



# TE PAEPAE O AOTEA

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## Newsletter – 10 February 2023

Kia ora e te whanau

Our school year has started and we, 1040 students and 110 staff, are settling into our new routines. Last week following our pōwhiri, students were in their whānau classes getting to know one another and their teachers as well as learning how we do things at Te Paepae o Aotea.

Our senior students had the privilege of spending time at some of our local marae in their house groups. Each marae they visited had a connection to the awa (river) that their house is named after. We feel very fortunate that each marae graciously hosted our students. Thank you to all our staff, students and community members who were involved in these days.

Last week also provided us with an opportunity to talk to our students about leadership opportunities. It was very pleasing to see a huge stack of applications flooding in yesterday; we have some work to do over the next few days making our way through these applications. Very exciting times and we look forward to sharing our school leaders for 2023 with you soon.

This week we have been on timetable and students are responding well to activities and tasks set by teachers. Later in the newsletter we share photos with you so you can see the wide range of activities our students have been engaged in.

All students should now have full timetables and focusing on making the most of their learning opportunities. From Monday onwards, students will only be allowed to change their selections if they have a note or email from home. We also had the opportunity this week to have a senior and a junior assembly. These assemblies gave us an occasion to re-emphasise our school values and expectations.

Thank you to all our wonderful parents and caregivers who attended the Individual Learning Programme meetings. We had close to 90% of our students attend these meetings. We were blown away by the support we have in the community for our students. At the end of the term, we will meet again to discuss student progress against their goals. Students will also have a opportunity to display and celebrate their learning at the end of the term. We look forward to you joining us.

We have been very pleased with how most of our students have presented themselves in their new uniform. A few students still have a bit of sharpening up to do in this area with shoes, etc. If your student is unsure about a uniform item, have them check in with their whānau teacher.

It would also be a good idea if all students name their school hoodie. We have had several left on the field at the end of lunch and we do not know who to return them to. Your support with the uniform is greatly appreciated.

If you have been watching our Facebook page you will have noticed that many of our extracurricular opportunities for students are starting, please encourage your child to get involved in these activities. We are looking forward to our students representing the school with pride in their new sports uniforms that are on the way.

Thank you to everyone who is being incredibly careful during drop off and pick up times at school, we appreciate the care that you are taking as 1000 plus students enter and leave the school grounds each day. We appreciate the support of our community as we navigate our way through the start of year.

Ngā mihi

Rachel Williams  
***Tumuaki***



## School Devices

Senior students have had the opportunity to collect and return the device loan sheet this week. If they have not sorted this out and collected their device by the end of next week, they may miss out as we will be allocating devices to junior students the following week.

If students have their own device, they should be bringing this to school for learning purposes. Cell phones are not appropriate learning devices and should remain either at home, in their bag or handed in at the start of the day. If you need to get in contact with your child during the school day, please contact the office.

## Cell Phones

Cell phones are not learning devices and they distract our students from learning. Please remind students that cell phones are not to be used during class time. Our Board of Trustees have made this expectation very clear. Students will be reminded up to 3 times and then families will be contacted if there is no change in cell phone use in class.

## Buses

Our buses are operating the same routes as 2022. The only difference is they do not stop at the Hāwera Intermediate grounds. Buses start back on 1 February at the usual times.

All students need to sign a Bus Contract form from the office or click on the link below  
[BUS CODE OF CONDUCT](#)

Click on the Weir Bros. [BUS ROUTES](#) link to see routes and times

## Kai in school

Free Healthy school lunches will start on Wednesday, 1 February. This year we have a selection of Pita Pit, Subway and Tika Catering. Please see the schedule below.

|                       | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|-----------------------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|
| Year 7 – 10 students  | Pita   | Pita    | Tika      | Subway   | Tika   |
| Year 11 – 13 students | Subway | Tika    | Pita      | Tika     | Subway |

## Route School Based Immunisation Programme 2023

**\*\*This is NOT a COVID vaccination\*\***

The Public Health Nurse will be distributing routine immunisation consent forms to Year 7 and Year 8 students on Monday 13 February for their school-based immunisation at Te Paepae o Aotea.

A notice was emailed home today with further information.

Kindly complete the required section A1 or Section B and return the consent form to the school office by 20 February 2023.

## Free Health & Well-being Check

All Year 9 students at Te Paepae o Aotea are offered a free health and well-being check by the Public Health Nurse. A notice was sent home last week with further information about what is involved in the health check. If you do not want your child to be seen by the Public Health Nurse, please contact the office or the Public Health Nurse at Te Whatu Ora directly.

