



# TE PAEPAE O AOTEA

*Kia eke atu ki Taupaenui o te tangata*

## Newsletter – Friday, 3 July 2026

Kia ora e te whānau

You may have seen the recent government announcement about investment in Lower North Island schools [[beehive.govt.nz](https://www.beehive.govt.nz)]. Te Paepae o Aotea has been included as one of eight schools receiving funding to address long-standing property and building condition issues. This reflects the need to both improve existing spaces and ensure our school is fit for the future.

### What's Happening at Te Paepae o Aotea

There are currently two important processes underway at our school:

- **Te Ramanui Remediation Project (this is the work currently underway where you see the scaffolding)**  
This is a focused, short-term project to address immediate building needs. It includes making the Te Ramanui block weathertight, upgrading toilets, and improving parts of the learning environment.
- **School Upgrade / Master Planning Process (this is the part that is connected to the recent investment announcement)**

Alongside this, we are part of a longer term redevelopment that looks at the future of our school. This includes wider refurbishment of school buildings, planning for new teaching spaces, and future developments such as a new wharenui and learning support areas.

These two processes are connected but separate. Together, these developments represent an important step forward in creating safe, modern, and inspiring learning environments for our students.

For those of you keeping an eye on our school calendar, you will have noticed a change in the timing of student reports. Reports will now be sent home at the end of Week 1, Term 3. This slight adjustment ensures our reporting aligns with the updated assessment expectations for mathematics, reading, and writing introduced by the Ministry of Education this year. Our team has been adapting assessment approaches and moderation processes to ensure the information you receive reflects these expectations clearly and accurately.

Term 2 has been a productive and busy time for both staff and students. We have trialled the new SMART tool, completed CAA assessments, hosted our cross country event, participated in TSSSA competitions and winter sports, and visited our contributing schools, alongside many other activities. Despite a full calendar, our senior students have completed approximately 40% of their internal NCEA assessments. Overall pass rates across all three year levels are tracking well, as is the number of students on track to achieve endorsements.

Average daily attendance for Term 2 was 87%, which is higher than our Term 1 average, an excellent achievement during the winter months. Thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring students attend school regularly and for communicating with us when they are unable to do so. The collective effort we are making in this area is having a meaningful impact and is contributing to improved outcomes for our young people.

Have an enjoyable school holiday break and we look forward to our students returning to school in Term 3.

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   |
| Mikayla Arnold      | Level 1 - English - AS 91924; Level 1 - Health Studies - AS 92008;<br>Level 1 - Integrated Science - AS 92045       |
| Sarah Brotherson    | Level 1 - Commerce - AS 92028   |
| Rheein Luke         | Level 1 - Te Ao Haka - AS 91976; AS 91977   |
| Sebastien Stark     | Level 1 - Te Ao Haka - AS 91977   |
| Cyrus Van Der Werff | Level 1 - Te Ao Haka - AS 91977   |
| David Meyer         | Level 1 - English - AS 91924  |
| Seth Schumacher     | Level 1 - Commerce - AS 92028   |
| Ryan Finey          | Level 1 - English - AS 91924  |
| Christina Saysell   | Level 1 - Health Studies - AS 92008   |
| Jirra Lanting       | Level 1 - English - AS 91924; Level 1 - Health Studies - AS 92008;<br>Level 1 - Integrated Science - AS 92045       |
| Gabriella Pitts     | Level 1 - History - AS 92024  |
| Tamamihiata Edwards | Level 1 - English - AS 91924; Level 1 - Te Ao Haka - AS 91976   |
| Ethan Finer         | Level 1 - Integrated Science - AS 92045; Level 1 - Commerce - AS 92028  |
| Alexa Ogle          | Level 1 - English - AS 91924  |
| Rapine Aperahama    | Level 1 - Te Ao Haka - AS 91976; AS 91977   |
| Connah Laupama      | Level 1 - Te Ao Haka - AS 91977   |
| Priya Kerthi        | Level 1 - English - AS 91924  |
| Eloise Sharrock     | Level 1 - English - AS 91924; Level 1 - Te Ao Haka - AS 91976; AS 91977;<br>Level 1 - Integrated Science - AS 92045 |
| Abijah Suailua      | Level 1 - Integrated Science - AS 92045   |
| Hoani Hockley       | Level 1 - Te Ao Haka - AS 91977   |

