



TE PAEPAE O AOTEA

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Newsletter – Friday, 22 May 2026

Kia ora e te whānau

This week, we hosted Devon Intermediate for the Year 7 and 8 sports exchange. This exchange is always closely contested and this year was no exception. Well done to all our students who demonstrated our school values of Aotea (Caring), Taupaenui (Excellence) and Paepae (Courage) throughout the day. Next up, in Week 7, we will face Highlands.

Next week our students will sit the CAA assessments: Numeracy (Monday), Reading (Tuesday) and Writing (Wednesday) with a catch-up day scheduled for Thursday. Year 10 students will sit these assessments alongside any senior students who have not yet achieved them. Please check in with your child to ensure they are well prepared. You can also check MyKAMAR (Parent Portal) in the NCEA summary section to see if your child has gained their Numeracy and Literacy co-requisite credits. If you have forgotten or misplaced your password, please contact the office for assistance.

Thank you to everyone who continues to communicate with us regarding attendance. Term 2 often brings seasonal illnesses, and we typically see a noticeable drop in attendance at this time of year. So far, however, attendance has remained strong, which is fantastic. We hope this continues and that everyone stays well throughout the winter months.

Next Friday afternoon, we will hold our annual school inter-awa haka competition. This is always a highlight of the year, where each awa has the opportunity to showcase their learning of the school haka. Community members are warmly invited to join us for what promises to be an exciting afternoon.

Recently, you may have seen in the media that the SMART (Student Monitoring, Assessment and Reporting Tool) is being implemented across New Zealand schools over the coming years. Our Year 7–10 students have spent time over the past week trialling this tool. As with any new initiative, some fine-tuning is required and our students should be congratulated for the positive way they have responded to this trial. Later in the year, this tool will provide clearer insights into your child's learning journey and more detailed information about their progress against curriculum expectations.

Finally, thank you to all our volunteers and supporters of our winter sports programmes. It is wonderful to see our students out on the fields and courts performing so well.

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



Learning Doesn't Pause for Term-Time Holidays

We've seen an increase in holidays taken during term time.

Even explained absences can still disrupt your child's learning and progress.

Wherever possible, please plan whānau trips and appointments outside school hours or during school holidays.

Working together supports your child's success.

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YEAR 10 CAA PREPARATION SUPPORT

