



TE PAEPAE O AOTEAROA

Kia eke atu ki Taupaenui o te tangata

Newsletter – Friday, 24 April 2026

Kia ora e te whānau

The weather has certainly changed and it now well and truly feels like winter. As temperatures drop, some students who feel the cold may wish to wear additional clothing. Please encourage students to wear black or navy-blue thermals under their school uniform or consider purchasing the school hoodie or jacket for extra warmth.

During Term 1, several hoodies were handed into Lost Property without names. If your child has misplaced an item of school clothing, please ask them to check Lost Property, located outside the Pastoral Hub. Thank you to those parents and caregivers who have named uniform items. This allows us to return lost clothing to the correct owner quickly and easily.

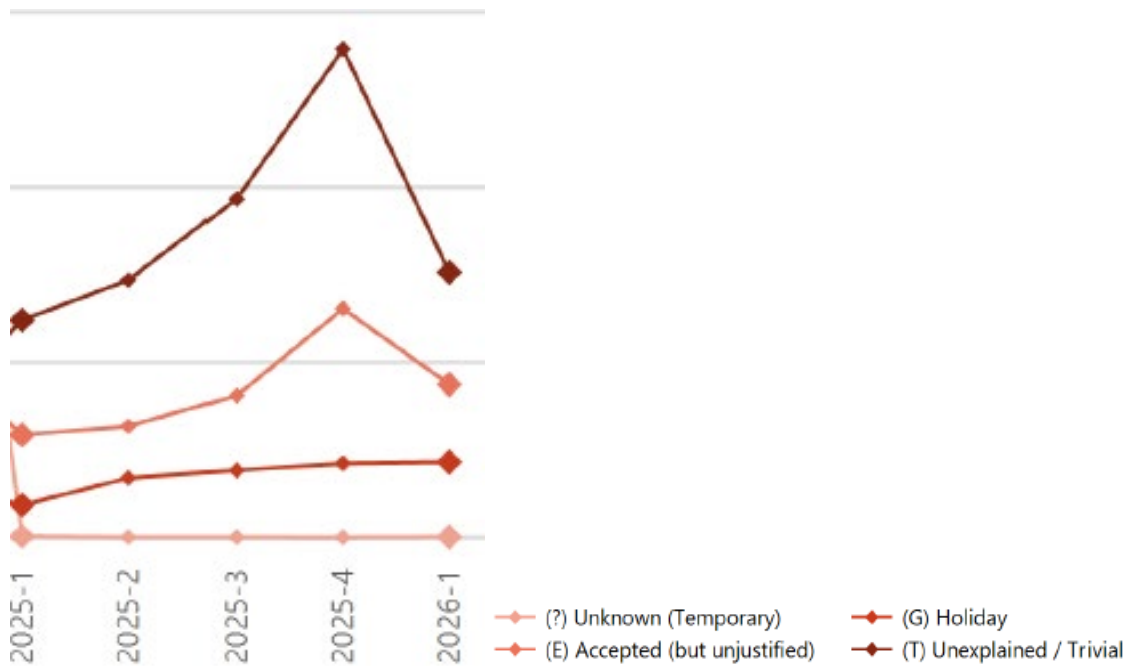
Each term, the Ministry of Education provides a report titled *Every Day Matters*, outlining school attendance trends. From the Term 1 report, we learned the following:

- 94% of our students arrive at class on time
- In Term 1, 2026, 55% of students attended school for 90% of the term or more
- Wednesday is now our strongest attendance day (previously Tuesday)
- Friday continues to be our lowest attendance day
- Weeks 5 and 6 of last term showed a dip in attendance, with many students marked as Medical
- The number of holidays taken during term time has been increasing each term since Term 1, 2025
- There was a greater number of explained absences compared with Term 1, 2025

All schools are now required to have an Attendance Management Plan [TPOA-Attendance-Management-Plan.pdf](#). Our plan outlines the school's attendance policies and procedures and reinforces that improving attendance is a shared responsibility between home and school. Whānau responsibilities include:

- Notifying the school as soon as possible if a student will be late or absent
- Arranging appointments or trips outside of school hours or during school holidays wherever possible
- Working with the school to address any attendance concerns

As shown in the graph below, there has been an increase in students taking holidays during term time, as well as a rise in absences explained by parents that do not meet the Ministry of Education threshold for being justified. For further information, please refer to the Attendance Code Decision Tree - [1 April 2025 Attendance code tree.pdf](#).



It is important that we continue to work together as a school community to improve student attendance. We know that students who attend school regularly are more likely to achieve positive outcomes both at school and beyond.