## Level 2 Subject Excellence

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| Cameron McKenzie | Level 2 - Pure Maths - AS 91257           |
| Sarah Brotherson | Level 2 - Pure Maths - AS 91257           |
| David Meyer      | Level 2 - Pure Maths - AS 91257           |
| Seth Schumacher  | Level 2 - Pure Maths - AS 91260; AS 91257 |
| Ryan Finey       | Level 2 - Pure Maths - AS 91260; AS 91257 |
| Elijah Harris    | Level 2 - Pure Maths - AS 91260; AS 91257 |
| Ethan Finer      | Level 2 - Pure Maths - AS 91260; AS 91257 |
| Zane Mercer      | Level 2 - Pure Maths - AS 91260           |
| Anaswar Santhosh | Level 2 - Pure Maths - AS 91257           |
| Priya Kerthi     | Level 2 - Pure Maths - AS 91260; AS 91257 |
| Eloise Sharrock  | Level 2 - Pure Maths - AS 91260; AS 91257 |
| Jemma Gibbs      | Level 2 - Biology - AS 91155              |
| Zoe Waller       | Level 1 - Psychology - AS 91844           |



|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| Samara Stewart   | Level 2 - Biology - AS 91155              |
| Mitchell Clayton | Level 1 - Psychology - AS 91844           |
| Kristan Isaac    | Level 2 - Pure Maths - AS 91257           |
| Suzanna Corrigan | Level 2 - Biology - AS 91155              |
| Haily Hortillosa | Level 2 - Pure Maths - AS 91257           |
| Anthea Sharrock  | Level 2 - Pure Maths - AS 91260; AS 91257 |
| Liam Neil        | Level 2 - Physics - AS 91172              |
| Cohen Soothill   | Level 2 - Pure Maths - AS 91260; AS 91257 |
| Nathan Hughes    | Level 2 - Marine Studies - AS 91158       |
| Kayla Hagley     | Level 1 - Psychology - AS 91844           |

## Level 3 Subject Excellence

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| Jemma Gibbs              | Level 3 - Calculus - AS 91575                                   |
| Samara Stewart           | Level 3 - Calculus - AS 91575                                   |
| Michael Stables          | Level 3 - Calculus - AS 91575                                   |
| Suzanna Corrigan         | Level 3 - Calculus - AS 91575                                   |
| Jack Clarke              | Level 3 - Statistics - AS 91581                                 |
| Liam Neil                | Level 3 - Calculus - AS 91575                                   |
| Hunter Stephens          | Level 3 - Calculus - AS 91575; Level 3 - Statistics - AS 91581  |
| Ashlyn Graham            | Level 3 - Calculus - AS 91575; Level 3 - Statistics - AS 91581  |
| Peyton Scott             | Level 3 - Statistics - AS 91581                                 |
| Koen Broughton           | Level 3 - Classical Studies - AS 91398                          |
| Lauren Kalin             | Level 3 - Statistics - AS 91581; Level 3 - Economics - AS 91401 |
| James Nickel             | Level 3 - Accounting - AS 91409                                 |
| Adam Stables             | Level 3 - Calculus - AS 91575                                   |
| Delila Tun               | Level 3 - Te Ao Haka - AS 91984                                 |
| Theo Soothill            | Level 3 - Economics - AS 91401                                  |
| Noah Broughton           | Level 3 - Classical Studies - AS 91398                          |
| Evita Morellon           | Level 3 - Statistics - AS 91581; Level 3 - Economics - AS 91401 |
| D'vontae Thompson-Tapiki | Level 3 - Te Ao Haka - AS 91984                                 |

## Year 7-8 Taupaenui Badges

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

|               |                       |
|---------------|-----------------------|
| Milla Stevens | Social Sciences Badge |
| Macey Ogle    | Social Sciences Badge |
| Jay Robinson  | Arts Badge            |
| Samali Herath | Foundation Badge      |
| Chloe Field   | Numeracy Badge        |

# Term 3



## 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<br>Tues MT            | Thursday's                                     |
| Drama/Music                       | Music/<br>Drama<br>space | Tuesday Odd weeks (1,3,5,7,9)                  |
| Te Reo                            | B5                       | Te reo Māori: Thursday<br>Te Ao Haka: Thursday |
| PE/Health                         | B7                       | Monday   |
| Commerce/Accounting/<br>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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## 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.

