



TE PAEPAE O AOTEA

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Newsletter – Friday, 5 June 2026

Kia ora e te whānau

This week, our Year 7 and 8 students competed against Highlands Intermediate in their final exchange for the year. I was very impressed with how they conducted themselves and represented our school.

Last week saw our annual Awa Haka competition, an exciting and closely contested event, with Pātea emerging as deserving winners. The competition challenged many of our students to step outside their comfort zones and they rose to the occasion with pride. Our school value of *Paepae* was clearly on display, both during the performances and throughout the preparation leading up to the event. *Paepae* encourages us all to be courageous and adventurous and this was evident in the commitment and spirit shown by our students.

Winter sports are now well underway. Please keep an eye on the weekly draws and come along to support our teams. Our students really value having parents and community members there to watch and encourage them. You will notice the positive vibe vests at many of our games; these serve as a reminder to all of us to remain positive and supportive on the sidelines.

As the weather gets colder, it is important that our students stay dry and warm at school. Overall, the uniform is looking fantastic and we appreciate the combined effort of our community in maintaining these standards. Please remind your child that if they are feeling cold, they are welcome to wear plain black or blue thermals under their shirt. We are, however, seeing an increase in students wearing socks with sandals. Students must make a choice: if they wear sandals, they should not wear socks; if they wish to wear socks, they must wear closed shoes.

Senior students have now completed 32% of their internal assessments for the year. While this is a good start, there is still plenty of work ahead to ensure they give themselves the best opportunity to gain their qualification with the endorsement they deserve. It is vital that senior students use their time wisely in class and follow this up by completing homework and assignments at home. As a parent or caregiver, you may or may not be able to assist directly with learning, but you can always provide support, encouragement and a quiet space for study.

You may have noticed new signage and the beginning of work on the Te Ramanui block. This is an exciting development for our school. The first stage of this project involves making Te Ramanui weathertight by removing the existing roof and replacing it with pitched roofing. We look forward to the positive impact this upgrade will have on our students.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support of our students and our school. We appreciate our community's strong connection and involvement.

Ngā mihi nui

Rachel Williams
Tumuaki



Senior Academic Excellence at Te Paepae o Aotea

Te Paepae o Aotea celebrates our students' academic achievements with Excellence certificates for senior course subjects. These certificates of recognition were awarded at today's whole-school assembly.

Level 1 Subject Excellence

Hunter Houghton	Level 1 - Mathematics - AS 91945
Regan McGee	Level 1 - Mathematics - AS 91945
Nicholas Corrigan	Level 1 - Mathematics - AS 91945
Lucy Crowley	Level 1 - Financial Numeracy - AS 28090
	Level 1 - Mathematics - AS 91945
Francheska Soquera	Level 1 - Mathematics - AS 91945
Abby Marsh	Level 1 - Mathematics - AS 91945
Mikayla Arnold	Level 1 - Integrated Science - AS 92021
Sarah Brotherson	Level 1 - Drama - AS 91940
	Level 1 - Integrated Science - AS 92021
	Level 1 - Commerce - AS 92029
Logan Hunt	Level 1 - History - AS 92024
Charlee Stokes	Level 1 - History - AS 92024
Rheein Luke	Level 1 - Drama - AS 91940
	Level 1 - Visual Arts Aotearoa - AS 91912
David Meyer	Level 1 - Physical Education - AS 92017
Adeezia Wiki-Thomson	Level 1 - Photography - AS 91912
Ryan Finey	Level 1 - Integrated Science - AS 92021
Elijah Harris	Level 1 - Integrated Science - AS 92021
Zion Lawrence	Level 1 - Mathematics - AS 91945
Tamamihata Edwards	Level 1 - Integrated Science - AS 92021
Ethan Finer	Level 1 - Commerce - AS 92029
	Level 1 - History - AS 92024
Rapine Aperahama	Level 1 - Photography - AS 91912
	Level 1 - Mathematics - AS 91945
Kazmira Warren-King	Level 1 - Photography - AS 91912
Bella Steel	Level 1 - Visual Arts Aotearoa - AS 91912
Sakyia O'Keeffe	Level 1 - Drama - AS 91940
Ella Ogden	Level 1 - Mathematics - AS 91945
	Level 1 - Photography - AS 91912



