



# TE PAEPAE O AOTEA

*Kia eke atu ki Taupaenui o te tangata*

## Newsletter – Friday, 27 March 2026

Kia ora e te whānau

This week, we have had a number of students away representing our school at Year 7 and 8 Swimming, All Ability Swimming and national competitions for Waka Ama and Volleyball. We are extremely proud of the way our students represent the school, always doing so with pride and humility. We frequently receive positive feedback regarding the sportsmanship our students display, which reflects our school values.

Year 7–10 Progress Reports are due home today. These reports provide an overview of how Term 1 has progressed for your child. On Tuesday from 1.30 pm, we will be holding subject teacher interviews. These interviews are a valuable opportunity to learn more about your child's learning progress. If you have not yet made an appointment, you can still do so by following the instructions on the next page.

Our school whakatauākī, *Kia eke atu ki Taupaenui o te tangata*, challenges all of us to be the very best we can be. Throughout Term 1, we have seen our students strive for excellence in academics, sport and a range of extracurricular activities. It has been great to see them challenge themselves and continue their personal development. With winter sports nearly ready to begin, we're looking forward to seeing our students out competing. Most of our sports codes have embraced the Positive Vibe message. It is the responsibility of all of us—coaches, managers and supporters—to maintain a positive mindset on the sports field. Our goal is for students to enjoy their sporting experiences so they remain active and involved for life.

Attendance continues to be a major focus for the year and we appreciate the efforts of whānau in ensuring that students attend school every day. Our Term 1 attendance has been encouraging; however, in recent years, attendance has tended to dip as the year progresses. Our challenge this year is to continue improving attendance and communicate early if your child is going to be absent.

With jst one week to go until the April school holidays, we hope our students enjoy a well-earned break and we look forward to a productive Term 2.

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**

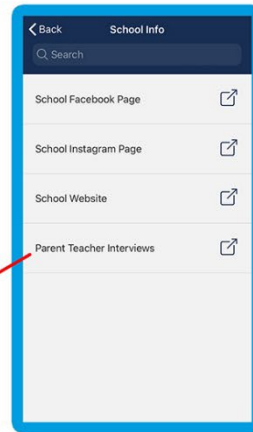
**Buses will run at normal times**



## School App Instructions



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



Then click on **Parent Teacher Interviews**

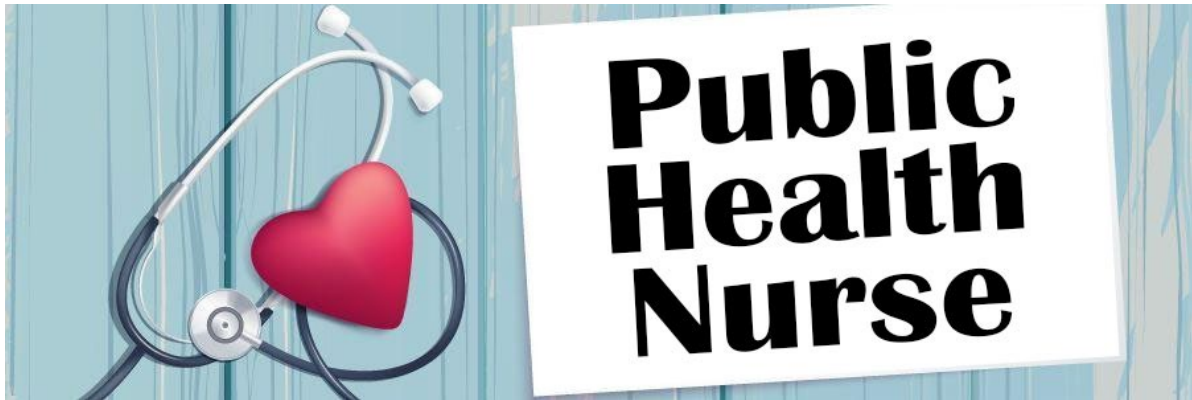


or click on the link to make a booking

<https://www.console.skoolloop.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](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 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](http://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.

SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS



**KAI ROOM  
BREAKFAST  
CLUB!**  
MONDAY-FRIDAY  
8.15am-8.50am  
Held in the Canteen  
**TE PAEPAE O AOTEA**  
Creating a Safe, Healthy and Focused Learning Environment








## HEAD ACADEMIC LEADER

Adam Stables



Kia ora koutou

Our Spelling Bee LRA was a great success this week and it was awesome to see so many students getting involved. Thank you to everyone who took part and helped make the event go well. Congratulations to Pātea for taking out the win with the most words spelt.

I would also like to congratulate all students recognised at our recent assembly. It is great to see students being acknowledged for their effort, achievement and contribution to our school community. Well done to everyone who received an award.

As we approach the end of the term, many students have already completed assessments, while others still have some coming up next week. Keep putting in your best effort, stay on top of what needs to be done and make the most of the support around you. Finishing the term strong is something to be proud of.

Ngā mihi, Adam Stables



## HEAD CULTURAL LEADER

Taiharuru Ratima



Tēnā koutou katoa

I want to extend a huge congratulations to all the students who have proudly represented Te Paepae o Aotearoa over the past few weeks. Whether you competed at the NZSS Volleyball Championships, the National Secondary School Waka Ama Championships, the South Taranaki Race Unity Speech Awards or the Regional Artistic Skating Championships, you have shown what it means to live our value of Paepae - being courageous, stepping forward and giving things a go. Your achievements, effort and commitment make our kura proud.

As Aotearoa navigates global challenges from rising living costs to uncertainty around fuel and resources, the positive culture of our school community becomes even more important. This is a time where the way we support each other, look out for one another and create uplifting spaces truly matters. Even the small actions we take to put Aotearoa on display contribute to a culture where everyone feels encouraged to rise to their own Taupaenui.

Next week, our cultural team is hosting the final LRA of the term - Just Dance. It's all about fun, connection, and giving things a go. Let's show our values of Paepae and Aotearoa in action: step up, get involved, and cheer others on.

Kia kaha tātou! Noho ora mai, Taiharuru Ratima



## HEAD COMMUNITY LEADER

Lauren Kalin



Kia Ora

As we come to the end of Term 1, it's been awesome to see the energy and involvement across our school. It's been a busy few weeks, and a great way to finish off the term together.

Our LRA *Minute to Win It* event was a huge success, with lots of participation across all awas and year levels. The final placings were Tangahoe 1st, followed closely by Kaipokonui and Waingongoro, then Patea; well done to everyone who participated.

Relay for Life is happening this Saturday, 28th, and we're proud to have 70 students and nine staff participating. As a school, we've raised over \$11,500 including more than \$900 from our two sausage sizzle fundraisers. A HUGE thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraising efforts. This is an amazing effort and shows the strength of our school community coming together for a great cause.

Looking ahead, ANZAC Day comes up early next term - a really important time for reflection and remembrance in our wider community. It would be awesome to see as many students as possible out in the community representing at their local services. Have a safe and relaxing break and we look forward to seeing everyone back refreshed for Term 2.

Ngā mihi, Lauren Kalin



## HEAD SPORTS LEADER

Theo Soothill



Kia ora whānau

As we come to the end of Term 1, it's a good opportunity to reflect on what has been a busy and successful term for sport across the school. Throughout the term, we have seen great participation in both competitive and social sport with many students giving up their time to represent the school and getting involved in different activities.

One of the highlights of the term has been the lunchtime recreational activities (LRA) which have had strong turnout and great engagement from students. These activities have provided a fun and social environment for students to be active, compete with their friend, and try new sports.

It has also been great to see the positive sportsmanship, house spirit and student involvement across all sporting events this term. Thank you to all students, staff and volunteers who have helped make sport run smoothly this term. We look forward to an even bigger and better Term 2.

Ngā mihi, Theo Soothill



# ARTS DEPARTMENT

We are proud to celebrate the vibrant and thriving Creative and Performing Arts whānau here at Te Paepae o Aotea. Our passionate team is delighted to welcome itinerant singing teacher Alyssa Avery, whose expertise is already enriching our programme. Student enthusiasm for the itinerant scheme continues to grow, with learners embracing opportunities across guitar, bass, cello, drums, piano, vocals, brass, woodwind and violin.

