



TE PAEPAE O AOTEA

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Newsletter – Friday, 30 October 2026

Kia ora e te whānau

Hard to believe that our Year 12 and 13 students have only three days of school remaining next week. We look forward to celebrating their success, along with the achievements of our Year 11 students, at our Prizegiving next Wednesday at 6.30pm.

Our Year 11 students will remain at school and in classes until 19 November. We introduced this approach for the first time last year and found that attendance at external examinations improved, and students were better prepared. This year, we hope to continue setting our Year 11 students up for success and enable them to put their best foot forward once again.

As mentioned in our last newsletter, we have been having conversations with students regarding the correct wearing of skirts. I can report that students are responding well to the updated expectations. The focus this term is ensuring that students wearing skirts have the pleats positioned correctly at the centre front and that skirts are worn as intended, rather than rolled at the waistband. It has been encouraging to see several students take the initiative to check their sizing with office staff to ensure they are prepared for these expectations ahead of the new school year.

CAA Writing and Numeracy Assessment results were released this week. Parents and caregivers can log in to MyKAMAR (Parent Portal) to see whether their child has gained these credits.

We now have 46 Year 10 students who have achieved their NCEA Literacy co-requisite, along with 70% of our Year 11 students. In addition, 93% of our Year 12 and 13 students have now achieved their Literacy co-requisite.

Our Numeracy results are looking even more impressive, with 89%, 98%, and 95% of Year 11, 12, and 13 students respectively having achieved their Numeracy co-requisite. We have also had 41 Year 10 students successfully achieve their Numeracy co-requisite.

Congratulations to all students who were successful in this assessment round.

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Excellence	Tamamihiata Edwards Ethan Finer David Meyer Sarah Brotherson Ryan Finey Eloise Sharrock	Samara Stewart Hunter Stephens Haily Hortillosa Michael Stables	Taiharuru Ratima Lauren Kalin Evita Morellon Delila Tun
Merit	Elijah Harris Seth Schumacher Charlee Stokes Anaswar Santhosh Logan Hunt Lachlan Wills	Suzanna Corrigan Jack Clarke Ashlyn Graham Liam Neil Jemma Gibbs Nazeer Rye Peyton Scott Zoe Waller Kayla Hagley Mitchell Clayton	Adam Stables D'avantae Thompson-Tapiki Noah Broughton James Nickel

Next week, more than 80 of our Year 11 to 13 students will be attending an Attendance Celebration Day to recognise their achievement of maintaining over 95% attendance throughout the year. A key focus for the school has been encouraging students to finish the year strongly and maintain high attendance rates. Well done to all students who are being recognised for their commitment to their learning and to school.

Junior students must maintain attendance of at least 80% and have no external stand-downs to attend the Year 10 Formal on 1 December and the Year 7 and 8 Celebration on 2 December. Students have been informed of the attendance and behaviour criteria. If students are unsure whether they have met the requirements, they should speak with their pastoral lead.

Thank you for your continued support of our school. We look forward to seeing many of you at our Term 4 events as we celebrate the achievements and successes of our wonderful students.

Ngā mihi nui,
Rachel Williams
Tumuaki



Honouring Excellence in Learning: Levels 1-3

Level 1 Excellence

Arnold, Mikayla	Level 1 - English - AS 91926
Brotherson, Sarah	Level 1 - Drama - AS 91941
Edwards, Tamamihata	Level 1 - English - AS 91926
Finer, Ethan	Level 1 - History - AS 92025
Finey, Ryan	Level 1 - English - AS 91926; Level 1 - Music - AS 91948; AS 91949
Harris, Elijah	Level 1 - Computer Science - AS 92004; 92005
Jensen, Melissa	Level 1 - English - AS 91926; Level 1 - History - AS 92025
Luke, Rheelin	Level 1 - Drama - AS 91941
Mercer, Zane	Level 1 - English - AS 91926
Meyer, David	Level 1 - Computer Science - AS 92004; 92005; Level 1 - English - AS 91926
Ross, Kayliss	Level 1 - Integrated Science - AS 92045
Santhosh, Anaswar	Level 1 - Computer Science - AS 92004; 92005
Schumacher, Seth	Level 1 - English - AS 91926
Sharrock, Eloise	Level 1 - Integrated Science - AS 92045; Level 1 - Music - AS 91948; AS 91949
Steel, Bella	Level 1 - English - AS 91926
Stokes, Brooke	Level 1 - History - AS 92025
Wiki-Thomson, Adeezia	Level 1 - Integrated Science - AS 92045