Level 2 Subject Excellence

Cameron McKenzie	Level 2 - Pure Maths - AS 91260
Sarah Brotherson	Level 2 - Pure Maths - AS 91258, AS 91259, AS 91269
David Meyer	Level 2 - Pure Maths - AS, 91258, AS 91259, AS 91269
Seth Schumacher	Level 2 - Pure Maths - AS 91258, AS 91259
Ryan Finey	Level 2 - Pure Maths - AS 91258, AS 91259
Elijah Harris	Level 2 - Pure Maths - AS 91258, AS 91259
Mace Soothill	Level 2 - Pure Maths - AS 91259
Ethan Finer	Level 2 - Pure Maths - AS 91258, AS 91259
Zane Mercer	Level 2 - Pure Maths - AS 91259
Anaswar Santhosh	Level 2 - Pure Maths - AS 91258, AS 91260, AS 91269
Priya Kerthi	Level 2 - Pure Maths - AS 91258, AS 91259
Eloise Sharrock	Level 2 - Pure Maths - AS 91258, AS 91259, AS 91269
Abijah Suailua	Level 2 - Pure Maths - AS 91259
Jemma Gibbs	Level 2 - Physics - AS 91172 Level 2 - Biology - AS 91153 Level 2 - Chemistry – AS 91167
Sienna-Belle Norton	Level 2 - Drama - AS 91216
Zoe Waller	Level 2 - English - AS 91107
Lachlan Pick	Level 2 - Physics - AS 91172
Samara Stewart	Level 2 - Physics - AS 91172 Level 2 - Chemistry - AS 91167, AS 91910 Level 2 - Biology - AS 91153 Level 2 - English - AS 91107
Mitchell Clayton	Level 2 - English - AS 91107
Michael Stables	Level 2 - Accounting - AS 91179 Level 2 - English - AS 91107
Paityn Willemsen	Level 1 - Pure Maths - AS 91258, AS 91259, AS 91260
Kristan Isaac	Level 2 - Pure Maths - AS 91258, AS 91259
Reef Newport	Level 2 - Applied Maths - AS 91260, AS 91259
Nazeer Rye	Level 2 - Physics - AS 91172
Graham Merrey	Level 2 - Pure Maths - AS 91260
Willem Cameron	Level 2 - English - AS 91107
Archie Lawrence	Level 2 - Pure Maths - AS 91260
Emmanuel Tshimanga	Level 2 - Pure Maths - AS 91259
Suzanna Corrigan	Level 2 - Physics - AS 91172
Lucy Hesketh-Smith	Level 2 - Applied Maths - AS 91260, AS 91258
Haily Hortillosa	Level 2 - Pure Maths - AS 91259, AS 91269
Anthea Sharrock	Level 2 - Physics - AS 91172 Level 2 - English - AS 91107 Level 2 - Pure Maths – AS 91258, AS 91259 Level 2 - Chemistry - AS 91167
Cohen Soothill	Level 2 - Physics - AS 91172 Level 2 - English - AS 91107 Level 2 - Pure Maths – AS 91258, AS 91259, AS 91269
Hunter Stephens	Level 2 - Physics - AS 91172 Level 2 - Chemistry - AS 91167 Level 2 - English – AS 91107
Luana Afa Leota	Level 2 - Pure Maths - AS 91258
Lucas Hunt	Level 2 - Physics - AS 91172 Level 2 - Pure Maths - AS 91260
Ashlyn Graham	Level 2 - Physics - AS 91172 Level 2 - English - AS 91107
Peyton Scott	Level 2 - Physics - AS 91172
Max Surgenor	Level 2 - Physics - AS 91172



