



TE PAEPAE O AOTEA

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Newsletter – Friday, 11 September 2026

Kia ora e te whānau

This week has been a very busy one for our Year 7 and 8 students. We have had our Year 8A netball team competing at the AIMS Games, winning the B Grade final 17-12 against Taupō Intermediate School and our Year 7 and 8 kapa haka rōpū performed at Tatarakihi. All these students represented the school with pride and it was wonderful to see their hard work come to fruition. A sincere thank you to our staff and community members who have supported our students in having these amazing opportunities and experiences.

Later in this newsletter, you will find a survey link for parents and caregivers to provide feedback on our draft Strategic Plan for 2027 and 2028. I encourage you to take this opportunity to share your thoughts so that we can ensure our strategic plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our community.

Next week, students will be undertaking their CAA Numeracy, Writing and Reading assessments. These are important assessments that contribute toward students gaining their NCEA qualifications. Please encourage your child to prepare thoroughly and to make use of the additional tutorials being offered by staff.

At the end of next week, we will hold a whole-school assembly to recognise students who are achieving amazing things within our community. You are warmly invited to join us as we present honours badges and celebrate a range of student achievements.

The final week of term will see our senior students sitting their practice examinations. These exams are very important for three key reasons and students should prepare accordingly:

1. Practice examinations help students identify areas of strength and areas where further learning is required.
2. Practice examination grades are used when determining top-performing students in subjects and year levels.
3. Practice examination grades may be used as emergency derived grades in circumstances such as illness or bereavement at the end of the year.

Parents and caregivers of our Year 7-10 students can meet with whānau teachers on Tuesday, 22 September. If you have not yet booked an appointment, I encourage you to do so. These meetings provide an excellent opportunity to gain an accurate understanding of the progress your child has made so far this year.

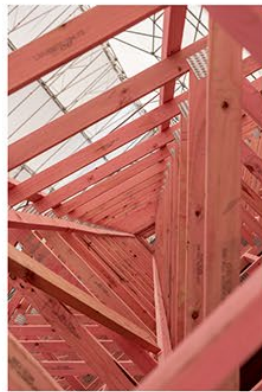
Thank you for your continued support of our school.

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.



Maths Practice Tool for Years 3 to 8

parentportal.education.govt.nz

A Maths practice tool for Years 3 to 8 has been developed by MoE following feedback from parents and whānau that they wanted practical ways to support learning at home.



**Te Tāhuhu o
te Mātauranga**
Ministry of Education



[NZC Maths Practice Tool for Years 3 to 8](#)



Career Wise

We're thrilled to introduce CareerWise, our school's new careers website, designed to help students and whānau stay informed about opportunities and plan for life beyond school.

On our CareerWise site, you'll find:

- Upcoming careers events
- University, polytechnic and apprenticeship information
- Scholarships
- Jobs and volunteer opportunities
- Resources to help students explore their interests and future pathways.

Visit our CareerWise site here:

<https://tepaepaeoaotea.careerwise.school>



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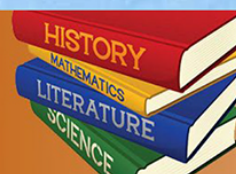


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Term 3



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



2027 Enrolments
NOW OPEN

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



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Please record any clashes that you may have during Senior Exam week using the link below

[Practice Exam Clashes 2026](#)



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SENIOR YEAR 11-13

PRACTICE EXAMS

To be held in Jubilee Gym/K2 - Week 10

	MONDAY 21 September	TUESDAY 22 September	WEDNESDAY 23 September	THURSDAY 24 September	FRIDAY 25 September
9am-12pm	L3 BIO L2 HEA L2 HIS L3 HIS L1 COM L3 CAL L1 MAO L1 CSC (D5)	L3 ENG L2 CLS L3 CLS L2 PMA	L3 GEO L3 CHE L3 AGS L1 AGS L1 GEO L1 HEA L2 ECO L3 ECO L2TAH L3 TAH L2 CSC (G1) L3 CSC (G1)	L3 MMU L2 CHE L1 HIS L2 GEO L3 STA L2 MAO L3 MAO	L1 ENG
am Workshops	L1VAA	L1MMU	L1DRA	L1VAA	2/3PHO
pm Workshops	L2/3VAA				
12.15-3.15pm	L2 ENG	L2 ACC L3 ACC L2 PHY L3 PHY L2 DRA L3 DRA L3 PSY L1 TAH	L2 BIO L1 INS	L1 MAT L2 AMA	

