



TE PAEPAE O AOTEA

Kia eke atu ki Taupaenui o te tangata

Newsletter – Friday, 19 June 2026

Kia ora e te whānau

If you have recently passed by the school, you may have noticed the scaffolding surrounding the Te Ramanui block. This marks an important milestone for us, as Te Ramanui will be the first block to be made fully weathertight. As our largest block, this is a significant step forward for the school. The current roof and upper windows (from the top of the brickwork upwards) will be removed and replaced with new joinery and a pitched roof. This remedial work will ensure the building is well prepared for the demands of Taranaki weather. The project will be completed in three stages and is not expected to be finished until early 2027. During this time, scaffolding and a protective white covering will remain in place around the block.

Our students have been extremely active, participating in lunchtime recreation activities. I commend all those who have taken part, as well as those who have taken the initiative to organise these opportunities. Our student leaders have also launched two important environmental initiatives. The first is the collection of milk bottle lids, an initiative that has already resulted in nearly 20,000 lids being gathered. This is an outstanding effort to prevent waste from going to landfill. The second initiative is the “Cans for Kiwi Kids” programme. Collection bins have been placed around the school and students are encouraged to bring recyclable cans to contribute. In partnership with Lions, funds raised from this recycling effort will be donated to Kidney Kids. We encourage all students and whānau to support these worthwhile initiatives.

Attendance has begun to decline slightly as we move into the colder months and winter illnesses become more common. Please continue to notify the school if your child is absent, as it is important that all absences are correctly recorded. We encourage all students to finish the term strongly and attend school every day where possible.

You may be aware that significant changes are on the horizon for education. To ensure we are well prepared for upcoming curriculum developments, the government has allocated two curriculum days for each school this year. Our first curriculum day will take place on Thursday, 25 June. Please note that the school will be closed for instruction on this day.

Over the past few weeks, we have been visiting our feeder schools. This is always a valuable opportunity to connect with prospective students and their whānau. Our Open Evening will be held on 1 July at 6:30pm. This event provides an excellent opportunity to meet staff and current students and to learn more about what Te Paepae o Aotea has to offer. We encourage prospective students and their families to attend, or to get in touch with us at another time if they are unable to make it.

Students studying NCEA are entering a critical phase of the academic year. It is essential that they make effective use of both school and home time to prepare for and complete assessments. While parents may not always be able to assist with specific content, you can support your child by providing a quiet, focused environment for study.

Thank you for your continued support. We greatly value our community and the important role you play in the success of our school.

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



Attendance IS a Shared Responsibility

Improving attendance works best when school and whānau work together.

You can help by:

- Letting us know as soon as your child is absent or late
- Booking appointments outside school hours where possible
- Talking with us early if attendance is becoming a challenge

We're here to support — not judge.

Together, we help our students reach their full potential.

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STAFF ONLY DAY

Thursday, 25 June 2026

School Closed



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OPEN EVENING

Wednesday,
1 July 2026
6.30PM

Information Sessions
& School Tours

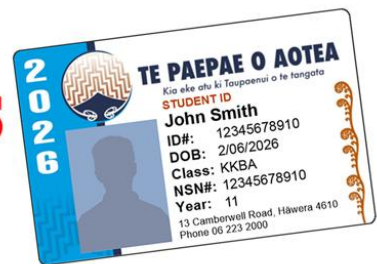


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STUDENT ID CARDS \$5 EACH

Please order at the School Office



Last year, all students were issued ID cards free of charge and should still have these. This year, new ID cards will be issued free of charge for all **Year 7** students and any other students who are new to the school, as well as **Year 11** students who have recently transitioned into the senior school.

Any other students who require a replacement or new card can purchase one for \$5, payable at the school office.



SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS

KickStart BREAKFAST

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

YARROWS
THE BAKERS
EST. 1925

Sanitarium
The Health Food Company

Fonterra
Dairy for life



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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HOST FAMILIES WANTED!

Open your home. Change a life.

We are looking for caring families to host international students at our school!

