



# TE PAEPAE O AOTEA

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## Newsletter – 24 November 2023

Kia ora e te whānau

Term four is always a time to enjoy the warmer weather (at times), to reflect on the year and start to make plans for the upcoming year. Our senior students and our soon to be seniors (Year 10's) have selected their courses for 2024 and it is now time for our new students and current junior students to select their courses. The junior course booklet will be emailed to parents on Monday with students getting their own copy in class. The course booklet has links for students to make their choices. If you have any questions, please connect with your child's whānau teacher or if you are a new student, connect with the school office.

In 2024, Year 7-10 students can choose to be part of a Kaupapa Māori based Whānau and Foundations Class at Te Paepae o Aotea. More information on this exciting new programme can be found later in the newsletter.

Our last week of the year is our much-anticipated activity week culminating with our prizegivings on 15 December. Please keep an eye out for the schedule as we would love for you to join us at our awa assemblies and junior prizegivings to celebrate the successes our students have had this year. Further details about activity week and prizegivings can be found further down in this newsletter.

Our senior students have been focused on their NCEA external examinations; these will finish on 29 November. I would like to commend the senior students who have taken time to access valuable extra tuition from our expert teachers prior to their examinations. Results will be released by NZQA in mid-January and all senior students should check that they can login to the NZQA site. If students are having difficulties logging into NZQA, they should ring 0800 697 296 or use their online portal for assistance. We have had several senior students make use of their time during study leave to complete internal assessment. It has been great to see them focused so that they gain their qualification. All senior students should return their school allocated device to the main office as soon as they have sat their last exam or completed their last internal assessment. **All devices must be in before 14 December.** Families will be charged for any devices not returned.

Our team has been enjoying our transition visits with the Year 6 and 8 students from our feeder schools. We have one last day on Monday for Tawhiti School followed by one last open evening next Wednesday. We are hopeful that the new students have enjoyed their visits and are feeling confident about starting at Te Paepae o Aotea next year. If you are yet to enrol or know someone who is, please encourage them to do so as soon as possible. If you need any assistance enrolling, please connect with us. We are happy to help.

We have also been focused on transitioning our Year 10 students to the senior school. The Year 10 students have been working on Monday mornings with senior whānau teachers understanding the NCEA system and the expectations of being a senior student. I feel confident that our Year 10 students are ready to make the transition to the senior school as 58 of our Year 10 students already have NCEA credits on the system. Most of the Year 10's (unless they were absent) have all sat the Common Assessment Activities (CAA) for literacy and numeracy. These results will be available over the Christmas break. If students passed both literacy and numeracy, they will have gained 20 credits toward their NCEA Level 1 qualification.

Throughout the year it is important that our students spend time on the health aspect of the New Zealand Curriculum. In the last few weeks our Year 7 and 8 students have had Harold from the Life Education Trust visit as well as completing their first aid training. Thank you to Life Education Trust and St Johns for providing your expertise in these areas. Our Year 10 students have had sessions delivered by a registered health nurse in the last two weeks with a focus around healthy relationships. Our Year 9 students will have an opportunity to start working through their healthy relationship programme next week. It is great to be able to offer these important programmes to our students with the support of external agencies.

Currently our junior volleyball team is away at nationals in Auckland. They are representing the school with pride. Thank you to the coaches and manager that are guiding our team on this journey. We are looking forward to hearing all the amazing stories about your experiences.

Thank you all for your continued support of our students and we are looking forward to you joining us for our end of year awa assemblies and prizegivings.

Rachel Williams  
**Tumuaki**



# Kaupapa Māori based Whānau and Foundations Class

E ngā mana, e ngā reo e ngā rau rangatira mā, kei te mihi ki a koutou,

In 2024, Year 7-10 students can choose to be part of a Kaupapa Māori based Whānau and Foundations class at Te Paepae o Aotea. This class offers an alternative morning programme (daily from 9-11am) for those students and whānau that would like to be part of it.

Depending on ability and demand, we will utilise our whānau time to meet as a rōpu, practise karakia, mōteatea and waiata and deliver the social and emotional curriculum through our uara Māori.