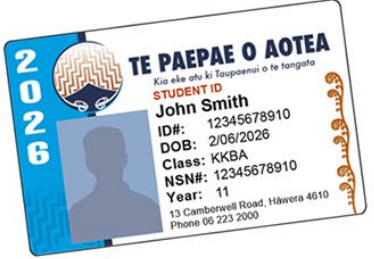
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## TE PAEPAE O AOTEA

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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.



## TE PAEPAE O AOTEA MyMahi Points Student ID Cards

**150 MyMahi Points**

Redeem your Student ID Card using your MyMahi points

## CANS FOR KIWI KIDS

**YELLOW BINS ONLY!**

6 LABELLED YELLOW BINS AVAILABLE!



Please put your clean empty cans in the **YELLOW BINS** provided at school to save our landfills. Cans will be recycled and funds donated to the Kidney Kids to support children with kidney diseases.



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**Lions Clubs New Zealand**  
Kia Manaaki | We Serve

IF YOU CAN COLLECT CANS AT HOME, BRING THEM IN AND WE CAN GET THEM TO THE LIONS CLUB FOR KIDNEY KIDS

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



**SCHOOL NOTICES**

**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](mailto: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.

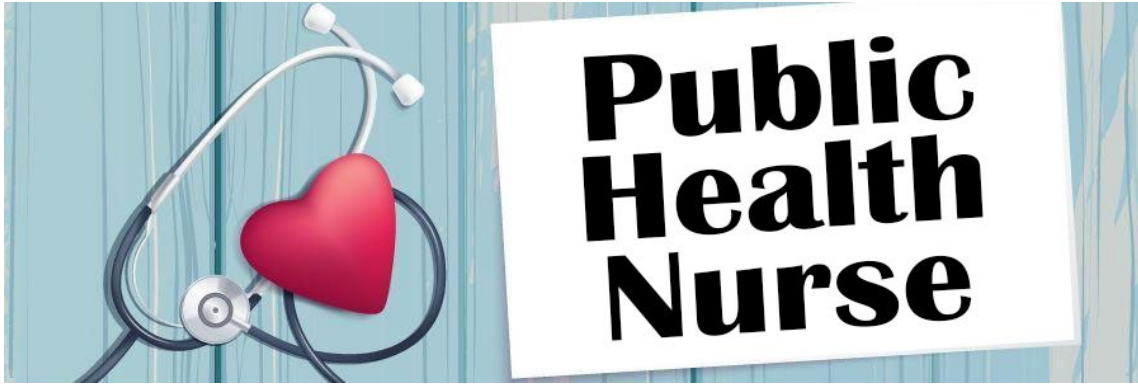
[International@tepaepaeoatea.school.nz](mailto:International@tepaepaeoatea.school.nz)

[Te Paepae o Aotea International Student Homestay Application](#)

[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](mailto:Danielle.Peach@tdhb.org.nz)

Mary Poulouse - Mobile [027 517 3480](tel:0275173480) Email [Mary.Poulouse@tdhb.org.nz](mailto:Mary.Poulouse@tdhb.org.nz)

- Health and Hauora (wellbeing checks)
- General health concerns
- Contraception
- Condoms and pregnancy tests
- STI checks and the morning after pill
- Vision and hearing

For students to book an appointment, please visit reception at the Pastoral Hub or contact the Public Health Nurse directly.

## Attendance IS a Shared Responsibility

Improving attendance works best when school and whānau work together.