- \$350 PER WEEK PAYMENT**
- A REWARDING CULTURAL EXPERIENCE**
- FULL SUPPORT PROVIDED**

SEND US A MESSAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION:
International@tepaepaeoaotea.school.nz

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Host Families Wanted

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.

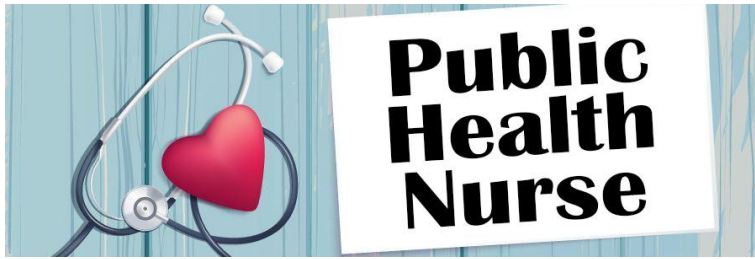
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[Application Homestay Form](#)

[Homestay Caregivers Booklet](#)

[Homestay Carer Agreement](#)





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.

A poster for a community event. The background is a photograph of a road leading towards a large, snow-capped mountain. The text is overlaid on the image. At the top left is the 'HAUTUTU WĀNANGA' logo, and at the top right is the 'TE ANOHANGI' logo. The main title 'Nau mai, haere mai!' is written in a large, stylized font. Below it, there is text in Māori and English describing the event as a space for whānau experiencing and navigating Te Iho Tātai-ā-Fongo (FASD). It lists services offered, dates (Friday 19 June 2:00pm - Sunday 21 June 2026), location (Oeo Pā, 2915 Ōtakeho Road, South Taranaki), and cost (Kore/no cost). A QR code is in the bottom left, and contact information for Kelly Rongonui is at the bottom right.

HAUTUTU WĀNANGA

TE ANOHANGI

Nau mai, haere mai!

A kārangā to our whānau Māori experiencing and navigating Te Iho Tātai-ā-Fongo (FASD)

Whānau, kaiako, tamariki mā, kaumātua, rangatahi all welcome

A space to be provided a kai, cuppa & a break for you and your tamariki

Nau mai, haere mai e te whānau

AHEA
Friday 19 June 2:00pm -
Sunday 21 June 2026

KEI HEA
Oeo Pā
2915 Ōtakeho Road, South Taranaki.

TE UTU
Kore (no cost)
Kai & accommodation provided

These Wānanga offer:

- Safe spaces for sharing lived experience
- Guidance from other whānau and experts
- Mātauranga Māori-based strategies
- Opportunities to build community and friendships
- Skilled kaitiaki (Hāpai Ō) to care for your tamariki

For more info, please contact: Kelly Rongonui 022 677 3132



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

Mathletics has been a great success over the past week. It's been awesome seeing so many students showing up, getting involved and putting effort into representing their awa. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make the event run smoothly.

Our two Parliament Trip fundraisers have also gone well. The support from students, staff and whānau has successfully helped lower the cost for students attending this great opportunity in Wellington. We really appreciate everyone who bought something, helped out or supported the fundraisers in any way.

As we continue through the term, I hope everyone is going well with their internals and managing their time effectively. Keep on top of your work, ask for help when you need it and keep pushing towards the end of the term.

Ngā mihi nui, Adam Stables



HEAD CULTURAL LEADER

Taiharuru Ratima



Tēnā koutou katoa

Next week is Cultural Week. The aim of this week is to strengthen a positive culture in our school that brings to life our school values of Taupaenui, Paepae and Aotea. We will celebrate our school culture through lunch-time activities that bring us together as a kura. On Monday, there will be music performances from talented students. Tuesday will focus on visual arts with a paper mural creation which everyone can contribute to in the Jubilee Gym. On Wednesday, we all have a chance to join the fun of karaoke. Then on Friday, following Staff Only Day, we will continue the celebration with performances which we hope will be outside the canteen or in the Jubilee Gym if the weather requires. We also plan to offer tiny tasters of kai from several different cultures. We hope all our students and teachers will give things a go and join the fun of Cultural Week.