In Foundations, students will study English and Math skills through the learning of Te Reo Māori and through learning in Kaupapa Māori contexts. Whether these classes are reo rua (bilingual) or reo rūmaki (total immersion) will be determined by the ability and demand of our students.

If there is a demand for this kaupapa amongst our senior students, we will offer them a similar opportunity through their Taupaenui time (Wednesdays, Block two and three) where they will be able to receive some of their NCEA credits through various Kaupapa Māori drawn from the curriculum.

Senior students need to indicate their interest to our Senior Pastoral Lead, Mahaki Akauola, as soon as possible. [Mahaki.Akauola@tepaepaeoatea.school.nz](mailto:Mahaki.Akauola@tepaepaeoatea.school.nz)

Nō reira, we will be running two Open Evenings on Tuesday 5th and Thursday 7th December in Week 9 for students and whānau to come and discuss this opportunity further. On Wednesday, 6 December, we will also offer an Open Day (9-11am) where students and whānau can come and see what a morning might look like for those within this kaupapa.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything further, please feel free to contact any of our teachers involved. Otherwise, to indicate your child's interest please complete the form using this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/RJ4fPmYXT9> or please sign and return the attachment to this notice.

Ka nui te mihi,

Rachel Williams  
**Tūmuaki**



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Tuesday, 5 December 2023		Wednesday, 6 December 2023	
5:30pm <u>Kimihia te Rangimārie</u> Open evening Come in and ask any questions you might have about our kaupapa		9am – 11am Kimihia te Rangimārie Come in and have a look at what our whānau and foundations could look like.  11:30am – 1pm Kapa Haka, Taupaenui	
		Thursday, 7 December 2023	
		5:30pm Kimihia te Rangimārie Open evening Come in and ask any questions you might have about our kaupapa	

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Student name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Level: \_\_\_\_\_

- I would like my child to be part of this kaupapa.
- I would like you to ring me on \_\_\_\_\_ to discuss this further.
- My child is a Year 11-13 and would like to be part of a Kaupapa Māori class.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



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# LOANED DEVICES

Te Paepae o Aotea Junior Loaned Devices need to be returned to the **Resource Hub** by **Friday December 1, 2023.**

Te Paepae o Aotea Senior Loaned Devices need to be returned to the **School Office ASAP** once students have finished exams.



## Junior Activity Week 11-14 December 2023

This year our Year 7-10 students will be involved in activities during the last week of term (Monday to Thursday). Each Awa has a **Big Day Out** on their own and then three other days of organised activities at school/locally. Year 7/8 students together and Year 9/10s together are going to different venues on their Awa Day. More information will be available very soon. We will be holding Awa assemblies; this is going to be an awesome way to celebrate our Awa and individual successes. We have managed to source funding to pay the cost to students.

*It is important that our whānau know that students have been told that if they wish to attend the Big Day Out they must have 80% (or higher) attendance in Term Four. Students with a Pastoral Record in Term Four, will have a meeting with their Whare Pastoral Leader before approval can be given.*

## School Accounts

If you would like to set up a Family Account for your student, please contact

[Accounts@tepaepaeootea.school.nz](mailto:Accounts@tepaepaeootea.school.nz)

Credit balances from Family Accounts will be applied to any charges as they arise.

**Remember**, when paying accounts online, please ensure you include the following details:

Particulars: [SURNAME] [First Initial] [Student Number] [Reference (e.g., Rugby)]

Student Number can be found on MyKAMAR on our website [www.tepaepaeootea.school.nz](http://www.tepaepaeootea.school.nz)

**TSB Bank Limited – Te Paepae o Aotea Account: 15-3950-0777159-00**

Charges can also be paid at the Main office by way of cash or EFTPOS.