## Traffic Safety Plan

To help with traffic flow before and after school, we suggest we all adhere to the following:

- Reserve the HUB space before and after school for buses and our students who attend our Endeavour Centre.
- Our senior students park on Disraeli Street (Disraeli Street should be more convenient for you to access the Senior Learning Village at Bayly Park. Remember, if you are driving to school you should see Matua Mahaki to get a pass).
- Long term, we would like parents to pick students up from the Waihi Road part of the HUB. However, with the road works, it might be easier to allow your student to walk the first part and meet you on a nearby street e.g., High Street.
- Students can continue to ride bikes, scooter and skate to school. There is a cage at the front of Gray block where they can store their chosen mode of transport.

## Links below for 2023 Stationery Lists

[Junior School Stationery List](#)

[Senior School Stationery List](#)

## Uniform

Our Board expects all students will wear correct uniform and our school logo with pride, at school and out in the community.

Students must wear the polo and sweatshirt provided. Plain black shoes (no coloured markings) or sandals must be worn. Plain black, navy or white socks are acceptable. Plain black shorts, trousers or skirts/culottes are to be worn. Almost all students are wearing our uniform proudly. Please continue to do this in the coming days/weeks. Families will be contacted by their Whānau teachers if there are uniform issues from next week.



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# Alcohol/Drugs, Tobacco & Vapourisers

Possessing or using tobacco, alcohol, vapourisers or harmful drugs is strictly not allowed at Te Paepae o Aotea and there is zero tolerance for this behaviour.

If a student is caught with, or involved in using any of these items, they will have a whānau meeting with a Student Support Worker, Pastoral Leader and/or a Senior Leader, to discuss the consequence.

It is likely that students involved will be Stood Down from school.  
Confiscated vapourisers will be kept in the school safe and returned to the caregivers after the whānau meeting.

**The Board of Trustees have made their expectations very clear and insists that these rules be upheld at all times. Their priority is to provide a safe learning environment for all students.**



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## It is our expectation that all students will wear the correct school uniform

The Student Support Centre will support Whānau Teachers to ensure all students are in uniform. They have spare items to lend and will take students home to get changed as needed.

Whānau Teachers are responsible for having conversations with their students and deciding if students need taking home to change, given loan items or issued a uniform pass (if home contact has been made).

### **The Establishment Board have set these expectations for the TE PAEPAE O AOTEA INTERIM UNIFORM:**



- Navy blue polo shirt with school logo (two provided by school)
- Navy hoodie with school logo (one provided by school)
- Blue jacket with school logo (available to purchase)
- Plain dark navy blue or black school shorts, skort, culottes, skirt, or long pants (no jeans, trackpants or leggings).
- Plain black school shoes/sandals with back straps (no Crocs or jandals)
- Plain black/navy or white socks
- Students can wear a plain black or navy-blue jacket



## Collecting Students From School

We ask that parents and whānau come to the school office if they need to pick up a student. The office will send the runner to get your student quickly.

## Attendance

Please make sure you contact the school office or use the School App to tell us about an absence. All absences need to be explained.

|  <b>SENIOR TIMETABLE</b>  |                 |            |            |          |            |
|---|-----------------|------------|------------|----------|------------|
| TIME  | MONDAY          | TUESDAY    | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY | FRIDAY     |
| 9.00AM-9.15AM   | AWA HUI         | WHĀNAU HUI |            |          |            |
| 9.15AM-11AM   | TUAKANA-TEINA   | MODULE 4   | MODULE 1   | MODULE 2 | MODULE 3   |
| 11.00AM-11.15AM   | SENIOR KAI TIME |            |            |          |            |
| 11.15AM-11.45AM   | INTERVAL        |            |            |          |            |
| 11.45AM-1.00PM  | MODULE 4        | MODULE 3   | ENRICHMENT | MODULE 1 | MODULE 2   |
| 1.00PM-1.45PM   | LUNCH           |            |            |          |            |
| 1.45PM-3.00PM   | MODULE 3        | MODULE 1   | MODULE 2   | MODULE 4 | WHĀNAU HUI |

|  <b>JUNIOR TIMETABLE</b>  |                              |                                |                                |                                |                                |
|--|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| TIME   | MONDAY                       | TUESDAY                        | WEDNESDAY                      | THURSDAY                       | FRIDAY                         |
| 9.00-9.15  | WHĀNAU HUI                   | WHĀNAU HUI                     | WHĀNAU HUI                     | WHĀNAU HUI                     | WHĀNAU HUI                     |
| 9.15-10.45   | Tuakana Teina                | Foundation LITERACY & NUMERACY | Foundation LITERACY & NUMERACY | Foundation LITERACY & NUMERACY | Foundation LITERACY & NUMERACY |
| 10.45-11.00  | JUNIOR KAI TIME              |                                |                                |                                |                                |
| 11.00-11.30  | INTERVAL                     |                                |                                |                                |                                |
| 11.30-12.45  | Integrated Learning Module 1 | Integrated Learning Module 2   | Community Contribution         | Integrated Learning Module 1   | Integrated Learning Module 2   |
| 12.45-1.15   | TAHA TINANA                  | TAHA TINANA                    |                                | TAHA TINANA                    | TAHA TINANA                    |
| 1.15-1.45  | LUNCH                        |                                |                                |                                |                                |
| 1.45-2.50  | Community Contribution       | Flexi Time                     | Community Contribution         | Flexi Time                     | WHĀNAU HUI                     |
| 2.50-3.00  | WHĀNAU HUI                   | WHĀNAU HUI                     | WHĀNAU HUI                     | WHĀNAU HUI                     | AWA SCHOO/ HUI                 |