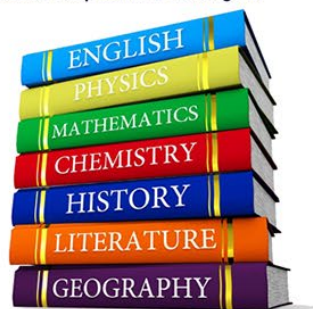
- If you have any exam clashes, please record these clashes on this link: [Exam Clashes](#)
- If you are not in an exam, you are in class as usual doing your normal programme of learning
- For afternoon exams, you do not have to go to Block 2. Report to the Jubilee Gym at 12pm. If you finish your exam before 3pm, you MUST go to your Block 3 class. There is no hanging around the school
- Morning exams, please report to the Jubilee Gym at 8.45am
- You may only take water into your exam. No digital watches or cell phones are allowed in your exam
- Please ensure any stationery is in a clear plastic bag. You MUST write in a Blue or Black pen – No pencils
- Students sitting Digital exams MUST bring their own devices fully charged.
- WORKSHOPS are compulsory unless you have an exam



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**YEAR 10
NCEA
INFORMATION
EVENING**



Tuesday, 15 September 2026

NCEA Information Talk at 5.30pm in PFA1

YEARS 10-12

SUBJECT EXPO

Dixon Block - 6pm



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YEAR 10 CAA EXAMS

CAA Numeracy
Monday, 14 September

CAA Reading
Tuesday, 15 September

CAA Writing
Wednesday, 16 September

CAA Catch Up
Thursday, 17 September

	MONDAY 14 September	TUESDAY 15 September	WEDNESDAY 16 September	THURSDAY 17 September
	NUMERACY	READING	WRITING	CATCH-UP
9-11am	Yr 10 / 12 / 13	Yr 10 / 12 / 13	Yr 10 / 11	Reading
11.30-1.15pm	Yr 9/11	Yr 9/11	Yr 9 / 12 / 13	Writing Numeracy

STUDENTS NEED TO MAKE SURE THEIR DEVICE IS FULLY CHARGED





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JUNIOR YEARS 7-10 STUDENTS

SUBJECT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH YOUR STUDENTS' SUBJECT TEACHERS'

Tuesday, 22 September 2026 – 2.30-7.00pm

Held at Bayly Park, Camberwell Rd, Hāwera

Interviews are 10 minute slots. Parents can book back-to-back interview slots if more time is required. For alternative appointment times, please email your students' subject teacher.

School will finish at 1.15pm

Except Senior Students who have exams

Buses will run at normal times

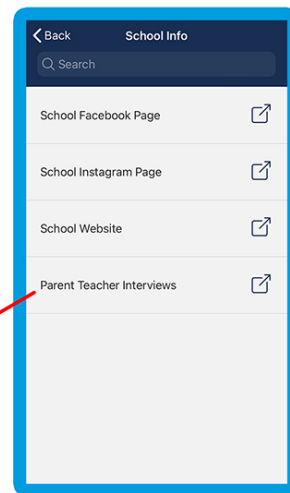


School App Instructions



You can find a link to the Skoolloop Interview booking page by clicking on the **School Info** button in the School App

Then click on **Parent Teacher Interviews**



[Click here to make a Booking](#)



HOST FAMILIES WANTED!

OPEN YOUR HOME
Change a life

\$350 PER WEEK PAYMENT

A REWARDING CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

FULL SUPPORT PROVIDED

If you have a spare room and a welcoming home, we would love to hear from you

 **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](#)





Te Paepae o Aotea Strategic Plan 2027-2028 – Whānau and Caregiver Feedback Survey

We are seeking feedback on our draft Strategic Plan 2027-2028. We want to know whether our proposed goals and actions reflect the aspirations of our students, whānau and wider community. The strategic goals focus on culture and wellbeing, student achievement, and future pathways.

