



TE PAEPAE O AOTEA

Kia eke atu ki Taupaenui o te tangata

Newsletter – Friday, 25 September 2026

Kia ora e te whānau

Thank you to everyone who has supported us as a school this term. It has certainly been a term packed full of great experiences and opportunities for our students. Despite the winter bugs, we are appreciative of the help of our community in ensuring that students attend school as much as possible. Our attendance has remained strong.

Well done to all our sports teams. We are very proud of your achievements this year. You have represented the school with pride and supported one another to continue learning and improving. There have also been many other non-sporting highlights this term, but the following are some that stand out: Taranaki Science Fair, Methanex Maths Competition, Chess Championships, Careers Expo, Model UN, Loves Me Not, Waiata Competition, Tātarakihi, and the Barbara Leydon Drama Festival.

Our junior students have finished their second round of PAT testing for the year. Reports were sent home this week, and it was great to see so many of our whānau attending the parent interview evenings. Our senior students have also finished the term strongly, having completed their practice examinations. Grades will be shared early in Term 4. Senior students should take this feedback on board and establish a study programme so that they are fully prepared for the upcoming NCEA examinations which begin on 10 November. Our NCEA results are tracking well this year, and we look forward to our students surpassing the benchmarks set in 2025, when they achieved the highest Level 2 and Level 3 pass rates the Hāwera community has ever seen.

Students may be referred to Attendance Services when ongoing attendance concerns indicate that additional support may be beneficial for both the student and their whānau. While we work closely with families to encourage regular attendance, the support available within a school setting can sometimes be limited. Attendance Services can provide a broader range of specialised support and a more comprehensive wrap-around approach, working alongside whānau to identify barriers to attendance, connect families with appropriate agencies and resources and develop strategies that help ensure students can engage successfully in learning. The referral process is intended as a positive and supportive step, aimed at strengthening the support network around the student and promoting improved educational outcomes.

I would like to congratulate all our students and staff on a wonderful Term 3. They have certainly upheld our school values of Aotea, Taupaenui and Paepae. We hope you all enjoy a well-deserved break over the holidays and return refreshed and invigorated for an action-packed Term 4.

Ngā mihi nui,
Rachel Williams
Tumuaki





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STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Tamamihiaata Edwards
2026/2027

This week, our Year 9-13 students were given the opportunity to vote for their next student representative on the school Board for 2026-2027.

Two students, Tamamihiaata Edwards (Year 11) and Willem Cameron (Year 12), were put forward as candidates, and Tama has been duly elected as the new student representative. Thank you to both boys for putting their hands up, and congratulations to Tamamihiaata on his successful election.



**Tamamihiaata
Edwards**



2026 Honours Awards

Today we recognised students who demonstrated excellence, commitment and service in sport, culture and the arts. These awards acknowledge those who have consistently represented our school, achieved success at school, regional or national level and who have upheld the values of Te Paepae o Aotearoa through their dedication, attitude and attendance. We were fortunate to have many students submit nominations for this year's honours awards. This reflects the incredible range of achievements, commitment and talent within our school and ensured that many students received the recognition they deserve for their success in sport, culture, the arts and service.

- Silver Awards recognise students who have shown sustained commitment, dedication, excellence and service in their chosen sport, culture or arts activity over a number of years while consistently upholding our school values.
- Burnt Orange Awards recognise students who have achieved or represented at a regional level, demonstrating outstanding performance and commitment beyond the school setting.
- Blue Awards are our highest honour and recognise students who have achieved or represented at a national level, demonstrating exceptional excellence in their field.

Arts Silver Honours

Acacia Cook	Kapa Haka
Connah Laupama	Kapa Haka
Esmē Colban	Kapa Haka
Hakopa Thompson	Kapa Haka
Hannah Boothby	Kapa Haka
Hoani Hockley	Kapa Haka
Indyka-Azaria Hill	TPOA Debating
Jahliyah Hori	Kapa Haka
Kahleaha Walker	Kapa Haka
Lachlan Mills	Kapa Haka
Lucy Roberts	Kapa Haka
Porsha Lasike	Kapa Haka
Ranginui Baller	Kapa Haka
Rapine Aperahama	Kapa Haka
Rheem Luke	Kapa Haka
Russell Hockley	Kapa Haka
Ryan Finey	TPOA School Band
Shaleyar Colban-Herrick	Kapa Haka
Te Whaiti Brown	Kapa Haka
Tianara Domb	Kapa Haka
Trae-Lee Maraki	Kapa Haka
Zevaya Prestidge	Kapa Haka

Arts Burnt Orange Honours

Alexa Ogle	Academy of Dance Mega Jazz Troupe
Hannah Boothby	Te Kahui Maunga Regional Kapa Haka
Indyka-Azaria Hill	Taranaki Lions Young Speechmakers Contest; Whanganui/Taranaki Manu Korero Finalist
Jahliyah Hori	Te Kahui Maunga Regional Kapa Haka