As our senior students move on to new pathways, we are especially proud to see our younger musicians stepping confidently into their roles within the school Concert Band. Under the skilled guidance of brass teacher Jody Thomas, this year's ensemble is already sounding fantastic and shows exciting promise for the year ahead.

## Visual Arts

Our Level 1 Visual Arts, Photography and Te Reo Māori students recently experienced a meaningful noho at Aotearoa Pā. This rich learning opportunity deepened their understanding of a Māori world view through whakairo, tāniko and the powerful oral traditions shared by local kaumātua. The concept of tūrangawaewae—exploring identity and connection to place—continues to inspire thoughtful and expressive work back in the classroom.

The completion of the Dixon Block painting marks an exciting milestone, made even more special with the installation of murals by last year's Level 1 Art students. These works have transformed the space, adding colour, identity and creativity for all to enjoy. We warmly invite our community to take time to view and celebrate these pieces.

## Performing Arts

While significant building developments mean we will not stage a major school production this year, our students and staff have wholeheartedly embraced alternative creative opportunities. It has been fantastic to see members of our school community involved in Hāwera Repertory's 80th celebration production of *Sister Act*, showcasing their talents on the local stage.

Our senior students were also privileged to experience live theatre at its finest, attending Whanganui Amdram's powerful and moving performance of *Les Misérables*. Opportunities like this continue to inspire and deepen students' appreciation of the performing arts.

Excitement is building as the Stratford Shakespeare Festival reaches its finale this week. We extend our very best wishes to Te Kingi, Cazna, Robbie, Jack, and Lucy as they take the stage with scenes from *Macbeth*—we know they will represent us with confidence and flair.

This year's Race Unity Speech Awards, centred on the theme "Listening to Understand – Whakarongo Kia Mārama," saw outstanding success. Congratulations to Evita Morellon for her confident and well-deserved first place in the South Taranaki heat—an achievement we are incredibly proud of.

Our debating teams have also made a strong start to the year, travelling to Whanganui for the Central North Island Debating Competition. With two senior teams and one junior team competing, our students demonstrated determination, skill and pride in representing our kura.

Building on the excitement of Taranaki's recent Te Matatini Festival, our students are already looking ahead to upcoming opportunities in Waikato. We proudly acknowledge those who performed at the Te Kāhui Maunga Regionals earlier this month. This festival brings together rōpū from across the rohe to perform and compete for the opportunity to represent Te Kāhui Maunga at Te Matatini 2027.

A glance at the calendar shows that we have another busy term ahead. Until then enjoy the final week of school before a well-deserved two-week break.





The annual LRA Spelling Bee final saw Pātea Awa take out first place before facing off against the teachers in a lively challenge, with the teachers ultimately claiming victory.

- PĀTEA V TEACHERS - WIN TO TEACHERS**
- 1ST PLACE - PĀTEA 18 WORDS**
- 2ND PLACE - TANGAHOE 17 WORDS**
- 3RD PLACE - WAINGONGORO 15 WORDS**
- 4TH PLACE - KAŪPOKONUI 14 WORDS**



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**From Garden to Golden Chips!**

The Endeavour Centre harvested their potatoes, and what a fantastic crop! Our students are excited to turn their bumper harvest into hot chips and a range of other tasty recipes.



**TE PAEPAE O AOTEA**  
Kia eke atu ki Taupaenui o te tangata

**POTATO HARVEST**



**GRIP Conference**

Monday, 16 March our student leaders had an amazing time at the GRIP Leadership Conference in New Plymouth. The day was full of interactive workshops, hands-on activities, and heaps of great ideas to take back to our school. Our leaders learned how to build a positive school culture, shared new ways to support their peers, and tackled big challenges together. There were lots of energetic discussions and opportunities to connect with student leaders from other schools. It was an inspiring and enjoyable day that will help shape how our leaders make a difference in the future.



**TE PAEPAE O AOTEA**  
Kia eke atu ki Taupaenui o te tangata

**SENIOR LEADERSHIP**



Level 2 Gateway students are involved in Youth Responder courses this week run through Vertical Horizonz. They are learning invaluable life skills and achieving fantastic qualifications for their CV's.



