



TE PAEPAE O AOTEA

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Newsletter – 10 March 2023

Kia ora e te whānau

Today is a very special day in the short history of Te Paepae o Aotea. Our foundation senior student leaders were appointed in a special assembly. Thank you to the Assembly of God church for allowing us to use their venue. Unfortunately, we are currently unable to hold school functions at the HUB due to bleacher system repairs. In the meantime, we will improvise for our assemblies and other gatherings and make use of various venues around our community. This means we will continue to have separate senior and junior assemblies for the foreseeable future.

It has been great to see our students making the most of their opportunities at school. If you have not downloaded the 'SchoolAppsNZ' app I would encourage you to do so to keep up to date with all the amazing initiatives our students are involved with. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all our amazing staff who spend hours ensuring students can have these experiences. I am proud of the way our staff have embraced the curriculum changes and have been committed to supporting our students to reach their full potential.

Currently trials and musters are happening for our winter sport. We are looking forward to seeing students out representing our school in their new sports uniforms. We know they will do us proud and display our school values of Aotea, Taupaenui and Paepae throughout practice and games. Please encourage students to get involved in sports and other extracurricular activities on offer so that they can continue to develop into well rounded people.

The Ministry of Education has developed an attendance and engagement strategy [Attendance-and-Engagement-Strategy-Document.pdf \(education.govt.nz\)](#). This document challenges students, whānau and schools to have students attending school regularly so they can be fully engaged. Ministry of Education defines regular attendance as being at least 90% attendance. We will continue to monitor student attendance and connect with students and whānau if we have concerns. However, whānau can also monitor attendance by checking on the parent portal and getting in contact with us if you have concerns. Please contact the office if you do not know how to access parent portal.

We are currently developing an additional programme for select Year 7 -10 students. This programme will be an offsite programme starting 20 March and will run for the remainder of the term, continuing in Term 2. This programme will be called "Ko wai au? Who am I?" and has been designed to help students develop the skills they need to be successful in the classroom. Once students have successfully gained the necessary skills, they will be transitioned back into the classroom environment.

Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Ngā mihi

Rachel Williams *Tumuaki*



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Senior Students Leadership Roles



2023 Te Paepae o Aotea Head Leaders:

Head Community Leader, Hannah Coogan; Head Sport Leader, Tessa Leatherby; Head Cultural Leader, Shaneya Patel and Head Academic Leader, Ebony Kalin.

Patea

Community Leader- Lauryn Terrill
Deputy Community Leader - Hayley Gavin

Sport Leader- Luke Barnett
Deputy Sport Leader- Bethany Gyde

Cultural Leader - Jähzel Potaka
Deputy Cultural Leader - Mapet Bacor

Academic Leader- Zoe Carter
Deputy - Liesa Hofstadler



Tangahoe

Cultural Leader: Te Koha Domb
Deputy Cultural Leader: Leo Kerehoma

Academic Leader: Kaia Silva
Deputy Academic Leader: Shreya Patel

Community Leader: Jena Buhler
Deputy Community Leader: Seth Riley

Sports Leader: Pearl Kahui Robinson
Deputy Sports Leader: Jayda Sharp

Waingongoro

Cultural Leader – Oceana Landridge
Deputy Cultural Leader – Lexie Mullan

Community Leader – Pagan Hira
Deputy Community Leader – Jessica Fletcher

Academic Leader – Rebecca Smythe
Deputy Academic Leader – Carlitos Morellon Anderson

Sports Leader – Chloe Thompson
Deputy Sports Leader – Thomas Towers



Kaupokonui

Head Community Leader – Kiannah Marshall-Ngeru
Deputy Community Leader – Julia Scott

Academic Leader – Emilia Scott
Deputy Academic Leader – Chanel Beeslaar

Sports Leader – Thomas Cudby
Deputy Sports Leader – Mcallum Kalin

Cultural Leader – Quincy Julian
Deputy Cultural Leader – Tamati Horo

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 three times and then families will be contacted if there is no change to 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.

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 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, please see Matua Mahaki to get a pass).
- Long term, we would like parents to collect students from the Waihi Road part of the HUB.
- 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.



We want to hear from you!

Consultation is open
Monday 27 February - Friday 31 March 2023

Speed limits around schools in South Taranaki are changing, and we want your feedback as to what you think these speeds should be, and what zones these speed changes should cover.



Pick up your copy of the Interim Speed Management Plan Consultation Document at a local LibraryPlus, Hāwera Administration Building, Hāwera Aquatic Centre, South Taranaki i-SITE or TSB Hub.

www.southtaranaki.com/speedreview

Uniform

Our Board expects all students to 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.