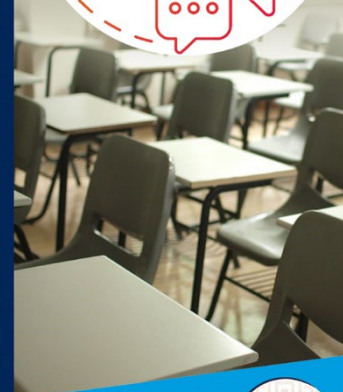
You can help by:

- 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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## 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](https://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



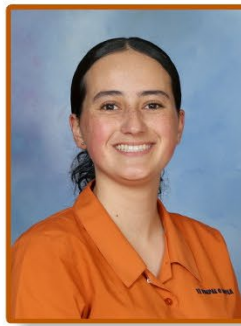
Kia ora koutou

As we come to the end of Term 2, I hope everyone has had a successful year so far and is proud of the effort they have put in. It has been a busy term with assessments, events, and lots happening around school.

Congratulations to the students who have already gained the credits they need to pass for the year. That is a massive achievement and something to be proud of. To those still working towards passing, Merit endorsements, or Excellence endorsements, keep pushing and make the most of the opportunities still ahead.

The Academic Council has a lot planned for next term, and we cannot wait to share it. Enjoy the holidays, take time to reset, and come back ready for another strong term.

Ngā mihi nui, Adam Stables



## HEAD CULTURAL LEADER

Taiharuru Ratima



Tēnā koutou katoa

As we wrapped up Term 2 with Cultural Week, it was wonderful to celebrate the many cultures within our school through karaoke, art and performances. Although the weather unfortunately forced the cancellation of our main event, Food Day, I would like to thank all the whānau and staff who generously prepared food that reflected their culture.

As we head into the term break, I hope everyone enjoys the opportunity to celebrate Matariki with their whānau, taking time to reflect, reconnect, and look ahead to the future.

The Cultural Leaders wish everyone a safe holiday and look forward to welcoming you all back for an exciting Term 3.

Noho ora mai, Taiharuru Ratima



## HEAD COMMUNITY LEADER

Lauren Kalin



Kia Ora

As we are at the end of Term 2, it's a great opportunity to reflect on everything that has happened over the past few months. From sports competitions and cultural events to leadership opportunities, community activities, and the School Ball, it has been fantastic to see so many students getting involved and making the most of what Te Paepae o Aotea has to offer. With Matariki approaching, this is also a time to reflect on the past, celebrate the present, and look ahead to the future. Matariki reminds us to appreciate the people around us, acknowledge our achievements, and set goals for the months ahead.

A special shoutout also goes to the many students and staff involved in the South Taranaki production of *Sister Act*. It is awesome to see members of our school community showcasing their talents and contributing to such a major community event. We wish everyone involved all the best for the performances and encourage people to get along and support the show if they can. Thank you to everyone who has contributed positively to our school community this term. Whether you've represented the school, supported your awa, volunteered your time, or simply encouraged those around you, your contribution helps make our school a great place to be.

Ngā mihi, Lauren Kalin



## HEAD SPORTS LEADER

Theo Soothill



Kia ora whānau

Last week of the term, how good. This week the sport council has successfully ran Town v Country. We started off the week with netball and the seating was packed. It was great to see the skill and sportsmanship on display, Country ended up taking the win in a great display of skill from all students. On Tuesday we had hockey; this was another great day with the sun shining and a nail biting 4-3 win to Country. Everyone was running around with smiles on their faces. On Wednesday we had Futsal This was entertaining and good fun, Town ended up winning the Futsal. I hope everyone enjoyed their final week at school and enjoyed playing or watching Town v Country this week. I enjoyed seeing the competition show great sportsmanship and values on the court or turf this week. Thanks everyone for a great term full of sport and hope to see everyone again next term.