Our winter sports teams are beginning to come together, with many teams already named and others soon to be announced. I am confident that the students selected will work hard and represent our school with pride.

We remind students and whānau that all students who represent the school in sport or other extra-curricular activities must maintain an attendance rate of 80% or higher. This expectation also applies to attendance at the school ball, which is taking place later this term.

We encourage students to be mindful of their attendance rates so that they do not miss out on the many valuable opportunities available across our school.

Thank you all for your continued support of the school. Working together our students will be given the support they need to reach their full potential.

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People reaching their full potential

Ngā mihi nui

Rachel Williams
Tumuaki



Term 2



AFTER SCHOOL Senior Subject Sessions



Students must be in the classroom by 3.10pm

SUBJECT	ROOM	DAY
English	B11	Monday / Thursday
Maths	B3	L2 - Maths: Tuesday
	B3/B4	L1 - Maths: Wednesday
	B3	L3 - Stats & Calculus: Thursday
Integrated Science	B10	Tuesday & Thursday
	B13	Wednesday
Biology	B10	Tuesday & Thursday
Physics	G3	Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday
Chemistry	G5	Tuesday
	TR4	Wednesday
Hard Materials	TN5	Tuesday
Digital	G1	Monday
Textiles	TR6	Monday
Art/Photography	G5 Tues MT	Thursday's
Drama/Music	Music/ Drama space	Tuesday Odd weeks (1,3,5,7,9)
Te Reo	B5	Te reo Māori: Thursday Te Ao Haka: Thursday
PE/Health	B7	Monday
Commerce/Accounting/ Economics	B1	Tuesday
History/YES	B6	Tuesday / Wednesday
Geography	B1	Monday Odd weeks (1,3,5,7,9)
Psychology	B5	Wednesday





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ANZAC Day Hāwera Service

Saturday, 25 April 2026

Students that would like to represent Te Paepae o Aotea at the ANZAC Service to meet outside the Ngati Ruanui building, Princess Street at 6.15am.

Students to wear correct full school uniform if they would like to march with the school.



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ANZAC DAY OBSERVED

Monday, 27 April 2026

School Closed



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PhotoLife

All caregivers have been emailed their child's unique **Key Code** to go online to view and purchase **2026 School Photos**. Please check your trash/spam folders.

**FREE DELIVERY EXPIRES
Midnight Sunday, 26 April 2026**

Parent queries please contact Photolife
enquiries@photolife.co.nz




Taranaki Milk Top Challenge
Te Taki Taupoki Miraka o Taranaki

Te Paepae o Aotea is collecting milk and cream bottle lids during Terms 2 and 3. Please save your lids and drop them into the school office - we'd really appreciate it.

Let's keep them out of landfill!

Huge thanks to South Taranaki District Council for providing three prizes for the winning schools.

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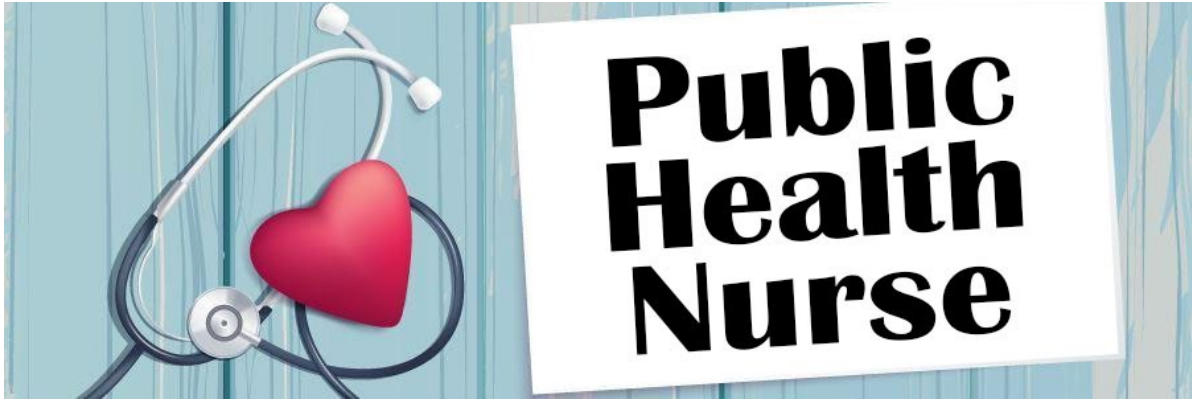


SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS

KickStart BREAKFAST

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

YARROWS THE BAKERS
Sanitarium The Health Food Company
Fonterra Dairy for life



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.