School Jackets <https://forms.office.com/r/nuhc2PnWqH>

The school will be placing a bulk order for student jackets in a few weeks' time, ready for students to collect early in Term 2. If you wish to purchase a jacket for your child, please ask them to go to the school office where there are sample jackets to try on for sizing. Once you know what size is required, please click on the link below to access the order form and submit payment either by direct credit or cash at the office. Orders for Term 1 close Friday, 24 March.



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It is our expectation that all students 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 AOTEAROA 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, skirt, 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



Classroom Activities



DEBATING

The Te Paepae O Aotea debating club have taken off with a flying start. We are very fortunate to have our very talented senior students mentor our junior debaters; teaching them the tricks of the trade.

Through debating, strong friendships are formed as students learn to debate a range of topics both serious and humorous. This grows confidence and develops thinking skills.

This weekend our junior debaters will be representing Te Paepae O Aotea in Whanganui for Central North Island Debating Champs.



MAUNGA MOUNT TARANAKI

Titiro, titiro ki te Maunga Titohea! As a part of community contribution, our Maunga rōpu spent the day exploring Dawson Falls and the area surrounding. A great day had by all.



RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS

Today the Random Acts of Kindness class went to the St Mary's Community Garden. Alice from Sustainable Taranaki talked to us about how the garden started and how we might be able to help.

We learned about the garden and did a few tasks to help out. We are talking about different ways that we could help out in the future.



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YEAR 12 AGRICULTURE



Stock Handling for Year 12 Agriculture at the Egmont Showgrounds. Students had a great learning experience in glorious weather.



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LET'S GET FAB



Let's get Fab - Op Shop Challenge to restyle second hand clothing items into new outfits.



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BMX TRACK DESIGN CLASS



On Wednesday our two BMX Track Design classes ventured out to the Hawera Primary BMX Track. Students practiced appropriate tikanga in harvesting harakeke within the track for some of our Science and Te Ao Maori ILMs. We enjoyed the sunshine racing and competing against our peers while taking drone footage to gain access of aerial images and times for our Community Contribution with building skills in Architecture and Mathematics. A huge thanks to Hawera Primary for being so generous with your grounds.



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STREET ART - GOVETT BREWSTER ART GALLERY



Our Street Art students have had the opportunity to visit the Govett Brewster Art gallery in the past week. They also were treated to a walking tour of some of the Street Art Murals in New Plymouth. What an inspirational trip!



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SHOWTIME



In Showtime we are developing plays about the myths and legends or the Māori and Taranaki. Those is our brainstorming phase.



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EVENT VOLUNTEERING



Taakana Teina in Event Volunteering. Student created their own lessons and then taught their group how to play.



Sports Talk

What an epic two weeks Te Paepae o Aotea have had with sports teams, school events, personal achievements for individuals and activities happening throughout our school.

Energy levels have been high, a positive vibe within our school and more importantly our students representing Te Paepae o Aotea in our community with pride.

In the last newsletter I spoke briefly about the importance of downloading our school App. The response we have had is amazing. Students and parents will now be receiving the same information around activities and events through our school platforms.

If you haven't already downloaded, please do this so you don't miss out on sign ups, notices and general information for you and your child.

Thank you for your support in this.

Ngā mihi

Vicki Roberts

Sports Coordinator

Parent Support in Coaching and Managing

We have a lot of students interested in playing sports this year, which is fantastic. We do, however, lack parent support in helping with teams in coaching or managing on the day. Please understand that if we do not have parent support, I will not be entering the teams. Myself and staff cannot be at every event or coach every team.

If you are interested in helping coach or manage a team, please let me know when your child signs up vicki.roberts@tepaepaeoaotea.school.nz

Croquet

Last weekend Russell Hockley and Jayda Sharp were involved in the Croquet South Taranaki Golf Croquet Tournament. Russell and Jayda finished 2nd and 3rd respectively in the Championship singles for 7+ handicaps on Saturday.

Sunday seen Jayda paired with Cherol Filbee and Russell paired with Nik Budd-Clement in the doubles competition. Both pairings ended up facing each other in the final with Jayda and Cherol just pipping Russell and Nik in a close game 6-5.

TSSSA Rogaine

Wednesday 1 March saw 116 students (Yr9-13) along with six staff attend one of the most enjoyable and participated events on our calendar. Rogaine is an orienteering event which sees groups of 2-5 members running, walking or singing their way around Lake Mangamohoe collecting as many points as possible in two hours.

Lots of laughs, stories and entertaining moments were shared amongst the group with a few groups finishing in the top five.

Intermediate Girls - Team 25 - 4th place

Intermediate Mixed - Team 32 - 1st, Team 16 - 2nd, Team 11 - 4th, Team 10 - 5th

Senior Boys - Team 22 - 4th

Senior Mixed - Team 31 - 2nd, Team 1 - 3rd

Year 7 & 8 Rippa Rugby

We have five talented teams in the Thursday night competition held at the Hub. It's been great seeing the kids out playing, having fun and being competitive. Thanks to some cool parents for helping run our teams and senior students; Troy Le Quesne, Abbey Sandford, Maria Marsden Kukutai, Ashah Gopperth and Peyton Nelson.