Level 3 Subject Excellence

Jemma Gibbs	Level 3 - Calculus - AS 91574, AS 91576, AS 91587
Zoe Waller	Level 3 - Calculus - AS 91587
Lachlan Pick	Level 3 - Mathematics - AS 91576, AS 91587
Samara Stewart	Level 3 - Calculus - AS 91574, AS 91576, AS 91587
Michael Stables	Level 3 - Calculus - AS 91574, AS 91576, AS 91587
Suzanna Corrigan	Level 3 - Calculus - AS 91574, AS 91587
Jack Clarke	Level 3 - Statistics - AS 91574, AS 91576, AS 91587
Liam Neil	Level 3 - Calculus - AS 91574, AS 91576, AS 91587
Hunter Stephens	Level 3 - Statistics - AS 91576 Level 3 - Calculus - AS 91574, AS 91587
Ashlyn Graham	Level 3 - Calculus - AS 91574, AS 91587
Peyton Scott	Level 3 - Statistics - AS 91574, AS 91576, AS 91587
Lauren Kalin	Level 3 - English - AS 91480 Level 3 - Psychology - AS 91872 Level 3 - Statistics – AS 91574, AS 91576, AS 91587 Level 3 - History - AS 91434
Sean Nanayakkara	Level 3 - Physics - AS 91525, Level 3 - Calculus - AS 91576, AS 91587
Afeef Ridzuan	Level 3 - Calculus - AS 91574, AS 91576, AS 91587
James Nickel	Level 3 - Calculus - AS 91576, AS 91587
Adam Stables	Level 3 - English - AS 91480 Level 3 - Calculus - AS 91574
Rory McLeod	Level 3 - English - AS 91480; Level 3 - History - AS 91434
Delila Tun	Level 3 - English - AS 91480; Level 3 - Psychology - AS 91872
Carly Meynell	Level 3 - English - AS 91480; Level 3 - Physical Education - AS 91498
Lakein Woods	Level 3 - Physics - AS 91525
Taiharuru Ratima	Level 3 - English - AS 91480; Level 3 - Psychology - AS 91872; Level 3 - History – AS 91434
Noah Broughton	Level 3 - Mathematics - AS 91576
Evita Morellon	Level 3 - English - AS 91480 Level 3 - Psychology - AS 91872 Level 3 - Statistics – AS 91574, AS 91587
Ella Ritchie	Level 3 - English - AS 91480 Level 3 - Physical Education - AS 91498
Maddison Sturgeon	Level 3 - English - AS 91480 Level 3 - Physical Education - AS 91498

Year 7-8 Taupaenui Badges

Congratulations to our Year 7–8 students who have been working hard to complete their Taupaenui Badges:

Milla Stevens	Numeracy Badge
Braxton Riddle	Numeracy Badge; Technology Badge
Ella Robinson	Numeracy Badge; Foundations Badge; Arts Badge; Literacy Badge
Fletcher Dransfield	Foundations Badge
Skyla Penny	Foundations Badge
Medharvi Kerthi	Technology Badge; Arts Badge
Talia Kerehoma	Literacy Badge; Social Sciences Badge
Jackson Zinsli	Arts Badge
Savannah Thompson	Arts Badge
Ruhi Patel	Social Sciences Badge
Krishiv Lal	Science Badge
Katelyn Taylor	Social Sciences Badge



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



Every Day Matters

When students attend school regularly, they are more likely to succeed - at school and beyond. At Te Paepae o Aotea, **only 55% of students attended 90% or more of Term 1.**

We can do better - together.

Every day in class helps our rangatahi grow their learning, confidence, and opportunities.

Kia taetae ki te kura - let's be there, every day.

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STAFF ONLY DAY

Thursday, 25 June 2026

School Closed



SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS



KAI ROOM BREAKFAST CLUB!
MONDAY-FRIDAY

8.15am-8.50am

Held in the Canteen

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Creating a Safe, Healthy and Focused Learning Environment



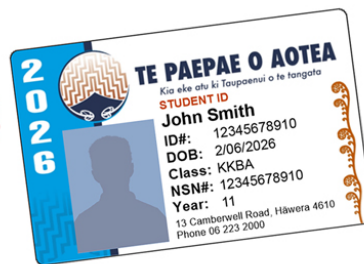
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STUDENT ID CARDS

\$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.



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PhotoLife

Student PhotoLife orders (for those who met the deadline) have arrived and will be distributed during whānau hui this week.

Please check your students schoolbags.

