugby
- Hockey
- Football

Basketball will kick off soon.

Make sure you're signed up and attending trainings so you don't miss your chance to make a team.

Year 7-8 Events

Taranaki Swimming Day - Students who did well at our school swimming sports will attend this event at Hāwera Aquatic Centre on Monday, 23 March.

Sport Exchanges – We will be competing with Devon, Manukorihi and Highlands. Students are currently trialling and once teams are selected, practices will run during Taha Tinana time.

Student Success – We Want to Hear From You

We love celebrating the achievements of our students – whether it's in sport, on stage, in the community or anywhere else.

Please send us photos and a short description and make sure the Te Paepae o Aotea Student Nomination Form is completed. These go toward badges and end-of-year awards. The form is on the school website, available at the main office or through your whānau teacher.

Keep up the incredible mahi, everyone. Put your best foot forward, lead by example and continue building the positive culture we are so proud of.

***Strong leaders know the best way to lead...
is by being part of the team, not above it.***

For all sports queries, please contact Vicki Roberts, Sports Coordinator, via email, vicki.roberts@tepaepaeoatea.school.nz

2026 Upcoming Sporting Events

TSSSA Events

Sunday, 15 March	Championship Golf
Tuesday, 17 March	Athletics
Tuesday, 24 March	All Ability Swimming
Tuesday, 31 March	Student Coach Day Student Leaders Day

Year 7-8 Events

Tuesday, 31 March	Year 7-8 Taranaki Swimming
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TSSSA STUDENT LEADERS WORKSHOP

TERM 1

Tuesday, 31 March 2026

9.30am-2.30pm | TET Event Centre, Stratford

Modules

- Project Management & Resilience
- Understanding Rangatahi Voice
- Inclusivity Training
- The TSSSA Connection
- Organisational Skills & Time Management

TSSSA

TE RŌPŪ HĀKINAKINA O NGĀ KURA TUARUA O TARANAKI

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2026 INTER AWA ATHLETIC RESULTS

1st Place – TANGAHOE

2nd Place – WAINGONGORO

3rd Place – KAŪPOKONUI

4th Place - PĀTEA

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2026 INTER AWA ATHLETIC RESULTS

Year Group	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	4 th Place
Year 7-8 Girls	TANGAHOE	PĀTEA	WAINGONGORO	KAŪPOKONUI
Year 7-8 Boys	PĀTEA	KAŪPOKONUI	WAINGONGORO	TANGAHOE
Junior Girls	TANGAHOE	KAŪPOKONUI	WAINGONGORO	PĀTEA
Junior Boys	PĀTEA	KAŪPOKONUI	TANGAHOE	WAINGONGORO
Senior Girls	PĀTEA	KAŪPOKONUI	TANGAHOE	WAINGONGORO
Senior Boys	KAŪPOKONUI	WAINGONGORO	PĀTEA	TANGAHOE



NATIONAL TRACK & FIELD

Te Paepae o Aotea celebrates the outstanding success of our current and former students at the National Track & Field Championships, with a special acknowledgement to our Athletics Coach, Jason Cressingham.

200M
U20 MENS
Daniel Mandengu - 9th Place
David Mandengu - 16th Place
SENIOR MENS
Campbell Wills - 14 Place

400M
U16 GIRLS
Tayla Sturgeon - 5th Place
U20 MENS
Daniel Mandengu - 5th Place
David Mandengu - 6th Place
SENIOR MENS
Campbell Wills - 14 Place PB

1500M
U16 GIRLS
Tayla Sturgeon - 16th Place

LONG JUMP
U20 WOMENS
Elizabeth Cudby - 6th Place
U20 MENS
Daniel Mandengu - 2nd Place
Elliot Wills - 3rd Place

TRIPLE JUMP
U20 WOMENS
Elizabeth Cudby - 1st Place
U20 MENS
Elliot Wills - 4th Place PB 13.6

4X100M RELAY
SENIOR MENS - 4TH PLACE
Campbell Wills, Daniel Mandengu, Elliot Wills
David Mandengu
Broke 1973 (44:5)
Taranaki Record with 43:07

4X400M RELAY
U20 MENS - 3RD PLACE
Daniel Mandengu,
David Mandengu
Broke 1970 (3:26.00)
Taranaki Record with 3:20.28