Noho ora mai, Taiharuru Ratima



HEAD COMMUNITY LEADER

Lauren Kalin



Kia Ora

It's been an incredible few weeks. Huge congratulations to everyone who attended our School Ball. It was fantastic to see everyone dressed up and enjoying such a memorable evening. The effort students and staff put into the evening was amazing and it was great to see so many people making the most of this special event with their friends.

Another highlight was our Week 8 LRA Donut Eating competition. Thank you to everyone who participated, cheered on their awa and helped create such a fun atmosphere. A special shoutout to Yarrows for supporting this event. There was a lot of excitement around this event and it was so awesome to see it in action. Congratulations to Mr White and Corben Pitts who shared the record time of 19 seconds. I would also like to acknowledge our upcoming Open Evening. It is exciting to welcome prospective students and their whānau into our school and showcase the many opportunities available. Please get involved and answer the survey in your emails about volunteering.

Have a great week everyone.

Ngā mihi, Lauren Kalin



HEAD SPORTS LEADER

Theo Soothill



Kia ora whānau

It has been another busy fortnight for sport at Te Paepae o Aotea. Our students have continued to represent the kura with pride across a range of winter sports, showing great commitment, teamwork and sportsmanship both on and off the field.

A highlight of the past few weeks has been seeing our teams compete strongly and support one another throughout the season. It is always great to see students getting involved, giving their best effort, and making the most of the opportunities sport provides.

Looking ahead, we are excited for our annual **Town v Country** competition in Week 11. Students will compete throughout the week in netball, hockey, futsal and volleyball to see whether Town or Country can claim the title for 2026. This event is always a great way to bring students together and create some friendly rivalry within the school

Thank you to all students, staff, coaches, managers, and supporters who continue to contribute to sport at Te Paepae o Aotea.

Ngā mihi, Theo Soothill



WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



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TE PAEPAE O AOTEA - BALL 2026

[Te Paepae o Aotea - Prom 2026 by Natalie Waugh Photographer](#)

On Saturday, 6 June, our senior students enjoyed a Hollywood-themed evening at the 2026 Ball.

Te Paepae o Aotea thanks our local businesses for their support and encourages our school whānau to support them.

**AN EVENING IN
HOLLYWOOD**
TE PAEPAE O AOTEA BALL

Thank You

Te Paepae o Aotea thanks the following sponsors for their support of our 2026 Ball

- Park Store
- Bespoke
- Hair on Main
- Fowler Fitness
- Robertsons Pharmacy
- Lovells Flowers
- Hawera Repertory
- The Warehouse



Krishiv Lal **Jay Larsen**

SPEECH NEW ZEALAND

GRADE FOUR - HONOURS PLUS

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates Krishiv Lal and Jay Larsen on their outstanding achievement in the New Zealand Speech Board Grade Four Flexi Speaking & Performing Practical Exam. This exam challenges students to showcase confidence, clarity, expression and performance skills through a mix of prepared and spontaneous speaking tasks. Both Krishiv and Jay excelled across all areas, earning Honours Plus, the highest possible mark.



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Speech
NEW ZEALAND
NEW ZEALAND SPEECH BOARD

NZ SPEECH EXAMS

Te Paepae o Aotea Shines at 2026 Ngā Manu Kōrero Regionals

Four Te Paepae o Aotea students represented the kura at the 2026 Ngā Manu Kōrero Whanganui/Taranaki regional competition, held at Spotswood College on Wednesday, 10 June. The students competed in the following sections: Junior English - Korā Aperaham, Senior English - Tīama-Deziah Hill and Indyka-Azaria Hill and Senior Māori - Cale Jenkins. All four of our students delivered strong speeches, making their whānau, kura, and iwi proud.

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates Indyka-Azaria Hill for achieving 1st place - Impromptu Speech



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NGĀ MANU KŌRERO

SCHOOL OF THE NEW YORK TIMES SUMMER WRITING ACADEMY

Te Paepae o Aotea wishes Lauren Kalin all the best as she heads off to New York city to attend the School of The New York Times Summer Academy. Lauren has been selected to take part in the Arts and Culture Reporting course, an exciting opportunity that will allow her to further develop her journalism and storytelling skills.