Contact Photolife if you have not yet received your order

enquiries@photolife.co.nz

Phone 0800 501 040



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@tepaepaeoatea.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.

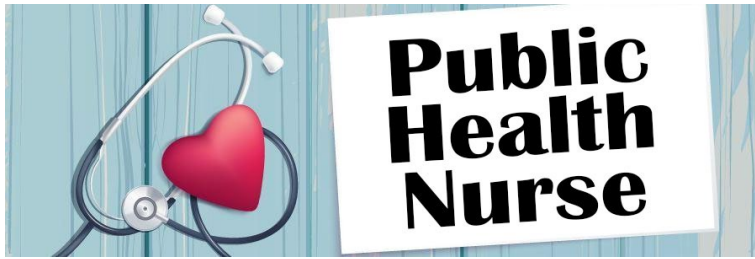
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[Application Homestay Form](#)

[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, white, stylized font. Below it, the text reads: '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', and 'Nau mai, haere mai e te whānau'. A list of services is provided in a white box on the right. At the bottom left, the event details are listed: 'AHEA Friday 19 June 2:00pm - Sunday 21 June 2026', 'KEI HEA Oeo Pā 2915 Ōtakeho Road, South Taranaki.', and 'TE UTU Kore (no cost) Kai & accommodation provided'. A QR code is located at the bottom left. At the bottom right, it says '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

This week, the Academic Council ran the Amazing Race LRA. It was great seeing students getting involved, working together and earning points for their awa. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make the event a success.

Looking ahead, Mathletics is coming up in Week 9. Keep an eye out for more information and sign-ups in the coming weeks.

On Thursday, we also held a sausage sizzle fundraiser to support our upcoming Parliament Trip. Thank you to everyone who purchased food or helped on the day. Your support was greatly appreciated.

Finally, congratulations to all students who received awards at assembly this week. Your hard work and commitment have been recognised and you should be proud of your achievements. We encourage everyone to continue striving for excellence as we move through the term.

Ngā mihi nui, Adam Stables



HEAD CULTURAL LEADER

Taiharuru Ratima



Tēnā koutou katoa

Exciting news. This term in Week 10 we will be celebrating Te Paepae o Aotea's Cultural Week. What will this look like? This is a week full of fun events and activities to celebrate our school culture that will bring us together as a kura. On the Friday there will be an opportunity for groups to perform in front of the school. For example, dances from different countries or styles, musical performance, drama or whatever else you and your friends might want to share. We are looking for individuals or groups who want to perform - please let me know if you're keen. We will also have a chalk art activity, run karaoke and there will be free tasters of kai from different cultures. We're looking for students and whānau who can support this kaupapa by preparing kai from their culture to share with our students. If you're interested in helping with the kai, please let me know. We have two fundraisers planned to help with the cost of ingredients - a gold coin mufti day next Monday and at lunchtime the same day, a sausage sizzle (we'll also be selling drinks and chocolate). So, get involved and enjoy the activities over the course of the week

Noho ora mai, Taiharuru Ratima



HEAD COMMUNITY LEADER

Lauren Kalin



Kia Ora

One of the biggest events coming up is our School Ball on Saturday, 6 June. This is always a highlight of the year and a fantastic opportunity to celebrate with friends and create lasting memories. We can't wait to see everyone dressed up and enjoying what promises to be an incredible evening. Another exciting event run by the community council coming up is our Week 8 LRA; Speed Eating. Get ready to represent your awa, have some fun and compete for valuable awa points. Whether you're taking part or cheering from the sidelines, make sure you get involved and support your awa. A huge **thank you** to **Yarrows** for supporting this event.

Thank you to everyone who continues to contribute positively to our school community. Please make the most of all the opportunities available across sport, culture, leadership, service and community events throughout the term.

Have a great rest of Term 2.

