



TE PAEPAE O AOTEAROA

Kia eke atu ki Taupaenui o te tangata

Newsletter – Friday, 14 August 2026

Kia ora e te whānau

All students attended Attitude presentations this week. The Year 7 and 8 presentation was **Tackling Technology**, the Year 9 and 10 presentation was **Get a Life** and the senior presentation was **Building and Maintaining Healthy Relationships**. These presentations are always extremely worthwhile for our students and provide practical strategies to support their growth and wellbeing. Further information about these presentations can be found on the Attitude website: [High Schools Presentations – Attitude](#)

This week, our Year 11 students participated in a Road Safety Day organised by RoadSafe Taranaki. This is always a highly educational and eye-opening experience for our students. If you have a Year 11 student, it would be beneficial to have follow-up conversations at home about the programme. Many of our Year 11 students are beginning to gain their learner licence and we hope this course provides them with the knowledge and skills to make safe and responsible decisions as they begin their driving journey.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child attends school regularly. Regular attendance is critical for success at school. During the winter months, when illness is more prevalent in the community, it is not always easy to decide whether to send your child to school or keep them at home. The following are key messages from the Ministry of Education:

- Students can attend school if they have mild symptoms such as a mild cough, headache or runny nose and are otherwise well, happy and eating and drinking normally.
- Students should stay home if they have a fever, vomiting or diarrhoea.
- Parents and caregivers are encouraged to contact the school to discuss any health concerns.
- [Knowing if your child is well enough to go to school – guidance for parents and caregivers](#)

We have several careers events coming up on the school calendar. Please keep an eye out for these events and encourage our junior students to continue exploring career opportunities. For many of our senior students, it is important to begin taking a more in-depth look at the careers that interest them. Subject selection for senior students will be completed this term for 2027. It is imperative that students select the appropriate subjects for the career pathways they wish to pursue.

Our Music Awards will be held during the week beginning 24 August. These evenings are always a wonderful opportunity to see our students challenge themselves and shine on stage. Our students greatly appreciate the support they receive from whānau and the wider community both during the performances and in the lead-up to this special event.

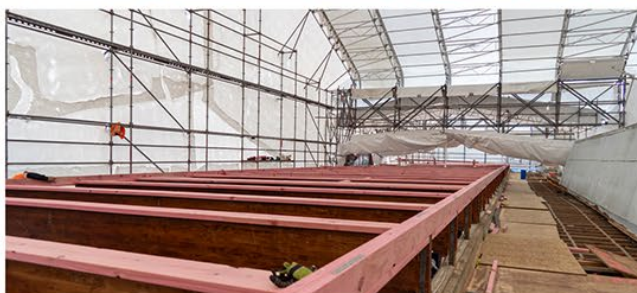
The student representative election for the School Board will take place in September. All students from Year 9 onwards are eligible to be nominated. Students who are interested in this position are encouraged to attend the School Board meeting on **27 August at 5:00pm** to gain a greater understanding of the role. I would also encourage interested students to speak with our current student representative, **Taiharuru Ratima**.

Ngā mihi nui,
Rachel Williams
Tumuaki



Te Ramanui BLOCK

Construction of our Te Ramanui block is well underway. Here's a sneak peek at the progress being made behind the scenes as this exciting project continues to take shape.



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

Showing Up Opens Doors

Students who represent our school in sport, extra-curricular activities, and the school ball must maintain **80% attendance or higher**.

Regular attendance means your child doesn't miss out - on learning, leadership, friendships, or special events.

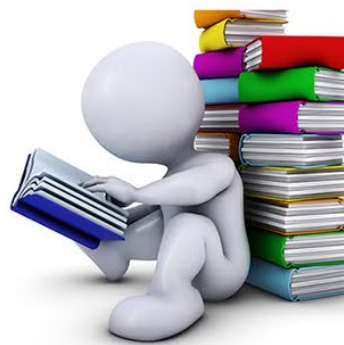
Check your child's attendance - it matters more than you think.

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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

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PRIZEGIVING



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2027 Enrolments NOW OPEN

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



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ATTENTION PARENTS & CAREGIVERS OF ALL BUS STUDENTS

Weir Bros now have CCTV on their buses. This is for the security of bus drivers, students and property.

If you require a copy of the **Weir Bros Transport policy**, please contact the school office.