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**LEVEL 2 GATEWAY**



In L3AGR our students looked at the difference between New Zealand butter and imported butter. The colour and flavour differences are because of New Zealand having grass fed dairy cattle and USA's using grain to feed their dairy cattle. This opened awesome conversations around the code of welfare for cows in New Zealand, the economy and the role Agriculture plays in it, and the quality of the food we produce in New Zealand.



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**LEVEL 3 AGRICULTURE**



**L1 COMMERCE MARKET DAY**

Our Level 1 Commerce students ran their own Market Day. They researched, made or sourced products, and sold them to other students at interval, all with the goal of making a profit. There were lots of tasty options to choose from, including cookies, ice cream cookie sandwiches, canned drinks, brownies and Kool-Aid.



**TE PAEPAE O AOTEA**  
Kia eke atu ki Taupaenui o te tangata

**STUDENT SUCCESS**



## Debating Competition

On Saturday, 14 March 2026 three of our school debating teams travelled to Whanganui to compete at the Central North Island Debating Competition. Te Paepae o Aotea entered two Senior teams and one Junior A team. All three teams debated strongly across the weekend, achieving the following results;

- Senior A (Lauren Kalin, Evita Morellon, and Indyka-Azaria Hill) finished with 2 wins and 1 loss.
- Senior B (Oliver Bone, Rory McLeod, and Lucy Crowley) recorded 2 wins and 1 loss.
- Junior A (Sumaiyah Singh, Ashley Finney, and Olivia Bull) achieved 1 win and 2 losses.



**TE PAEPAE O AOTEA**  
Kia eke atu ki Taupaenui o te tangata

CENTRAL NORTH ISLAND



## Race Unity Speech Awards

Te Paepae o Aotea was proud to have two students, Lauren Kalin and Evita Morellon, compete in the Annual South Taranaki Race Unity Awards. This year's speech theme was "Listening to understand – Whakarongo kia Mārama."

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates Evita Morellon on winning the South Taranaki heat. Evita will now travel to Auckland in May to compete against the North Taranaki heat winner for the Regional title, with the opportunity to progress through to the national competition.



**TE PAEPAE O AOTEA**  
Kia eke atu ki Taupaenui o te tangata

SOUTH TARANAKI HEAT

## NZ SECONDARY SCHOOLS TRIATHLON CHAMPIONSHIPS



Maddison Sturgeon

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates Maddison Sturgeon on her outstanding 3rd place finish in the U19 Women's Aquathlon at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Triathlon Championships.



**TE PAEPAE O AOTEA**  
Kia eke atu ki Taupaenui o te tangata

NZSS TRIATHLON



## WAKA AMA NATIONALS ROTORUA - 23-25 MARCH 2026

The Te Paepae o Aotea Waka Ama wahine competed at the NZSS Waka Ama Competition. The team had an amazing experience on the water, enjoying every race and representing our school with pride. While a severe weather warning meant the event wrapped up early on Wednesday, 25 March, the girls had fantastic few days filled with hard mahi, teamwork and determination.



**TE PAEPAE O AOTEA**  
Kia eke atu ki Taupaenui o te tangata

WAKA AMA

## 2026

### Year 7-8 Taranaki Swimming Championships

<b>Xaiver Baylis – Year 7 Boys</b>
25m Backstroke Final – 5 <sup>th</sup> Place
25m Breaststroke Final – 4 <sup>th</sup> Place
25m Freestyle Final – 4 <sup>th</sup> Place
<b>Tate Dransfield – Open Boys</b>
50m Butterfly – 6 <sup>th</sup> Place
<b>Lani Ratahi – Year 7 Girls</b>
25m Backstroke Finals – 5 <sup>th</sup> Place
<b>Ingrid Sharrock – Year 8 Girls</b>
25m Freestyle Final – 5 <sup>th</sup> Place

## Making a Splash at TSSSA All Abilities Swimming

On Wednesday, 25 March, our Endeavour Centre students enjoyed every minute of the TSSSA All Abilities Swimming event at the Wai O Rua Stratford Aquatic Centre. This much-anticipated event is always a highlight on their calendar, giving students the opportunity to get into the pool and take part in a range of fun and engaging activities.