Literacy

Monday & Thursday B11

From 3-4pm

Numeracy

Wednesday B3

From 3-4pm



Senior students
Years 12-13
can purchase
the 2026 Ball
tickets for

350



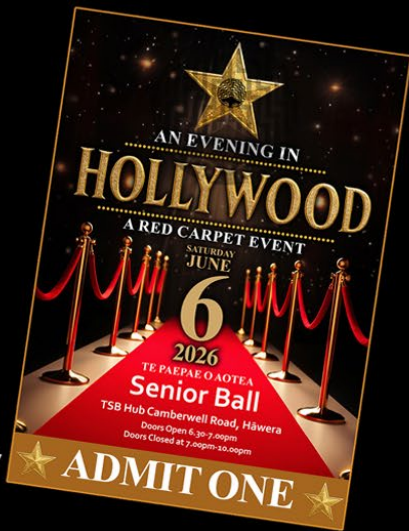
MyMahi
POINTS

Please see Mrs Nisha,
Whaea Mere or
Mr White



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AN EVENING IN
HOLLYWOOD
TE PAEPAE O AOTEA BALL

Saturday
6 June 2026

Tickets \$60
ON SALE NOW
at the School Office

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

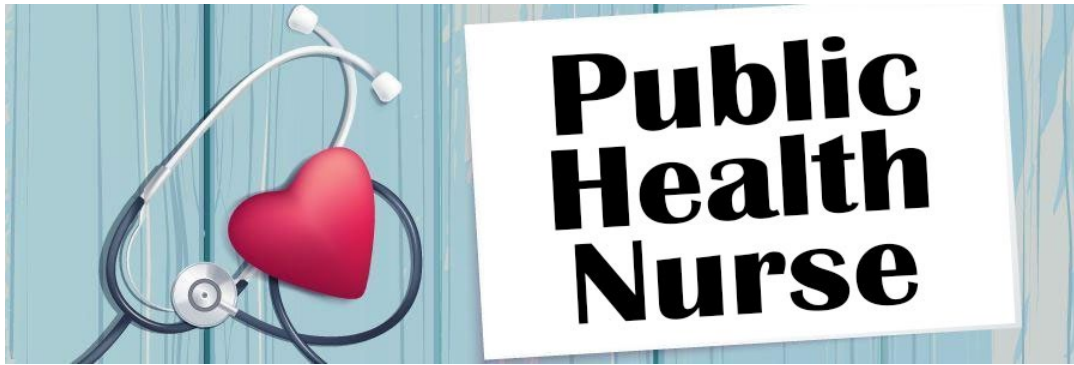
Held in the Canteen

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Creating a Safe, Healthy and Focused Learning Environment



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

We are excited to announce that our school is now fully accredited to enrol international students, and we are looking forward to welcoming our first students soon.

A huge thank you to everyone who previously completed an Expression of Interest form to become a host family. We truly appreciate your support and enthusiasm for our international programme.

As we move to the next stage, we ask that interested families please complete the full Host Family Application form by clicking on the link below.

For further information about the role, we have also included a link to our Caregiver Handbook.

Thank you for helping us create a welcoming and supportive experience for our international Students.

[Application Homestay Form](#)

[Homestay Caregivers Booklet](#)

[Homestay Carer Agreement](#)



Prevent the spread of illness

Cooler weather means more people are likely to get sick with colds, flu and other respiratory illnesses, such as whooping cough. This increases the risk of these illnesses being brought into your home, workplace, Early Childhood Centre, Kōhanga or kura/school.



Prevent the spread of illness in your centre



Remind everyone that sick tamariki or staff should stay at home.



Ask whānau to let you know the reason for their tamariki being absent.



Regular cleaning of high touch surfaces e.g. door handles, counter tops, bathroom areas.



Good ventilation is an important way to reduce the transmission of respiratory viruses in indoor spaces where people gather and spend time.



Encourage people to wash hands, cover coughs and sneezes, wear a mask if indoors in crowded areas.

Prevent the spread of illness

1. Everyone that is sick should stay home.
2. Let us know the reason your child is absent from school.
3. At school and home we can all help by regularly cleaning high touch surfaces, e.g., door handles, counter tops, bathroom areas
4. Wash hands, cover coughs and sneezes, wear a mask if you feel like you need extra protection.



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

As we move into another busy week, the Academic Council has a few exciting things coming up. Our next LRA, The Amazing Race, is starting next week. This will be a fun, fast-paced challenge where students will work together, solve tasks and earn points for their awa. Keep an eye out on the notices for more information and make sure you get involved.

The Parliament trip for Year 12 and 13 students is in its planning stage. This is a valuable opportunity for senior students to learn more about how our government works and to experience Parliament in person.

We wish our junior students all the best for their CAA assessments. Take your time, read each question carefully and trust the work you have put in. Assessments can feel challenging but they are a chance to show what you know.

Keep working hard, stay involved and continuing making positive progress in your learning.

Ngā mihi nui, Adam Stables



HEAD CULTURAL LEADER

Taiharuru Ratima



Tēnā koutou katoa

This week's LRA activity was Charades. The room was filled with students excited to take part. The energy in PFA 1 was amazing, with students uplifting one another with cheers and encouragement. It was a great example of our Aotea value in action- creating a positive and inclusive atmosphere within our kura- while also showing Paepae, as students challenged themselves to step up and participate.

A big mihi to everyone who came along and supported the kaupapa. Charades proved to be a fantastic way to strengthen school culture, giving students opportunities to encourage each other and build self-confidence. Special acknowledgement goes to our cultural leaders for their efforts to make the event run smoothly for everyone.

Be sure to look out for next week's LRA event - come along, get involved, support your peers and earn points for your awa.

Noho ora mai, Taiharuru Ratima



HEAD COMMUNITY LEADER

Lauren Kalin



Kia Ora

We're halfway through term 2 and it's super cool to see all our students interacting with all the opportunities on offer here at Te Paepae o Aotea.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our events throughout Wellbeing Week. The community council worked very hard organising this event and it was rewarding to see students getting involved. We held LRA bingo with the results being: Waingongoro and Pātea tied for 3rd, Tangahoe 2nd and Kaūpokonui 1st.