Arts Blue Honours

Lauren Kalin	New York Times Summer Writing Academy
Taiharuru Ratima	Te Matatini Regionals; Kapa Haka performance at New Embassy, London

Sports Silver Honours

Aaliyah Smith-McMahon	TPOA Senior A Netball
Ainsley Tamou	TPOA 1st XV Rugby
Andie French	TPOA 1st XI Girls Football
Brooke Stokes	TPOA 1st XI Mixed Hockey
Cale Jenkins	TPOA 1st XI Football
CB Jemenez	TPOA Senior A Boys Basketball
Charlee Stokes	TPOA 1st XI Mixed Hockey
Cohen Soothill	TPOA 1st XI Mixed Hockey
Connah Laupama	TPOA 1st XV Rugby

Halle Neyens
 Jahliyah Hori
 Kahleaha Walker
 Kristan Isaac
 Lakein Woods
 Logan Hunt
 Lochie Kalin
 Makaia Grindlay
 Mikayla Arnold
 Peyton Scott
 Porsha Lasike
 Ranginui Baller
 Russell Hockley
 Ryan Finey
 Sarah Brotherson
 Sebastien Stark
 Tamamihiaata Edwards
 Trae-Lee Maraki
 Zane Mercer
 Zevaya Prestidge

TPOA Senior A Netball
 TPOA Ki-o-Rahi
 TPOA Ki-o-Rahi
 TPOA Senior A Boys Volleyball
 TPOA Senior A Netball
 TPOA 1st XI Football
 TPOA 1st XI Mixed Hockey
 TPOA Senior A Netball
 TPOA 1st XI Mixed Hockey
 TPOA 1st XI Mixed Hockey
 TPOA Senior A Touch
 TPOA Senior A Boys Basketball
 TPOA Senior A Touch; TPOA 1st XV Rugby
 TPOA Cross Country; TPOA Golf
 TPOA Senior A Netball
 TPOA 1st XV Rugby
 TPOA 1st XI Mixed Hockey
 TPOA Ki-o-Rahi
 TPOA 1st XI Mixed Hockey
 TPOA Ki-o-Rahi

Sports Burnt Orange Honours

CB Jemenez	Taranaki Men's Netball
Lakein Woods	Taranaki Men's U20 Netball
Leonardeous Snooks	Taranaki U16 Boys Basketball
Mikayla Arnold	New Zealand Secondary School Cross Country
Phoenix Edwards-Todd	Taranaki U16 Boys Basketball
Porsha Lasike	2025 & 2026 Youth Touch Nationals
Ryan Finey	Cross Country; Road Relay; Golf
Tayla Sturgeon	Athletics; Cross Country
Zevaya Prestidge	Taranaki Girls Representative Rugby

Sports Blue Honours

Divan Denton	National Association of left-handed Golfers of New Zealand
Lakein Woods	New Zealand U17 Men's Netball

Service to Sports Honours

Brooke Stokes	Cross Country; Inter School Sports; Swimming
Charlee Stokes	Cross Country; Inter School Sports; Swimming
Haily Hortillosa	Inter School Sports; Community Sports
Jahliyah Hori	Basketball; Inter School Sports; Community Sports
Kahleaha Walker	Basketball; Inter School Sports; Community Sports
Kristan Isaac	Volleyball Coaching; Inter School Sports
Leonardeous Snooks	Basketball; Basketball Official
Lochie Kalin	Hockey - Inter School Sports
Mikayla Arnold	Cross Country; Inter School Sports; Football
Russell Hockley	Rugby League Referee & Coaching
Trae-Lee Maraki	Basketball; Inter School Sports; Community Sports
Zevaya Prestidge	Rugby; Inter School Sports; Community Sports