**TE PAEPAE O AOTEA**  
Kia eke atu ki Taupaenui o te tangata

ENDEAVOUR CENTRE

STUDENT SUCCESS





**LRA  
MINUTE  
TO WIN IT**

1st Place - **TANGAHOE**  
2nd Place - **KAŪPOKONUI**  
3rd Place - **WAINGONGORO**  
4th Place - **PĀTEA**

**TE PAEPAE O AOTEA**  
Kia eke atu ki Taupaenui o te tangata

## WEST/EAST COMBINED REGIONAL ARTISTIC SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates Jayda Weherua and Nelly Rongonui who recently competed at the West/East Combined Regional Artistic Skating Championships held in Palmerston North.



Jayda Weherua  
1st Place - Cadet Figures  
1st Place - Cadet Free Skating



Nelly Rongonui  
1st Place - Espoir Figures  
1st Place - Prelim Free Skating


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Kia eke atu ki Taupaenui o te tangata

**REGIONAL SKATING**

**TE PAEPAE O AOTEA**  
Kia eke atu ki Taupaenui o te tangata



## Central Districts Field Days

On Thursday 19 March, our Primary Industries students enjoyed a day out at the Central Districts Field Days in Feilding - New Zealand's largest regional field days. Students explored the many sites on offer and had a great day all round!



**PRIMARY INDUSTRIES**


## JUNIOR 125CC KARTSPORT NATIONAL SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIPS

Te Paepae o Aotea wishes Blake Riddle all the very best as he competes at the Kartsport National Sprint Championships in Rotorua this Easter. From 2-5 April 2026, Blake will race in the Rotax Junior 125cc class against 39 of New Zealand's top young drivers. A huge milestone as he takes on a new class and track - reaching speeds of up to 120 km/h just inches off the ground. Go Blake!

**TE PAEPAE O AOTEA**  
Kia eke atu ki Taupaenui o te tangata

**NATIONAL KARTSPORT**



**KURA KAI**  
CAREER FOR OUR COMMUNITY


## Cooking for Kura Kai

Our Level 3 Hospitality students spent their lesson cooking for Kura Kai, supported by whānau and members of our wider community. Working alongside Mr Kassote, students learned how to prepare freezer-ready meals such as macaroni cheese and butter chicken. These meals were then labelled and placed in the Kura Kai freezer at Te Paepae o Aotea, ready to support whānau in need within our community.


**TE PAEPAE O AOTEA**  
Kia eke atu ki Taupaenui o te tangata

**LEVEL 3 HOSPITALITY**


## 2026 NORTH ISLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP



Tayla Sturgeon



Mikayla Arnold



Lachlan Wills

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates Tayla Sturgeon, Mikayla Arnold and Lachlan Wills on their selection to the 2026 North Island Secondary School Track & Field team, where they have the opportunity to represent Taranaki at the upcoming Championships in Papakura.

**TE PAEPAE O AOTEA**  
Kia eke atu ki Taupaenui o te tangata

**NISS ATHLETICS**

**STUDENT SUCCESS**



# 2026 RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM



STUDENT SUCCESS

Te Paepae o Aotea wishes our 70-strong Relay for Life team all the best for Saturday, 28 March, as they take to the track for 12 hours to raise funds in support of Relay for Life.

Thank you to our community and the following sponsors who have helped make our sausage sizzles successful: Silver Fern Farms, Yarrows The Bakers, Kalin Transport Ltd, Scott Family and staff members.