Ngā mihi, Lauren Kalin



HEAD SPORTS LEADER

Theo Soothill



Kia ora whānau

As we move through another busy term at Te Paepae o Aotea, it has been fantastic to see so many students getting involved in sport. Whether competing, coaching, officiating or supporting from the sidelines, our school community continues to show great enthusiasm and pride. Our winter sports teams have made a strong start to their seasons. The First XV has produced some impressive performances; Senior A Netball remains highly competitive and our hockey teams have been working hard both at training and on game day. It's also been great to see our football teams representing the school with determination and sportsmanship each week. A highlight this term has been the continued support shown by students, staff and whānau. Sport is about more than just results. It builds teamwork, resilience, leadership and school spirit.

As the season continues, I encourage everyone to get along to games, support our teams and make the most of the sporting opportunities available. Let's continue to represent Te Paepae o Aotea with pride both on and off the field.

Ngā mihi, Theo Soothill





Taha Tinana Walking Challenge - 10km Milestone Achieved!

We wish to acknowledge pictured, Gary Pahl, Cherish Pahl, Avaline Robinson, Daymein Meads, Shiva Thivagarar, plus (not in photo) Bobbie Lawrence, Malakai Tongariro and Ruben Ratahi who all achieved their 10km Walking Challenge token and certificate today. Special congratulations to Gary and Cherish who have worked hard to complete this challenge in just two afternoons. Well done everyone. We're now heading to the 20km token.



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7-8 TAHA TINANA



Inspiring Visit to Gallery

Our Levels 1-3 Visual Art and Photography students visited Govett Brewster Gallery to view some of New Zealand's secondary school students' Top Art Folio Boards from 2025. Boards covering painting, sculpture, design and printmaking were on display. The students were also treated to the current exhibitions at the gallery and came away enthused and inspired. Thanks to Whaea Emily for organising this trip along with the Gallery for funding our transport with Withers Coachlines.



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GOVETT BREWSTER

CELEBRATING DANCE SUCCESS AT WHANGANUI PERFORMING ARTS COMPETITION



Alexia Ogle



Ava Te Purei

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates Alexia Ogle and Ava Te Purei, who recently represented the Academy of Dance Taranaki at the Whanganui Performing Arts Competition as part of their Jazz Troupe.

Their troupe delivered an exceptional performance, earning 1st place in the Troupe section against strong competition from dance groups across Taranaki, Whanganui, Palmerston North, and Wellington.



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JAZZ TROUPE



TARANAKI LIONS YOUNG SPEECHMAKERS CONTEST - AGED 16-21

On Thursday, 28 May, Te Paepae o Aotea had four students - Indyka-Azaria Hill, Tiama-Deziah Hill, Lauren Kalin, and Evita Morellon compete in the Taranaki Young Speechmakers Contest at the TET Cue Theatre Inglewood against students from secondary schools around Taranaki. Each student delivered a six minute prepared speech on a topic of their choice, followed by a two minute impromptu speech on how space exploration has impacted them. The students were proudly sponsored by the Hawera, Hawera Mt View and Normanby & Districts Lions Clubs.

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates Indyka-Azaria Hill on achieving 3rd place overall.



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SPEECHMAKERS



Most Inspirational Sports Player Awards

Pātea celebrated six of our students that received Most Inspirational Player awards for their sports teams at last weeks sports exchange with Devon Intermediate School which we won overall.

Tyree Nicholls-Rangi, Kobi Napflin, Sydney McComb, Abbie Clifton, Nelly Rongonui & Capri Hill were chosen by their coaches & received a \$5 canteen voucher & certificate for all their hard mahi last Wednesday. Proud of you all!! Up the Pahs!



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PĀTEA

TARANAKI U16 BOYS BLACK BASKETBALL TEAM



Leonardeous Snooks



Phoenix Edwards-Todd

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates Leonardeous Snooks and Phoenix Edwards-Todd. The boys represented Taranaki as members of the U16 BBB team competing King's Birthday weekend against teams across the Central zone region.



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BASKETBALL

STUDENT SUCCESS





2026 LAURIE HASTIE CUP

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates Nelly Rongonui and Jayda Weherua, who recently competed at the 2026 Laurie Hastie Cup held in Palmerston North from 22-24 May 2026.