Level 2 Excellence

Cameron, Willem	Level 2 - Yes Programme - AS 90846
Clarke, Jack	Level 2 - English - AS 91102
Corrigan, Suzanna	Level 2 - Physics - AS 91168
Gibbs, Jemma	Level 2 - English - AS 91101; AS 91102; Level 2 - Physics - AS 91168
Graham, Ashlyn	Level 2 - Physics - AS 91168
Hortillosa, Haily	Level 2 - English - AS 91101; Level 2 - Music - AS 91270; AS 91278; Level 2 - Physics - AS 91168
Isaac, Kristan	Level 2 - English - AS 91102; Level 2 - Physics - AS 91168
Neil, Liam	Level 2 - Physics - AS 91168
Scott, Peyton	Level 2 - Physics - AS 91168
Sharrock, Anthea	Level 2 - English - AS 91102; Level 2 - Physics - AS 91168
Soothill, Cohen	Level 2 - Physics - AS 91168
Stables, Michael	Level 2 - Computer Science - AS 91897
Stephens, Hunter	Level 2 - English - AS 91101; Level 2 - Physics - AS 91168
Stewart, Samara	Level 2 - English - AS 91101; AS 91102; Level 2 - Physics - AS 91168
Waller, Zoe	Level 2 - English - AS 91101
Willemsen, Paityn	Level 2 - English - AS 91101

Level 3 Excellence

Bone, Oliver	Level 3 - Music - AS 91425; AS 91418
Broughton, Noah	Level 3 - History - AS 91437; Level 3 - Psychology - AS 91875
Bublitz, Emma-May	Level 3 - Psychology - AS 91875
Kalin, Lauren	Level 3 - History - AS 91437; Level 3 - Psychology - AS 91873; AS 91874; AS 91875
Logan, Izzy	Level 3 - History - AS 91437
McLeod, Rory	Level 3 - History - AS 91437; Level 3 - Music - AS 91425
Meynell, Carly	Level 3 - Physics - AS 91521
Morehu Hanikawhe, Te Kingi	Level 3 - Drama - AS 91517
Morellon, Evita	Level 3 - Legal Studies - AS 27843; Level 3 - Psychology - AS 91873; AS 91874; AS 91875
Napflin, Amber	Level 3 - Psychology - AS 91873; AS 91875
Ratima, Taiharuru	Level 3 - History - AS 91437; Level 3 - Psychology - AS 91873; AS 91874; AS 91875
Ridzuan, Afeef	Level 3 - Health - AS 91463
Saysell, Robbie	Level 3 - Drama - AS 91517
Soothill, Theo	Level 3 - Health - AS 91463
Stables, Adam	Level 3 - Computer Science - AS 91902; AS 91903
Thompson-Tapiki, D'vantae	Level 3 - Psychology - AS 91873; AS 91875
Tun, Delila	Level 3 - Psychology - AS 91873; AS 91874; AS 91875
Woods, Lakein	Level 3 - Physics - AS 91521

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.