# TE PAEPAE O AOTEA

## IMPORTANT DATES

<b>School Open Day – 4pm-6pm</b>	Wednesday November 29
<b>Junior Market Day – Year 7-8</b>	Thursday December 7
<b>Junior Market Day – Year 9-10</b>	Friday December 8
<b>Junior Activity Week</b>	December 11-14
<b>Junior Prizegiving Year 9-10</b>	Friday December 15 – 9.30am
<b>Junior Prizegiving Year 7-8</b>	Friday December 15 – 11.30am
<b>Last Day of Term 4</b>	Friday December 15
<b>Uniform Fitting Days</b>	January 15-19, 2024
<b>Senior Course Confirmation</b>	January 29-30, 2024
<b>Kahui Ako - Staff Only Day</b>	Wednesday January 31, 2024
<b>Start Date of Term 1, 2024</b>	Thursday February 1, 2024



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## Senior Course Confirmation Days

January 29-30, 2024

## Kahui Ako - Staff Only Day

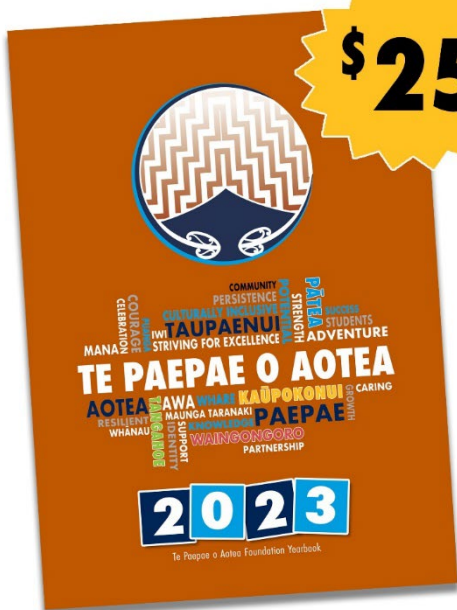
Wednesday January 31, 2024

**2024 START DATE**  
**Thursday February 1, 2024**



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**Te Paepae o Aotea  
Magazine**

### PAYMENT OPTIONS:

The Magazine charge can be paid at our Main Office by way of Cash or EFTPOS or pay into the Te Paepae o Aotea TSB Bank Ltd account using your students name and **MAGAZINE** as the reference.

Collection date from December 13, 2023.





# 2024 Uniform Information

## Fitting Days – 15-19 January 2024

### The following items will be available for purchase from NZ Uniforms

- Blue jacket with school logo.
- Blue hoodies with school logo.
- Polo shirt with school logo.
- School navy blue shorts, culottes, skirt or long pants.
- Orange dress shirts and blazers are optional for senior students.  
(Senior students who do not want this option will wear the Polo shirt, hoodie etc)
- A variety of other items will also be available: hats/caps, beanies and ties.

### Other uniform information

- Plain black school shoes/sandals.
- Plain black/navy or white socks.
- There is no specific PE uniform - students to change into comfortable activewear.
- Sports uniforms will be provided by the school.
- Pre-owned interim uniform can be worn until the end of 2025.
- The old uniform will no longer be available for purchase.

[Te Paepae O Aotea \(nzuniforms.com\)](https://nzuniforms.com)

NZ Uniforms online shop is still a work in progress, but they have some information available for parents and caregivers.





# Te Paepae o Aotea School Uniform

It is expected that the new Te Paepae o Aotea school uniform will be worn in 2024. The current polo shirts and hoodies can be worn until the end of 2025.

## FAQs

1. What is the junior school uniform?
  - Te Paepae o Aotea polo shirt, hoodie and/or soft-shell jacket, skirt, shorts, culottes or long pants.
2. Which year levels can wear the formal school uniform?
  - Year 11, 12 and 13 students can wear the formal school uniform daily.
3. What is the formal school uniform?
  - The formal school uniform consists of a long sleeve or short sleeve shirt, blazer or softshell jacket and skirt or long pants. The school tie is optional. The school will hold a set of blazers and ties to lend to students if they are attending a formal occasion.
4. Can senior students continue to wear a polo shirt and hoodie?
  - Yes.
5. Can students wear the hoodies and polo shirts provided free of charge when Te Paepae o Aotea opened?
  - Yes, up until the end of 2025 but new lower garments must be purchased for 2024.
6. Do I need to buy my child new lower garments for the start of 2024?
  - Yes, all lower garments must be Te Paepae o Aotea school uniform with the logo label unless the lower garments you have already purchased are navy blue **school wear** garments. Black lower garments are not acceptable in 2024.
7. What footwear and socks are Te Paepae o Aotea school uniform?
  - Black lace up school shoes or black sandals with a back strap. Plain black/white or navy blue socks, black tights.
8. Do students have a PE uniform?
  - No, but students must change into comfortable sports clothing.
9. Are uniform sun hats, beanies and a warm scarf available for purchase?
  - Yes, there is a Te Paepae o Aotea uniform bucket hat, cap, beanie and warm scarf.
10. Where can I buy the Te Paepae o Aotea school uniform?
  - A pop-up shop will open at school, 15-18 January. The school shirt is unlikely to be available until the end of February 2024, but alternative shirts can be tried on for size at the pop-up shop and the correct shirts will be sent when they are ready.