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STAFF ONLY DAY

Thursday, 20 August 2026

School Closed





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STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE



Taiharuru Ratima
TE PAEPAE O AOTEA
STUDENT BOARD
REPRESENTATIVE
2025/2026

If you have any questions, please see Taiharuru our current Student Board Representative.

Want to Know More?

If you are a Year 9-13 student interested and want an insight as to what is involved, you are welcome to attend the next Board meeting being held in the Board room on **Thursday, 27 August 2026 commencing at 5.00pm.** For information about the role of a Student Representative, visit: **Student Representatives | School Board Elections**

Nominee Video

All nominees are required to submit a 1-minute video explaining:

- Who they are
- Why they are standing for Student Representative
- What skills, ideas, and qualities they would bring to the role
- Videos must be emailed or provided to Ms Williams by 8.00am on Monday, 7 September 2026

Important Dates

- 27 August – Nominations open
- 2 September 12.00 pm – Nominations close
- 7 September 8.00am – Nominee videos due to Ms Williams
- 18 September – Election Day
- 24 September – First School Board meeting for the successful Student Representative





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A REWARDING CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

FULL SUPPORT PROVIDED

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 **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 for the 'Kai Room Breakfast Club!'. The background is blue. At the top left, it says 'SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS'. In the center, there's a black silhouette of a person's head with a white brain-like pattern inside. To the left of the silhouette is the 'KickStart BREAKFAST' logo. Below the silhouette, the text reads 'KAI ROOM BREAKFAST CLUB! MONDAY-FRIDAY 8.15am-8.50am Held in the Canteen TE PAEPAE O AOTEA Creating a Safe, Healthy and Focused Learning Environment'. At the bottom, there are three logos: 'YARROWS THE BAKERS SINCE 1917', '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

There is plenty coming up as we move further into Term 3. In Week 6, the Academic Council will be running The Chase. Students will have the chance to put their general knowledge to the test, work together and earn points for their awa. Keep an eye out over the next couple of weeks for more information about when and how you can get involved.

Looking further ahead, practice exams are coming up towards the end of the term. Now is a good time to start preparing rather than leaving everything until the last minute. Staying on top of your classwork, identifying areas you need to revise and asking your teachers for help early will make the lead-up to exams much easier.

There is still plenty of time to prepare, so make the most of the weeks ahead and keep working towards your academic goals.

Ngā mihi nui,
Adam Stables



HEAD CULTURAL LEADER

Taiharuru Ratima



Tēnā koutou katoa

I'm excited to share that in the last few months, with input from our school community, we have composed a waiata for our kura. This will soon be shared with all our students, staff and school community.

The waiata expresses our connection to our local place and unique identity, shares our values and aspirations and the strength and belonging of our whole school community. The waiata can be sung in many different situations to express our kura pride and identity. For example, at assemblies and prizegivings and when we are representing our kura.

Noho ora mai,
Taiharuru Ratima



HEAD COMMUNITY LEADER

Lauren Kalin



Kia Ora,

We have lots of initiatives running throughout the community space. It would be amazing to see our community getting together and backing our students.

Daffodil Day is coming up, so look out for a potential event around that soon!

16 September is our annual Shave-a-thon and Crazy Hair Day. This is an event where students and staff fundraise and shave their hair for the cancer society. It's awesome that five students have already registered and are starting their fundraising journey. Please support our students. That would be an awesome contribution to our community.

Our milk bottle top initiative will continue to run throughout this term, so please keep bringing them in. It's making a difference. Special shoutout to Kaupokonui - currently in the lead.

Ngā mihi,
Lauren Kalin



HEAD SPORTS LEADER

Theo Soothill



Kia ora whānau

It's been another exciting week of sport, with plenty of opportunities for students to get involved and show their competitive spirit. Last week, our LRA event brought students together for some great competition and participation. A big thank you to everyone who took part and helped make the event a success. It was awesome seeing students getting involved, supporting their teams and enjoying themselves. One of the highlights of last week was volleyball, particularly the Staff vs Students match. After a competitive game, the staff came away with the win! Congratulations to the staff, but I'm sure the students will be looking for a chance to redeem themselves. Thank you to everyone who continues to support and participate in school sport.

Keep an eye out for upcoming sporting events in school. We have more student v staff events coming up so keep your eyes peeled. We have three teams heading away to winter tournament week shortly. Senior A netball, XI hockey, and junior boys' basketball. I'm sure all participants are very excited. Wishing all sporting teams representing our school the very best.