School Uniforms

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.



HEAD ACADEMIC LEADER

Adam Stables



Kia ora koutou

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope everyone had a chance to rest, recharge and return ready for the term ahead. As we step into a new term, this is a great opportunity to reset goals, refocus on learning and continue striving for excellence in all that we do.

There is plenty happening for the Academic Council this term. We have two exciting LRAs planned: The Amazing Race in Week 6 and Mathletics in Week 10. These are excellent opportunities for students to challenge themselves, work with others and get involved in some friendly competition. This term we will also be working closely with the Marama programme supporting students as they make the most of their academic potential and learning opportunities.

Remember, every step forward counts. Whether your goals are big or small, this is a chance to stay determined, build good habits and make this term positive.

Ngā mihi, Adam Stables



HEAD CULTURAL LEADER

Taiharuru Ratima



Tēnā koutou katoa

This Saturday, communities across Australasia will gather to remember those who served at Gallipoli, and all who have served since. ANZAC Day is one of the most important days we share as a nation - like Waitangi Day and Matariki, it speaks to our unique identity and what we value.

Within our school community, our values of Paepae, Aotea and Taupaenui reflect the ANZAC spirit. Paepae calls on us to be courageous. Aotea reminds us to show compassion. Taupaenui speaks to service and collective responsibility. These values are a legacy of those we honour today.

We are reminded that remembrance means bringing their legacy to life, recognising the real human cost of conflict and honouring their sacrifice by - serving our communities, looking after one another, and doing what we can to build a more peaceful world.

We hope to see students and whānau there supporting the kaupapa on Saturday morning.

Noho ora mai, Taiharuru Ratima



HEAD COMMUNITY LEADER

Lauren Kalin



Kia Ora

The Community Council is working hard to organise upcoming events and continue building a strong sense of connection within our school.

As ANZAC Day approaches this Saturday, the Community Council would like to emphasise the importance of student representation at local services, to attend and represent our school with pride. This is a valuable opportunity to honour those who have served and show our respect as a school community for those who gave up the ultimate sacrifice for us to be here today.

Road Safety Week is also coming up and some of our SADD students who attended the SADD conference over the holidays are full of ideas and energy. They are currently planning an activity, so keep an eye out for further communication and opportunities to get involved.

Our Milk Bottle Tops initiative is running throughout Term 2 and continuing into Term 3. Students are encouraged to collect and bring in plastic milk bottle tops, with collections happening regularly during Whānau Hui. This initiative supports both sustainability efforts and positive participation across the school.

Ngā mihi, Lauren Kalin



HEAD SPORTS LEADER

Theo Soothill



Kia ora whānau

Looking ahead to Term 2, we have an exciting start with cross country taking place in the very first week. It's always great to see everyone getting involved, giving it a go and showing their Awa pride by dressing up in their colours. Events like this really bring our school community together and set a positive tone for the term ahead.

There's plenty to look forward to over the coming weeks, including Town vs Country and a range of LRAs that will give everyone opportunities to participate, compete and represent their groups. Whether it's through sport, teamwork or simply getting stuck in, there is something for everyone.

I'm really looking forward to seeing high levels of involvement and enthusiasm from all students. Let's make the most of the opportunities ahead and aim for a fun, active and successful Term 2.

Ngā mihi, Theo Soothill



2026 KŌTIRO SQUAD ANZMRL TEINA TOURNAMENT



Cameron Campbell Quim Gray Ave-Jade Leatherby Alyssa Mills Lexus Naplin



Skyfa Rupapera Rita Whana Katie Edwards Hoana-Julia Hockley
Player Development

Te Paepe o Aotearoa proudly congratulates our seven students who have been selected for the Ngā Waihotanga Kotiro Rugby League team. The girls will compete in the ANZMRL Teina Tournament, held at the TSB Hub in Hāwera from 24-25 April. This marks a historic milestone as the first-ever Ngā Waihotanga Kotiro team to represent Taranaki at this tournament, taking on teams from across Aotearoa New Zealand and Australia.



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RUGBY LEAGUE

SADD

STEP UP, STAND OUT
Conference



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SADD CONFERENCE



Lauren Kalin - SADD Ambassador

From the 14-16 of April, we sent seven students to the SADD conference in Cambridge. Over the three days, they were placed in groups with other SADD students from across the North Island, working through a range of leadership activities, challenges, and collaborative tasks.