Senior Silver Service Honours

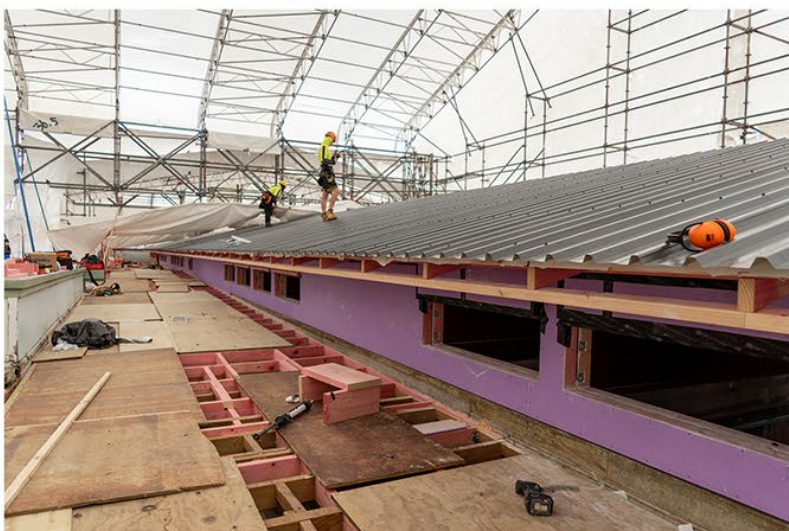
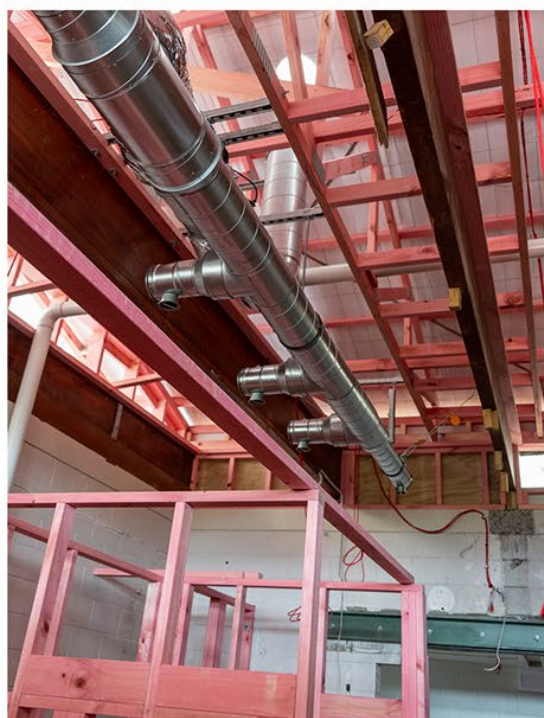
Haily Hortillosa	Service to Te Paepae o Aotea: Sports - Year 7-8 Netball as a Coach, Sports Exchanges & Events; Music Awards Evening & Open Evening; Service to Cancer Society; Service to the Church
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Senior Blue Service Honours

Jemma Gibbs	Service to Hāwera Gymnastics for Coaching;
Lauren Kalin	Service to SADD & Road Safe Taranaki - Be Safe Be Seen Campaign Service to SADD & Road Safe Taranaki - National Girls Driving Campaign; Be Safe Be Seen Campaign, 2026 Year 11 Road Safe Day; Road Safe Taranaki New Plymouth Expo; School SADD Quiz
Russell Hockley	Service to Matakōrkiri Programme; Tātarakihi Festival; Kapa Haka; Rugby League
Oliver Bone	Service to Hāwera Repertory Society for Audio

Te Ramanui BLOCK

Construction of our Te Ramanui block is well underway. Here's a sneak peek at 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://tepaepaeoatea.careerwise.school>



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Term 4



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



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Happy Holidays

END OF TERM 3

Friday, 25 September 2026

START OF TERM 4

Monday, 12 October 2026



Learning Doesn't Pause for Term-Time Holidays

We've seen an increase in holidays taken during term time.

Even explained absences can still disrupt your child's learning and progress.

Wherever possible, please plan whānau trips and appointments outside school hours or during school holidays.

Working together supports your child's success.



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WANTED

We are collecting

**Egg Cartons, Cans and
Milk Bottle Lids**

Please drop them off at the school office
THANK YOU



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.



**SUPPORTING
OUR STUDENTS**

**KickStart
BREAKFAST**

KAI ROOM

BREAKFAST

CLUB!

MONDAY-FRIDAY

8.15am-8.50am

Held in the Canteen

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Creating a Safe, Healthy and Focused Learning Environment

YARROWS
THE BAKERS
EST. 1922

Sanitarium
The Health Food Company

Fonterra
Dairy for life



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](#)





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 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 Aotearoa 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

With practice exams now over, I hope senior students have a clearer idea of what to expect in November. Your practice exam results do not define what you can achieve in the real exams. Use the feedback to see what is going well, identify what needs more work, and focus your revision over the coming weeks. There is still time to make good progress.

For students with internal assessments still to complete, keep track of your deadlines and ask for help early if you need it. I also want to recognise the effort students have put into their learning this term, regardless of how their practice exams went.

To the students who applied for a Head Leader role, well done for putting yourselves forward. Applying takes courage. It shows that you care about contributing to our school and helping shape its future. Whatever the outcome, be proud of taking that step. Take a moment to appreciate how far you've come this year. Enjoy the holidays!

Ngā mihi nui,
Adam Stables



HEAD CULTURAL LEADER

Taiharuru Ratima



Tēnā koutou katoa

Last week, we shared our new school waiata with everyone at assembly. The purpose of the waiata is to share who we are, where our school is from and what we stand for as a kura. It was also awesome to see so many students, including many of our kaihaka, acknowledged for their hard work and dedication across the arts and sports.