Our next LRA in Week 8 is super exciting... speed eating! So, get ready to earn some awa points.

Our Milk Bottle Tops initiative continues to run throughout the rest of term and will continue into Term 3. It's awesome seeing some many students getting involved and bringing in bottle caps. Keep it up if you want your awa to win.

If you're keen to buzz or cut your hair for a good cause, our Shave for a Cure fundraiser is the perfect opportunity to do so. Use the sign-up link below and contact Lauren Kalin if you have any questions.

<https://www.shaveforacure.co.nz/fundraisers/tepaepaeoaoatea>

Ngā mihi, Lauren Kalin



HEAD SPORTS LEADER

Theo Soothill



Kia ora whānau

The term is flying by and winter sport is already in full swing here at Te Paepae o Aotea. It has been awesome seeing so many students proudly representing the kura across a wide range of sports this season. Our Year 7 and 8 students recently competed in the exchange against Devon Intermediate, where the sunny weather and positive atmosphere made for a fantastic day of competition and school spirit. Across the school, teams have started their seasons strongly. The 1st XV Rugby team secured an impressive win over Coastal last weekend, while Senior A Netball remains unbeaten after an excellent start to their campaign. The 1st XI Hockey team has also hit the ground running with three strong wins to begin the season. A big mention must go to our Te Paepae o Aotea football teams who have shown outstanding commitment and teamwork throughout the opening rounds. Football continues to grow strongly within the school with games on almost every lunch time since the start of the year. Thank you to all students, coaches, whānau and supporters who continue to get behind our teams every week. Your support on the sidelines makes a huge difference and helps create the positive sporting culture we are proud of at Te Paepae o Aotea.

Ngā mihi, Theo Soothill



Students Make Strong Start on RYDA Driving Programme

A group of students have made a fantastic start on their RYDA driving credits. They worked so hard that they even managed to overload the website! RYDA is an organisation that supports students to become safe and responsible drivers. These students have volunteered to complete extra learning to help them better understand driving hazards and how to respond to them safely. Students now have three months to continue and complete this work in their own time. Well done to everyone involved for making such a positive start.



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RYDA DRIVING CREDITS

2026 17 & UNDER SQUAD NEW ZEALAND MEN'S & MIXED NETBALL

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates our Year 13 student Lakein Woods!
We are proud to celebrate Lakein's selection in the New Zealand Under 17 Men's Netball Squad. He will compete in a test series against Australia in Te Awamutu from 8-11 July—an incredible opportunity on the national stage.

Lakein was identified at the 2026 NZ Men's National Netball Competition in April while representing the Tysons U20 team, highlighting his exceptional talent and commitment.

Since starting netball in Year 7, Lakein has developed a genuine passion for the game.

His dedication, determination, and work ethic are truly inspiring, and this achievement reflects the effort he has consistently put in. Representing his whānau and wider netball community is a well-earned milestone. Lakein will be seeking sponsorship and fundraising support, so please keep an eye out for ways to get behind him.

Well done, Lakein—we are incredibly proud of you!



Lakein Woods

He is also a key player across several netball teams:

- Te Paepae o Aotea Senior A
- Summil Inglewood Premier 1
- Inglewood Men's A team



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NZ NETBALL

Taha Tinana Walking Challenge - 10km Milestone Achieved!

Congratulations to Josh Snooks, Rylan Tannahill, Nathana Gardner-Smith, Savannah Thompson, Vanessa Hurunui, and Layla Cole - our very first Taha Tinana Walking Challenge 10km token winners. What an awesome achievement. Now it's time to keep the momentum going as they set their sights on the next milestone — 20km. Go our awesome Patea Year 7-8s.



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7-8 TAHA TINANA

NAIT Tags and Animal Traceability

Level 2 Agriculture students learnt about NAIT tags, animal identification and traceability. Students discussed their importance for biosecurity, animal movements, and managing disease outbreaks within New Zealand farming systems.