# Student Success



## King Edward Park receives Green Flag Award

Te Paepae o Aotea is proud to announce that King Edward Park has achieved a great report and been awarded a Green Flag award for another year. With the help of Te Paepae o Aotea students working hard in the park has contributed to this achievement!

What does a Green Flag Award mean:

### Green Flag Award: A Global Honour for Parks

The Green Flag Award is a prestigious recognition for parks and green spaces that meet high standards of quality and sustainability.

There are eight sections to the Award:

- A welcoming place
- Healthy
- Safe and Secure
- Well maintained and clean
- Environmental management
- Biodiversity
- Landscape and heritage
- Community involvement
- Marketing & communication
- Management and which then branches out to other criteria

There was 2,500 Parks worldwide and 29 Nationally that entered. Te Paepae o Aotea alongside "Friends of the Park" and King Edward park staff have helped receive this amazing achievement.



## Junior Volleyball Nationals TE PAEPAE O AOTEA JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Our Junior Volleyball Boys team participated in the Junior Volleyball Nationals in Papakura this week. Te Paepae o Aotea were in Division 3.

Our team won 5 games and lost 4, which placed them fourth overall in Division 3.

This is an amazing effort from our Junior Boys Volleyball team and we're extremely proud of them. Lost 1-2 Auckland Grammar Boys; Won 2-1 Kerikeri HS Boys; Won 2-1 Auckland Seventh-day Adventist HS; Won 2-1 Takapuna Grammar Boys; Won 2-1 Tokoroa HS Boys B; Lost 1-2 Ormiston Junior College Boys A; Won 2-1 Kristin School Boys; Lost 1-2 Cambridge HS Boys (semi); Lost 1-2 Ormiston Junior College Boys A (3rd/4th).

# TE PAEPAE O AOTEA TIMETABLE

TIME	Cohort	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
9am – 9:30am:	All	Whānau Hui	Whānau Hui	Whānau Hui	Whānau Hui	Whānau Hui	
9:30am – 11am	Year 7 & 8	Literacy / Numeracy					
	Year 9 & 10	Literacy	Literacy	Numeracy	Numeracy	Literacy	
	Year 11 - 13	Module 2	Module 4	Module 3	Module 2	Module 1	
11am – 11:15am	All	KAI TIME					
11:15am – 11:45am		INTERVAL					
11:45am – 1:15pm	Year 7 - 10	ILM 1	ILM 2	Community Contribution	ILM 2	ILM 1	
	Year 11 - 13	Module 1	Module 2	Taupaeui	Module 3	Module 4	
1:15pm – 1:45pm	All	LUNCH					
1:45pm – 3pm	Year 7 & 8	Taha Tianna	Flexi	Community Contribution	Flexi	Tuakana Teina	
	Year 9 & 10	Numeracy					
	Year 11 - 13	Module 4	Module 3	Taupaeui	Module 1		
2:45pm – 3pm	Year 7 - 8	Whānau hui	Whānau hui	Whānau Hui	Whānau Hui		

- Literacy and Numeracy for Year 9 & 10 classes might be allocated on different days, the above allocation is an example only.



# Sports News

Term 4 has seen a number of TSSSA events for our Junior school. As our seniors have finished for the season it gives our Year 9-10 students an opportunity to enter events which can be fun and competitive.