TSSSA BMX

A small group of talented BMX riders represented our school at the TSSSA BMX held at the Hawera BMX club on Wednesday. Awesome night for racing which seen good rides from all. Congratulations on your results - Junior Girls - Jasmine Campbell - 3rd, Kaitlyn Bensley - 4th, Senior Girls - Jessie Hira - 2nd, Senior Boys - Luke Barnett - 3rd, Hunter Hira - 5th.

Ross Taylor 1st XV Cricket Cup

Super proud of our cricket team who participated in the Taranaki Ross Taylor Cricket competition on Tuesday and won to represent Te Paepae o Aotea in Palmerston North next Wednesday.

The team is made up of Y10-Y13 players.

We wish them the very best next week and hope for a great result.

Senior Volleyball

We have two teams representing our school on a Tuesday and Thursday at the Taranaki Regional Volleyball competition. These guys are improving each week and looking forward to representing our school at the end of the month participating in the NZ Volleyball Nationals in Palmerston North - Good luck!

Waka Ama Nationals

First time ever we have had not one but two waka ama teams training and heading off to Nationals at the end of the month. Thanks to Matua Mahaki for organising our Senior Girls and Boys team. Early morning starts with boats on the water on the Patea river. An amazing opportunity for our students to be a part of. We are looking forward to more participants in the future.

Te Paepae o Aotea Athletics Day

An absolute full-on day with lots of events happening over at the Athletics Track in the Hub. This is the first time we have seen our students challenge each other - awa v awa and staff v staff. Bragging rights and pride were on display! Records have been broken and history was being made of these students - the first for Te Paepae o Aotea.

600 students registered to participate in sprints, long distance running, discus, shot put, long jump, triple Jump, high jump, walk and javelin.

Thank you for the outside support of Russell and Judy Guckett, Graham Harvey, Hayden Sturgeon, Deanne Hockley, Clare Baylis, senior student - Shakaia Tantrum and our fantastic staff.

Special mention to Jason Cressingham and Kelly Stevens for the long nights and organisation of making it happen!

Bring on the Senior relay and staff relay!! Look forward to the final awa points!

Non-Competitive Students - Challenges

It was fantastic to see a competition made for those students who choose to challenge and compete against other awa in activities such as building in different sorts of material, boat racing with vessels made by themselves, designing a mascot and lots more. Students had lots of fun. These events were also given points for their awa and will be included in the final result.

Students didn't have to be doing athletics to contribute - this is a great incentive to ensure we include all.

Upcoming events	
TSSSA Athletics	15 March
Cricket - Ross Taylor Cup	TBC
Year 7 & 8 Taranaki Inter-Intermediate Swimming Sports	TBC
TSSSA Senior League	23 March
TSSSA Golf	2 April
TSSSA Bowls	3 April
National Waka Ama	TBC
National Volleyball	TBC



Sports News

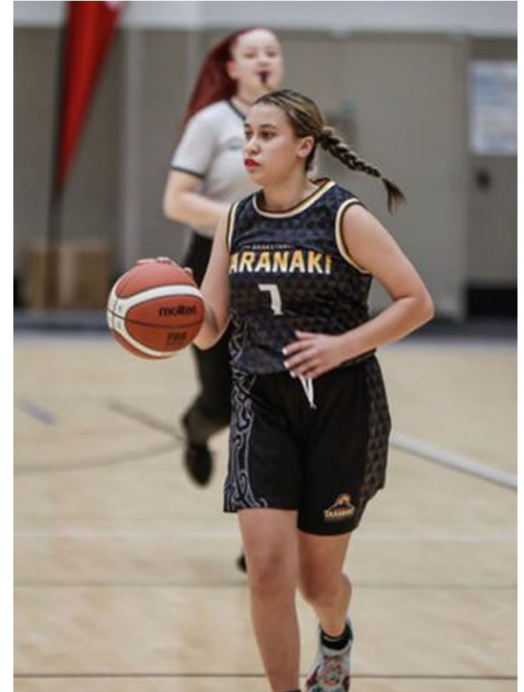
PEYTON NELSON INVITATIONAL 2023 USA NABI TOUR

Year 12 student, Peyton Nelson, has been selected as one of 10 girls from New Zealand to attend the invitational 2023 USA NABI Tour where she will represent in the U19 team. Peyton is the only girl selected from Taranaki and with talent scouts from across America descending upon this prestigious event, it would be Peyton's dream to be selected for a Basketball Scholarship.