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L2 AGRICULTURE

Fresh New Carpet for Dixon Block

This week, Te Paepae o Aotea's Dixon Block corridors have been refreshed with new carpet, giving them a sharp look and a warm, cosy feel just in time for winter.



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DIXON BLOCK

B74

Open at Lunchtimes
as a workroom
for Senior Students



STUDENT SUCCESS



YEAR 7-8 MARKET DAY

Our Year 7-8 Kiwi Entrepreneurship class 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 ice cream sodas, cookies, lollycake, lollies and sausage sizzle.



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Students Complete Epic Mountain Tramping Challenge

Students from the LITGO class completed a day tramp from the Stratford Mountain House across to Maketawa Hut for an early lunch before heading up The Puffer to Tahurangi Lodge. Our students then headed down to Manganui Ski Field then back down to The Mountain House via the Enchanted Walkway. Our students worked well and completed this circuit in 7 hours and 27,000 steps.



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LI THE GREAT OUTDOORS

HILLARY CHALLENGE



SIR EDMOND HILLARY 2026 OUTDOOR CHALLENGE

Beautiful weather set the scene on a crisp morning at Lake Ōkāreka on Sunday 17 May, where TPOA's Hillary Challenge team of eight - Mikayla Arnold, Brooke Stokes, Charlee Stokes, Maddison Sturgeon, Ryan Finey, Lachlan Wills, Tamamihiata Edwards, Curtis Wanihi, began their day. This is a major event, with 31 teams and over 240 competitors taking part. The stunning surroundings of the Blue Lake, Lake Ōkāreka, and the Redwoods Forest in Rotorua provided a spectacular backdrop for the six-hour navigation challenge.

The day began with a problem-solving task to 'earn' their maps. From there, the team was on their own for the remainder of the six hours—navigating through native bush along the lake edges, making a quick transition to collect their bikes and refuel, and then tackling biking trails to the finish.

Working as one, the team had to stay together, support and encourage each other, and collect as many checkpoints as possible as time ticked down. Every member played an important role - leading navigation, spotting checkpoints, tracking time, reminding others to fuel up, and providing constant encouragement, especially when climbing the challenging hills (rewarded with exhilarating downhill trails!). It was a true team effort, making for an epic challenge and a memorable trip away.



Water Rocket Challenge

Level 2 Physics students designed and launched water rockets to see whose rocket could travel the furthest.

The record to beat is 83m! Students will now improve their designs to try and break the record - and everyone around the school is welcome to take on the challenge too.



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LEVEL 2 PHYSICS



Pātea Celebrates Outstanding Attendance and Student Achievements

Pātea celebrated 95% or more attendance for last term for our Kaupapa students. River Leatherby & Kingi Robinson received a certificate and a canteen voucher for achieving this. Our outstanding students of the week awards went to Celestial Harrison-Maraki (absent) for being an up stander and Katiee Edwards for demonstrating leadership skills during our junior school visit to Parīroa Pā. Well done to all, Up the Pahs!



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Students Showcase Culinary Skills for Support Staff Celebration

Our Level 3 Hospitality students were busy in the school kitchen, putting the new steam oven to good use as they prepared a delicious morning tea for our support staff in celebration of Support Staff Week. The menu included sandwiches, slices, cakes, and scones, all of which were thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.



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L3 HOSPITALITY

CENTRAL AREA CHAMPIONSHIP

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates Nelly Ranganui and Jayda Weherua, who recently competed at the Skating Central Area Championships held in Palmerston North from 1-3 May 2026. This event is a qualifying competition for the 2026 Artistic New Zealand Championships taking place in July.

Nelly Ranganui
1st Place - Tuatahi Freeskating
1st Place - Espoir Figures
2nd Place - Tuatahi Loops

Jayda Weherua
1st Place - Cadet Figures
1st Place - Cadet Free Skating
3rd Place - Matanga Loops



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REGIONAL SKATING

MARVEL RIVALS 3RD PLACE - TE PAEPAE O AOTEA TITANS



Emily-Rose Davis Ethan Finer Rhys Woodhead



Nazeer Rye Jacob Cope Javier Dromgool

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates our Esports Titans team, who recently competed at the 2026 Autumn Clash and secured third place in the Marvel Rivals section. This achievement has earned them qualification for the 2027 Championship in Auckland.