Together, they helped to create resources and materials that will be used by SADD groups across the country. Things such as posters, interactive games, social media, and other content that is available on the SADD website through the activities hub. Throughout the experience, our students developed their leadership skills, built new connections, and gained valuable ideas to bring back to our school community.

STUDENT SUCCESS



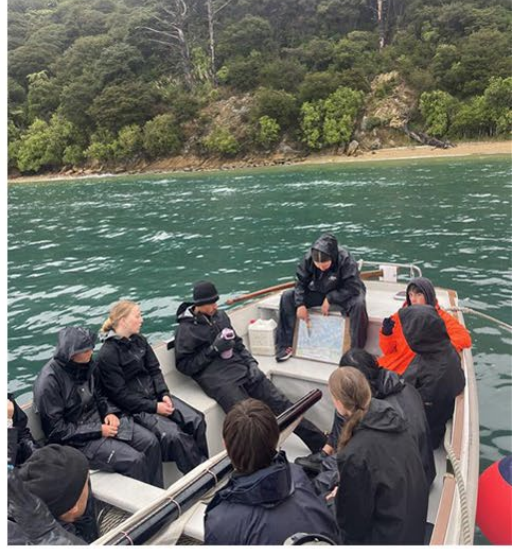
Outward Bound Leadership and Resilience

Nevaeh Ratahi

From March 3-23, I had the opportunity to take part in a 21-day Outward Bound course with 13 other students from Taranaki. Our watch, Huriwhenua, was led by two instructors, Greg and Heyward, who supported and challenged us throughout the whole experience. During the course, I developed important skills such as leadership and building connections with others. We took part in a variety of activities, including hiking steep mountains, sleeping under the stars, spending three days on a sailboat, swimming in bio luminescent water, cliff jumping, exploring small caves, completing a two-night solo bush stay, and running a half marathon. We also did activities like high ropes, rock climbing, kayak surfing, waka ama, and acts of service like stacking wood for the Outward-Bound community. One of the biggest things it taught me was how to speak up and use my voice. At the beginning, I found it difficult to share my thoughts, especially around people I did not know, but over time I realised that my ideas were just as important as everyone else's. This helped me become more confident and willing to contribute. Being pushed both mentally and physically helped me grow a lot, and I finished the course with great memories, strong friendships, new skills, and more confident in myself. I am incredibly grateful for this opportunity and would highly recommend this Outward-Bound experience to other students.



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HAWKES BAY AGE GROUPS U19 BOYS

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Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates Divan Denton for securing second place at the recent U19 Boys Golf Championship in Hawke's Bay. Divan delivered an excellent performance, finishing in a share of second after posting rounds of 71 and 75.

SHAND SALVER TEAM

Divan Denton represented Taranaki as part of the Shand Salver Team at the Lower North Island Quadrangular event held at Marton Golf Club.

2ND U19 BOYS
DIVAN DENTON 71, 75



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TARANAKI GOLF

QUADRANGULAR LOWER NORTH ISLAND



Vivaan Chand



Ryan Finey

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates Vivaan Chand and Ryan Finey on representing Taranaki Golf at the Lower North Island Quadrangular event held at Marton Golf Club.



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TARANAKI GOLF

GRAEME SHEPPARD CHALLENGE & JOAN ALEXANDER CHALLENGE

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates Jayda Weherua and Nelly Rongonui, who recently competed and placed well at the Graeme Sheppard Skating Challenge and Joan Alexander Skating Challenge, held from 13-15 March in Palmerston North.



Nelly Rongonui

1st Place - Espoir Challenger
4th Place - Cadet Figures



Jayda Weherua

1st Place - Cadet Figures
5th Place - Cadet Freeskating



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SKATING 2026

2026 FUTURE CHAMPION SPORT TARANAKI & TSSSA

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates Maddison Sturgeon on her selection in the 2026 Future Champions programme in Triathlon.

The Future Champions programme offers mentoring, personal development and a range of workshops to help young athletes unlock their full potential. It is a collaborative programme between Sport Taranaki and Taranaki Secondary Schools Sports Association - TSSSA.



Maddison Sturgeon



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TRIATHLON

NEW ZEALAND GRAPPLER SUMMER SCRAMBLE EVENT

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates Ollie Shaw on winning double gold in the Gi and No-Gi divisions, and Brayden Hughes for stepping up to the Men's Blue Belt division and claiming silver in Gi. The boys travelled to Kāpiti to compete at the NZ Grappler Summer Scramble.