[Te Paepae o Aotea Strategic Plan 2027-2028 - Whānau and Caregiver Feedback Survey](#)



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

- 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.



Ministry of Health Update:

The Ministry of Health are no longer administering a second (top up) immunisation in schools (2026 onwards). All Year 7-8 students who had their immunisation earlier this year at school are now finished. (They can be given the last top up dose at their GP for free if you choose to do arrange this).

In October, the nurses will be coming back into school to administer any catch-ups (Year 7-8 students who missed their immunisation in April at school). They will be following up with students they know did not hand in forms. If you are new to Te Paepae o Aotea and wish to have your child immunised at school this year, please email either:

Anne.Jonas@tdhb.org.nz or Naomi.Brown@tdhb.org.nz

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 another busy few weeks for the Academic Council. Following our successful Chase week, we held one final surprise round, with Caroline "Caro the Queen Crusher" Colville taking on Kevin "Big Brain" Barnard in a fast-paced Chaser vs Chaser competition. Caroline came out on top, taking the win in what was a great way to finish off The Chase for the year. Thank you to everyone who came along to watch and support the event.

With just one week to go until practice exams begin, now is the time to make sure you are organised and prepared. Use the next few days to review key content, complete any unfinished work and focus on the areas you are least confident in. A small amount of focused revision each day can make a significant difference.

Good luck to everyone preparing for practice exams and make the most of the support available around the school.

Ngā mihi nui,
Adam Stables



HEAD CULTURAL LEADER

Taiharuru Ratima



Tēnā koutou katoa

Today our teina will be performing in the regional Tatarakihi kapa haka competition held at the hub. They have plenty of supporters there in person to tautoko, as they bring to life our kura value of paepae - being courageous in taking to the stage. Can't wait to see the performance.

A shoutout to the two candidates standing for Student Board Rep, Willem and Tama. Also, remember tuakana, it's time to make sure you're enrolled to vote in the upcoming general election.

Next week is Te Wiki o te Reo Maori, so let's join together in celebrating our indigenous language. Keep an eye out for next week's activities.

Noho ora mai,
Taiharuru Ratima



HEAD COMMUNITY LEADER

Lauren Kalin



Kia Ora,

We have a very exciting event coming up next week, the annual shave-a-thon. We have five students and two staff members currently signed on and it is very exciting to have staff and board members volunteer to come help with the shaving process.

It would be really awesome to see lots of people supporting the event next Wednesday lunchtime outside the canteen.

Donations are greatly appreciated - search Te Paepae o Aotea on the Shave for a Cure website or come support our sausage sizzle fundraiser on Monday.

An email has been sent to all Year 13s regarding senior dress up week and leavers hoodies, if we could have these filled in as soon as possible that would be great.

Our milk bottle top initiative will continue to run throughout this term, so please keep bringing them in. It is making a difference. Throughout September we will have a class competition running, so bring in your milk bottle tops for a chance to win a pizza shout.

Ngā mihi,
Lauren Kalin



HEAD SPORTS LEADER

Theo Soothill



Kia ora whānau

It's been a busy couple of weeks for sport with a lot of our teams getting out and representing the school. Our Senior A Netball team travelled to Lower Hutt for Tournament Week and gave it their all throughout the week. It was great to see the team putting in the effort and supporting each other. Our First XI Hockey team also travelled away for Tournament Week in Carterton. The team worked hard across the week and finished 8th overall. They then played their final game of the season on Tuesday and it was a nailbiting finish in shootouts. Inglewood took the win but the team kept their heads high and finished a great season coming 2nd place after giving everything throughout the year. A big thanks to everyone who has been involved with the team.

This week, our Year 7 & 8 Netball team are heading to AIMS Games. We wish them all the best for the week and hope they have a great time, enjoy the experience and represent Te Paepae o Aotea well.

Ngā mihi,
Theo Soothill



Year 7s Give ANZAC Biscuits a Healthy Makeover

Healthy ANZAC biscuits were on the menu for our Waingongoro Year 7 Food Technology class. Students swapped sugar for honey, white flour for wholemeal flour, and butter for coconut oil. But when the biscuits cooled, the temptation to smother them in melted chocolate proved too much for some!



FOOD TECHNOLOGY



Spring has sprung at Te Paepae o Aotea!