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2026 AUTUMN CLASH



Level 2 Engineering Students Build Wind Turbines

The Level 2 Engineering class is hard at work designing and constructing wind turbines alongside Mike Self.



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L2 ENGINEERING



Recognising Excellence On and Off the Field

Pātea Awa proudly celebrated two students who were recognised with Player of the Day awards at last week's sports exchange with Manukorihi Intermediate. Congratulations to Shardaie Mita from the Mixed Netball team and Ana-Maria Jones from the Hockey team. We also acknowledged our Students of the Week from last week: Kahleaha Walker for the senior school and Tyree Nicholls-Rangi for the junior school. These students stood out during our junior school visit to Pāroia Pā, demonstrating leadership and being excellent role models for their peers. Keep up the awesome work—Up the Pahs!



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Southern Sharks Debut

Congratulations to our former Te Paepae o Aotea students on making their Premier Southern Sharks Rugby debut this past weekend against Clifton. Pictured are Koha Tamou, Cody MacPhail, Quincy Julian, Ranganui Cuthbert, and Hauraki Erb. Special mention to Cody, who has been a regular member of the Southern Sharks squad throughout the season.



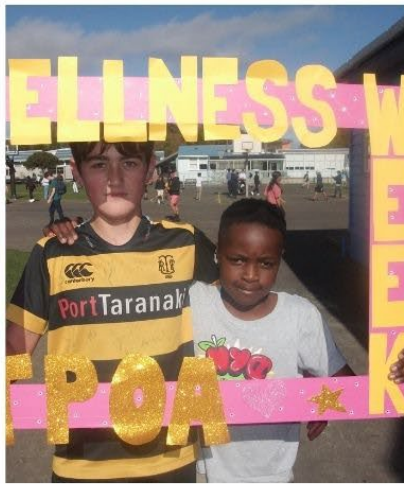
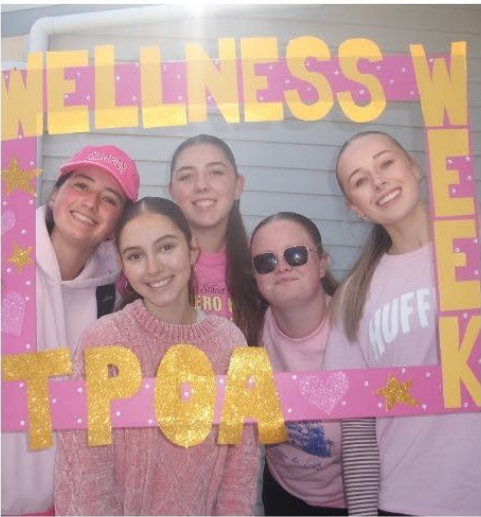
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SOUTHERN RUGBY

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PINK SHIRT DAY '26

Students of Te Paepae o Aotearoa raise over \$600 with Pink Shirt day for the Mental Health Foundation

Kōrero mai Kōrero atu

**SPEAK UP
STAND TOGETHER
STOP BULLYING**

Māuri tū Māuri ora






What an incredible fortnight it's been for Te Paepae o Aotea. Our students and teams have been busy, achieving awesome results, showing huge growth and representing our kura.

We couldn't be prouder of the energy, commitment and mahi being shown across all codes.

Before we jump into the highlights, there is one important message I would like to share.

Whether you are playing, coaching, managing or supporting on the sidelines, how we act matters.

Every time we step onto a field or court, we are representing our kura. People are watching, especially our younger taura. Our behaviour shows them what is acceptable.

Let's continue to speak positively, support all players, officials and spectators, remain humble in both wins and losses and to lead by example.

No matter your role, your influence can be a game changer. Let's keep building a culture we can all be proud of.

Devon Sports Exchange - HISTORY MADE!

WOOHOO! We officially claimed our first-ever exchange win since starting in 2023, finishing 9-7 to Te Paepae o Aotea.

An amazing achievement and a real reflection of how our teams are improving.

We had a huge turnout with 170 Year 7-8 students taking part, making this one of our biggest exchanges yet.