Ngā mihi,
Theo Soothill



From Garden to Kitchen: Learning Through Collaboration

Our Horticulture students have been growing leeks as part of their practical learning and this week they were ready to harvest some and share with our Hospitality department. A simple but awesome example of collaboration, sustainability and students supporting each other's learning across departments.



HORTICULTURE

TARANAKI SHARKS U14 BOYS RUGBY LEAGUE



Jo'han Leef-Luke



Demetrious Makea



Ryder Hartley

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates Jo'han Leef-Luke, Demetrious Makea and Ryder Hartley on their selection for the Taranaki Sharks Under-14 Boys Rugby League Team. Jo'han and Demetrious will represent Taranaki at the upcoming Lower North Island Tournament in Palmerston North on 22-23 August.



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RUGBY LEAGUE



Celebrating Excellence in Attendance

Congratulations to our amazing Waingongoro Junior Awa students. Waingongoro Awa are celebrating students who have shown excellent attendance at Te Paepae o Aotea. Their dedication and positive attitude are setting a wonderful example for others.



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WAINGONGORO

NEW ZEALAND CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to Tayla Sturgeon, who represented Taranaki at the New Zealand Cross Country Championships in Christchurch. Competing in the U16 Girls' race, Tayla finished an outstanding 7th overall, completing the 4km course in 15:11 and was the second 14-year-old across the finish line.

Tayla Sturgeon
7th Place - U16 Girls




CROSS COUNTRY



CANS FOR KIWI KIDS Environmental Leaders Receive 'Friends of Lions' Recognition

Our Environmental Leaders met with Denis Hurcomb from Lions to discuss our Kidney Cans initiative today. Our students were presented with 'Friends of Lions' badges in recognition of their work raising funds for Kidney Kids New Zealand. Thanks to everyone who brings cans to school and puts their cans in our yellow bins. These small acts make a big impact in our community.



ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS



Year 7-8 Team Wins Science Quiz at Taranaki Fair

Congratulations to our Year 7-8 Science team of Cullum Smyth, Harri Ballagh, Ryder Hartley, and Xavier Baylis, who represented our Te Paepae o Aotea at the Taranaki Science and Technology Fair and achieved an outstanding result, taking out first place in the Science Quiz. Well done, team!



7-8 SCIENCE FAIR

Learning Today, Safer Roads Tomorrow

Our Year 11 students took part in Road Safety Day, learning about the importance of making safe choices on and around our roads.

A huge thank you to Road Safe Taranaki and the Hāwera Police for the hands-on experiences, including a close-up look at police vehicles and equipment making this a valuable learning opportunity.



YEAR 11 ROAD SAFETY



Celebrating Gwen's Success at the Taranaki Science and Technology Fair

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates our Year 9 student, Gwen Suggiui, who received a Merit Award at the Taranaki Science and Technology Fair for her outstanding observational drawing of a Kererū (wood pigeon). This achievement reflects Gwen's artistic talent and attention to detail in her drawing.



SCIENCE FAIR

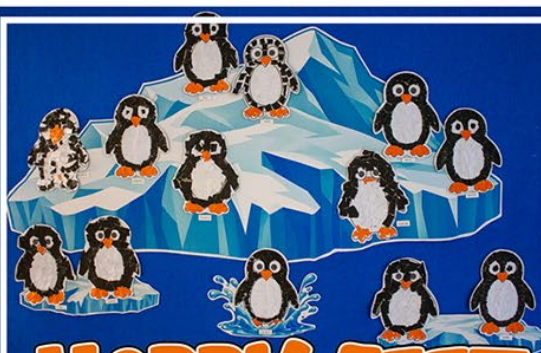


Mastering the Art of Fresh Pasta

Level 3 Hospitality students have focused on fresh pasta making. This unit standard has students preparing and cooking basic pasta dishes in a commercial kitchen. The dishes are spaghetti and real carbonara. These days, so many carbonara recipes cheat with cream which is a shame. The traditional method uses raw egg which is mixed vigorously with hot pasta and parmigiana cheese which transforms into a silky, creamy, luxurious sauce unlike anything tasted before.



L3 HOSPITALITY



HAPPY FEET Collage Penguin Creations for Our Whānau Showcase

Our Endeavour Centre students have been busy exploring a Winter art theme this term as they prepare for their Whānau Showcase in Week 10. One of their creative projects has been these vibrant paper collage penguins, inspired by the movie Happy Feet.