Nelly Rongonui - 3rd Place Tuatahi Freeskating
Jayda Weherua - 2nd Place Cadet Free Skating



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REGIONAL SKATING



Students & Fonterra Support Kura Kai

Our Level 3 Hospitality students had the fantastic opportunity to work alongside Fonterra Project Manager Adam Cope and his team, who generously gave their time to support our community. Together, they prepared a range of ready-made meals, including chicken and bacon pasta bake and beef madras curry with rice, to help stock our Kura Kai freezer.

Te Paepae o Aotea thanks Fonterra for their generous donation of ingredients and to Adam and his team for working alongside our students to support Kura Kai, helping whānau in need within our community.



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LEVEL 3 HOSPITALITY

CULTURAL WEEK
 WEEK 10
MONDAY
8 JUNE 2026

NON UNIFORM DAY

GOLD COIN DONATION

Students to come dressed in non-uniform to help raise funds for Cultural Week Kai Day

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CULTURAL WEEK
 WEEK 10
MONDAY
8 JUNE 2026

BBQ FUNDRAISER

\$2 Drinks
 \$2 Sausages
 \$2 Choc Bars

All proceeds going towards the Cultural Week Kai Day

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LRA

DONUT SPEED EATING COMPETITION

Battle of the Awas to see who can eat a donut the FASTEST!

Junior
 Wednesday, 10 June 2026
 Interval - PFA1

Senior
 Thursday, 11 June 2026
 Interval - PFA1

Kindly sponsored by **YARROWS THE BAKERS**

Taha Tinana Walking Challenge - 20km Milestone Achieved!

Taha Tinana first 20km walking superstars! Congratulations to Nathana Gardner-Smith, Savannah Thompson, Vanessa Hurunui and Josh Snooks. These students have been walking fast to achieve their goals!

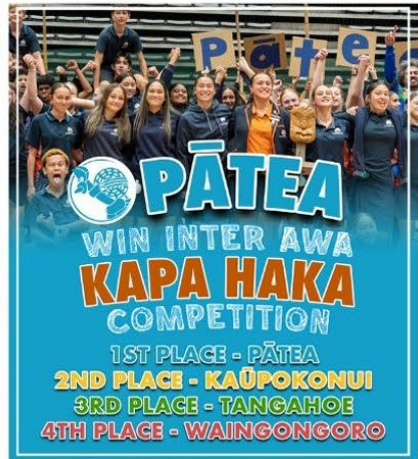
20KM CHALLENGE

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7-8 TAHA TINANA

STUDENT SUCCESS

INTER AWA KAPA HAKA COMPETITION



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SPORTS Talk

Sports Update – So Much to Celebrate

The past two weeks have been incredibly busy, but even more rewarding. It has been awesome to see our tamariki out there shining across exchanges, events and both weekday and weekend sports.

Getting involved in sport, culture or academics creates memories that stay with you long after school.

Attending the final Intermediate exchange with Highlands reminded me of my 'why' - why I coach, support and do this job. Seeing our students step up, give it a go and represent with pride is what it's all about.

Our kura has grown so much over the past few years and with that, we have seen a huge rise in student and whānau involvement, something really special. We are so grateful for the ongoing support from our whānau and community. We simply couldn't do this without you.

And... there is still so much more to come before the end of the term—watch this space.

TSSA Cross Country

Huge effort from all our runners. We had some outstanding results, including several top 10 finishes and many who stepped outside their comfort zone to give it a go. Cross Country isn't for everyone, but those who took part did it for themselves and that is what matters most.

Congratulations to our Te Paepae o Aotea students who placed in the top 10 for their age group:

Year 9 Girls

Alyssa Mills – 6th place

Ashley Finey – 10th place

Junior Girls

Tayla Sturgeon – 1st place

Mikayla Arnold – 3rd place

Lucy Crowley – 5th place

Emily Chittenden – 10th place

Senior Boys

Ryan Finey – 2nd place

Lachlan Wills – 6th place

Senior Girls

Maddison Sturgeon – 4th place

Jirra Landing – 10th place

A big thank you to our TPOA students who helped on the day. You were truly amazing.



TSSSA Badminton

What an awesome event at the Hāwera Hub—65 teams and 130 students competing across competitive and social grades. It was a great day.