A massive thank you to Whānau who came to support, student umpires and helpers, TRFU, staff who coached and assisted throughout the day and a special mihi to Matua Blake for his energy, drive and encouragement.

So proud of how everyone played and represented our kura. FYI, the school Haka performed at the end was epic.

NZ U17 Men's Netball — Lakein Wood

Huge congratulations to Year 13 student Lakein Wood, who has achieved his dream of being named in the NZ U17 Men's Netball Squad.

Lakein will attend several camps before competing against Australia in Te Awamutu (8-11 July).

This reflects his hard work, determination and dedication. We are incredibly proud of you, Lakein.



Sir Edmond Hillary Challenge

Eight of our brave students took on this epic challenge for the first time — and wow, what an experience.

Set across Blue Lake, Lake Ōkāreka and the Redwoods in Rotorua, students tackled:

- Running, climbing and biking
- Bush and trail navigation
- Problem solving and checkpoints
- 6 hours of non-stop teamwork

An unforgettable challenge that pushed limits and built lifelong memories.

Shout out to Mikayla Arnold, Brooke Stokes, Charlee Stokes, Maddison Sturgeon, Ryan Finey, Lachlan Wills, Tamamihata Edwards & Curtis Wanihi.

And a huge thank you to Alice Arnold and Hillary Meyers. This wouldn't have been possible without your support.

Girls League Success

Massive congratulations to Keoni Ratahi, Carlyn Campbell and Caiyan Campbell for being part of the Taranaki U14 Kotiro League team who were crowned champions in the weekend.

Their commitment has been outstanding travelling every Sunday to Palmerston and Whanganui to play in a 10-12 week competition.

True dedication and well-deserved success. Legends.

TSSSA Events — Skill, Fun & Participation

Our students have been competing in Indoor Bowls, Boccia and Netball.

Indoor Bowls brought strategy and precision as students mastered speed, curve and positioning.

Boccia offered an awesome inclusive option, with modified gameplay ensuring everyone could be involved. Plenty of fun, laughter and great energy.

Netball saw teams come together with their mates, playing mixed and gender grades. Skill, teamwork and awesome sportsmanship was on display.

A fantastic set of events with something for everyone.

Taranaki Airs Basketball Experience

Our Year 7–13 students were fortunate to spend time training alongside players from the Taranaki Airs.

Running drills, scrimmaging and learning from elite athletes was a huge highlight.

A massive thank you to the Taranaki Airs team for supporting our rangatahi, sharing their knowledge AND donating 10 game tickets for their upcoming match vs Canterbury Rams.

Opportunities like this are incredibly inspiring for our students.

What a fortnight it's been. Keep challenging yourself, giving things a go, striving to improve and supporting those around you. Most importantly, don't give up and always stay humble.

Let's continue to build a culture where we lift each other up, celebrate effort and success, lead with positivity and make a difference through sport.

Sport isn't just about winning, it's about who we are, how we treat others and the example we set.

Let's keep the good vibes strong, on and off the field.

“You miss 100% of the shots you don't take”

Theo Soothill, Head Sports Leader & Co Captain 1st XI Mixed Hockey

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

2026 Upcoming Sporting Events

TSSSA Events – Year 9-13

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, 3 June	Highlands Sports Exchange
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Year 9-13 Events

Tuesday, 28 July	Whanganui High School Sports Exchange
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TARANAKI AIRS



**TSSSA
NETBALL**





YEAR 10 TOPEC

Our Year 10 students who attended TOPEC were actively taking on new challenges, including abseiling and preparing for their overnight stay on the maunga. Paepae spirit was evident throughout, with the girls embracing each opportunity to learn new skills - awesome mahi! Throughout the week, the group strengthen their teamwork, beginning with rafting practice on Monday and progressing to paddling down the Waitara River.