Congratulations to our junior kapa haka rōpū for placing 3rd overall at the Tātarakihi competition. Te mutunga kē mai o te pai! We were fortunate to have them perform for us at our school assembly. It left many of us wondering, if they're so incredible now what will they be like by Year 13.

Noho ora mai,
Taiharuru Ratima



HEAD COMMUNITY LEADER

Lauren Kalin



Kia Ora,

We've come to the end of term 3, the year is wrapping up nicely, and it's important to take a few moments to recognise what an amazing year it's been. I am so proud of all students of Te Paepae o Aotea.

Last week our annual Shave-a-ton school team raised a total of \$4,756 - such an awesome effort. It was an outstanding day, and we thank all our shave-ees, our wonderful hairdressers who helped out and everyone who came out and supported or donated to the cause.

Our milk bottle top initiative is wrapping up, so get those last few bottle caps in. This event is worth just as much as any other whole-school event, so it's important for deciding which awa will finish on top.

Themes for Year 13 dress up week (27-30 October) have been confirmed: Tuesday - Dress as the first letter of your name, Wednesday - Decades, Thursday - Dress like a Film/TV character, Friday - Duos and Trios + Anything but a bag day. Have an awesome holiday, rest up and get some study in ready for one final push in term 4.

Ngā mihi,
Lauren Kalin



HEAD SPORTS LEADER

Theo Soothill



Kia ora whānau

As Term 3 has been another busy and exciting term for sport at Te Paepae o Aotea. With winter sports coming to an end and summer sports getting underway, there has been plenty happening across the school. It's great to see so many students involved in sport throughout the term, representing our school, supporting their teams and giving their best at training, games and tournaments. A big congratulations to everyone who competed this term and to the coaches, managers and supporters who have helped make these opportunities possible. We also had a great assembly recently where we presented Honour Badges, recognising student achievements and contributions. It was awesome seeing students acknowledged not only for their sporting success, but also for their commitment, leadership and positive attitude. These achievements are a great reflection of the effort students put in both on and off the field. As we head into the final days of Term 3, I congratulate everyone on a successful term of sport. I hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved break and comes back ready for another big term of sport in Term 4.

Ngā mihi,
Theo Soothill

ARTS DEPARTMENT

TERM 3

What a term it has been! Although the cold and often wet winter days can make Term 3 one of the most challenging, it is also one of our busiest, with a full calendar of arts and cultural events.

Our Drama, Music, Visual Arts and Kapa Haka students have been working hard to complete performances and portfolios that contribute to their NCEA creative arts credits. Much of this learning extends beyond the classroom, with students sharing their talents through public performances and community events.

This year's Te Paepae o Aotearoa Has Talent, Waiata Reo and Music Awards once again highlighted the remarkable creative growth of our junior and senior students. The calibre of talent emerging across the kura promises exciting things for the future of the performing arts. Congratulations to everyone who participated. We also extend a special thank you to our generous sponsors, whose support enabled us to present awards to the evening's outstanding performers.

Our small group of talented students also performed at the Dance NZ Made Inter-School Competition. Congratulations to Isla Williamson, Libby Tate, Willow Gibb, Alexa Ogle and Emily Chittenden on their outstanding results. Several of the dancers also qualified for the national competition—an excellent achievement.

Students showed exceptional dedication while preparing for this term's Inter-Awa Waiata Competition, which showcased the musical and theatrical talents of each awa.

This year's featured culture was Filipino, with outstanding items performed in the language and style of the Philippines. We are fortunate to have talented and dedicated teachers who support our students as they take on this exciting challenge.

Congratulations to Kaūpokonui for presenting the winning item.

Our Year 7 and 8 Kapa Haka Rōpū represented Te Paepae o Aotearoa with pride at the Tātarakihi Festival. Their commitment, hard work and dedication were rewarded with outstanding results: 1st place – Kākahu; 2nd place – Waiata-ā-ringā; 2nd place – Haka; 2nd place – Whakaeke; 3rd place overall.

We are incredibly proud of the entire rōpū and everyone who supported them.

Our staff also worked hard in preparation for their annual performance at Kāhui Whetū, Taranaki's kapa haka festival for secondary-school staff, hosted this year by Taranaki Diocesan School for Girls. Their participation demonstrates how our staff lead by example and actively contribute to the arts and cultural life of our kura.

Our Stage Band performed at the Taranaki Secondary Schools Jazz Band fundraiser hosted by the Taranaki Jazz Club. This was another valuable opportunity for our musicians to perform publicly and connect with the wider Taranaki music community.

The Barbara Leydon Junior Drama Festival featured entertaining plays performed by both junior and senior thespians. Thank you to Whaea Janine and Mr Barnard for directing and supporting our young performers.