It was fantastic to see students stepping up, leading and helping run the tournament and even better to see some of our teams come away with overall wins in their grades.

Massive thanks to all our students who helped with set up and supported throughout the day—you guys are the best.

Highlands Exchange

Our teams were challenged and showed great resilience and determination. While we didn't take the overall win, we achieved plenty of our own wins. Many games were close and could have gone either way.

- Big congratulations to our Girls Rugby 7s for their win
- Well done to our 8A Netball team for a hard-fought draw

A huge mihi to our incredible staff and coaches—we see the work you put in behind the scenes and we are so thankful.

To our whānau who showed up, cheered loudly and supported our teams, thank you. Your presence makes a huge difference to our tamariki.

Special thanks also to Matua Blake for all his work in the background – Legend.

Year 7-8 Rippa Rugby (South)

Next week, we have nine teams heading to the South Rippa Tournament for boys and girls.

Top 4 teams will qualify for the Taranaki Tournament at Yarrows Stadium.

Keep an eye out... we may have a special guest coming to support our teams – played – used to work at TPOA, played in Super 12 rugby comp, back to play provincial for Taranaki Bulls.

If you think you know who it is—come see me. First correct guess gets a prize.

Pulse Netball Trip

Last week, 33 of our students travelled to Palmerston North to watch Pulse take on Canterbury Tactics.

What an experience. Seeing elite netball live, feeling the energy, the skill and the intensity was something special.

The memories made and the bonding as a team will be something our students carry with them.

A huge thank you to Whaea Pauline for organising the trip and to the staff and whānau who supported.

Student Achievements

Have you submitted your achievements yet? Whether it's sport, cultural, academic or community—now is the time.

This is how we recognise you for badges and prizegiving, so don't miss out.

👉 It's your responsibility to make sure your achievements are shared.

Sideline Behaviour – Keep it Positive

Our tamariki feel everything we bring to the sidelines. Let's make sure it's positive.

Support them, encourage them and remember:

- Play hard
- Play to win
- Show respect

What we say and do matters. Let's create an environment where our players feel proud and supported every time they step on the field.

Sports Fees

A reminder to please pay sports fees as soon as possible. These have been added to school accounts, and friendly reminders will be sent out.

Winter Tournament Week

Our Senior A Netball, Hockey Mixed and Junior Boys Basketball teams are preparing for tournament week. One of the biggest events of the season.

Please keep an eye out for fundraising opportunities and support where you can. Every bit helps our teams succeed.

AIMS Games

Our 8A Netball team will be representing TPOA at AIMS Games this year—an amazing achievement.

We're excited to follow their journey, so stay tuned for updates.

Keep up all the work. I am so proud of you all.

“Your future is created by what you do TODAY, not tomorrow.”

– Nevaeh Ratahi, Senior A Netball Captain and Tangahoe Senior Sports Leader

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



Sponsorships

We extend a heartfelt thank you to the amazing businesses who support our teams through sponsorship of our BBQ fundraisers.

A special mention to **Silver Fern Farms** and **Yarrows** who have generously donated kai to help our students fundraise towards their upcoming trips. Your support makes a real difference and helps create more opportunities for our tamariki.

We are incredibly grateful for your ongoing support. Thank you for backing our teams and our kura.

If any businesses are willing to support our teams in any way, we would love to hear from you. Please feel free to get in touch.

2026 Upcoming Sporting Events

TSSSA Events – Year 9-13

Monday, 8 June	Squash
Thursday, 11 June	Junior 3x3 Basketball
Tuesday, 16 June	Pickleball, Darts, Pool & Table Tennis
Thursday, 18 June	Student Leader Day
Wednesday, 24 June	Senior 3x3 Basketball

Year 7-8 Events

Tuesday, 9 June	Rippa Rugby South Tournament
Wednesday, 24 June	Taranaki Rippa Rugby Championship

Year 9-13 Events

Wednesday, 10 June	Waiopahu College Exchange
Friday, 19 June	TPOA Golf Champs
Saturday, 20 June	NZSS Cross Country
Tuesday, 28 July	Whanganui High School Sports Exchange