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YEAR 7-8 WINTER SPORTS DEVON EXCHANGE RESULTS

Sport	Score	Winner
Basketball Mixed	33-31	TPOA
Basketball Boys	43-20	Devon
Netball 7A	15-5	TPOA
Netball 8A	32-6	TPOA
Netball 8B	22-10	TPOA
Rugby 7s	35-25	Devon
Face the Challenge	WIN	Devon
Rippa Boys	16-15	TPOA
Rippa Girls	11-4	Devon
Hockey Mixed	5-0	Devon
Hockey Girls	2-1	TPOA
Football Boys	12-0	TPOA
Football Mixed	4-3	Devon
Chess	42-14	Devon
Table Tennis	28-20	TPOA

Overall WIN to Te Paepae o Aotea 9-7



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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



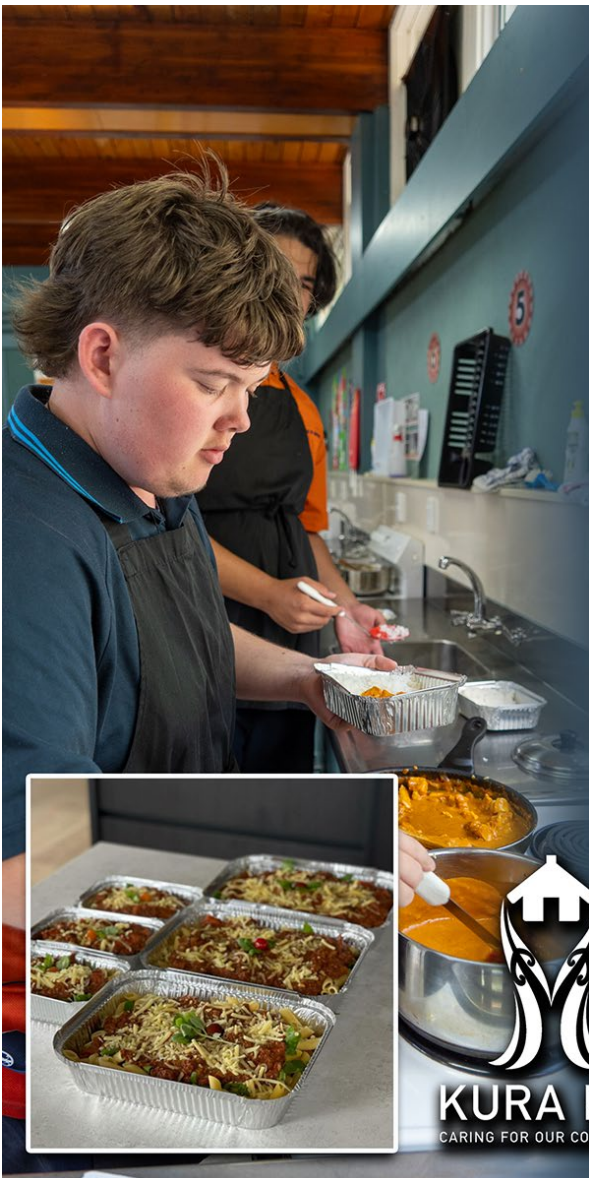
Criteria for the Senior Year
11-13 Honour Badges is
available on our school
website or
on the back of the
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**ALL COMPLETED
APPLICATION FORMS ARE
TO BE RETURNED TO THE
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[Application Form](#)

HONOUR BADGES



TE PAEPAE O AOTEA

Kia eke atu ki Taupaenui o te tangata

Kura Kai & Te Paepae o Aotea Supporting Our Community

Kura Kai is a charitable organisation that provides chest freezers to high schools across Aotearoa. Guided by the value of manaakitanga (generosity and care for others), we are very fortunate to be part of this initiative.

Our rangatahi and whānau can access support when needed, with meals prepared by our students.

If you need a Kura Kai meal please contact

Nic Edwards

nicolaschumacher@hotmail.co.nz

phone 027 275 4878

or call into the

**Te Paepae o Aotea School Office
13 Camberwell Road**

KURA KAI
CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY



UPCOMING *dates*



TERM 2 - 2026

MAY | 25

TSSSA SNR TOUCH/VOLLEYBALL

New Plymouth

MAY | 27

SENIOR ART TRIP

New Plymouth

MAY | 28

TSSSA CROSS COUNTRY

A&P Showgrounds, Hāwera

JUN | 1

KINGS BIRTHDAY

SCHOOL CLOSED

JUN | 3

YEAR 7-8 SPORTS EXCHANGE

at Highlands Intermediate

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

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