Before I give a rundown of results of these events, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all our seniors who received awards at the senior prizegiving. Well done to those who were named overall Taupaenui sports recipients for their chosen sports. Special mention to Taupaenui Team of the year - 1<sup>st</sup> XI Mixed Hockey for their outstanding performance throughout the year and Overall Taupaenui Sports person of the year – Pearl Kahui, who had an exceptional rugby season as well as representing other codes.

TSSSA Futsal was held here in Hawera which we had two teams compete in. George's Team placed 1<sup>st</sup> with Asher's Team placing 3<sup>rd</sup>. I would like to thank both teams for their efforts on the day helping event organisers set up, and doing a huge amount of umpiring and packing up.

## Junior Beach Day

Junior Beach Day was held at Oakura Beach. This event is about getting out, having fun and giving events a go. A great day at the beach and under the sun. Over 500 students participated in all the sports across the day. Four teams attended playing beach football, ripper, hockey and spike ball. There was no winner for the day, however it was fantastic to see our students having fun in some interesting outfits. Big up's to our boys who wore spiderman onesies ALL day.

## TSSSA Fast 5 Netball

TSSSA Fast 5 Netball was held in New Plymouth and popular with 6 teams entered from Mixed to Boys. For some of our students (especially our boys) it was their first taste of netball. Mrs Stevens and Mrs Plodek mentioned how talented a few of our boys were and couldn't believe how skilful they were. Not 100% of our teams placed however lots of fun was had by all.

## TSSSA Rippa Rugby

TSSSA Rippa Rugby played this week here in Hawera at the Hub with two girls and three boys teams entered. I'm looking forward in seeing how our teams perform as there are some tricky hot steppers playing.

## Junior Boys Volleyball Nationals

Junior Boys Volleyball are participating in Papamoa in the Junior Volleyball Nationals. This team have worked extremely hard through fundraising efforts to ensure everyone could attend. Our team had some close games beating higher ranked sides in the competition. Through their determination and

wicked team culture they progressed through to a semi-final against Cambridge High School. Their match was close, unfortunately losing the final set 15-11. This sees them playing off for 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>.

We are so proud of their efforts throughout the week and what they have accomplished on and off the court as a team and more importantly as mates!! Their goal is to come away with a medal and I know that they will play right to the last play – Good luck.

Thanks to Mason, Jess and Mr White for all their help.

## **Senior Mixed Touch**

Senior Mixed Touch team will be competing at the NZSS Touch Nationals in December. In preparation the team have been playing in the Senior Mixed Touch grade in Hawera. They have faced strong adult teams to get them ready for what will be a first for most of the players in the team. The level of touch that they will face will be of high quality, fast and skilful.

## **Year 7-8 Athletics Day**

At the end of the month, 25 students will attend a meet at TET, Inglewood.

## **School Grade Touch**

Well done to all our teams and players who represented. Here at Te Paepae o Aotea our talent in our teams is awesome. School grade has wrapped up for the season with two of our Te Paepae o Aotea teams winning their grades. Congratulations to Titanic for winning the Secondary Grade and to Year 7/8 Lakers for winning an epic final against Ruanui Tipua.

## **Te Paepae o Aotea Student Achievement form**

This is an important form for all students to fill out throughout the year to let us know what you've achieved whether its sports, culture, academic or community. Please let us know of teams you have made outside school, events you have been involved in. We want to celebrate your successes throughout the year however we cannot do that if we don't know what you have achieved.

Lastly, I would like to thank some key businesses who have supported our Te Paepae o Aotea teams through fundraisers for their BBQ. Silver Ferns Farm, Normanby Butchery and Yarrows the Baker. Every little bit counts and your contribution has been thoughtful and very much appreciated – Thank you.

Well done to everyone who has got involved and given one of the above sports a go. Keep it up, let's see even more getting involved next time.

Ngā mihi  
Vicki Roberts  
**Sports Coordinator**



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## 2023

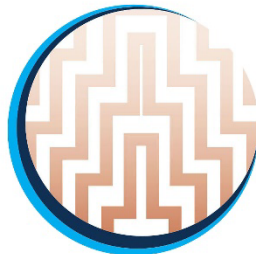
# Student Achievements

At Te Paepae o Aotea we have students who participate and represent themselves in activities from sports, cultural, academic, and community in and outside of school.