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WRITING ACADEMY

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Celebrating Student Achievements

Pātea junior school celebrated a lot of student achievement happening in and around our kura. Recipients of Values certificates for students standing out in their own classes as showing our school values were Dilana Harris, Libby Tate, Blake Riddle, Cian Caskey, Rylan Tannahill, Crixus Young, Vegas Simon, Vanessa Hurunui, Max Stupples, Joshua Snooks, Siba Matshaya and Ana-Maria Jones. Recipients of Most Inspirational Player from our recent sport exchange against Highlands Intermediate were Lachlan Cox, Dartagnan Harrison-Maraki, Kaiden Muggidge, Siba Matshaya and Tamaia Laupama-Karena. Our stand out students of the week awards went to Tyree Nicolls-Rangi, Celestial Harrison-Maraki and Daymein Meads. Well done to all, Up the Pahs!



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PĀTEA

LRA DONUT SPEED EATING COMPETITION



OVERALL AWA RESULTS

- 1st Place - **KAŪPOKONUI**
- 2nd Place - **TANGAHOE**
- 3rd Place - **WAINGONGORO**
- 4th Place - **PĀTEA**
- Fastest Teacher - **MR WHITE**



Thanks to Yarrows for their support of our Community Event



Celebrating Student Success

Waingongoro hosted their senior awa assembly to celebrate students' achievements in arts, culture, sport, and academics. These assemblies focus on awa team building, sharing information about upcoming events, and recognising the dedication and hard mahi students are putting into their learning. A special celebration for Jack Wasley and Tegan Hunt who have both achieved Level 3.



WAINGONGORO



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2 Fresh win Girls Grade at South Rippa Rugby Tournament

Te Paepae o Aotea proudly congratulates our Year 7-8 TPOA 2 Fresh Rippa Rugby team on their win in the Girls final at the South Taranaki Rippa Rugby competition against SJS Maroon. Both TPOA 2 Fresh and the TPOA Side Steppers will now head to the Taranaki Year 7-8 Rippa Rugby Tournament at Stadium Taranaki on 24 June 2026.



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YEAR 7-8 RIPPA RUGBY



Te Paepae o Aotea rangatahi support Tawhiti School tamariki at Aotea Pā

Senior students from Te Paepae o Aotea had the privilege of supporting Tawhiti Year 5-6 tamariki during their marae stay at Aotea Pā. Our rangatahi helped with poi making, weaving, games and marae etiquette. They also blessed the students with their beautiful voices through waiata. Outstanding role models! The two days were filled with fun, laughter, meaningful relationship building, and special memories created together. Our students were truly grateful for the opportunity to give back to our community and to our tamariki. Ka mau te wehi - Kahleaha Walker, Tree-Lae Maraki, Jahliyah Hori, Te Whaiti Brown, Ranginui Baller, Izzy McMahon, Tianara Domb and Lucy Roberts.



AOTEA MARAE STAY



From Paddock to Possibility: Fieldays Inspires Our Students

On Thursday, 11 June our Primary Industries students had the opportunity to attend Fieldays, exploring the latest innovations, technology, and career pathways within New Zealand's primary sector. Students engaged with industry professionals, viewed cutting-edge equipment, and gained valuable insights into the future of agriculture, horticulture, and rural industries.



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PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

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Students Explore Civil Engineering

Three students from Te Paepae o Aotea took part in the Connexis Girls with High Vis event in Hāwera on Wednesday, joining Fulton Hogan for a hands on introduction to the civil infrastructure industry.

Throughout the day, students experienced a wide range of activities, including pothole filling, surveying, road safety demonstrations, operating a digger, and even controlling a large road roller.

The event opened their eyes to the diverse and rewarding career pathways in civil engineering, showing them the skill, teamwork, and problem solving involved in building and maintaining essential infrastructure.

Most importantly, the day reinforced a powerful message: girls can do anything. Our students represented Te Paepae o Aotea with confidence and curiosity, and we are proud of the way they embraced every challenge.