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Year 7-8 Girl Champion	Skyla Penny
Year 7-8 Boy Champion	Ryder Hartley
Junior Girl Champion	Tayla Sturgeon
Junior Boy Champion	Loxton Walden-Smith
Intermediate Girl Champion	Mikayla Arnold
Intermediate Boy Champion	Lachlan Wills
Senior Girl Champion	Maddison Sturgeon
Senior Boy Champion	Russell Hockley



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ATHLETIC RECORDS

*Congratulations to all
our students who set
new Te Paepae o Aotea
Athletics records*



100M Junior Girls Tayla Sturgeon 12:95
200M Junior Girls Tayla Sturgeon 27:42
400M Junior Girls Tayla Sturgeon 1:03.97 Intermediate Boys Lachlan Wills 57:13 Intermediate Girls Mikayla Arnold 1:09.18 Senior Girls Maddison Sturgeon 1:13.03
800M Junior Girls Tayla Sturgeon 2:26.44 Intermediate Boys Lachlan Wills 2:09.90 Intermediate Girls Mikayla Arnold 2:36.04 Senior Girls Maddison Sturgeon 2:44.26
1500M Junior Girls Tayla Sturgeon 5:28.62 Intermediate Boys Lachlan Wills 4:36.00 Senior Girls Maddison Sturgeon 5:48.42
3000M Intermediate Boys Lachlan Wills 10:06.44 Senior Girls Maddison Sturgeon 12:38.42
LONG JUMP Year 7-8 Girls Skyla Penny 4.07m Junior Girls Tayla Sturgeon 4.67m
TRIPLE JUMP Junior Girls Tayla Sturgeon 9.07m Intermediate Girls Mikayla Arnold 8.72m
SHOT PUT Junior Girls Emma Wasley 8.24m Intermediate Boys Cyrus Van Der Werff 9.38m



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TE PAEPAE O AOTEA 2026 SWIMMING CHAMPIONS

Year 7-8 Girl Champion	Ingrid Sharrock	
Year 7-8 Boy Champion	Tate Dransfield	
Junior Girl Champion	Tayla Sturgeon	
Junior Boy Champion	Kahurangi Hockley	
Intermediate Girl Champion	Charlee Stokes	Sienna Talaia
Intermediate Boy Champion	NO AWARD	
Senior Girl Champion	Maddison Sturgeon	
Senior Boy Champion	Russell Hockley	





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2026 INTER AWA SWIMMING RELAYS

1st Place – WAINGONGORO

2nd Place – TANGAHOE

3rd Place – PĀTEA

4th Place - KAŪPOKONUI

SOUTHERN RIPPA RUGBY TOURNAMENT



SOUTHERN RIPPA RUGBY





Kura Kai builds our local community of volunteers who give their time, money, and resources to cook nutritious family meals to help keep our freezer well stocked

Whānau Cooking for Whānau



How can you help?

- Donate food
- Donate funds
- Donate a meal

Donations can be dropped off at the Te Paepae o Aotea School Office.
For any inquiries, please contact:

Lauren Kalin - Head Community Leader
Lauren.Kalin@tepaepaeoatea.school.nz

REQUIREMENTS

- FOIL ROASTING TRAYS WITH LIDS ONLY to be used (no plastic or foil trays without lids)
- They must have the thick cardboard lids that are secured tightly on top.
- Tray size – The large family size (approx a 4 person serve) is ideal but if you can't find these trays feel free to use the medium size.
- Labeling requirements – each meal MUST be labeled clearly with the following information. It must be clearly seen and read.
- Name of Meal.
- Full ingredients list.
- Date cooked.
- Date Frozen.
- Volunteer # or name/initials .
- Any special reheating instructions.



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UPCOMING *dates*



TERM 1 - 2026

MAR | 15

TSSSA CHAMP GOLF

Ngāmotu Golf Club 8am-4.00pm

MAR | 16

MARKET DAY

Year 11 Commerce | 11.15am-11.45am

MAR | 17

TSSSA ATHLETICS

Inglewood TET Stadium

MAR | 24

TSSSA AB SWIMMING

Wai o Rua Stratford Aquatic Centre

MAR | 31

SUBJECT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

1.30pm-7.30pm at Bayly Park

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

www.tepaepaeoatea.school.nz