What better way to welcome the first day of spring than by getting some seeds in the soil.

Students from right across our kura, from Year 7 through to Year 13, have been busy working in the hothouse, sowing seeds and growing seedlings.

The aim is to grow strong, healthy plants that can either be taken home for students and their whānau to plant in their own gardens or planted out in our gardens here at school. It's awesome to see students of all ages getting hands-on, learning practical growing skills, and helping create something that can be shared with our wider school community. Now we wait for those little green shoots.



HORTICULTURE



Year 13 APE Students Conquer Rotorua Tough Guy & Gal Challenge

On Monday, 24 August, the Year 13 APE class took on the Rotorua Tough Guy & Gal Challenge, tackling 6km of mud-filled trails, steep hills, and demanding obstacles.

After training throughout the term, students put their fitness and resilience to the test, with every student successfully finishing within the required time to gain their credits.

A special congratulations to Maddison Sturgeon, who placed 4th female overall out of 365 Year 12-13 competitors. An outstanding achievement.

We are incredibly proud of the students for their effort, perseverance, and positive attitude.



L3 ADVANCED PE



Hospitality Students Experience The Food Show

Senior Hospitality students had the opportunity to travel to Wellington to attend The Food Show.

Our students enjoyed sampling a wide range of delicious produce, meeting artisan growers and cheesemakers and learning more about the food and hospitality industry.

A real highlight was meeting celebrity chefs Colin and Manu from MKR (My Kitchen Rules) and watching them in action as they cooked up a storm.

It was a fantastic experience for our students and a wonderful opportunity to see the industry in action, discover new products and be inspired by some of the talented people working within it.



HOSPITALITY



Celebrating Success at Pātea Junior School!

Pātea Junior School celebrated a lot of student achievement happening in our kura recently with a lot of our akonga being acknowledged for showing our values Taupaenui, Aotea & Paepae and being role models for their peers. Keep being amazing guys, Up The Pahs! 🏆



PĀTEA



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Te Paepae o Aotea Competes in Taranaki Debating Championships

Congratulations to our Te Paepae o Aotea debating team members, Lucy Crowley, Evita Morrelon, Indyka-Azaria Hill, and Oliver Bone, who recently competed in the Taranaki Secondary Schools Debating Competition held at New Plymouth Boys' High School.

With only three speakers required per debate, our fourth team member kindly supported the competition by acting as a swinger for another team on a rotational basis. A special congratulations goes to Indyka-Azaria Hill, who received a Highly Commended Speaker Award at the prizegiving in recognition of her outstanding speaking skills.



DEBATING

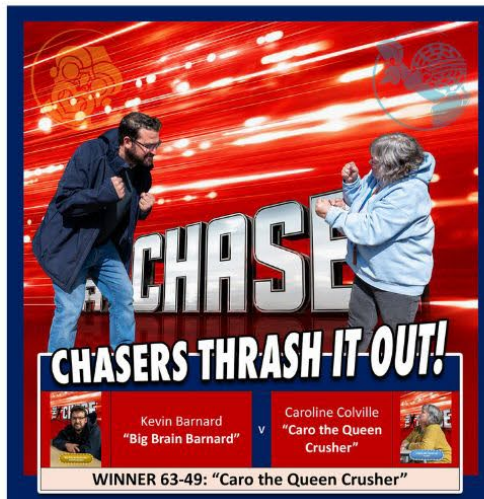
STUDENT SUCCESS



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After weeks of dedicated practice, Te Paepae o Aotea held its annual Inter Awa Waiata Competition. This year's Filipino theme brought a vibrant display of beautiful costumes and creative props. Every Awa delivered strong vocal performances, making for an outstanding competition. Congratulations to Kaūpokonui, who claimed the title for 2026!