Ollie Shaw



Brayden Hughes



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NZ GRAPPLER

2026 TARANAKI CRICKET SECONDARY SCHOOL AWARDS



Emma Wasley

Awards:
Emma Wasley
Year 9-10 Girls
Player of the Year

Theo Soothill
Year 11-12 Boys
Bowler



Theo Soothill

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates Theo Soothill on receiving the Year 11-12 Bowler Trophy, and Emma Wasley on being named Year 9-10 Girls Player of the Year at the recent Taranaki Cricket Awards evening.



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TARANAKI CRICKET

STUDENT SUCCESS





Busy Term 2 - Let's Go, Te Paepae o Aotea

Welcome back e te whānau.

We hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday and are feeling refreshed for the term ahead. Already, Term 2 has hit the ground running and winter sports are officially underway.

It's awesome to see Te Paepae o Aotea out in the community, proudly represented across Hockey, Netball, Basketball, Football and Rugby. Seeing our tamariki involved in sport, connecting with others and filling their cups is exactly what it's all about.

A big shout-out and heartfelt thanks to our whānau, students and staff who have stepped up to coach, manage, referee or help our teams in any way. Without your time and support, these sporting opportunities simply wouldn't happen — we truly appreciate you all.

To our players: please remember to do your part by turning up to trainings and games and always giving it your best. A lot of planning and organisation goes on behind the scenes to make sure you have the best experience possible — your commitment matters.

Sport Registrations – Important

Registration links are being sent home to parents and caregivers. These **MUST** be completed for students to take part in competitions.

If you experience any issues with the sign-up process, please get in touch — I'm happy to help.

Sports Fees

Sports fees are added directly to your school account. You'll receive a message once a fee has been attached (and a friendly reminder if it remains unpaid).

Please note: Sports Exchanges and TSSSA events must be paid in full before attending.

Any questions? Don't hesitate to contact Vicki: vicki.roberts@tepaepaeoateaschool.nz

Sports Uniforms - Handouts & Returns

Please take care of all sports uniforms once issued. A \$50 bond will be charged if uniforms are not returned or are damaged.

If you still have a sports uniform from Term 1, please return it to the Sports Office ASAP so we can kit out our new teams.

Cross Country

Perfect weather, muddy shoes and lots of determination — Cross Country season is here.

Unfortunately, we weren't able to run our Colour Run this term, but it will be held later in Term 3 or 4, so stay tuned.

Cross Country isn't everyone's favourite — and that's okay. Jogging or walking is completely fine. The challenge is about pushing past the mental barrier and doing it for yourself. Once you cross that finish line, the feeling is worth it. Trust the process.

LRA Events

These events were a big hit last term and plenty more are planned. Keep an eye on morning notices to see what's coming up next.

Student Achievements

Well done to all students who have made representative teams or performed well at tournaments and events this year — we are so proud of you.

Want your achievement shared with the school and community? Send us your information along with any photos. Remember to complete the Honour Badge / Achievement Form as well.

Please note: if the form isn't completed, the achievement won't be formally recognised.

Year 7-8 Events

- Sports Exchange vs Manukorihi — Week 3
Teams have been finalised and are training hard during *Taha Tinana*
- Hāwera Basketball Competition
Wednesday afternoons are back.
Draws and team lists will be shared on socials and the Sports Office window
- Rippa Rugby Tournament
A link will be sent out to gather interest for this one-day tournament in Hāwera

Winners will go on to represent at the Taranaki Tournament at Yarrow Stadium — exciting stuff.

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

2026 Upcoming Sporting Events

TSSSA Events – Year 9-13

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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HONOUR BADGE

nominations open now!

Check out the Criteria on the School Website

Download a Nomination Form and return it to the School Office

Forms are also available directly from the office

Honour Badges are Awarded at the End of Term 3 Only



Criteria for the Senior Year 11-13 Honour Badges is available on our school website or on the back of the application form.

tepaepaeoatea.school.nz

ALL COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS ARE TO BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

[Application Form](#)

SOUTHERN RIPPA RUGBY COMPETITION



RIPPA RUGBY TOURNAMENT





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 2 - 2026

APR | **27**

ANZAC DAY OBSERVED
NO SCHOOL

APR | **30**

TSSSA FOOTBALL + ALL ABILITY
Waitara Soccer Grounds

APR | **4**

TSSSA ORIENTEERING
Devon Intermediate Field

MAY | **6**

YEAR 7-8 SPORTS EXCHANGE
Held at Manukoriki Intermediate

MAY | **7**

TSSSA E-SPORTS
74 Princess Street, Hāwera

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

www.tepaepaeoatea.school.nz