ENDEAVOUR CENTRE



Waingongoro Senior Awa Celebrating Outstanding Attendance

At our Waingongoro Senior Awa Assembly, we recognised and celebrated students who achieved 95% or higher attendance during Term 2. Congratulations to these students for their commitment to being present and engaged in their learning.



WAINGONGORO



Empowering our Rangatahi with Skills for Life

Te Paepae o Aotea students enjoyed presentations from Attitude:

- Years 7-8: Tackling Technology
- Years 9-10: Get a Life
- Years 11-13: Building and Maintaining Healthy Relationships

These engaging sessions encouraged students to think, reflect, and develop skills that will support them both in and out of the classroom.



SKILLS FOR LIFE



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STUDENT SUCCESS

Year 9 Students Excel in Methanex Maths Challenge

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates our Year 9 Methanex Maths Challenge team, who came away with first place. Congratulations to Ryder Hartley, Spencer Harris, Dylan Fagan, and Joel Harris on this outstanding achievement.

The Methanex Maths Challenge brings together talented young mathematicians from across the region to test their problem-solving skills and teamwork.

Te Paepae o Aotea sent multiple teams of students from Years 7 to 10 to take part in the challenge, achieving excellent results across all year levels.

The placings were:

- Year 7: 7th Place
- Year 8: 5th Place and 9th Place
- Year 9: 1st Place
- Year 10: 7th Place

METHANEX MATHS

Afeef Strikes Gold at Malaysia National Touch Competition

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates Afeef Ridzuan, who recently competed at the Malaysia National Touch Competition (NTC). Afeef had an unforgettable experience representing his home country alongside his three older brothers as part of the team. Competing in challenging hot and humid conditions of 30°C. Their hard work paid off, with the team claiming the gold medal in the Open Mixed Division.

TOUCH NATIONALS

Year 7-8 Girls Claim Taranaki 7s Rugby Title

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates our Year 7-8 Girls 7s Rugby team on claiming 1st place in the Taranaki Primary School 7s Rugby Competition.

The girls put in an outstanding performance throughout the tournament and secured the title with a 25-10 victory over the Matapu/St Joseph's team in the final.

Te Paepae o Aotea also acknowledges our Year 7-8 Boys 7s team, who had a strong tournament, winning four games and losing two.

YEAR 7-8 7S RUGBY

Year 7-8 Chess Teams Head to Taranaki Championships

Te Paepae o Aotea wishes our two Year 7-8 chess teams the very best of luck as they travel to Oakura to compete in the Taranaki Intermediate Chess Championships.

Team 1: Dylan Finer, Elias Wall, Chloe Townsend and Cloud Berryman
Team 2: Alex Nanayakkara, Manuka Whana-Wikio, Siba Matshaya and Ana-Maria Jones.

YEAR 7-8 CHESS

Taranaki Milk Top Challenge

Te Taki Taupoki
Miraka o Taranaki

Current Awa Milk Challenge Leaderboard

PATEA - 11,949
KAUPOKONUI - 11,014
TANGAHOE - 7644
WAINGONGORO - 5739

Don't forget to save your BOTTLE TOPS every one COUNTS!

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



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kidney kids NZ



Lions Clubs New Zealand
Kia Manaaki | We Serve

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

STUDENT SUCCESS



TE PAEPAE O AOTEA MUSIC AWARDS

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

2026 MUSIC AWARDS

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



Celebating Success and Looking Ahead

It has been another action-packed period of sport at Te Paepae o Aotea, with students achieving success across a range of codes while many of our teams prepare for important matches and upcoming tournaments.

Student Achievement Success

We continue to be incredibly proud of the sporting accomplishments of our taura both in and out of school. We know there are many students achieving great things in their chosen sports, and we want to celebrate those successes with our school community.

If your child has represented a club, region, province or achieved success in their sport, please ensure achievement forms are completed and returned to the Sports Office so they can be recognised in our newsletters, assemblies and prizegiving events.

International Touch Success

Congratulations to Afeef Ridzuan, who recently represented his home country at the Malaysia National Touch Competition. Competing alongside three older siblings, Afeef helped his team secure the gold medal in the Open Mixed Division, an outstanding achievement and one that Te Paepae o Aotea is extremely proud to celebrate.

Gas It Rowing Challenge Creates Excitement

The Gas It Rowing Challenge is now underway, with students and staff stepping up to test themselves on the rowing machines. Participants are taking on the 500m Individual Sprint and the 1500m Team Relay, creating plenty of friendly competition and school spirit along the way.