2027 Timetables

2027 TE PAEPAE O AOTEA YEAR 7-8 TIMETABLE

TIME	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9am – 9:15am	Whānau Hui				Tuakana Teina 9.00am-10.00am
9.15am-10.30am	Foundations				
10.30am-11.30am	Foundations				Foundations 10am-11.30am
11.30am-11.45am	INTERVAL				
11.45am-1.00pm	ILM1	ILM1	ILM2	ILM2	CC
1:00pm – 1:45pm	LUNCH				
1.45pm-3.00pm	Foundations				SEL/Taha Tinana

2027 TE PAEPAE O AOTEA YEAR 9-13 TIMETABLE

TIME	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9am – 9:15am	Whānau Hui				Tuakana Teina 9.00am-10.00am
9.15am-10.30am	Line 1	Line 4	Line 2	Line 5/CC	
10.30am-11.30am	Line 4	Line 2	Line 5	Line 1	Line 3 10am-11.30am
11.30am-11.45am	INTERVAL				
11.45am-1.00pm	Line 2	Line 3	Line 3	Line 4	Line 1
1:00pm – 1:45pm	LUNCH				
1.45pm-3.00pm	Line 5/CC	Line 1	Line 4	Line 2	Line 5/CC

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



[NZN 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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PRIZEGIVING DATES

Senior Year 11-13

**Wednesday,
4 November 2026**

6.30pm-8.30pm
TSB Hub, Hāwera

Year 9-10

**Wednesday,
9 December 2026**

9.30am-11.30am
TSB Hub, Hāwera

Year 7-8

**Wednesday,
9 December 2026**

12.30pm-2.30pm
TSB Hub, Hāwera



Uniform Fitting Term 4

Monday-Friday, 3.00-3.45pm

A full fitting size is held at the School Office

All uniforms need to be purchased through

NZ UNIFORMS

tepaepaeoatea.nzuniforms.com



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2027 Enrolments NOW OPEN

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



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2027 Start Date

Friday, 29 January 2026

School Uniform Skirt Guide

Skirt Length

- Skirts must be worn at or below knee length and no higher than 5cm above knee by 2027

Skirt Pleat

- Skirt pleat to be worn at the front

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Being On Time Sets The Tone

We're proud that **94%** of our students arrive at class on time.

Being punctual helps students settle, feel confident, and get the most from their learning.

Let's keep up the great mahi.

Strong starts lead to strong learning.

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School Uniform Skirt Guide

Our Board of Trustees have reminded us that we have to wear our skirts correctly. This means wearing the pleat in the middle/front.

They have also stated that by 2027, all skirts are to be knee length. Most skirts can be altered (the hem can be lowered).

Please see Mrs Hopkins if you need to discuss support options in this space.



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 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 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

As we come towards the end of the school year, I'd like to thank everyone who has supported the Academic Council and our initiatives throughout the year. From our LRAs to our academic events, it's been great to see students getting involved, representing their awas, and making the most of the opportunities available to them.

A big thank you to the Academic Council, our teachers, and everyone who has contributed to making these initiatives possible. It has been a privilege to serve as Head Academic Leader and help create opportunities for students across our school.

With NCEA exams soon underway, I encourage everyone to stay focused, put in their best effort, and finish the year strongly. Remember that there are many different pathways to success, and the effort you put into your goals will always be valuable. Make the most of the opportunities ahead and back yourself in whatever you choose to pursue.

Thank you for a great year, and all the best for what comes next.

Ngā mihi nui,
Adam Stables



HEAD COMMUNITY LEADER

Lauren Kalin



Kia Ora,

As we come into our last week of school for our year 12 and 13 students, I would just like to take a minute to thank everyone who helped make all of initiatives throughout the community council success – thank you to students, staff, and members of the wider community.

We ran our final LRA last week, Gumboot throwing, congratulations to Waingongoro for taking it out, followed by Kaupokonui, then Tangahoe, and then in last Patea. It was awesome to see so many students and even staff come out and give it a go.

Relay for Life 2027 dates have been confirmed – 20th March – we already have a team registered and 17 members actively fundraising, we'd love more members to get signed and start their fundraising journey.

Thank you so much for an awesome year, I am so proud of everything we have achieved in the community space. I look forward to seeing what happens in the community space in 2027 and beyond. It has been a privilege being your 2026 Head Community Leader.