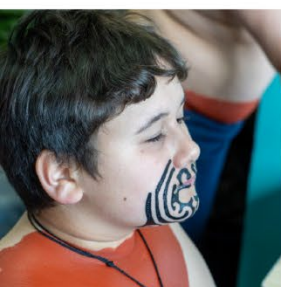
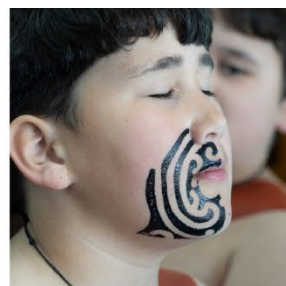
Many of our groups quietly gather after school to practice and develop their skills. Our debaters meet every Thursday, and this term represented the school at the Taranaki Secondary Schools Debating Competition, held at New Plymouth Boys' High School. A special congratulations to Indyka-Azaria Hill, who received a Highly Commended Speaker Award.

A small group of students participated in the Secondary School Literacy Challenge organised by South Taranaki District Libraries. The students tackled 100 questions based on ten finalist titles from the New Zealand Book Awards for Children and Young Adults. Congratulations to the team for accepting this demanding literary challenge.

Throughout Te Wiki o te Reo Māori, our kura celebrated and encouraged the everyday use of te reo Māori. The week provided an important opportunity to support the revitalisation and protection of the language while recognising its place at the heart of Aotearoa New Zealand's unique identity.

This term has demonstrated the enormous range of creative and cultural talent within Te Paepae o Aotearoa. We congratulate every student who performed, competed, created, rehearsed or represented our kura, and we thank the teachers, whānau, sponsors and community members who made these opportunities possible.





YEAR 7-8 RŌPŪ SHINE AT TĀTARAKIHI KAPA HAKA FESTIVAL

Congratulations to our talented Year 7-8 Rōpū for their outstanding success at the Tātarakihi Festival held at the TSB Hub in Hāwera on Friday, 11 September 2026.

The students captivated audiences with a performance that showcased energy, confidence and exceptional preparation. Their hard work, commitment and passion were evident throughout every item and they represented our kura with immense pride.

Overall results: 1st Place - Kākahu; 2nd Place - Waiata-ā-ringa; 2nd Place - Haka; 2nd Place - Whakaeke with 3rd Place Overall.

These results are a testament to the dedication from our students, the support of their whānau and the guidance of their kaiako and tuakana (senior students).

Competing against strong talent from across the Taranaki region, our Year 7-8 Rōpū delivered performances of the highest standard and achieved remarkable success.






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

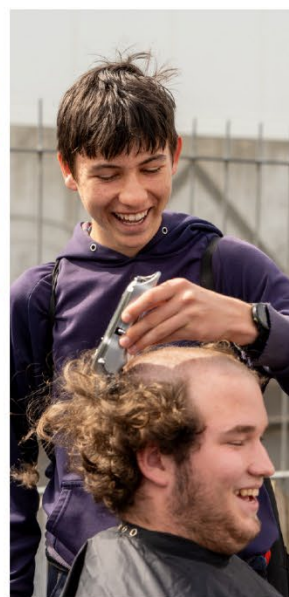


Vision to Cure. Mission to Care.




Together Te Paepae o Aotea and our community raised over **\$4,700** for Shave for a Cure
Thank you to everyone who supported this event

Well done to our three staff members and six students Kevin Barnard, David McCallum Shae Kahui, Seth Schumacher, Jacob Cope, Graham Merrey, Lucas Kempton, Datsun Rees and Micheal Hurley who bravely shaved their locks as part of the **2026 Shave-a-Thon – Shave for a Cure.** Their efforts helped raise both funds and awareness for Leukaemia & Blood Cancer New Zealand. A special thanks to our hairdressers Hilary Meyer and Nadine Hunt.



SHAVE-A-THON

TARANAKI WOMENS

2026 U18 RUGBY SQUAD

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates Liberty-Anne Mcleod selected in the Taranaki Womens U18 Rugby Team. An amazing achievement for a Year 10 student. We wish Liberty-Anne the best for her representative season.



Liberty-Anne Mcleod



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WOMENS RUGBY

ROSS BROWN SOUTH

2026 YEAR 7-8 RUGBY SQUAD

Congratulations to our Te Paepae o Aotea students who have earned selection in the 2026 Ross Brown South Squad.



Lucas Arnold Lachlan Cox Brayden Davis Ryder Hartley Manawai Jones



Cullen Lord Kobi Napflin Hekaiaha Packer-Leatherby Hudson Potts Shayden Schumacher Joseph Tuata



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ROSS BROWN SOUTH

TARANAKI GIRLS

2026 U16 RUGBY SQUAD

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates Emma Wasley on her selection for the Taranaki Girls U16 Rugby Team. We also celebrate staff member Pareake O'Brien, who has been named as one of the team's coaches.