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GIRLS WITH HIGH VIS

CULTURAL WEEK
WEEK 10
22-26 June 2026

LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES

KARAOKE, ART & PERFORMANCES
Friday, 26 June
FOOD DAY

Free small tasters of food from around the world

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TSSSA
TE RŌPŪ HĀKINAKINA O NGĀ KURA TUARUA O TARANAKI
CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

EVENT	STUDENT	PLACING
Year 9 Girls	Alyssa Mills	6 th Place
	Ashley Finey	10 th Place
Junior Girls	Tayla Sturgeon	1 st Place
	Mikayla Arnold	3 rd Place
	Lucy Crowley	5 th Place
	Emily Chittenden	10 th Place
Senior Boys	Ryan Finey	2 nd Place
	Lachlan Wills	6 th Place
Senior Girls	Maddison Sturgeon	4 th Place
	Jirra Lanting	10 th Place

CULTURAL WEEK
WEEK 10
Friday, 26 June

FOOD DAY

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are seeking volunteers who can prepare a dish from around the world for our Cultural week.

Ingredient costs can be covered, and the food will be free and served as small tasting portions for students.

If you are interested, please contact

Taiharuru Ratima
taiharuru.ratima@tepaepaeoaoatea.school.nz
alternative students message Taiharuru in Teams

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Hands-On at Otago Whai Wheako i Ōtākou

Experience a week of university life on our Dunedin campus. For students in Year 12 or 13 in 2027.

Business | Health Sciences | Humanities | Sciences

17-22 January 2027



AskOtago 0800 80 80 98
Email hands-on@otago.ac.nz
Register online at otago.ac.nz/hands-on-at-otago
Applications open Monday 29 June 2026
Applications close Thursday 6 August 2026

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Sports Update

It's been a fantastic couple of weeks for Te Paepae o Aotea, with great success across a range of sports. This is awesome to see as many of our winter codes begin to wrap up for the season.

A huge shout out to our incredible volunteer coaches and managers – our whānau, community members, students and staff. These amazing people give up countless hours to plan and run trainings, organise game days, communicate with teams and often support multiple groups at once. While players head home after games and trainings our management will usually be the last to leave after packing up.

Let's show our appreciation by:

- Turning up on time
- Listening and staying engaged
- Helping pack up
- Saying thank you

These small actions go a long way. Let's celebrate them for all they do.

NZ Cross Country

We have six students representing our kura at the NZ Secondary School Cross Country Champs in Wellington at Trentham Memorial Park.

All the best to Mikayla Arnold, Lucy Crowley, Ryan Finey, Jirra Lanting, Maddison Sturgeon, Tayla Sturgeon and Lachlan Wills.

We're super proud of you all.

NZ Left-Handed Golf

Year 13 student Divan Denton has earned an incredible opportunity to represent New Zealand at the Left-Handed Golf Championships in Canberra this October.

Divan won the New Zealand Nationals earlier this year – an outstanding achievement. We are excited to see what he does on the international stage.

Our very own Te Paepae o Aotea *Happy Gilmore*

Touch Representation

Year 13 Afeef Ridzuan has been on fire with his touch skills and has been selected to represent Kuala Lumpur at the Malaysian National Touch Championships in July, playing in the Open Mixed team.

Even more special, Afeef will be playing alongside his brothers Adib and Arif. What an awesome whānau moment.

Te Paepae o Aotea Golf Champs

Golf continues to grow at our kura thanks to Mr Barnard's dedication, ka mau te wehi. It's great to see more interest, especially from girls and our Year 7/8 students.

Our school Golf Champs will be held this Friday at Te Ngutu Golf Course, with 22 students competing. It's shaping up to be a tight contest. Good luck to all involved.

Year 7/8 Rippa Rugby

Seven teams competed in the South Taranaki Rippa Tournament in Hāwera recently and all teams represented our kura with pride.

Special mention to:

- Girls Team 2 "Fresh" – Tournament winners
- Boys Team "Side Steppers" – 4th place

Both teams are off to the Taranaki Tournament at Yarrow Stadium next week. Good Luck.

