



TE PAEPAE O AOTEA

Kia eke atu ki Taupaenui o te tangata

Newsletter – Friday, 31 July 2026

Kia ora e te whānau

Our students represented Te Paepae o Aotea with pride and were a credit to our community during the recent Whanganui High School sports exchange. Unfortunately, Whanganui High School proved too strong overall and took home the trophy. Well done to all those involved in the exchange.

Junior students have recently received their mid-term progress reports. These reports follow the new reporting guidelines set by the Ministry of Education and use five Progress Descriptors to describe each student's learning. The descriptors clearly show the progress being made in relation to year-level expectations. The goal for each student is to reach '**Proficient**' or above by the end of the year. Please take the time to read and discuss this report with your child and contact their teacher if you have any questions.

Senior students received their credit accumulation reports last Friday. If you have not already done so, please take the opportunity to sit down with your child and review their progress. This is a valuable opportunity to discuss how many credits they still need to achieve their qualification and the goals they set at the beginning of the year. Many of our students set themselves aspirational goals of gaining Merit and Excellence endorsements for both their overall qualification and individual subjects. This report should clearly indicate whether they are on track to meet these goals. Remember, you can log in to My KAMAR via the school website at any time to access up to date information. This is a crucial stage of the year for senior students, and we know from experience that the more effort they invest in their studies now, the more successful they will be in their remaining internal assessments and end-of-year examinations. If you have any questions about your child's progress, please contact their whānau teacher in the first instance.

As part of both the senior and junior reports, there is an attendance section. Thank you to everyone who takes the time to communicate with us when their child is absent. Our aim is to have as many students as possible within the green attendance threshold, meaning they attend school 90% of the time or more. Please continue to encourage regular attendance and keep in touch whenever your child is unable to attend school.

The focus for whānau hui and assemblies this term is our school value of **Paepae**. Paepae represents courage, adventure, strength, and persistence. Our Week 1 assemblies celebrated the many positive habits students have brought into Term 3, including excellent attendance, positive participation, correct uniform, kindness towards others, leadership and caring for our school environment. Students were also reminded about expectations regarding digital device use, online behaviour and bus safety. Looking ahead, information was shared about the Year 10 Formal and the Year 7–8 Celebration, with eligibility linked to attendance and behaviour. The key message for the term is simple: **focus on learning, be kind and get involved in everything our school has to offer.**

One of the major events on our school calendar this term is our annual Awa Waiata competition. This event encourages many of our students to step outside their comfort zones as they learn and perform a waiata in te reo Māori and another language. This year's additional language is Filipino. While this will certainly be a challenge for many students, I am confident they will rise to the occasion and exceed our expectations.

Last week we completed our annual lockdown drill. Staff and students responded positively throughout the exercise. Harrison Tew works closely with us to develop our emergency procedures and guide our emergency drills. This year, we received very positive feedback from his team regarding our performance.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our students in winter sports this year. Our students have consistently displayed our school values on and off the field, and we are very proud of their efforts. Many sporting codes are now entering the business end of their seasons, so please get along and support our teams as they strive to finish strongly.

Save the Date: Our annual Music Awards will be held during the week beginning 24 August. Each year, this event continues to grow in both quality and participation. Once again, audiences can look forward to a range of outstanding performances. We encourage everyone to come along and support our talented students.

Ngā mihi nui,
Rachel Williams
Tumuaki



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 Tues MT	Thursday's
Drama/Music	Music/ Drama space	Tuesday Odd weeks (1,3,5,7,9)
Te Reo	B5	Te reo Māori: Monday Te Ao Haka: Monday
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

Friday IS a School Day

Friday continues to be our **lowest attendance day**.

Learning doesn't stop at the end of the week — and neither do opportunities.

Missing Fridays adds up quickly and can make learning harder for your child.

Let's finish the week strong - every day counts.