Ngā mihi, Theo Soothill



# TOP PLAYERS TEE OFF! RESULTS FROM TODAY'S PLAY

**Senior Golf Champion**  
Divan Denton

**Senior Stableford Champion**  
Mace Soothill

**Junior Stableford Champion**  
Mason Jordan

*Congratulations to all of today's players who showed aotea, paepae and taupaenui at Te Paepae o Aotea's Annual Golf Championships held at the Manaia Golf Course.*



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# GOLF CHAMPS

# LRA MATHLETICS OVERALL AWA RESULTS

1st Pātea  
2nd Kaūpokonui  
3rd Tangahoe  
4th Waingongoro



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# BAKING HAPPINESS One Cheesecake at a Time!

Level 3 Hospitality students have been busy in the kitchen making and baking berry topped cheesecakes as part of a fundraiser to support their visit to the **Wellington Food Show** next term.



Today the cheesecakes were completed as topping was added and the product carefully packaged and labels applied.

Students are looking forward to attending the Food Show in August where they will be part of a gastronomic hub showing 120 local and international exhibitors, celebrity chef cooking demos, and speciality masterclasses.



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# L3 HOSPITALITY

## Celebrating Student Achievements

Pātea Junior School celebrated student achievement yesterday at our assembly. Damian Potroz-Northcott, Isabelle Tun, Ashley Finey, Layla Cole, Malakai Tongariro, Charlene Simbulan, Valerie Caspersen, Leila Van Zyl, Addison Johnson, Sophia Davis-Waite, Joel Harris, Tristan Potroz, Tyree Nicholls-Rangii, Katiee Edwards, Tylah Gupta-Malitte, Lewis Ritson, Jayden Tapiki, Quid Johnson, Mason Plummer & Richie Reid were all recognised by their whānau teachers for displaying our school values over the last week. Ollie Shaw, Kymanii Tautuku-Walker & Tyler Fowler were our students of the week as being acknowledged by teachers outside of their own classes for being stand out students. Amazing mahi everybody, Up the Pahs!!

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# STUDENT SUCCESS

# Congratulations

## Taha Tinana Walking Challenge Milestones

**20KM**  
Avaline Robinson, Malakai Tongariro and Cherish Pahl

**30KM**  
Savannah Thompson and Joshua Snooks



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## Taha Tinana Walking Challenge Milestones Achieved!

The science is clear: being active is good for your body and your mind and we have students who have proved it. As part of Taha Tinana Year 7-8 students walk around the Hub oval as a fun activity with friends.

Taha Tinana is the physical wellbeing dimension in the New Zealand Curriculum and at Te Paepae o Aotea focuses on physical health, movement and nutrition.

Walking Challenge superstars Gary Pahl, Rylan Tannahill and Jakade Potroz have all met their Walking Challenge goals this week.

Gary - 20km, Rylan - 20km and Jakade - 10 kms. Congratulations to these dedicated walkers!



# 7-8 TAHA TINANA





## SCHOOL LEAGUE REFEREES HAWERA BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Te Paepae o Aotearoa acknowledges Jo'han Leef-Luke, Phoenix Edwards-Todd, and Leonardeous Snooks for their outstanding commitment to the HBA School League this term. Their dedication, professionalism, and willingness to learn have been exceptional.

Under the guidance of HBA Lead Referee and Trainer Mertz, all three have grown in confidence and officiating skills throughout the season.

A special congratulations to Leonardeous Snooks, who was awarded the HBA School League Referee of the Year Trophy for his outstanding performances and consistency.

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# BASKETBALL



## NEW ZEALAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Te Paepae o Aotearoa proudly acknowledges our students who represented the school at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships held in Trentham. Congratulations to our U16 girls team who placed 10th place overall.

Tayla Sturgeon - U16 Girls - 12th Place; 10th Place - 3 Person Team Event  
Mikayla Arnold - U16 Girls - 42nd Place; 10th Place - 3 Person Team Event  
Lucy Crowley - U16 Girls - 103rd Place; 10th Place - 3 Person Team Event  
Maddison Sturgeon - Senior Girls - 78th Place  
Ryan Finey - Senior Boys - 74th Place Overall; 23rd Place - U17 Boys  
Lachlan Wills - Senior Boys - 153rd Place Overall; 56th Place - U17 Boys



# CROSS COUNTRY



## New Zealand DEFENCE FORCE

Te Opac Kātua O Aotearoa



## Exploring Careers in the Navy, Army, and Air Force

Rob Wiseman from the New Zealand Defence Force spoke to a large group of students about career opportunities within the Navy, Army, and Air Force. Attendees gained valuable information about the enlistment process, career pathways, and the range of roles available across the three services.