Ngā mihi,
Lauren Kalin



HEAD CULTURAL LEADER

Taiharuru Ratima



Tēnā koutou katoa

As this is our last newsletter for the year, I can't help but reflect back on these past four years at Te Paepae o Aotea. I remember seeing our school colours for the first time. I'll admit, I wasn't enthusiastic about the idea of wearing orange shirts – aue! But who would have believed that it's true –orange really is the new black. As each year goes by, our school values of Taupaenui, Paepae and Aotea are increasingly at the heart of what we do and who we are as a kura. I can see in our younger students, who started at Te Paepae o Aotea in Year 7, a greater willingness to give everything a go and a real open-mindedness. During waiata, dance or kapa haka practices, they can be relied on to give it their all. It won't be long before we have our first cohort of students who have been fully schooled at Te Paepae o Aotea from Year 7 – Year 13. I will be excited to see those students in particular move into the wider world, as I believe that our school values will position them well as contributors to our school, our community and our wider society.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa
Taiharuru Ratima



HEAD SPORTS LEADER

Theo Soothill



Kia ora whānau

As we reach the end of the school year, it is hard to believe how quickly the sporting year has gone by. It has been another fantastic year for sport at Te Paepae o Aotea, filled with competition, achievements, school spirit and plenty of memorable moments. From athletics day and swimming sports to cross country, winter sports and our lunchtime LRA events, there has been something for everyone to get involved in. It has been awesome to see so many students representing the school, supporting their teammates and giving everything their best. Congratulations to everyone who has contributed to such a successful year, whether as a player, coach, manager, official or supporter. As the year draws to a close, I would like to thank all staff, students and supporters who have helped make sport so successful in 2026. It has been a privilege to serve as Head Sport Leader this year, and I look forward to seeing sport continue to thrive at Te Paepae o Aotea.

Ngā mihi,
Theo Soothill



Tamamihia Edwards Student Board Representative

Ko Taranaki te maunga
Ko Aotea me Kurahaupō ngā waka
Ko Taranaki, ko Ngāruahine, ko Tāngahoe, ko Pakakohi,
ko Ngāti Ruanui ōku iwi
Tēnā koutou katoa.

I was honoured to be elected by the student body as our Student Board Representative. Although I am new to the role, I look forward to representing student views and contributing to discussions that help shape the future of our kura.

School boards play an important role in supporting student learning and wellbeing, overseeing the direction of the school, and ensuring decisions are made in the best interests of students. As the student representative, I have the opportunity to bring a student perspective to the Board table and help ensure that student voices are heard.

One of the things I appreciate most about Te Paepae o Aotea is the strong sense of community that exists throughout the school. Whether in the classroom, on the sports field, through cultural activities, or in everyday interactions, students are encouraged to support one another and strive towards their potential. I look forward to learning more about the role of the Board and contributing to the ongoing success of our school community.

Ngā mihi nui
Tamamihia Edwards



Celebrating Success at the Year 10 Speech Finals

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates all our students who competed in the Year 10 Speech Finals. We are proud of the confidence, dedication, and excellence you demonstrated in your presentations.

1st Place Equal -
Lucy Crowley & Nea Alluad
2nd Place - Korla Aperahama



YEAR 10 SPEECHES



Outstanding Efforts at the Year 9 Speech Finals

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates all of our students who competed in the Year 9 Speech Finals. We are proud of your confidence, preparation, and outstanding performances.

1st Place - Ashley Finey
2nd Place - Libby Tate
3rd Place - Yeshna Patel



YEAR 9 SPEECHES



Waingongoro Celebrates Attendance and Achievement Success

Waingongoro celebrated students who achieved an outstanding 95-100% attendance across Terms 1, 2 and 3, alongside recognising a range of academic and sporting achievements from Term 3. Well done to all students for their dedication, hard work, and success.



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WAINGONGORO

TAURANGA 2026 SKATING OPEN DAY

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates Jayda Weherua and Nelly Rongonui on their outstanding achievement at the Tauranga Open Day held on 3-4 October.