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**CAA
STUDY
SESSIONS**

Monday - B4

From 3.15-4.00pm

Thursday - K2

From 3.15-4.00pm

All Students welcome



2025 TROPHIES

Could all students please return any trophies received at the following 2025 prizegivings to the School Office:

- 2025 SENIOR PRIZEGIVING
- 2025 YEAR 9-10 PRIZEGIVING
- 2025 YEAR 7-8 PRIZEGIVING

PRIZEGIVING

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2027 Enrolments NOW OPEN

Enrol via the QR code or visit: www.tepaepaeoatea.school.nz

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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. Can will be recycled and funds donated to the Kidney Kids to support children with kidney diseases.

kidney kids NZ

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LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL
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

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STAFF ONLY DAY

Thursday, 20 August 2026

School Closed

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 we have welcomed our first international students.

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

In this 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@tepaepaeoaotea.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

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 with a bright blue background. At the top left, it says 'SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS' in white. In the center, there's a black silhouette of a person's head and shoulders. Inside the silhouette, the text 'KAI ROOM BREAKFAST CLUB!' is written in large, bold, white letters. Below this, it says 'MONDAY-FRIDAY' and '8.15am-8.50am'. Further down, it says 'Held in the Canteen' and 'TE PAEPAE O AOTEA'. At the bottom of the silhouette, it says 'Creating a Safe, Healthy and Focused Learning Environment'. To the right of the silhouette, there's a white logo that looks like a stylized brain or a maze. At the bottom of the poster, there are three logos: 'YARROW'S THE BAKERS EST. 1922', 'Sanitarium The Health Food Company', and 'Fonterra Dairy for life'.

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

It has been a great start to the term with everyone settling back into classes and getting back into their routines. With assessments and deadlines coming up, make sure you stay organised, manage your time well and ask for support when you need it.

Last week, a group of Year 12 and 13 students travelled to Wellington to visit Parliament and the Supreme Court. Students heard more about New Zealand's legal and democratic systems. It was a valuable experience and a great opportunity to learn outside the classroom.

A big thank you to the staff, students and wider school community who helped make the trip possible. Thank you as well to everyone who supported our fundraising efforts, helping lower the cost for students attending.

Ngā mihi nui,
Adam Stables



HEAD CULTURAL LEADER

Taiharuru Ratima



Tēnā koutou katoa

We had a great turnout for the Hautapu ceremony last Wednesday. The Hautapu is a ritual performed during Matariki (Puanga here in Taranaki) to mark the Māori New Year. It is a time to remember those who have passed away, to set goals for the New Year and to bring us all together.

Early in the morning our school community gathered around an open fire under the stars sharing karakia and waiata, and we enjoyed a kai together. Thank you to everyone who took the time to plan and organise this successful event and all of those who came together in celebration.

Noho ora mai,
Taiharuru Ratima



HEAD COMMUNITY LEADER

Lauren Kalin



Kia Ora and welcome back to school everyone.

It is exciting to be back at school for potentially our busiest term yet. With mock exams, winter sports week, the waiata competition and many events throughout the term, it's important to look out for each other and ensure you're managing your time efficiently.

Coming up in September is our annual Shave-a-ton, an event where students and staff fundraise and shave their hair for the cancer society. It's awesome to see five students already registered and starting their fundraising journey. Please support our students and make an awesome contribution to our community.

Our milk bottle top initiative will continue to run throughout this term. Please keep bringing them in, it is making a difference. Special shoutout to Kaūpokonui - currently in the lead.

Let's make this the best term yet.

Ngā mihi,
Lauren Kalin



HEAD SPORTS LEADER

Theo Soothill



Kia ora whānau

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope everyone had a great break and is ready for another busy term. There are plenty of sporting events coming up, so whether you're competing, coaching or supporting, I encourage everyone to get involved and make the most of the opportunities on offer.

A huge congratulations to Lakein Woods. Lakein represented New Zealand in the U17 Netball team during the holidays. This is an outstanding achievement and something our whole school can be proud of.

Next week, we have LRA Multisport. Best of luck to everyone competing. If you're not taking part, come along and support. We also have Winter Tournament Week later in the term, with many of our school teams preparing to represent Te Paepae o Aotea.

We wish all teams the very best and look forward to seeing them proudly representing our kura.