Students Challenge the Staff

Last week's staff versus students volleyball clash provided plenty of entertainment for spectators. The students showed determination and energy throughout the contest, pushing the staff every step of the way. However, experience prevailed, with the staff claiming a 33-16 victory. Congratulations to everyone involved for the fantastic effort and positive sportsmanship displayed.

Rugby Highlights

A huge congratulations to our Year 7-8 Girls 7s Rugby Team, who were crowned Taranaki Primary School 7s Rugby Champions after a dominant tournament performance. The girls played outstanding rugby throughout the day and thoroughly deserved their title.

Our Year 7-8 Boys 7s Rugby Team also performed strongly, recording several wins and showing tremendous determination throughout the competition.

At secondary level, our 1st XV Rugby team recently competed in their semi-final against FDMC 2nd XV. The team has worked hard all season despite having limited game opportunities and should be extremely proud of reaching the semi-final stage. A special thank you goes to Shann Stevens and Stewart McPhail for their dedication and commitment in coaching and managing the team throughout the season.

A special mention must also go to our Under 16 Girls Rugby Team. Unfortunately, the team narrowly missed out on a semi-final opportunity due to an incorrect calculation of competition points. Despite this disappointment, the girls had an outstanding season, consistently fronting up week after week and competing with pride. Congratulations to Pare and the entire team for their commitment, resilience, and positive attitude throughout the campaign.

Basketball

Our basketball teams are entering the business end of the season.

The Senior Boys Basketball team has been in exceptional form and has earned a place in the semi-finals. They will face NPBHS Black next Monday for an opportunity to advance to the championship final. We wish the boys all the very best as they take on this exciting challenge.

The Junior Boys Basketball Team also remains in contention for a semi-final berth. Their upcoming match against FDMC 10A is a must-win game, with the result likely determining their chances of progressing to the finals series. Good luck boys!

Winter Tournament Week Approaches

The countdown is officially on for Winter Tournament Week. Our teams have been preparing hard and are looking forward to representing Te Paepae o Aotea across a range of sports. We know our students will wear the school colours with pride and compete with determination, respect and sportsmanship.

We wish all teams safe travels and every success as they head away to compete.

Looking Ahead to Touch Rugby

Registrations are now open for the 2026 Year 7-8 School Grade Touch Competition. The nine-week competition begins on 18 September and runs through until 27 November at the Hāwera Soccer Club Grounds.

Students interested in taking part are encouraged to register their interest as soon as possible.

[2026 Year 7-8 Girls and Boys School Grade Touch Registration](#)

Sports Fees Reminder

A friendly reminder that any outstanding sports fees are now due. These fees contribute towards transport, tournament entries, officials, uniforms and other costs that help provide quality sporting opportunities for our students.

We appreciate the continued support of our whānau.



Thank You

Thank you to all coaches, managers, staff, whānau, sponsors and supporters who continue to give their time and energy to our sports programmes. Your commitment makes a significant difference and provides our students with opportunities to grow, compete and succeed.

Kia kaha to all our athletes as we head into an exciting few weeks of competition. Keep striving, keep supporting one another and continue to represent Te Paepae o Aotearoa with pride.

Stay persistent, trust the process, and remember greatness is born from perseverance and hardwork! – Afeef Ridzuan, National Touch Representative

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

2026 Upcoming Sporting Events

TSSSA Events – Year 9 - 13

Wednesday, 19 August	7s & All Ability
Tuesday, 25 August	Ki o Rahi

Year 7 - 8 Events

7-11 September	Aims Games
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Year 9 - 13 Events

Monday, 31 August – 4 September	NZSS Winter Tournament
Thursday, 3 September	NZSS Road Race Relay



2026

YEAR 7-8 SCHOOL GRADE TOUCH

REGISTRATIONS

Calling for expressions of interest for Year 7-8 Girls and Boys interested in playing School Grade Touch

9 WEEK COMPETITION
18 September - 27 November 2026
Hawera Soccer Club Grounds

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[2026 Year 7-8 Girls and Boys School Grade Touch Registration](#)




Students Shine at the Taranaki Rippa Rugby Finals

Te Paepae o Aotearoa congratulates our Year 7-8 students who represented at the Taranaki Rippa Rugby Finals Day at Stadium Taranaki. TPOA 2 Fresh were runners-up in the girls' final, and TPOA Side Steppers had a great day, narrowly missing the boys' final. Huge thank you to our coaches Pare O'Brien, Matua Shae and Matua Tuki, and Michelle Shaw for capturing our amazing moments. Thanks to our whānau who come along and support our students under super cold conditions.