TE PAEPAE O AOTEA  
**RELAY**  
FOR **LIFE**

Well done to our  
Te Paepae o Aotea  
team, who have  
so far raised over  
**\$14,400+**  
for Relay for Life



**TE PAEPAE O AOTEA**  
Kia eke atu ki Taupaenui o te tangata



**Cancer Society**  
Te Kāhui Matepukupuku  
o Aotearoa



Click on the link to make a donation to the Te Paepae o Aotea Relay for Life Team

<https://taranaki.relayforlife.org.nz/t/te-paepae-o-aotea>



## Term 1 Sports & Activities Wrap-Up

And just like that, we have reached the end of Term 1—and what an action-packed term it's been. We were fortunate to enjoy mostly beautiful weather which meant our students were out and about making the most of every opportunity. The buzz around the school has been amazing, with Volleyball, Basketball and Touch/Rugby being played regularly at interval and lunchtimes.

It's been especially awesome to see so many girls getting involved, keep it coming.

Throughout the term, just under 500 students have taken part in a TSSSA event, Year 7/8 event or an organised competition outside of school. Participation at our whole-school Swimming Sports and Athletics Days was fantastic—well done and seven LRA events, where participation was awesome. Keep up the great energy.

While Term 1 was extremely busy it meant some trials and musters started a little later than planned. We are pleased to say teams have now been sorted and are ready to hit the ground running in Term 2.

## Taranaki Intermediate Swimming Champions

We were proud to host six schools at the Hāwera Aquatic Centre on Monday. 18 of our students competed across a range of events including 25m freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke, as well as 50m butterfly and 75m freestyle.

I was incredibly PROUD of every swimmer—not just for giving it their all in the pool but for the way they represented our kura with pride and sportsmanship.

Congratulations to our Te Paepae o Aotea swimmers who made finals:

### Year 7 Boys

- Xavier Baylis – 25m backstroke (5th), 25m breaststroke (4th), 25m freestyle (4th)
- Tate Dransfield – Open Boys 50m butterfly (6th)

### Year 7 Girls

- Lani Ratahi – 25m backstroke (5th)

### Year 8 Girls

- Ingrid Sharrock – 25m freestyle (5th)

A huge thank you to Hayden Sturgeon and Sue Johnston for your support throughout the day—it was very much appreciated. To our whānau who came along to cheer and support, it was awesome to see you backing our tamariki.

What truly made the day a success was the leadership, organisation and maturity shown by our 12 Student Leaders who helped coordinate the event. They stepped up, supported others and did a *stellar* job. These opportunities have added valuable life skills to their toolbox—thanks team.

## Southern Rippa Rugby Tournament

Over the past five weeks, the Southern Rugby Junior Committee has run a Rippa Rugby tournament on Thursday afternoons. A big shout-out to Brent Espin, Grace Hornby and their amazing crew of helpers for delivering such a smooth and successful tournament.

All teams performed extremely well:

- TPOA Pink and TPOA Black will face off in the Year 7/8 semifinals with the winner progressing to the finals against either St Joseph's Warriors or Pātea Black.
- In the secondary section, Semi Final 1 sees *Quick Step vs The Supreme Girls*, while Semi Final 2 features *The Boys vs Mega Fly Ride*.

Well done to all our student and parent coaches and helpers—your time and effort make these opportunities possible.

## Waka Ama & Volleyball Nationals

It's always exciting to see our students represent Te Paepae o Aotea at regional and national events.

During Summer Tournament Week:

- Waka Ama competed in Rotorua
- Senior Boys Volleyball travelled to Palmerston North

Both teams have showed Taupaenui and Paepae, growing as individuals and building strong team culture along the way. We can't wait to welcome them back and celebrate their experiences.

## Student Success – Ka mau te wehi

### **Blake Riddle (Yr 10) – Go-Karting**

Blake will compete at the Kartsport National Sprint Championships in Rotorua over Easter weekend, racing in the Rotax Junior 125cc class against 39 of New Zealand's top drivers. Best of luck, Blake.

### **Tayla Sturgeon (Yr10), Mikayla Arnold (Yr11), Lachlan Wills (Yr11) – Athletics**

Congratulations on being selected for the 2026 North Island Secondary School Track & Field Team representing Taranaki in Papakura this weekend. A huge achievement.



### **Maddison Sturgeon (Yr 13) New Zealand Secondary Schools Triathlon Championships**

Congratulations to Maddison Sturgeon who finished 3<sup>rd</sup> at the New Zealand Secondary School Triathlon Championships. Maddison finished third in the U19 women's aquathon.