Ngā mihi,
Theo Soothill

JIU JITSU CHAMPIONSHIP NEW ZEALAND OPEN

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates Emma-May Bublitz for her impressive second-place finish at the recent Jiu Jitsu New Zealand Open Championships in Auckland.



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NZ GRAPPLER

HANDS ON EXPERIENCE AT LINTON WITH NZ DEFENCE FORCE

During the July holidays, Leyton Potroz, Russell Hockley and Drej Climo travelled to Linton Military Camp to take part in a New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) experience day. Hosted by the Combat Specialist Team, the day gave students a hands-on insight into a range of Army careers currently being promoted for recruitment.

The boys got a chance to interact with army personal and their equipment to gain a better understanding of the skills, training and opportunities available within NZDF Combat Specialist trades.



Leyton Potroz



Russell Hockley



Drej Climo



NZ DEFENCE FORCE

NEW ZEALAND GRAPPLER WEST COAST CHALLENGE

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates Emma-May Bublitz, Dartagnan Harrison-Maraki, Brandon Ross, Ollie Shaw, Poppy Willmott-Bradshaw, Alyssa Mills and Lucas Arnold who placed at the NZ Grappler West Coast Challenge held in Hāwera.

Emma-May Bublitz

2nd Place - Gi

2nd Place - NoGi

Dartagnan Harrison-Maraki

2nd Place - Gi

2nd Place - NoGi

Brandon Ross

1st Place - Gi

Ollie Shaw

3rd Place - Gi

2nd Place - NoGi

Poppy Willmott-Bradshaw

3rd Place - Gi

2nd Place - NoGi

Alyssa Mills

2nd Place - Gi

2nd Place - NoGi

Lucas Arnold

2nd Place - Gi

3rd Place - NoGi



NZ GRAPPLER

2026 TARANAKI SHARKS KŌTIRO U14 RUGBY LEAGUE TEAM

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates our six students who have been selected to represent the Taranaki Sharks Kōtiro U14 Rugby League team for 2026. We wish them all the best for the season ahead.



Skyla Rupapera



Keoni Ratahi



Katiee Edwards



Caiyan Campbell



Carlyn Campbell



Alyssa Mills



RUGBY LEAGUE

2026 NEW ZEALAND ARTISTIC ROLLER SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates Nelly Rongonui on her outstanding achievement at the New Zealand Artistic Roller Skating Championships, held in Hastings and Napier during the July school holidays.

Nelly Rongonui

2nd Place - Figures

4th Place - Loops

2nd Place - Freeskating



SKATING

TARANAKI AGE GROUPS CHAMPIONSHIP

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates Divan Denton for his 2nd place finish at the Taranaki age groups championship. Te Paepae o Aotea also acknowledges Vivaan Chand finished 43rd and Ryan Finey, who placed 56th. The championship was two rounds over tough conditions with the boys competing against 80 other golfers from around the North Island.



Divan Denton



Vivaan Chand



Ryan Finey



TARANAKI GOLF

STUDENT SUCCESS



ACADEMY OF DANCE
NYPA PACANZ NATIONAL DANCE COMPETITION

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates Alexa Ogle and Ava Te Purei, who represented the Academy of Dance, on their recent success at the Troupe Awards in July.

Following their outstanding performance, their troupe has been nominated to compete at the NYPA PACANZ National Dance Competition in October, one of New Zealand's most prestigious dance competitions.

Well done, girls, and all the best for the national competition!

JAZZ TROUPE

Alexa Ogle Ava Te Purei

Eight Weeks of Growth and Success

After eight weeks of nurturing their stem cuttings, our Level 2 Horticulture students are celebrating a major milestone... their plants have healthy roots and have been successfully placed into pots. A great example of patience, practical learning, and growing confidence.