Jayda Weherua - 1st Place - Loops Matamga
Nelly Rongonui - 1st Place - Loops Tuatahi



SKATING

HAWKES BAY TRIATHLON

U19 WOMENS EVENT

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates Maddison Sturgeon on her outstanding success at the Hawke's Bay Triathlon on Sunday, 18 October. Maddison claimed victory in the U19 Women's Triathlon and also took out the overall Long Course Triathlon title. This is a fantastic start to her season. We wish Maddison all the best as she prepares for her next challenge, the Iron Māori Quarter, on Saturday, 7 November.



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TRIATHLON

2026 LYSAGHT-WATT TRUST RONALD HUGH MORRIESON LITERARY AWARDS

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates Lucy Crowley and Lauren Kalin on their outstanding achievements at the 2026 Lysaght-Watt Trust Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards. Lucy Crowley made history at the event by claiming 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in the Short Story category.

Lucy Crowley - Year 10

Short Story: The Mountain That Left - 1st Place; Persephone Season - 2nd Place; The Creek Did Not Care - 3rd Place

Secondary School Poetry: The Geometry of an Internal Fog - 2nd Place

Lauren Kalin - Year 13

Short Story: Eurydice - High Commended; My Mountain - Highly Commended

Secondary School Poetry: The Cow Across The Road - 3rd Place

True Story: Retellings from a Humble Sandwich Artist - 1st Place



LITERARY AWARDS



PADDY MANU JNR EXCELLENCE IN SPORTS AWARDS

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates Tayla Sturgeon and our 2025 Year 9-10 Junior Basketball team who received top awards at the Paddy Manu Jnr Excellence in Sports Awards.



Senior Team Awards Winner

2025 Te Paepae o Aotea Year 9-10 Junior Basketball Team

Back Row: Billene Tavaki (Manager), Jo'han Leaf-Luke, Te Aute Grindlay, Hauaki Erb (Coach)
Front Row: Loxton Walden-Smith, Leonardous Snooks, Phoenix Edwards-Todd, Kymoni Tautuku-Walker, Te Kanawa Erb
Absent: Pearce Benjamin, Chase Campbell, Cassey Slade

**Junior Sports Person
of the Year**
Tayla Sturgeon
ATHLETICS &
CROSS COUNTRY

Te Paepae o Aotea acknowledges and congratulates all of our students who were nominated for the 2026 Paddy Manu Junior Excellence in Sports Awards.



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2026 SPORTS AWARDS

JIU JITSU CHAMPIONSHIP 2025/26 ADULT WOMEN'S BLUE BELT

Te Paepae o Aotea congratulates Emma-May Bublitz on being crowned the NZ Grappler 2025/2026 Season Champion in Adult Women's Blue Belt.

This outstanding achievement reflects Emma-May's dedication, consistency, and success across 12 tournaments throughout the season. She will be recognised at the National Championships in Auckland this November alongside the other division champions.



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NZ GRAPPLER



Pātea Awa Celebrates Success & Strong Attendance

Pātea had a whole awa assembly this week and celebrated our excellent Term 3 attendance among other achievements. We are proud of our students and their hard mahi, here's to a busy and exciting Term 4! Up the Pahs! 💙