The session also included a hands-on simulator experience, where participants operated a Light Armoured Vehicle (LAV), providing an engaging insight into military training and operations.



# NZ DEFENCE FORCE



## TARANAKI JUNIOR MIXED RELAY TEAM NEW ZEALAND CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

Te Paepae o Aotearoa congratulates Tayla Sturgeon on representing the Taranaki Junior Mixed Relay team at the recent New Zealand Cross Country Championships in Wellington. Competing in challenging wet and muddy conditions, the junior team - Connor Roebuck, Bryn Espin, Tayla Sturgeon and Eve Cross delivered an exceptional performance to secure a well-deserved silver medal.



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# CROSS COUNTRY



## Junior Waingongoro Awa Assembly Celebrating Our School Values

During our recent Junior Waingongoro Awa assembly, we recognised and celebrated students who consistently uphold our kura values of Aotearoa, Paepae, and Taupaenui. Well done to everyone who received recognition!



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# WAINGONGORO



## Celebrating Our Assembly Certificate Recipients!

Pātea Junior School congratulates this week's recipients of certificates at our assembly. Well done to Ashley Finey, Tristan Potroz, Natalia McGuire, Anahera Robinson, Katiee Edwards, Abbie Clifton, Jakade Potroz, George McColl Klaassen, Hayden Kumar, Cullen Lord, Capri Hill and Noah Cameron as our standout student of the week. We are incredibly proud of your hard work & achievement. Up the Pahs!!



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# PĀTEA

# STUDENT SUCCESS





# Awa themed kites ready to fly!

Puanga celebrations have begun around the region and with tuakana and teina working together each class built and decorated a kite representing their Awa. Problem solving and design thinking skills were challenged as creativity and Awa pride were on the line. Each Awa has selected winning kites which will compete in a 'flying competition' next Friday. May the best Awa kite soar highest!

Puanga marks the Māori New Year, primarily celebrated in regions of New Zealand like Taranaki and Whanganui where the Matariki cluster is difficult to see.

## TUAKANA TEINA



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# CULTURAL WEEK

WEEK 10  
22-26 June 2026

## THANK YOU

Te Paepae o Aotea Cultural Leaders gratefully acknowledge and thank Silver Fern Farms for supporting our Cultural Week

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# 1ST XI MIXED HOCKEY TEAM WINTER TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER

## DOT CAKES & HOT DOGS

The TPOA 1st XI Mixed Hockey Team would like to thank Yarrows the Bakers for supporting their fundraiser





# SPORTS Talk

## Just like that, Term 2 is done and dusted!

What an action-packed 11 weeks it has been. From whole-school events and exchanges to tournaments, competitions, and LRA activities, our students have been on the move all term long.

One of the highlights has been seeing so many students getting involved in sport across a wide range of codes. Whether competing for titles, representing the school with pride, learning new skills, or simply having fun with friends, our students have embraced every opportunity. Participation, commitment, teamwork, and school pride have been on full display throughout the term.

## Lakein Heads Across the Ditch - NZ U17 Men's Netball Team

A huge congratulations and good luck to Lakein Woods, who will represent New Zealand in the NZ U17 Men's Netball Team during the upcoming Trans-Tasman Series against Australia.

The tournament takes place in Te Awamutu from 8–11 July, and we know Lakein will wear the silver fern with pride.

Your dedication, work ethic, and passion for the game have earned this opportunity, and the entire Te Paepae o Aotea whānau will be cheering you on from home.

All the best, Lakein - we know you'll bring your best and shine on the big stage.

## NZ Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships

Six Te Paepae o Aotea students travelled to Wellington last week to compete at the NZ Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships. Despite challenging weather and difficult conditions, all runners performed exceptionally well and represented our kura with determination and resilience.