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L2 HORTICULTURE



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MUSIC AWARDS 2026

25-26 AUGUST
HAWERA MEMORIAL THEATRE

CATEGORIES

YEAR 7-8 TE PAEPAE O AOTEA GOT TALENT
(PERFORMING ARTS SHOWCASE)
Can Include Singing, Instrumental, Dance, Speech / Monologue
Enter As A Group Or Duo

YEAR 9-10 JUNIOR MUSIC AWARDS
(VOCAL OR INSTRUMENTAL)

YEAR 11-13
HALLIWELLS INSTRUMENTAL AWARD

YEAR 11-13
LYNETTE MORRIS VOCAL SCHOLARSHIP

YEAR 9-13 WAIATA REO - SONG IN TE REO MAORI

ENTRIES NOW OPEN!

ENTRIES CLOSE WEEK 4 FRIDAY 14 TH AUGUST

Click on the link to register
[2026 Music Awards](#)




Exploring Government, Law and Future Pathways

On Wednesday 22 July, a group of Year 12 and 13 students travelled to Wellington for our 2026 Parliament Trip.

The day began with a visit to the Supreme Court, where students learned more about New Zealand's justice system and took part in a mock trial. We then visited Parliament for a guided tour, giving students the opportunity to see where important decisions are made and to develop a greater understanding of how our government operates.

It was a long day with an early start, but it was an excellent opportunity for students to learn outside the classroom, explore possible future pathways, and experience some of New Zealand's most significant institutions."

A huge thank you to everyone who attended and represented Te Paepae o Aotea so positively throughout the day. We would also like to thank the staff who supported the trip and everyone who helped with fundraising, which made the experience more affordable for students.

PARLIAMENT TRIP

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who has the courage and strength to be an upstander - you demonstrate our value of Paepae every day.

We have made so much progress over the past term around following school expectations/getting the small things right - picking up rubbish, BELL-MOVE (going straight to class), using lanyards, following bathroom rules, using the yellow can bins, bringing in milk bottle lids and so much more.

As we move into Term Three, keep the momentum going -

BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE!

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PAEPAE
Thank you



Celebrating Ashton's Milestone Birthday

It was an exciting day for the Endeavour Centre students as they joined Ashton in celebrating his 21st birthday. Everyone enjoyed celebrating together and helping make Ashton's special day one to remember.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



Emerging Leaders Inspired at Waikato University Girls Lead Breakfast

An early start saw five students from Te Paepae o Aotea attend the Girls Lead Breakfast hosted by Waikato University in New Plymouth. The students were selected as emerging leaders within our school and were given the opportunity to hear from a range of inspiring guest speakers. The speakers shared their personal journeys, leadership experiences, and insights into future study and career pathways available through Waikato University. The event encouraged and motivated our students to consider their future aspirations and to continue developing their leadership potential.

GIRLS LEAD BREAKFAST



Endeavour Students Enjoy All Ability Golf

Our Endeavour Centre students had a fantastic time participating in the TSSSA All Ability SNAG Golf event at the Stratford Golf Club. Students rotated through a variety of skill stations where they learned driving, chipping and putting. They then put their new skills into practice by playing two holes on the course alongside their friends and staff members. It was a fun-filled morning enjoyed by everyone.



TSSSA

TE RŌPŪ HĀKINAKINA O NGĀ KURA TUARUA O TARANAKI



Attendance Celebration at Patea Awa

This week Patea awa celebrated our students who have had excellent attendance throughout the year so far. Only about a third featured in the photo which shows we've had some amazing attendance and a lot of hard mahi getting done behind the scenes. We are super proud of our ako & their mahi, Up the Pahs! 💙



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PĀTEA

Taranaki Milk Top Challenge

Te Taki Taupoki
Miraka o Taranaki

Current Awa Milk Challenge Leaderboard

PĀTEA	- 11,926
KAŪPOKONUI	- 10,693
TANGAHOE	- 7424
WAINGONGORO	- 5416

Don't forget to save your bottle tops during the holidays - every one COUNTS!