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PĀTEA



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STUDENT SUCCESS

Mystery Box Challenge for Level 3 Hospitality

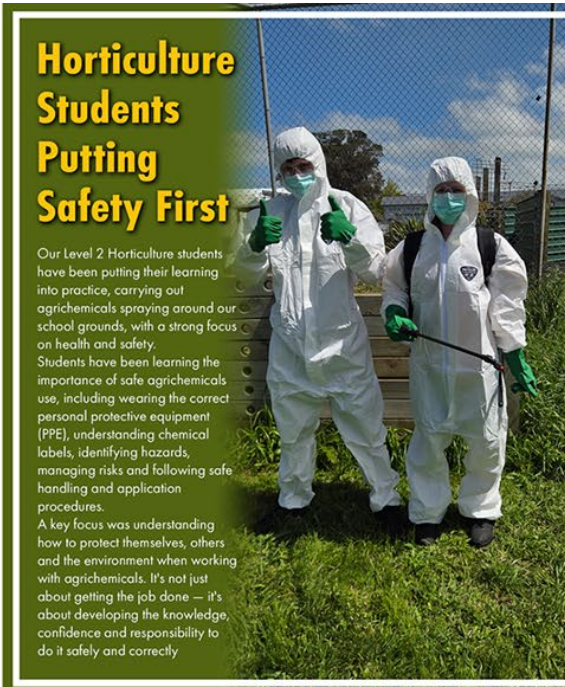
Our Level 3 Hospitality students put their culinary skills to the test by creating an individual three-course menu using only mystery box leftovers. Each student had to design and prepare an entrée, main course, and dessert before serving their creations to teachers



L3 HOSPITALITY

Horticulture Students Putting Safety First

Our Level 2 Horticulture students have been putting their learning into practice, carrying out agrichemicals spraying around our school grounds, with a strong focus on health and safety. Students have been learning the importance of safe agrichemicals use, including wearing the correct personal protective equipment (PPE), understanding chemical labels, identifying hazards, managing risks and following safe handling and application procedures. A key focus was understanding how to protect themselves, others and the environment when working with agrichemicals. It's not just about getting the job done — it's about developing the knowledge, confidence and responsibility to do it safely and correctly



L2 HORTICULTURE

Year 7-8 Hands-On Science Fun with Oobleck

Year 7-8 Science TDGR has been learning about solids, liquids and gasses. In this lesson students learn about non-Newtonian fluids and much to their delight they got to create oobleck and get their hands dirty (some more than others). Lots of fun had by all.



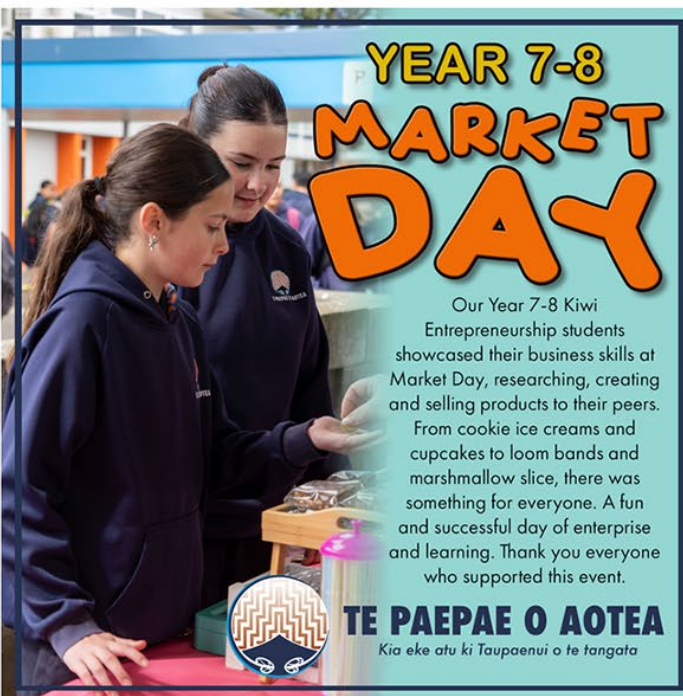
YEAR 7-8 SCIENCE

YEAR 7-8 MARKET DAY

Our Year 7-8 Kiwi Entrepreneurship students showcased their business skills at Market Day, researching, creating and selling products to their peers. From cookie ice creams and cupcakes to loom bands and marshmallow slice, there was something for everyone. A fun and successful day of enterprise and learning. Thank you everyone who supported this event.

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Growing, Learning & Thriving in the Hort Block

Our 7-8 Grow students have been busy getting stuck into all sorts of jobs around the Hort Block. Ritchie and Manuka have been keeping the edges looking sharp, the boys have been busy caring for our chickens, and the girls have been taking a moment to appreciate the beautiful spring flowers. Meanwhile, other students have been lending a hand watering in the hothouse and getting plants into our garden plots. It's fantastic to see our students learning practical skills, taking responsibility, working together and enjoying everything our Hort Block has to offer. Plenty of learning, teamwork and muddy hands.