Winter Tournament Week

Our Senior A Netball and 1st XI Mixed Hockey teams are gearing up for Winter Tournament Week, with plenty of training and fundraisers happening behind the scenes.

We're also excited to have our 8A Netball team entered into the 2026 AIMS Games in Tauranga – another amazing opportunity.

Student Achievements

Reminder to all students, please submit your sporting, academic, cultural and community achievements so we can celebrate your success.

Forms are available at the main office, sports office, and on the school website.

Uniforms & Fees

As winter sports wrap up, please return all uniforms to avoid charges.

If you have outstanding sports fees, we would appreciate these being paid promptly. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Keep up the awesome mahi everyone, your effort, attitude and pride in representing our kura does not go unnoticed.

“Hard work beats talent when talent fails to work hard.” – Divan Denton TPOA Pro Golfer

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

Wednesday, 24 June	Senior 3x3 Basketball
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Year 7 - 8 Events

Wednesday, 24 June	Taranaki Ripa Rugby Championship
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Year 9 - 13 Events

Saturday, 20 June	NZSS Cross Country
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Tuesday, 28 July	Whanganui High School Sports Exchange
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YEAR 7-8 SOUTH RIPPA RUGBY TOURNAMENT

Year 7–8 students represented Te Paepae o Aotea at the South Taranaki Rippa Rugby tournament. A special thank you to Meihana Grindlay for coming along to support our students—his experience with the Highlanders and Taranaki Bulls provided valuable advice and inspiration. We also extend our thanks to our Te Paepae o Aotea staff, student referees, and everyone who contributed throughout the day, along with our amazing supporters. We now look forward to the Taranaki Finals on 24 June 2026 at Stadium Taranaki.



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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](#)

HONOUR BADGES



TE PAEPAE O AOTEA

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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

JUN | **20**

NZ CROSS COUNTRY

20-21 June - Wellington

JUN | **24**

YEAR 7-8 RIPPA RUGBY

Tournament - Yarrows Stadium NP

JUN | **24**

TSSSA SNR 3X3 BASKETBALL

9.00am-3.00pm - New Plymouth

JUN | **25**

STAFF ONLY DAY

SCHOOL CLOSED

JUL | **1**

TPOA OPEN EVENING

6.30pm - Information & School Tours

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

www.tepaepaeoatea.school.nz



Te Paepae o Aotea Visiting Local Feeder Schools in June

During the month of June, Mrs Williams (Tumuaki) or Mrs Hopkins (Senior Leader of Learning) will be busy visiting our local feeder schools. These visits are an opportunity to meet our upcoming Year 7 students for 2027, share what life is like at Te Paepae o Aotea, and highlight the many exciting opportunities available to them.

Some of our young student leaders also attend these visits to help answer any questions that incoming students may have and to provide first-hand insights into school life.

Transition visits to Te Paepae o Aotea will take place in Term 4 between 16-30 November 2026, giving students a chance to become more familiar with our school before they begin their journey with us.





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OPEN EVENING

**Wednesday,
1 July 2026
6.30PM**

**Information Sessions
& School Tours**





Feeder School Visits

Monday, 4 June - 10am
Normanby Primary School

Friday, 5 June - 12.30pm
St Joseph's School

Monday, 8 June - 1.40pm
Matapu Primary School

Tuesday, 9 June - 10am
Tawhiti Primary School

Thursday, 11 June - 2pm
Ramanui Primary School

Friday, 12 June - 10am
Turuturu Primary School

Monday, 15 June - 11.10am
Kakaramea Primary School

Wednesday, 17 June - 10am
Mokoia Primary School

Thursday, 18 June - 10.30am
Manaia School

Friday, 19 June - 10.35am
Hawera Primary School



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Uniform Fitting
TERM 4

Monday-Friday, 3.00-4.00pm
A full fitting size is held at the School Office.
All uniforms need to be purchased through

NZ UNIFORMS
WEARING IS BELIEVING
tepaepaeootea.nzuniforms.com

Enrol Online



The enrolment form is on the school website
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