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Pasifika

Student Study Support

All Sessions 4pm-6pm

Wesley Methodist Church Centre, Regent St, Hāwera

TERM 3

Thursday, 20 August 2026

Thursday, 27 August 2026

Thursday, 3 September 2026

Thursday, 10 September 2026

Thursday, 17 September 2026

Thursday, 24 September 2026

Hot meal provided for students at conclusion of each session - All welcome

Vaimāta Pasifika CHARITABLE TRUST

STUDENT SUCCESS




2026 Hautapu

Te Paepae o Aotea welcomed the Māori New Year with a special Hautapu dawn ceremony, thoughtfully prepared and led by our students.

This meaningful event honoured the rising stars of Matariki while remembering loved ones who have passed. Students, staff, and our Te Paepae o Aotea whānau came together to share in the occasion, enjoying cultural performances, reflection, and shared kai as we celebrated this important time of renewal and connection.



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Sports Report – Winter Sports Heating Up

As we head toward the business end of the winter sports season, several of our teams have secured semi-final spots and are pushing hard for a place in the finals. It's been awesome to see our athletes stepping up, giving their all and representing Te Paepae o Aotea with pride.

Over the next few weeks, we've got a number of home games coming up. Keep an eye on the sports draw on our school social media pages and get along to support our teams. That extra noise and encouragement from the sideline can make a huge difference.

Hockey

A massive congratulations to both our Orange and Blue hockey teams for finishing in the Top 4 of their respective grades.

Finals will be played after Tournament Week and we will be cheering them on every step of the way. It's also fantastic to see hockey continuing to grow at our kura, with more students getting involved and developing their skills each season.

Want to support? Hockey games are played at TET Stadium on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

Our 1st XI Blue Team is training hard as they prepare for Tournament Week. Co-captain Theo Soothill has been sidelined with injury, but his expected return after next week will provide a big boost to the squad.

Rugby

It's been a season of ups and downs for our boys' rugby team. Unfortunately, several opposition teams have defaulted games, but our coaches and management have done an outstanding job keeping the team motivated.

The team has earned a semi-final spot next week against NPBHS 3rd XV. We wish them all the best as they look to secure a place in the final.

Our U16 Girls Rugby team continues to perform strongly and is also in the hunt for a semi-final berth. Keep up the great work, girls.

Whanganui Sports Exchange

On Tuesday, we hosted Whanganui High School for our annual Sports Exchange.

Although the event was slightly smaller than usual due to the unavailability of some sports, it was still a fantastic day of competition and connection.

Congratulations to our Volleyball and Debating teams, taking away victories in their events.

Our Senior Boys Basketball team went down by just four points in a thrilling contest, while Netball, Golf and Football all had strong performances and gained valuable experience.

Overall, Whanganui High School retained the shield, winning the exchange 4-2.

A big thank you to Basketball Taranaki and Netball Taranaki for providing officials and to all our coaches, staff, students and supporters who made the day such a success.

Year 7 & 8 Police Training Challenge

Sixteen students recently took part in the Police Training Challenge, putting themselves through a series of physical fitness activities and obstacle challenges.

There was plenty of teamwork, determination, laughter and fun throughout the day. An awesome experience for everyone involved.

Taranaki Rippa Rugby Championships

Good luck to the two teams representing Te Paepae o Aotea at next week's Taranaki Rippa Rugby Championships.

Let's hope the weather cooperates and the tournament goes ahead as planned. We know you will do our kura proud.

AIMS Games – Netball 8A

We are excited to be sending our Year 8 Netball Team to the AIMS Games this year.

The commitment, effort and dedication shown by the players at training has been outstanding. Week after week they have challenged themselves, improved their skills and worked hard for each other.

We wish the team and management all the very best as they continue their preparations for this amazing opportunity.

Touch Rugby

Touch rugby is almost here.

School grade competition will begin towards the end of Term 3 and continue into Term 4.

Keep an eye on school notices and social media for registration information and updates.

Uniform Return Reminder

If you still have a school sports uniform at home, please return it to the Sports Office as soon as possible.

Returning uniforms promptly helps ensure everyone has access to gear and avoids unnecessary uniform charges. Reminder notices will be sent out.

Sports Fees

A friendly reminder to check that your sports fees are up to date.

Any outstanding amounts can be viewed through your school account. Your support helps ensure we can continue providing quality sporting opportunities for all students.