A special congratulations goes to Tayla Sturgeon, who also represented Taranaki in the Junior Mixed Relay Team. Tayla and her teammates achieved an outstanding result, finishing 2nd in New Zealand.

Ka mau te wehi, Tayla.

## Town vs Country 2026

This week our Sports Committee hosted the annual Town vs Country Challenge, featuring Netball, Hockey, Futsal, and Volleyball.

Students living beyond the 50km marker represented Country, while students within the boundary represented Town, all competing for the prestigious Lee Marshall Memorial Shield.

After a fantastic afternoon of competition and school spirit, Country claimed the shield, winning Netball, Hockey, and Volleyball.

A massive thank you to our Sports Committee and student leaders for helping organise another successful event.



## Year 7/8 Basketball

Over the past 10 weeks, three Te Paepae o Aotea teams competed in the Hawera Year 7/8 Basketball Competition on Wednesday nights.

It has been fantastic watching the growth, confidence, and skill development of our players throughout the season.

### Final Results

TPOA Blue vs TPOA Green

- Played off for 5th and 6th place
- A competitive match with Blue edging out Green in the closing minutes

### TPOA Black

- Reached the Grand Final against Pātea Black
- Fought hard until the final whistle and finished as competition runners-up

A huge thank you to Johan Leef-Luke for his support and assistance throughout the season.

Congratulations also to Indie Potts, who was recognised as the Year 7/8 Girls MVP.

## Netball Season Nearing the Finish Line

As the winter netball season begins to wrap up, we want to acknowledge the commitment shown by every player this year. We've been fortunate with the weather and have enjoyed plenty of game time throughout the season.

A huge thank you goes out to:

- Our dedicated coaches and managers
- Supportive whānau who transport players each week
- Positive supporters on the sidelines
- Students who consistently attended trainings and represented our kura proudly

We wish our Senior A Team all the best at the upcoming Taranaki Championships in New Plymouth next month, where they will be aiming to retain their Premier 3 status for 2027. Go well, team.

## Year 7-8 Rippa Rugby

Unfortunately, the recent spell of wet weather resulted in the postponement of the Year 7/8 Rippa Rugby Tournament.

The good news is that we still have two teams ready to compete when the new date is confirmed:

- TPOA Girls – 2 Fresh
- TPOA Boys – Side Steppers

Keep an eye out next term for an updated tournament date.

## Sports Uniform Returns & Outstanding Fees

As winter seasons begin to finish, we ask all students and whānau to please:

- Return any sports uniforms no longer being used
- Pay any outstanding sports fees

Prompt returns and payments help us prepare equipment and uniforms for future events and keep programmes running smoothly.

Thank you for your support.

## Looking Ahead to Term 3

Term 3 is traditionally a little quieter for our senior students as they begin preparing for assessments and examinations.

However, there are still plenty of opportunities on offer:

- TSSSA events across a range of sports
- Year 7/8 tournaments and participation days
- Hosting Whanganui High School in Week 2
- Winter competition finals
- Representative opportunities across several codes

Keep an eye on notices, social media, and school communications for upcoming events.

## Thank You

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to another successful sporting term.

To our athletes, coaches, managers, whānau, staff, supporters, sponsors, and volunteers. Thank you for the time, energy, and encouragement you give our students.

Seeing our rangatahi challenge themselves, support one another, show resilience, and proudly represent Te Paepae o Aotea continues to be one of the most rewarding parts of school sport.

For the teams still competing, keep turning up, keep training hard, and keep representing our kura with pride.

To everyone else, enjoy a well-deserved break. Spend time with whānau and friends, stay safe, and recharge the batteries ready for another exciting term ahead.