Emma Wasley



Pareake O'Brien
COACH



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U16 GIRLS RUGBY

CONRAD SMITH SOUTH

2026 YEAR 7-8 RUGBY SQUAD

Congratulations to our Te Paepae o Aotea students who have earned selection in the 2026 Conrad Smith South Squad.



Atticus Carr-Tamatea Larney Corrigan Kyron Dombroski Blake Fendall Mason Garvey



Shahil Hussain Quaid Johnson Lachlan MacPhail Tate Reader Nyjah Reid Klaas Thompson



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CONRAD SMITH SOUTH

MICHAELA BLYDE SOUTH

2026 YEAR 7-8 RUGBY SQUAD

Congratulations to our Te Paepae o Aotea students who have earned selection in the 2026 Michaela Blyde South Squad.



Indee Bourke Caiyan Campbell Maddyn Gray Capri Hill Jordyn Johnston



Skyla Penny Indie Potts Keira Taylor Cyrus Campbell (Development) A'marni-Lee Christie (Development)



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MICHAELA BLYDE SOUTH

TARANAKI U18 GIRLS

2026 TOUCH TRIAL & TRAINING SQUAD

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates Porsha Lasike for her selection in the Touch Taranaki U18 Girls Trial and Training Squad. We wish her all the best for the season ahead.



Porsha Lasike



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TARANAKI TOUCH

STUDENT SUCCESS

Barbara Leydon Junior Drama Festival

Te Paepae o Aotea would like congratulate all the students who took part in the Barbara Leydon Junior Drama Festival. Our junior performers were Krishiv Lal, Vito Cortes, Chloe Townsend, Katelyn Taylor and Siba Matshaya who performed in Professor Clever directed by Whaea Janine Horo. The senior performers were Olivia Bull, Te Kingi Morehu-Hanikawhe, Lauren Kalin, Taiharuru Ratima, Leo Fagan and Anthea Sharrock who performed in "The Money or The Goat" directed by Kevin Barnard. A great night for all and a big thank you to Janine and Kevin for directing the junior and senior plays.

DRAMA FESTIVAL

A Great Start to Tivon's Apprenticeship Path with MITO

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates Tivon Thuseperera on successfully completing the MITO Automotive Level 2 Micro-credential. This is a great achievement and an important milestone that sets him up well for the beginning of his apprenticeship.

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LEVEL 3 GATEWAY

We have CHICKS!

Our newest (and possibly cutest!) additions have arrived at Te Paepae o Aotea... three-day-old chicks. Students taking Primary Industries from Year 7 right through to Year 13 will all play a part in raising and caring for the chicks. This gives our ākonga a great hands-on opportunity to learn about animal care, while developing responsibility and an understanding of what it takes to look after livestock. Once they are old enough, the chicks will head off to homes with whānau from our school community. We're looking forward to watching them grow!

PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

Māori Language Week - Crock Pot Hangi

WEST students enjoyed some preparation, teamwork and food technology skills. In the morning students carefully cut, cleaned and chopped, sliced, sprinkled and sizzled our ingredients to make the most delicious crock pot hangi masterpiece. In the afternoon they took great delight in sharing there kai together with karakia and great korero. The stuffing was outstanding, as was everything else. Happy Te Wiki o te reo Māori.

WEST WHĀNAU CLASS

Stage Band Shines at Taranaki Fundraiser

Te Paepae o Aotea Stage Band participated in the Taranaki Secondary Schools Band Fundraiser on Sunday, 12 September held at the Plymouth Hotel and hosted by the Taranaki Jazz Club. A huge thank you to all our helpers who supported us throughout the day. The band was made up of current students, staff and past members, making it a truly special occasion. It was a great event and a wonderful opportunity for our music students to perform and connect with the wider music community.

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TPOA STAGE BAND

Empowering Our Girls Through Self-Defence

Te Paepae o Aotea recently held a girls' self-defence course run by Kia Hauamaru – Personal Safety Education. The course taught techniques to help girls protect themselves and stay safe in difficult situations. Key learnings were around being aware of one's surroundings, building confidence, and knowing how to respond if feeling threatened. It was a huge success, teaching practical skills while also helping students feel more confident and prepared.

PRACTICAL LIFE SKILLS

STUDENT SUCCESS

Te Paepae o Aotea Debaters Compete at Regional Competition

Two of our Te Paepae o Aotea debating teams headed down to the Whanganui Collegiate School for the Manawātū- Whanganui Debating Competition on Sunday, 20 September. It was a great day, and after three rounds of debates, each team respectively secured one win. It was a fantastic opportunity for our students, huge thank you to their teacher Jason Cressingham for taking them down and supporting them.

TPOA DEBATING

Year 7-8 Runners Show Determination at Taranaki Cross Country Championships

Nineteen of our Year 7-8 students proudly represented Te Paepae o Aotea at the Taranaki Primary Schools Cross Country Championships. The weather certainly kept everyone guessing, with bursts of rain mixed in with sunshine, but our runners showed determination and resilience throughout the day.