As winter sports wrap up, we are looking forward to Tournament Week and the exciting transition into summer sports. Hopefully the weather starts playing its part soon.

In the meantime, enjoy watching the Commonwealth Games and let the achievements of others inspire you to chase your own goals.

"Enjoy the journey. Have fun, be yourself, and embrace diversity."

– Capri Hill, 8A Netball Captain

Positive Vibes Only

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

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

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Year 9 - 13 Events

Thursday, 3 September	NZSS Road Race Relay
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SPORTS EXCHANGE

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WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL

Score	Team	V	Team	Score
1	TPOA 1 st XI Football	V	Whanganui Football	9
1	TPOA Golf	V	Whanganui Golf	3
34	TPOA Senior A Netball	V	Whanganui Netball	54
72	TPOA Senior Basketball	V	Whanganui Basketball	76
3	TPOA Senior Volleyball	V	Whanganui Volleyball	2
2	TPOA Senior A & B Debating	V	Whanganui Debating A & B	0
OVERALL RESULTS				
2	Te Paepae o Aotea	V	Whanganui High School	WIN 4





Year 7–8 Students Rise to the Challenge

Year 7–8 students had the opportunity to take part in the Taranaki Police Challenge. This local event, known as the Blue Light PCT (Police Competency Test) Challenge, combines physical and mental challenges, including obstacle courses and the popular police car push. Hosted by local police units at the TSB Stadium, the event brings together intermediate-aged students from across the region. Our students enjoyed a day of problem-solving, perseverance and supporting one another through each challenge. Well done to everyone who took part!



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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



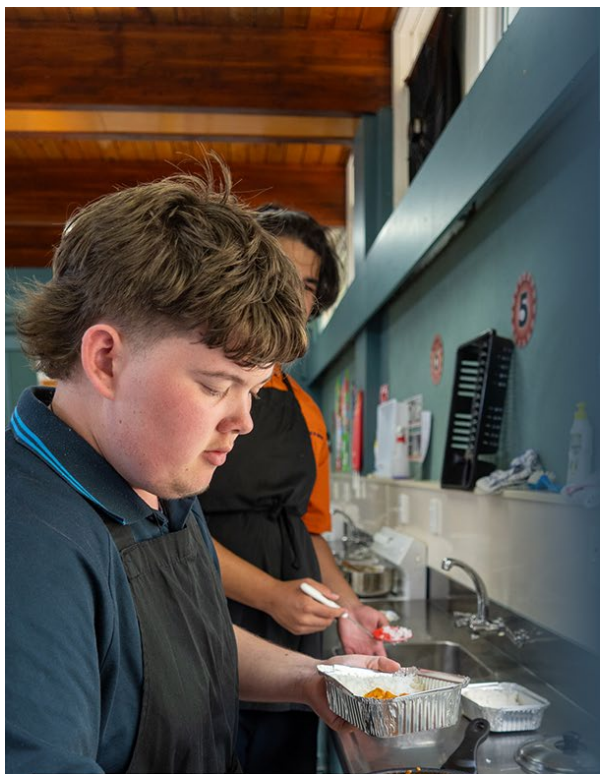
Criteria for the Senior Year
11-13 Honour Badges is
available on our school
website or
on the back of the
application form.

tepaepaeoateaschool.nz

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

[Application Form](#)

HONOUR BADGES



TE PAEPAE O AOTEA

Kia eke atu ki Taupaenui o te tangata

Kura Kai & Te Paepae o Aotea Supporting Our Community

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

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

If you need a Kura Kai meal please contact

Nic Edwards
nicolaschumacher@hotmail.co.nz
phone 027 275 4878

or call into the
Te Paepae o Aotea School Office
13 Camberwell Road



KURA KAI
CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

DO YOU WANT TO BUILD YOUR OWN FUTURE?




SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS CLOSE 1 SEPT!