***"Talent wins games, but teamwork and hard work win championships."***

– Lakein Woods, Te Paepae o Aotea Senior A & NZ U17 Men's Netball Representative

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

# 2026 Upcoming Sporting Events

## TSSSA Events – Year 9 - 13

|                      |                               |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Monday, 27 July      | Rotational Golf & All Ability |
| Tuesday, 4 August    | Gymnastics & All Ability      |
| Friday, 7 August     | Junior Volleyball             |
| Tuesday, 11 August   | Student Coach Day             |
| Thursday, 13 August  | Trail Relays                  |
| Wednesday, 19 August | 7s & All Ability              |
| Tuesday, 25 August   | Ki o Rahi                     |

## Year 7 - 8 Events

|                 |                          |
|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Friday, 24 July | Year 7-8 PCT Competition |
|-----------------|--------------------------|

## Year 9 - 13 Events

|                       |                                       |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Tuesday, 28 July      | Whanganui High School Sports Exchange |
| Thursday, 3 September | NZSS Road Race Relay                  |

## TE PAEPAE O AOTEA

### 1st XV HOCKEY TOURNAMENT TEAM

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**TOWN V COUNTRY**

**WIN TO COUNTRY**

**RESULTS**

**NETBALL - Country 27-15**  
**HOCKEY - Country 4-3**  
**FUTSAL - Town 2-1**  
**VOLLEYBALL - Country 2-0**



# TE PAEPAE O AOTEA

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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

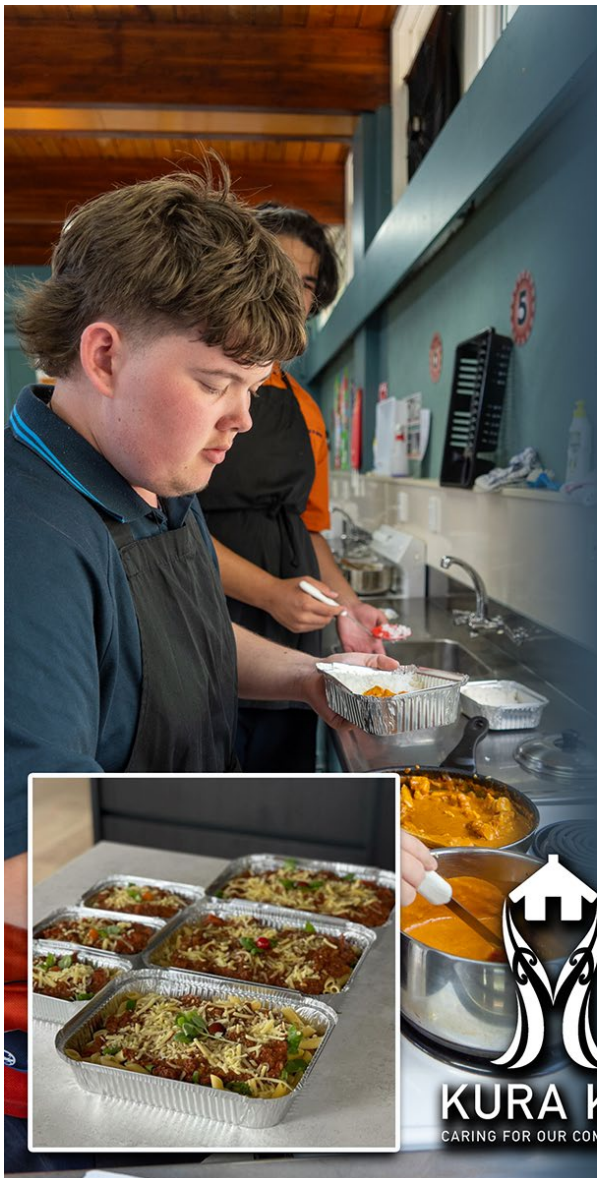


Criteria for the Senior Year  
11-13 Honour Badges is  
available on our school  
website or  
on the back of the  
application form.

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

**ALL COMPLETED  
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[Application Form](#)



## 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](mailto: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 3 - 2026

JUL

**3**

## END OF TERM 2

Start of Term 3 - Monday 20 July

JUL

**22**

## PARLIAMENT TRIP

Senior Students

JUL

**24**

## YEAR 7-8 PCT COMPETITION

TSB Stadium, New Plymouth

JUL

**27**

## TSSSA ROTATIONAL GOLF

+All Ability

JUL

**28**

## WHANGANUI SPORTS EXCHANGE

Held at Te Paepae o Aotea

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

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