Our school values are shown and upheld through



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**TAUPAENU I**



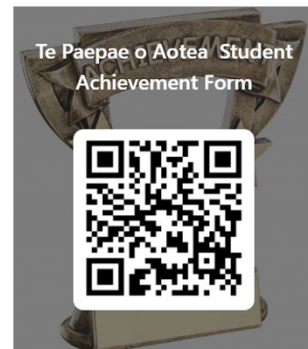
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We want to capture your achievements and celebrate these with you and our wider school through assemblies, newsletters and our social media platforms.

YOUR achievements are what YOU believe you have accomplished and feel proud about and would like to share.

Information will be collated and entered onto a spreadsheet which will be kept for our records throughout the year. Information gathering helps with reports and prizegiving.

Please take time to share your successes with us by filling in this form and selecting the 'Activity' and then a brief description. Forms can be filled out whenever you need to update your achievements.






Please click the link to complete the form: [Studentachievementform](#)

# Prizegiving Information

Te Paepae o Aotea has three values: Aotea, Taupaenui and Paepae. These values underpin all that we do throughout our school. At our prizegivings, students will be acknowledged for displaying these values. Each prizegiving will be split into three sections, Aotea, Taupaenui and Paepae.

<b>TE PAEPAE O AOTEA PRIZEGIVING DATES</b>	
<b>Junior Prizegiving – Year 9-10, 9.30am</b>	Friday, 15 December
<b>Junior Prizegiving – Year 7-8, 11.30am</b>	Friday, 15 December

 <b>AOTEA</b>	 <b>TAUPAENUI</b>	 <b>PAEPAE</b>
Our value of Aotea represents a caring environment for all students, staff, whānau and community, to explore identity.	Our value of Taupaenui supports the attainment of human potential, the pursuit of knowledge and striving for excellence.	Our value of Paepae supports the courage, adventure, strength, persistence, and the pursuit of knowledge in the learning environment.

<b>Aotea Awards</b>
Each whānau class has one award
Each Senior course/Junior module has one award
Our service awards are presented in this section e.g., Library, Student Coaches, Volunteers
Each sports team, arts, cultural groups will have an award in this section
Kaitiakitanga - contribution to our school and region award
Promotion of mana Māori award – one award per prizegiving
<b>Top three students – Aotea Award</b> – awarded in each prizegiving
<b>Supreme Aotea Trophy Winner</b> – this is awarded to the student who best displays our Aotea values around the school (one per prizegiving)

# Paepae Awards

Each Whānau class has one award in this section

Literacy & Numeracy top three Junior students in each year level

Individual Learning Modules, Community Contribution, Flexitime - The top three Junior students in each Junior prizegiving receive awards

Senior Paepae Awards - Teacher Nominations — Students who have challenged themselves in a learning environment outside of the classroom e.g., United Nations, Lions Speech, YES etc

Each sports team, arts, cultural groups will have an award in this section

Qualified Referees/Coaches - recognised in this section

Promotion of mana Māori award – one award per prizegiving

**Top three students - Paepae award** – awarded in each year level

# Taupaenui Awards

Senior Courses – Top academic Senior student in each course/subject\*

Literacy & Numeracy – Junior – top academic students each year level\*

Individual Learning Modules, Community Contribution, Flexitime – Top academic student for each module\*

*\*The number of Taupaenui awards for each subject/module are calculated based on how many students are in the course/module (1 award per 25 students)*

Leadership: Awa Leaders – Certificates

Leadership: Head Student – Acknowledgements

Each sports team, arts, cultural groups will have an award in this section

Students who have gained Regional, National or School Honours will be presented in this section

Promotion of mana Māori award – one award per prizegiving

Awa Awards - Top Awa

Scholarships/Other Awards – Senior Prizegiving

**Top Sporting Student** – one per prizegiving

**Top Performing Arts/Cultural Student** – one per prizegiving

**Top three students - Taupaenui award** – awarded in each year level

**Taioreore (Supreme) Taupaenui Trophy Winner** – awarded in each year level to the top academic student

*\*Please note all selection criteria for the Te Paepae o Aotea Prizegiving Awards are based on the current academic year level.*