THE CHASE			
ROUND 1			
	KĀŪPOKONUI	v	Liz Plodek "Queen Elizabeth III"
Winner: Kāūpokonui Students			
ROUND 2			
	TANGAHOE	v	Caroline Colville
Winner: Caroline Colville			
ROUND 3			
	PĀTEA	v	Corben Mortensen "Cash Money Corben"
Winner: Corben Mortensen "Cash Money Corben"			
ROUND 4			
	WAINGONGORO	v	Kevin Barnard "Big Brain Barnard"
Winner: Kevin Barnard "Big Brain Barnard"			
ROUND 5			
	TANGAHOE	v	Jason Cressingham "Cressipedia"
Winner: Tangahoe Students			
ROUND 6			
	PĀTEA	v	Emily Davidson "Sister Mary Lazarus"
Winner: Pātea Students			
ROUND 7			
	KĀŪPOKONUI	v	Caroline Colville
Winner: Caroline Colville			
ROUND 8			
	WAINGONGORO	v	Geron Bayatan "G.exe"
Winner: Waingongoro Students			
FINAL			
Rory McLeod Evita Morellon Samara Stewart Hunter Stephens	SENIOR ACADEMIC LEADERS	v	CHASERS K Barnard C Colville G Bayatan R Fischer
WINNER: CHASERS			



The Academic Leaders hosted LRA: The Chase where students went head-to-head in their Awa groups against teachers from Te Paepae o Aotea. The competition was fierce, the energy was high, and everyone had a fantastic time. Congratulations to the teachers, who came away with the win. Then came the Chasers Thrash It Out competition with Caroline Colville, "Caro the Queen Crusher", took on Kevin Barnard, "Big Brain Barnard" in a battle of wits and determination. After a spirited contest, "Caro the Queen Crusher" emerged victorious with a final score of 63-49.

BRAZILIAN JIU JITSU NORTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIP

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates Emma-May Bublitz on her outstanding achievement at the recent Brazilian Jiu Jitsu North Island Championships.

GOLD MEDAL

Emma-May earned a gold medal for 1st place in the Juvenile Women's Featherweight Blue Belt division.



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NZ GRAPPLER

TPOA 1st XI MIXED HOCKEY TEAM RUNNERS-UP

Congratulations to our TPOA 1st XI Mixed Hockey Team on an outstanding season and a hard-fought runner-up finish in the Taranaki Secondary Schools Championship Grade Final on Tuesday, 8 September. In a nail-biting contest against Inglewood High School, the scores were locked at 1-1 at full time. The match then went to a shootout, with both teams scoring 2 from 5 attempts. Still unable to be separated, the final went into sudden death, where both teams battled it out shot for shot. In the end, Inglewood High School secured the win with their final attempt.

Well done to our 1st XI Hockey team for their determination and teamwork throughout the season. We also farewell our Year 13 players and co-captains Lauren Kalin and Theo Soothill, along with Cameron Tong and our goalie Rory McLeod.



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**Local Secondary School Musicians
Set to Shine at Annual Jazz Afternoon**

The Te Paepae o Aotea Stage Band is busy practicing as they prepare for the annual Secondary School Jazz Bands performance. This much-awaited community "Jazz Afternoon" features talented musicians from local secondary schools and is always a highlight on the music calendar.

**Annual Secondary School
Jazz Band Performance**
Sunday, 13 September 2026
4.30pm-6.30pm
Plymouth International Hotel



STAGE BAND



**TPOA ORANGE HOCKEY TEAM
3RD PLACE**

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates our TPOA Orange Mixed Hockey Team on an outstanding result in the Taranaki Secondary Schools Mixed Championship Grade, securing 3rd place with a convincing 4-1 victory over SHGC. This was one of the team's best performances of the season and a fitting reward for all their hard work and dedication. It has been fantastic to watch this team grow, develop and earn their place among the top four teams in their grade.

A special note goes to Riley Vincent, Blake Riddle and Yeshna Patel, who had the opportunity to step up and represent the 1st XI during Woolaston Trophy Tournament Week.

We also farewell our goalie Rory McLeod, who has had an exceptional season. As a first-time goalie, Rory showed incredible commitment, playing two games every week for both the Orange team and the 1st XI.

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SHAVE-A-THON
Monday, 14 September 2026
OUTSIDE THE CANTEEN

\$2 Sausages

Drinks \$2 Each

SHAVE FOR A CURE DONATIONS
<https://www.shaveforcure.co.nz/fundraisers/tepaepaeootea>

leukaemia & blood cancer NEW ZEALAND
Vision to Cure. Mission to Care.