YEAR 7-8 GROW

LRA GUMBOOT THROWING

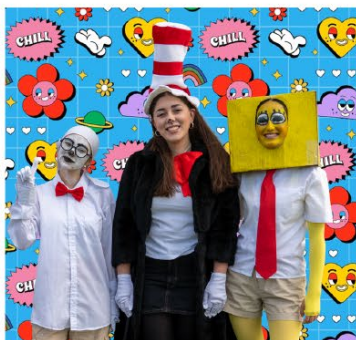
Over two days, our community leaders ran a gumboot throwing LRA competition. This event brought Junior, Senior students, and staff together for a fun-filled event!

WAINGONGORO - 1ST PLACE
KAŪPOKONUI - 2ND PLACE
TANGAHOE - 3RD PLACE
PĀTEA - 4TH PLACE



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YEAR 13 DRESS UP WEEK



Sports Update

The last two weeks have been packed with sporting action, with our students proudly representing Te Paepae o Aotea across a range of events and competitions.

Touch Rugby

Our Year 7/8 Touch teams have been making a strong impression in the Hāwera Schools Touch Competition on Friday nights. This year we have an incredible seven teams entered, the highest number we've had since joining the competition. It's fantastic to see so many students getting involved and enjoying the game.

At the same time, a number of our Year 9-13 students are competing in both the Secondary Schools and Senior grades. The depth of talent and commitment across all age groups is exciting to see, and it highlights the growing strength of touch at our kura.

Unfortunately, our Senior Mixed Touch team will no longer be attending the 2026 NZ Secondary Schools Touch Championships in Gisborne. While disappointing, this has created an excellent opportunity for Matua Anaru to focus on developing our younger players and preparing the next generation of senior athletes for future campaigns.

Junior Girls 7s Rugby

Our Junior Girls 7s Rugby team competed in a tournament last week, taking on both New Plymouth Girls' High School and Stratford High School.

The girls showed great determination throughout the day. They led NPGHS at halftime in their opening game before being narrowly defeated in the final few minutes. The team responded brilliantly in their second game, playing with confidence and composure to record a convincing win over Stratford.

Cricket Returns for Term 4

It has been fantastic to see cricket back on the sporting calendar this term.

A huge thank you to Mr White for his efforts in getting two girls' teams involved, including a Year 7/8 team and a Year 9/10 team.

We would also like to acknowledge Chris Wasley and Donovan Croot for generously giving up their time to help coach the teams. Their support is greatly appreciated, and we look forward to hearing about the girls' progress and results.

Year 7-8 Athletics Day

Next Friday, all Year 7/8 students will take part in our annual Athletics Day, organised by the Sports Department.

Students will compete in:

- Sprints
- Long Jump
- Shot Put
- Discus

Along with some fun and competitive activities including:

- Tug-of-War
- Gumboot Throw

- Team Relays

The day is also an opportunity for students to qualify and be selected to represent Te Paepae o Aotea at the Taranaki Year 7/8 Athletics Championships in Inglewood on 20 November. We encourage everyone to get involved, have fun, and give it their best effort.

Modified Sports Week

Modified Sports Week is also fast approaching for our Year 9-10 students.

Teams will have the opportunity to participate in:

- Social Volleyball
- Fast 5 Netball
- Beach Day Activities

Students interested in taking part should make sure they register their teams as soon as possible.

Outstanding Student Achievements

A huge congratulations to the following students who continue to achieve outstanding results in their chosen sports:

Divan Denton - Currently competing at the Australian Left-Handed Golf Championship, sitting in an impressive 2nd place, just one shot behind the leader.

Emma-May Bublit - Crowned NZ Grappler 2025/26 Season Champion in the Adult Women's Blue Belt division.