Ezekiel Rowell
11 Year old Boys - 4th Place

7-8 CROSS COUNTRY

Year 7 Speakers Shine in Competitive Contest

This year's competition was one of our most competitive yet, with a large number of enthusiastic and confident speakers delivering outstanding speeches with a high standard of presentation and energy. Well done to all students who took part, showcasing the Paepae values, excellent preparation, and strong public speaking skills. Congratulations to our speech competition winners:

1st Place - Zeke Rowell
2nd Place - Ella Robinson
3rd Place - Estelle Croot

YEAR 7 SPEECHES

Environmental Leaders Dig In for Native Planting Project

Our Environmental Leaders have been out and about planting and weeding as part of the restoration native planting block project at the Scott Street Walkway. The students worked alongside Alice Arnold from the South Taranaki District Council.

ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS

Year 8 Speakers Lead the Way in Speech Finals

This year our Year 8 students stepped up even further, leading our Year 7s in showing exactly what Paepae looks like in action. Congratulations to these outstanding presenters who will be going on to the Lions Speechmaker competition in November. Thank you to Mrs Sullivan and Mrs Scown for their expert judging these amazing speakers. Congratulations to our speech competition winners:

1st Place - Krishiv Lal
2nd Place - Jay Robinson
3rd Place - Milly Riddick

YEAR 8 SPEECHES

Students visit Forestry Industry at Meremere

Eleven students travelled to Meremere for an engaging morning exploring career opportunities within the forestry industry. The visit provided students with valuable insight into potential future employment pathways and a firsthand look at the wide range of roles available in the sector. Students had the opportunity to observe a forestry worker in action, demonstrating the practical skills, knowledge, and safety practices required on the job. The experience helped students gain a better understanding of the industry and the training and commitment needed to succeed in a forestry career.

FORESTRY INDUSTRY

TARANAKI OPEN RAPID CHESS TOURNAMENT

Te Paepae o Aotearoa congratulates Elias Wall on his outstanding achievements at the Taranaki Open Rapid Chess Tournament:

- 3rd Place in the C Grade competition
- 1st Place in the 14 and Under and Under 1000 Rating category
- Recipient of the Club Patron's Prize for the Most Promising Player



Elias Wall



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HANDS-ON OTAGO

POUTAMA SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to Willem Cameron on receiving the Hands-On Otago Poutama Scholarship for taurira of Māori descent, giving him the opportunity to take part in the exciting week-long Hands-On at Otago Whai Wheako i Ōtākou experience.

This scholarship aims to inspire and empower rangatahi Māori by removing financial barriers and supporting them to grow their mātāuranga, develop valuable skills and explore future tertiary study pathways.

Willem will be taking part in the Marketing Project at Hands-On Otago, we wish him all the very best for this exciting opportunity.





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Willem Cameron

Edible DNA Brings Science to Life

Our Year 9-10 Biological and Chemical Science class has been learning about DNA in a fun and hands-on way. Students created edible DNA models using liquorice, mini marshmallows, and toothpicks, helping them explore the structure of DNA while bringing their science learning to life.



YEAR 9-10 SCIENCE

CHICKS Visit EC Students

Our EC students enjoyed spending time with six-day-old chicks, having cuddles and watching some of them drift off to sleep. It was a special experience that brought plenty of smiles and excitement.

A big thank you to Mrs Werder for bringing these adorable little visitors along.



ENDEAVOUR CENTRE

CANS FOR KIWI KIDS YELLOW BINS ONLY!

6 LABELLED YELLOW BINS AVAILABLE!



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



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Lions Clubs New Zealand

Kia Manaaki | We Serve

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

Dress Up Week FOR YEAR 13 STUDENTS



TUESDAY 27 October

Dress as the first Letter of your Name



WEDNESDAY 28 October

Dress Up Through the Decades



THURSDAY 29 October

Dress like a Film/TV Character



FRIDAY 29 October

Duo & Trios + Anything but a Bag



Term 3 Sports Wrap-Up

What a fantastic Term 3 it has been for sport at Te Paepae o Aotea.

As our winter sports season comes to an end, we have had plenty to celebrate. Whether it was winning games, achieving top placings, competing at tournaments, representing our kura with pride or simply turning up each week to have fun with friends, our students have continued to make us proud.

We are incredibly lucky to have a kura that supports so many sporting opportunities for our students and staff. Sport is about more than results. It's about building confidence, developing skills, creating friendships, showing respect and representing our whānau and community with pride. As we move into our summer sports season, let's continue working together to create positive environments where everyone can enjoy the game, grow as people and uphold team values both on and off the field.