Score	Team	V	Team	Score
WIN 8	TPOA 2 Fresh Girls	V	Oakura Gold	2
WIN 9	TPOA 2 Fresh Girls	V	SHGC Renegades	7
WIN 13	TPOA 2 Fresh Girls	V	Auroa Mystics	5
WIN 11	TPOA 2 Fresh Girls	V	Devon Intermediate	4
GRAND FINAL GAME				
4	TPOA 2 Fresh Girls	V	Highlands Intermediate	5

Score	Team	V	Team	Score
WIN 9	TPOA Side Steppers Boys	V	Highlands Intermediate	8
WIN 10	TPOA Side Steppers Boys	V	Devon Intermediate	9
3	TPOA Side Steppers Boys	V	STJ Navy	4
WIN 10	TPOA Side Steppers Boys	V	SPS Black	6

7-8 RIPPA RUGBY





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SPORTS

ARTS

L3 ACADEMIC

L2 ACADEMIC

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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 School Office
- Honour Badges are awarded at the End of Term 3 only

IMPORTANT:

Students should still submit a form even if they may already have the badge, as this ensures they can be considered for this years Supreme Sporting and Cultural Awards.

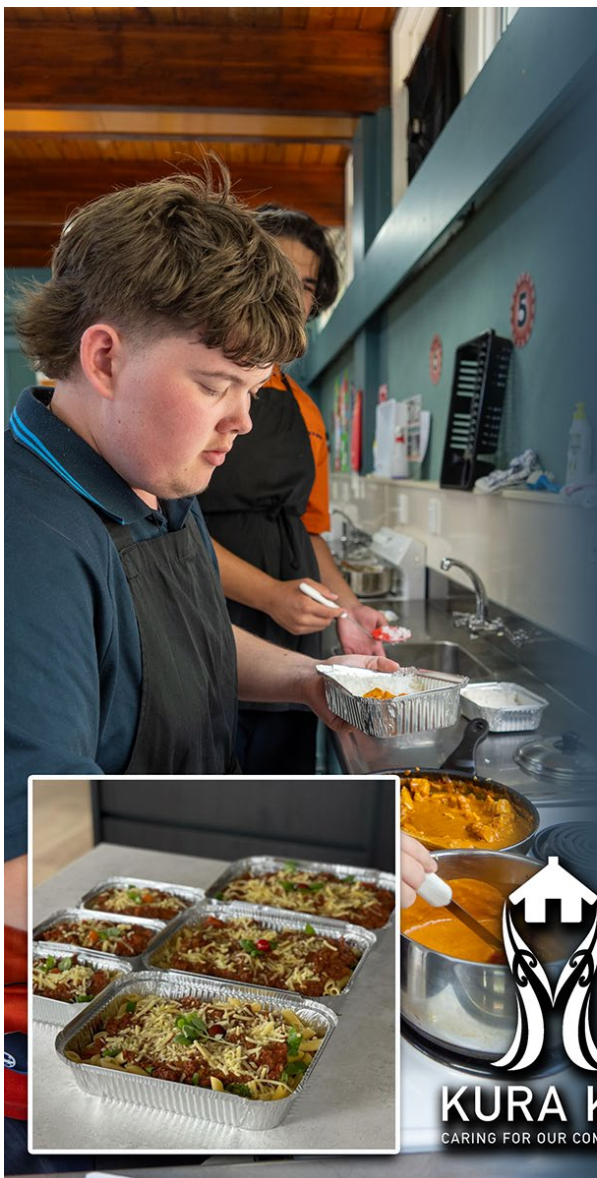


Criteria for the Senior Year 11-13 Honour Badges is available on our school website or on the back of the application form.

tepaepaeoatea.school.nz

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

[Application Form](#)



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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



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, avionic (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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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.

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

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6:00-7:00 pm

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UPCOMING *dates*



TERM 3 - 2026

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CAREERS EXPO

17-18 August in New Plymouth

AUG

19

TSSSA HOCKEY 7S

Stratford TET Hockey Turf

AUG

20

STAFF ONLY DAY

SCHOOL CLOSED

AUG

24-26

2026 MUSIC AWARDS

Held at Hawera Community Theatre

AUG

25

TSSSA KI O RAHI

TSB Hub Fields, Hāwera

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

www.tepaepaeoaotea.school.nz