Jada Weherua and Nelly Rongonui - Produced fantastic performances at the Tauranga Skating Open Day.

- Jada placed 1st in Loops Matanga.
- Nelly placed 1st in Loops Tuatahi.

Congratulations to all these students for representing their whānau, community and kura with pride.

Thank You to Our Senior Students

This week also marks the final week that we will see many of our senior students around school before they head away to prepare for exams.

On behalf of the Sports Department, thank you to all of our senior students who have contributed to sport throughout the year. Whether through coaching, officiating, helping at events, leading teams, or simply setting a positive example, your efforts have made a real difference.

A special acknowledgement goes to our Head Sports Leader, Theo Soothill. Theo played a significant role in organising lunchtime recreation activities and supporting whole-school sporting events throughout the year. The leadership Theo has shown among peers and younger students has been greatly appreciated and has helped strengthen our sporting culture.

As our seniors move into exam season, we wish them all the very best and thank them for their contribution to sport at Te Paepae o Aotea during 2026.

"It's the little details that are vital. Little things make big things happen."

Theo Soothill, Head Sports Leader, Co Captain of Senior Mixed Hockey Team

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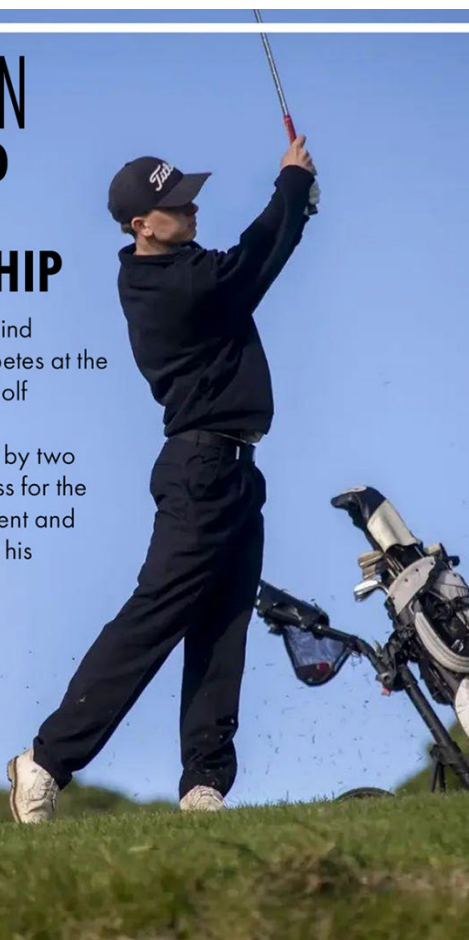
AUSTRALIAN LEFT-HANDED GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

Te Paepae o Aotea is behind Divan Denton as he competes at the Australian Left-Handed Golf Championship.

Divan is currently leading by two shots. We wish him success for the remainder of the tournament and look forward to following his progress.



Divan Denton



LEFT-HANDED GOLF

2026 Upcoming Sporting Events

TSSSA Events – Year 9 - 13

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

Year 9 - 13 Events

11-13 December	NZSS Track & Field Championships
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2027

Save the Date!

TE PAEPAE O AOTEA Relay for Life



Join the Team!

Saturday 20th March
TET Stadium,
Inglewood



Register NOW for the 2027 Relay for Life

All whānau and friends of Te Paepae o Aotea can join our team.

Click on the link below to register:

<https://taranaki.relayforlife.org.nz/t/te-paepae-o-aotea>

UPCOMING *dates*



TERM 4 - 2026

NOV

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SENIOR PRIZEGIVING

6.30pm at TSB Hub, Hāwera

NOV

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TSSSA JUNIOR CRICKET 6S

NPOB Rugby Club, Vogeltown

NOV

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2026 YEARBOOK

Deadline to order your copy

NOV

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NZQA EXAMS START

10 November - 4 December

NOV

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TSSSA JUNIOR TOUCH

NPOB Rugby Club, Vogeltown

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

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