TPOA Titans Take on New Zealand

Huge congratulations to our TPOA Titans esports team, who finished an incredible 2nd in New Zealand in the NZ Secondary Schools Esports Clash.

Competing in Marvel Rivals against 20 secondary school teams from around the country, the Titans battled through six weeks of competition, showcasing outstanding teamwork, communication, resilience and skill.

The team remained unbeaten through much of the tournament before facing a familiar rival in the final round. While they narrowly missed the top spot, finishing 2nd in New Zealand is a remarkable achievement and highlights the dedication and hard work of our students.

Ka mau te wehi, Titans! We can't wait to see what you achieve next.

Taranaki Primary Schools Cross Country

Nineteen of our Year 7 and 8 students proudly represented Te Paepae o Aotea at the Taranaki Primary Schools Cross Country Championships. The weather certainly kept everyone guessing, with bursts of rain mixed in with sunshine, but our runners showed determination and resilience throughout the day.

A big thank you to our whānau and supporters who came along to cheer our students across the finish line. Your encouragement makes a huge difference.

Outstanding results from all. Special mention goes to Ezekiel Rowell, placing 4th in the 11 Boys race.

Summer Sport is Here

Winter may be over, but there's no slowing down.

Touch Rugby has officially kicked off and is now played on Fridays at the Turuturu Soccer Grounds from 4.00pm onwards.

We are looking for students interested in playing Cricket. If you're keen to give it a go, please see Mr White for more information.

Junior students (Y9-10), keep an eye on school notices for TSSSA events and sign up.

Sports Uniform Reminder

We have a number of outstanding sports uniforms that need to be returned. If you have a school sports uniform hiding in a drawer, school bag or on a bedroom floor, please return it to the Sports Office as soon as possible.

Your help means we can get uniforms ready for the next group of students proudly representing our kura.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday break and thank you to all our students, staff, coaches, managers, officials and whānau who have supported sport at Te Paepae o Aotea throughout Term 3. We couldn't do it without you!.

“Success comes from doing the right thing, lifting others up, and holding ourselves to a high standard every day.”

Nevaeh Ratahi, Tangahoe Snr Sports Leader, Senior A Netball/ Touch Captain

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

2026 Upcoming Sporting Events

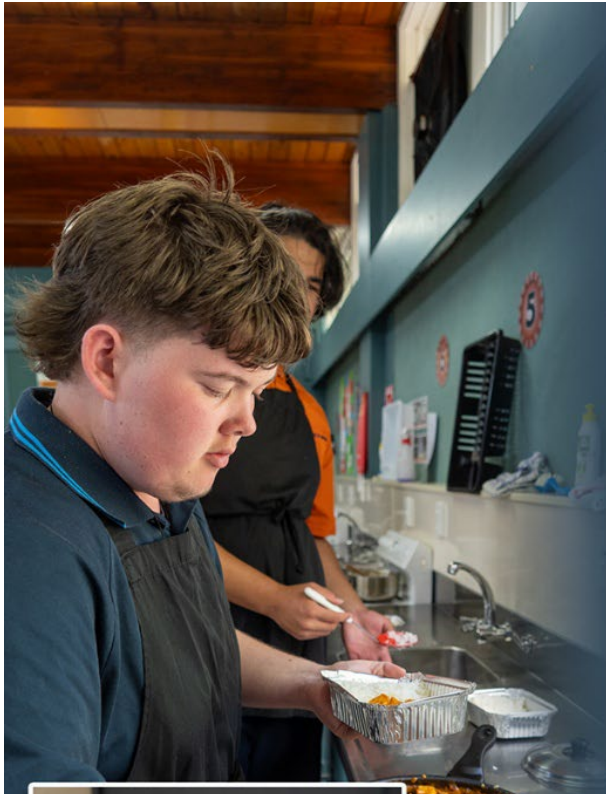
TSSSA Events – Year 9 - 13

TERM 4

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

Year 9 - 13 Events

11-13 December	NZSS Track & Field Championships
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Kura Kai & Te Paepae o Aotea Supporting Our Community

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

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

If you need a Kura Kai meal please contact

Nic Edwards

nicolaschumacher@hotmail.co.nz

phone 027 275 4878

or call into the

Te Paepae o Aotea School Office

13 Camberwell Road



KURA KAI
CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

KURA KAI

UPCOMING *dates*



TERM 4 - 2026

SEP | **25**

END OF TERM 3

Term 4 Starts Monday, 12 October

OCT | **22**

TSSSA JUNIOR FUTSAL

TSB Hub, Hāwera

OCT | **26**

LABOUR DAY

School Closed

OCT | **27**

YEAR 13 DRESS UP WEEK

27-30 Oct - Year 13 Students Only

OCT | **28**

TSSSA ALL ABILITIES ATHLETICS

TET Stadium, Inglewood

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

www.tepaepaeoaotea.school.nz