YEAR 7-8 HIGHLANDS WINTER SPORTS EXCHANGE



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YEAR 7-8 WINTER SPORTS HIGHLANDS EXCHANGE RESULTS

Sport	Score	Winner
Basketball Boys 1		Highlands
Basketball Boys 2		Highlands
Netball Kowhai 8A	19-19	DRAW
Netball Kakariki 7A	17-4	Highlands
Netball Whero	33-9	Highlands
Rugby 7s Girls	19-14	TPOA
Rugby 7s Boys		Highlands
Rippa Boys	14-12	Highlands
Rippa Girls	11-8	Highlands
Hockey Mixed	4-0	Highlands
Hockey Girls	4-0	Highlands
Football Boys	9-0	Highlands
Football Mixed	2-0	Highlands
Chess	8-0	Highlands
Table Tennis	198-164	Highlands

Overall WIN to Highlands Intermediate



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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



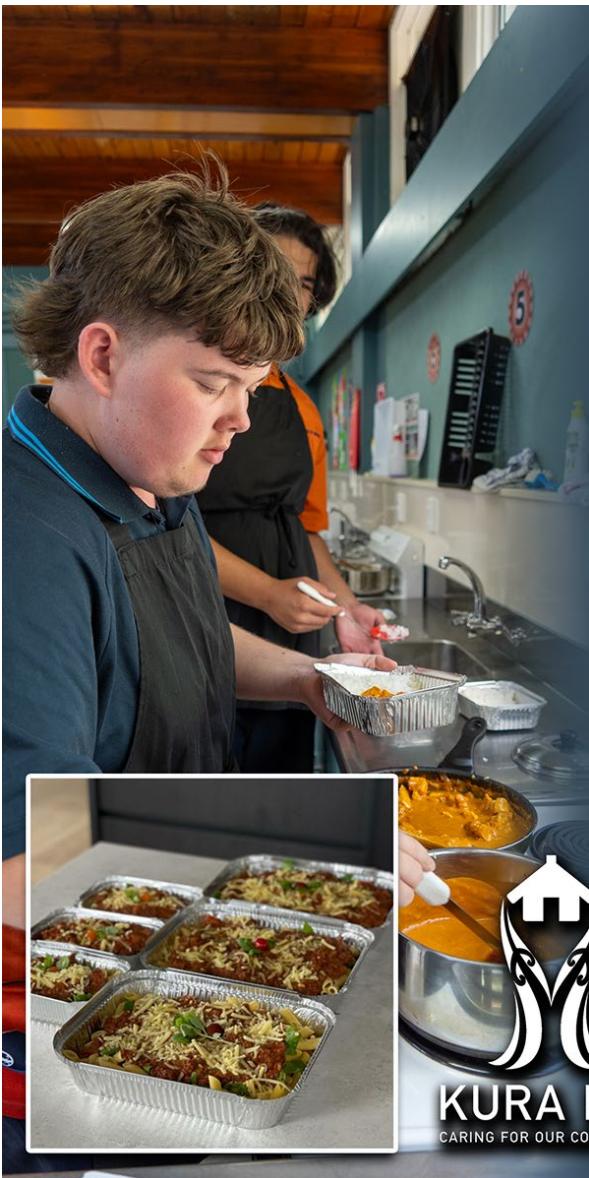
Criteria for the Senior Year
11-13 Honour Badges is
available on our school
website or
on the back of the
application form.

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**ALL COMPLETED
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TO BE RETURNED TO THE
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[Application Form](#)

HONOUR BADGES



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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

8

TSSSA SQUASH

Kaweroa Squash Club, NP

JUN

9

YEAR 7-8 RIPPA RUGBY

South Tournament - TSB Hub Hāwera

JUN

10

WAIOPEHU EXCHANGE

Away - Waiopehu Collage

JUN

11

FIELD DAYS TRIP

Senior Agriculture/Horticulture

JUN

16

TSSSA MULTI SPORTS

Pickle Ball, Darts, Pool & Table Tennis

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, Ms 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







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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



tepaepaeootea.nzuniforms.com

Enrol Online



The enrolment form is on the school website
www.tepaepaeootea.school.nz

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