Keystone Trust is offering 13 Study Awards for students from across the motu, plus one exclusive industry-sponsored scholarship:

A Keystone Trust Study Award offers:

- \$6,000 per year for up to three years (total \$18,000) for study, textbooks, accommodation, or course costs
- A first-year study buddy
- Industry mentoring in your second year
- Access to our network of industry sponsors
- Workshops, site visits, and paid internships
- Support from our dedicated Student Support Manager

Time is ticking by — applications close 1 September! Please encourage your students to complete their applications or head to our website now to learn more.

Don't miss your chance to kick-start your future in the property and construction industry!

Quick Checklist for a Smooth Application Process

To help everything go smoothly for your students, please keep these simple but important steps in mind:

- 1. One Student = One Application** If a student has started more than one application, help them choose just one to continue with (e.g., Application ID: 333d57). This avoids confusion and delays.
- 2. Don't Forget to Hit "Submit"!** Once the application is complete and the student is happy with their answers, make sure they click the "SUBMIT" button — not just "Save." Only submitted applications come through to our team for review.
- 3. Watch for Follow-Up Emails** If we reach out asking for more details, it's important that students reply promptly. Their response helps us move forward without delays.
- 4. Have a Question?** email: info@keystonetrust.org.nz for a prompt reply or call: 09 375 7453. We are here to help.

Engineering vs Maintenance

Bachelors Degree in Engineering
4 years

AirNZ Aeronautical Engineering Graduate Programme (2 years)

Aeronautical Engineer

RESPONSIBILITIES
Aeronautical engineers plan and supervise the design, development, manufacture, modification, and maintenance of all types of flight vehicles.

THEORY & PROBLEM SOLVING

New Zealand Level 3 Certificate in Aeronautical Engineering
36 weeks

AirNZ Maintenance Traineeship (4 years) Levels 4, 5 & 6, Paid Learning

Aircraft Maintenance Engineer

RESPONSIBILITIES
Aircraft maintenance engineers install, maintain and repair aircraft structures, airframes and engines, and aircraft radio, avionics (electronic) and mechanical systems.

PRACTICAL & HANDS ON



TARANAKI CAREERS & TRAINING EXPO 2026

Open to everyone looking for career inspiration!

Mon 17 August: 12pm – 3pm
4pm – 6.30pm

Tues 18 August: 8.40am – 3pm

TSB Stadium, Rogan Street, New Plymouth

FREE ENTRY



Tuesday, 18 August

Through Te Paepae o Aotea Year 11 and 12 students will get the opportunity to attend the Careers Expo.

Parents who are taking their students are encouraged to take them on Monday afternoon.

2026 UNIVERSITY OPEN DAYS

UNIVERSITY	OPEN DAY
Massey University	Wednesday, 5 August
UNCOL Manawatu	Wednesday, 5 August
Auckland Massey	Saturday, 15 August
Wellington Massey	Friday, 21 August
Victoria University	Friday, 21 August
University of Canterbury	Friday, 28 August
University of Auckland	Saturday, 29 August
AUT	Saturday, 29 August
Aviation Massey	Saturday, 12 September

See Mrs Johnston in B8 for a "FREE" University Campus Visit Guide



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Kia eke atu ki Taupaeui o te tangata



TE OPE KĀTUA O AOTEAROA DEFENCE FORCE

NEW PLYMOUTH INFORMATION EVENING

Come along to our information evening and discuss a career with the New Zealand Defence Force with Army, Navy or Air Force Personnel.

Here you can ask any questions you may have about the application process and the roles available through to the lifestyles and specifics of each service.

It doesn't matter if you don't know anything about the Services—we're here to help!

19th August 6:00-7:00 pm

203 Devon Street East New Plymouth



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UPCOMING *dates*



TERM 3 - 2026

AUG

3

TSSSA GYMNASTICS

Held in Waitara

AUG

6

GATEWAY SAFETY COURSE

For Gateway students

AUG

7

TSSSA JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL

Held in New Plymouth

AUG

11

TSSSA STUDENT COACH DAY

+Held in Stratford

AUG

13

TSSSA TRAIL RELAYS

Pukekura Park, New Plymouth

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

www.tepaepaeoaotea.school.nz