Shave for a Cure



SHAVE-A-THON
Our Team Members

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SHAVE-A-THON
Wednesday
16 September 2026
Lunchtime - Stage Outside Canteen

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TO MAKE A DONATION
<https://www.shaveforcure.co.nz/fundraisers/tepaepaeootea>

Team Members:

- Jacob Cope
- Lucas Kempton
- Seth Schumacher
- Graham Merrey
- Datsun Rees
- Michael Hurley
- Kevin Barnard
- David McCallum

2026 MUSIC AWARDS

To donate for Shave for a Cure click on the link: <https://www.shaveforcure.co.nz/fundraisers/tepaepaeootea>



Sports Round-Up: A Fortnight to Remember

What a massive fortnight of sport it has been for Te Paepae o Aotea. Amazing results, incredible experiences, personal growth and lifelong memories have all been created while proudly representing our kura, whānau and community.

Over the past two weeks, I have been fortunate to travel from Wellington for the Lower North Island Secondary Schools (LNISS) Netball Tournament through to the sunny Bay of Plenty for the AIMS Games in Mount Maunganui. Behind every tournament are months of dedication, sacrifice, training sessions, weekend games and hard work. For everyone involved, I know it has been an enjoyable, rewarding and memorable experience.

Senior A Netball

Our Senior A Netball team knew the LNISS Tournament would be highly competitive and challenging. While the results may not have gone exactly as hoped, there were countless learnings, personal milestones and team goals achieved throughout the week.

It was fantastic seeing our players compete against some of the best teams in the region while continuing to develop their skills and confidence. Best of all, the team successfully retained their place in A Grade. A huge thank you to Vic, Jen and Pauline for their guidance and support throughout the season and to Lakein for the important role he played during the tournament.

We farewell Year 13 students, Lakein Woods and Carly Meynell, wishing them every success for the future.

Good luck to our Senior A team as they head to New Plymouth next week to compete in the Taranaki Netball Championships.

AIMS Games Netball

Our 8A Netball team has made history as the first Te Paepae o Aotea team to represent our kura at the AIMS Games.

The tournament has been an eye-opening and unforgettable experience for this young group. For many players, this week has been filled with firsts, creating opportunities for significant personal growth both on and off the court, building lifelong friendships and memories along the way.

Placed in a very tough grading pool, the team faced strong opposition from schools across New Zealand. After narrowly missing out on A Grade qualification, 8A showed incredible resilience to battle their way into the B Grade Final against Taupō Intermediate School, winning 17-12. Playing 10 games in six days is an enormous achievement, and we couldn't be prouder of what this group has accomplished.

Thank you to all the whānau who travelled to support, cheered from the sidelines and helped whenever needed, along with those back home who sent messages of encouragement. A special thank you to Tachelle and Kelly for the countless hours and support they have provided to ensure our team was ready to perform.

Hockey Success

Congratulations to our Te Paepae o Aotea 1st XI Mixed Hockey team who recently competed in the Wollaston Trophy Team Championship in Carterton.

The team played some excellent hockey throughout the week, with many matches that could have gone either way. Their final match against Chanel College ended scoreless in regulation time, leading to a tense shootout. Despite a determined effort, Chanel College came out on top, leaving Te Paepae o Aotea with a fantastic 8th-place finish overall.

A special thank you to coach Rachel Williams, manager Deidre Coogan and parent support and everyone who travelled to Carterton to support the team. But wait hockey wasn't over just yet, with our two teams competing in the Taranaki Secondary Schools Hockey Finals.

1st XI Mixed Team

- Championship Final vs Inglewood High School. An outstanding match that also went to a shootout. Finished the season as Runners Up.

2nd XI Mixed Team

- Defeated SHGC 4-1 in the Top 4 Mixed Championship. Finished the season 3rd.

Congratulations to both teams on their achievements.

Basketball

Our TPOA Year 9-10 Basketball team recently competed in the Taranaki Steelformers Year 9-10 Tournament against strong opposition from across the region.

After winning the Championship Division last year, the team stepped up to challenge themselves in the Premier Division. While results didn't quite fall their way, the tournament provided a fantastic opportunity to test themselves against quality opposition, gain valuable experience and continue developing their skills both on and off the court.

We are proud of their commitment and growth throughout the competition.