### **Jayda Weherua (Yr11)& Nelly Rongonui (Yr8) – Artistic Skating**

Competing at the West/East Combined Regional Artistic Skating Championships in Palmerston North, Amazing results—well done.

- Jayda – 1st place in Cadet Figures and Free Skating
- Nelly – 1st place in Espoir Figures and Prelim Free Skating

## **Weetbix TRYathlon**

Well done to Te Paepae o Aotea students participating in the 2026 Weetbix TRYathlon in New Plymouth at Ngamotu Beach. Great to see you representing our kura and having fun Braxton Riddle, Blake Riddle, Libby Tate, Xavier Baylis and Ezekiel Rowell.

## **Honour Badges**

Remember to fill in the Honour Badge Nomination form and let us know about your achievements outside of school—whether in sport, academics, culture or community. You'll find the link on our social media platforms, website and in this newsletter.

## **Funding Opportunities**

We're keen to support our tamariki to attend events wherever possible. There are funding organisations and avenues that whānau can apply to. If you'd like to explore what may be available, please email me, [vicki.roberts@tepaepaeoatea.school.nz](mailto:vicki.roberts@tepaepaeoatea.school.nz)

## **Coaches & Managers Wanted**

Are you keen to be part of developing, growing and creating opportunities for our tamariki? We'd love to hear from you—especially if you're interested in coaching:

- Senior Boys Basketball
- Junior Rugby (Under 80kg)
- Year 7-8 Mixed Basketball

Email me to get involved, [vicki.roberts@tepaepaeoatea.school.nz](mailto:vicki.roberts@tepaepaeoatea.school.nz)

## Sponsorship Opportunities

Interested in sponsoring or supporting a Te Paepae o Aotea team or event? Sponsors receive great exposure across our school socials and promotion at events throughout Taranaki and nationally.

If this sounds like something you or your business would be keen on, please email me and I'll send through all the information you need.

Thank you to whānau, staff, students, coaches and event organisers for making Term 1 such a success. It has been full of action, outstanding achievements, fun, laughter and unforgettable memories—all thanks to your support.

***You either GO AFTER the life you want, or keep SETTLING for the life you get. The choice is yours.***

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

## 2026 Upcoming Sporting Events

### TSSSA Events – Year 9-13

Tuesday, 31 March	Student Coach Day   Student Leaders Day
Thursday, 30 April	Football (5 Aside) + All Ability
Monday, 4 May	Orienteering
Thursday, 7 May	E-Sports
Monday, 11 May	Indoor Bowls & Boccia
Tuesday, 19 May	Netball
Thursday, 28 May	Cross Country
Thursday, 4 June	Badminton
Monday, 8 June	Squash
Thursday, 11 June	Junior 3x3 Basketball
Wednesday, 24 June	Senior 3x3 Basketball

### Year 7-8 Events

Wednesday, 6 May	Manukorihi Sports Exchange
Wednesday, 20 May	Devon Sports Exchange
Wednesday, 3 June	Highlands Sports Exchange

### Year 9-13 Events

Tuesday, 28 July	Whanganui High School Sports Exchange
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### Whole School Events

Friday, 24 April	Te Paepae o Aotea Cross Country
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# TSSSA ATHLETICS - TET STADIUM INGLEWOOD



2026 TSSSA ATHLETICS



# YEAR 7-8 SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP



YEAR 7-8 SWIMMING CHAMPS





**KURA KAI**  
CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

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.



**TE PAEPAE O AOTEA**

*Kia eke atu ki Taupaenui o te tangata*

# UPCOMING *dates*



TERM 1 - 2026

**MAR** | **31**

## **TSSSA STUDENT LEADER DAY**

TET Stratford

**MAR** | **31**

## **SUBJECT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

1.30pm-7.30pm at Bayly Park

**APR** | **2**

## **END OF TERM 1**

Term 2 Starts Monday, 20 April

**APR** | **24**

## **CROSS COUNTRY**

Whole School Event

**APR** | **30**

## **TSSSA FOOTBALL + ALL ABILITY**

Waitara Soccer Grounds

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

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