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# RUGBY

**For all students interested in playing Rugby for Te Paepae o Aotea in 2023**

Please click on the link below to register with the New Zealand Rugby Union.

Or alternatively type the following link into a browser on your device and complete the electronic form.

Matua Robinson TIC Rugby



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# YEAR 7 & 8 RIPPA RUGBY

**Looking for Boys and Girls who will be interested in participating in a 6 week Rippa Rugby Tournament**

Held in Hawera at the Hub - supported by Southern Rugby

**Starting Thursday March 30**

Teams will be mixed, 1/2 Fields, 10 in each team, 7 minute halves

Registrations close Tuesday February 15

Contact Vicki Roberts at the Sports Office or email your interest to [Vicki.Roberts@tepaepaeoatea.school.nz](mailto:Vicki.Roberts@tepaepaeoatea.school.nz)

## TSSSA Mountain Biking - Cross Country



**Wednesday February 27, 2023**  
Lake Mangamahoe

Entries Due: Friday February 21, 2023

TSSSA Cross Country Mountain Biking caters for students of all abilities with previous experience in Mountain Biking. Cross Country Mountain Biking is an individual sport where riders' complete laps of a circuit of different tracks & trails. The Riders' aim to be the first past the finish line.

Contact Vicki Roberts at the Sports Office or email your interest to [Vicki.Roberts@tepaepaeoatea.school.nz](mailto:Vicki.Roberts@tepaepaeoatea.school.nz)

## TSSSA Rogaine



**Wednesday March 1, 2023**  
Lake Mangamahoe

Entries Due: Friday February 15, 2023

TSSSA Rogaine caters for students of all abilities, those with experience in navigation and those that are new to the sport. Rogaining is a team sport where you need collect as many points as possible in a timeframe, whilst navigating a mix of terrain (bushland, native forest, hills). This event is a great way to explore the outdoors with your mates.

Contact Vicki Roberts at the Sports Office or email your interest to [Vicki.Roberts@tepaepaeoatea.school.nz](mailto:Vicki.Roberts@tepaepaeoatea.school.nz)

## TSSSA Tennis



**Wednesday 15th February 2023**  
Pukekura & Huatoki Tennis Clubs

Entries Due: Thursday 9th February 2023

TSSSA Tennis caters for students of all abilities, grades are dependent on S-Band rankings, we can also accommodate players that don't have an S-Band ranking.

Tennis is an individual (Singles), and team (Doubles) sport played on grass and synthetic surfaces with a racquet.

Contact Vicki Roberts at the Sports Office or email your interest to [Vicki.Roberts@tepaepaeoatea.school.nz](mailto:Vicki.Roberts@tepaepaeoatea.school.nz)

## TSSSA Croquet



**Wednesday February 22, 2023**  
Park Croquet Club, Hawera

Entries Due: Friday February 17, 2023

TSSSA Croquet caters for students of all abilities, those with experience (competitive grade) and those that are new to the sport (social grade). Croquet is a team sport where students compete in pairs, with the aim to knock their balls through a series of hoops before the other team does. Croquet is played on a grass lawn with mallets (clubs are happy to lend students a mallet for the event).

We will also be working with Paraled Taranaki to provide opportunities with students of all abilities

Contact Vicki Roberts at the Sports Office or email your interest to [Vicki.Roberts@tepaepaeoatea.school.nz](mailto:Vicki.Roberts@tepaepaeoatea.school.nz)



## Important Dates

|                       |                                       |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Wednesday February 15 | TSSSA Tennis                          |
| Sunday February 19    | TSSA Beach Volleyball                 |
| Tuesday February 21   | Whānau BBQ                            |
| Thursday February 23  | School Class Photos                   |
| Friday February 24    | TSSSA Sailing                         |
| Monday February 27    | TSSSA Mountain Biking – Cross Country |



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# Street Art Flexitime Class

Next week two of our classes are headed to the Govett Brewster Art Gallery. We are also doing a walking tour of Street Art Murals within the city. We have the unique opportunity to work with Two New Plymouth based artists Che Rogers and Jen Halli who are going to support our students in our MURAL street Art journey.