National Champion Alert

A huge congratulations to Emma-May Bubnitz on her outstanding achievement at the recent Brazilian Jiu Jitsu North Island Championships. Emma-May earned a Gold Medal, finishing 1st in the Juvenile Women's Featherweight Blue Belt Division.

This is an exceptional accomplishment and reflects the hard work, dedication and commitment Emma-May has shown in her sport. We are incredibly proud of her success and look forward to seeing what she achieves next. Congratulations, Emma-May.

Thank You

To all of our coaches, managers, staff, sponsors, whānau, supporters, and community members. Thank you for helping make these opportunities possible for our students.

These tournaments, experiences, and memories simply would not happen without your support, generosity and encouragement. As rewarding as the last two weeks have been, after travelling across the North Island and watching our students shine on some of the biggest stages, I am very much looking forward to a sleep-in and a little bit of downtime before the next busy season begins.

Success is not final, failure is not fatal. It is the courage to continue that counts.

Munjah Hori, 8A Netball

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

2026 Upcoming Sporting Events

TSSSA Events – Year 9 - 13

Friday, 18 September	Tough Guys & Girl Challenge
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TERM 4

Thursday, 22 October	Junior Futsal
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Wednesday, 28 October	All Abilities Athletics
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Thursday, 5 November	Junior Cricket 6s
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Wednesday, 11 November	Junior Touch
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Thursday, 19 November	All Abilities Cricket
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Monday, 23 November	Volleyball Social
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Tuesday, 24 November	Rotational Sports Day
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Wednesday, 25 November	Fast 5 Netball
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Thursday, 26 November	Beach Day
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Year 7 - 8 Events

Wednesday, 23 September	Taranaki Primary Schools Cross Country
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Year 9 - 13 Events

11-13 December	NZSS Track & Field Championships
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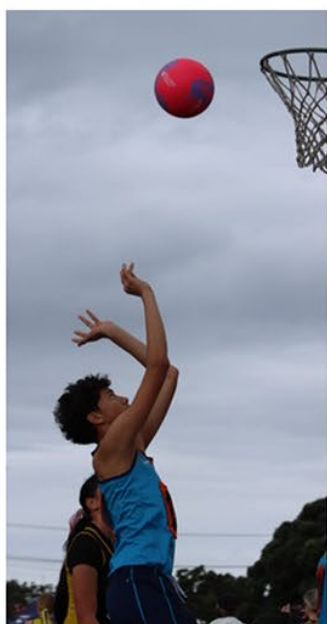


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TE PAEPAE O AOTEA
Kōwhiri ake ake ki Te Taupō o te tangata

YEAR 8A NETBALL TEAM B GRADE WINNERS

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates our Year 8A Netball team, the first team from Te Paepae o Aotea to represent our kura at the AIMS Games. We are incredibly proud of the team for winning the B Grade Netball competition after a hard-fought final against Taūpo Intermediate, securing a 17-12 win. What an outstanding week of netball. Well done, team!



WOLLASTON HOCKEY TROPHY CHAMPIONSHIP



HOCKEY TOURNAMENT WEEK

LOWER NORTH ISLAND SS NETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP



NETBALL TOURNAMENT WEEK

TARANAKI STEELFORMERS YEAR 9-10 BASKETBALL CLASSIC



BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT WEEK

TE PAEPAE O AOTEA

LEAVERS

HOODIE

All hoodie orders & payments must be made by Thursday, 24 September 2026

FOR YEAR 13 STUDENTS ONLY

OPTIONS:

- Plain Hoodies **\$75 EACH**
- Personalised Hoodies **\$85 EACH**

Payments can be made by either cash or Eftpos at the office or online banking

[Click here to order a 2026 Year 13 Leavers Hoodie](#)

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

UPCOMING *dates*



TERM 3 - 2026

SEP

14

CAA EXAMS

14-17 September

SEP

16

SHAVE-A-THON

Raising Funds for Cancer Society

SEP

16

BARBARA LEYDON

Drama Festival

SEP

17

YEAR 10 SUBJECT EXPO

For 2027 Subject Selection

SEP

18

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

2pm - TSB Hub Hāwera

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

www.tepaepaeoaotea.school.nz