Being North America's largest invitational tournament for high school youth, each athlete is exposed to many educational opportunities. Only 128 students are accepted each year and Peyton is one of 64 girls who have been selected.

A regular in the Taranaki U15 squad, Peyton has represented across all age groups. This year will see her travel with the U17 squad to the regionals. Peyton is an active member in the community, regularly giving back through refereeing and coaching in the Primary School League games and at local schools.

We wish Peyton every success in this exciting stage of her Basketball journey. We are sure she will benefit greatly from the experience. Congratulations!



NEW ZEALAND TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS



At the recently completed New Zealand Track and Field Championships Te Paepae o Aotea had 4 Athletes represent Taranaki.

Three of these athletes came home with medals: Elliot Willis gained a Gold in the M16 Triple Jump and also placed 5th in the M16 Long Jump.

Nathan Baylis gained Gold in the M16 3000m Walk. Cody Macphail gained a Silver in the M16 100m Hurdles, to go

alongside a pair of 4th in the M16 Long and Triple Jumps respectively.

Our fourth athlete in the team was Lauryn Terrill who placed 8th in the W18 Long Jump and 9th in the W18 Triple Jump.

Also involved with the event were two staff members.

Mr Jason Cressingham, who was the manager of the Taranaki Team and Ms Pauline Hurley who was one of the officials that helped keep the event running smoothly.



Athletics Day 2023



SOUTH TARANAKI GOLF CROQUET TOURNAMENT



Rusty Hockley and Jayda Sharp were involved in the Croquet South Taranaki Golf Croquet Tournament last weekend, where Rusty and Jayda finished 2nd and 3rd respectively in the Championship Singles for 7+ Handicaps on the Saturday.

On Sunday, Jayda paired up with fellow Hawera Croquet Club member, Cherol Filbee, and Rusty paired up with fellow Park Croquet Club member, Nik Budd-Clement, in the Handicap Doubles competition. Both pairings ended up in facing each other in the Final. In the end it was Jayda and Cherol that pipped Rusty and Nik in a very close game, 6-5.

We look forward to seeing these two students' progress in the sport in the future. A number of Te Paepae o Aotea students were also involved in the recent TSSSA Golf Croquet 'Have A Go' Afternoon recently, and there is potential for Year 9 to Year 13 students to participate in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Tournament in September.

Weather permitting, students who are looking for a new pursuit, or something to do after school, Park Croquet Club Youth Development Coach, Gerald Allan, offers free coaching sessions every Tuesday and Thursday from 3.30pm-4.30pm.

Students and/or whanau are also welcome at Twilight Play from 5.30pm on the same days until Daylight Savings ends on Sunday 2 April. These two days are available to be as flexible as possible, knowing students and/or whanau have other commitments, and this allows any adults who want to play at the end of the working day an opportunity to do so.

If you have any queries, feel free to check out the Park Croquet Club Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/ParkCroquetClubHawera> where you can contact them via Messenger Chat or email parkcroquetclubhawera@gmail.com

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**Bikes & Helmets
Wanted for BMX Track Design**

Calling all unwanted, good condition bikes appropriate for BMX use for Year 7-10 students. If you have an unwanted bike you are no longer using (and helmets too), please drop into school for Mrs Stephens and Mr White at the school office or TR 2. Any donations appreciated - thank you.

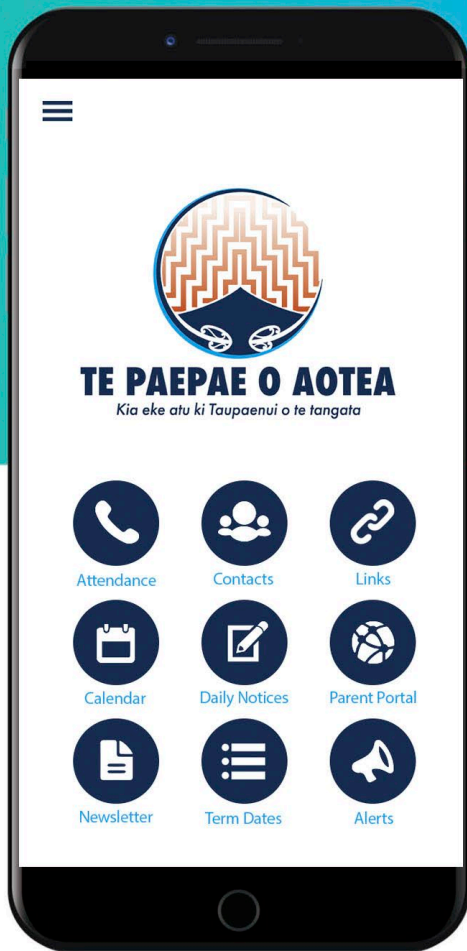
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RUGBY

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



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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