They will be supporting us at school throughout the term also and working with students, supporting their ideas and the execution of their murals.

We will be travelling by bus and leaving school at 11 am and returning at 4pm.

If you child is on the bus after school you will need to make alternative arrangements to get them home.

This trip is covered by the blanket consent.

If you have any questions please contact Emily Davidson via email

[emily.davidson@tepaepaeoaotea.school.nz](mailto:emily.davidson@tepaepaeoaotea.school.nz)



# Junior Curriculum Field Trips

Next week a number of our junior students will be involved in field trips – where they will get to be out there exploring and learning with their teachers and other experts.

## Our trips for next week Wednesday 15 February 2023

| Module   | Location  | Trip purpose   | Times  | Teachers Involved                      | Students require the following |
|--|---|--|--|--|--------------------------------|
| <b>Moana</b>   | Ohawe, local beaches                                    | To begin exploration of Moana environs – with Dr Emily Roberts (TRC)   | Leave school: 11.30am<br>Return to school by 2.30pm  | Mr Kepa Grindlay<br>Ms Bianca Glockler | Full water bottle              |
| <b>Maunga</b>  | Mt Taranaki   | This trip will provide us with our starting point for with exploring the Tikanga, historical tales, and ecosystems of our Maunga | Leave school : 11.30am<br>Return to school by 2.30pm | Mr Arapeta Nikora                      | Full water bottle              |
| <b>Street Art YEAR 7 &amp; 8 Classes</b><br>EDA and MTR only<br><br>(other two classes go 22 <sup>nd</sup> ) | New Plymouth Govett Brewster Art gallery and Mural tour | This trip will provide us our starting point – for exploring the world of Street Art!  | Leave school: 11.00am<br><br>Return to school by 4pm | Mrs Emily Davidson (lead teacher)      | Full water bottle              |

## Additional Details

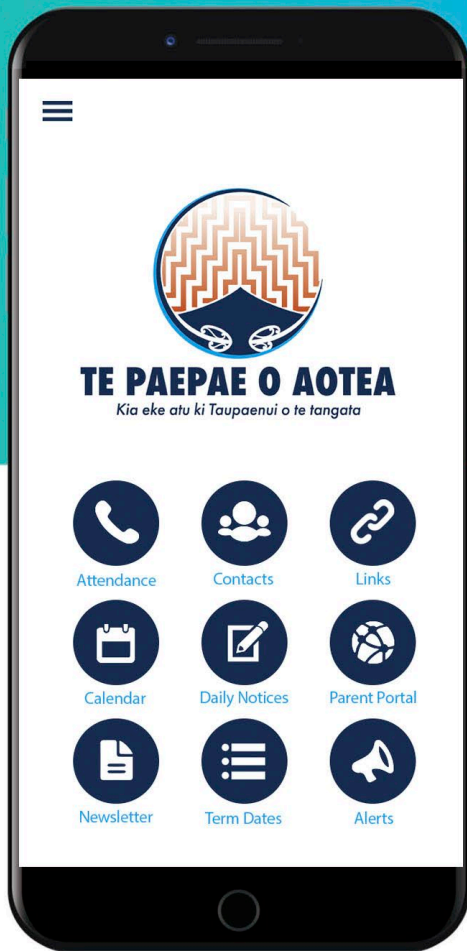
Students who will be participating in these trips will bring home a letter with all the relevant details on Monday 13 February.

Students for both the Maunga and Moana field trips will be having their usual school kai before buses leave. Street Art students will be provided with Kai also – to have once they arrive at our destination.

All trips are low risk events – covered by the blanket consent form which was signed on enrolment.

We are very grateful to our external providers – our students are very fortunate to be able to tap in to these experts knowledge, skills and understandings of their subject area.

We would love to include any parents interested in helping out with future planned trips for these and other modules. Please just contact our school office and we will be in touch. Thank you!



# Download the Te Paepae o Aotea School App

Go to the App Store on your Apple or Android device and Search '**SchoolAppsNZ**' to download the app onto your device.

Then search 'Your School Name' to find your school's app.



### Absentee

Phone or send an email to the Absence Office.



### Contacts

Phone or email contacts for school staff and key contacts.



### School Info

View, download and share school info here.



### Calendar

View upcoming events and add individual events to your calendar.



### Newsletters

View, download and share our Newsletters here.



### Alerts

View alerts, and remove by swiping an alert left.



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# Cooking for the Stars

Here are some photos for the cooking for the stars integrated learning module. We made smoothies for our first lesson.



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**The Year 7-10  
Flexitime students  
have had a great  
start to Sculpture**

*They have all made their mark on the Art room by leaving behind a wee creature on the shelf. Next week they are altering plastic toys and turning them into new creatures using plasticine. Watch this space!*



