



Kia eke atu ki Taupaenui o te tangata

Newsletter - 19 May 2023

Kia ora e te whānau

The budget was released yesterday and there were two major announcements for us as a school. The first was the continuation of the Ka ora, ka ako – Healthy school lunches programme for 2024. We are also mentioned on page 89 as a community regarding the next steps of our building developments. We have been in contact with the Ministry of Education property team and have expressed our desire to learn exactly what this means for us. As soon as we know more about both initiatives, we will share this information with you all. It is great to know we are still on the radar in Wellington and that our Prime Minister has received the gift we sent following our opening pōwhiri.

Many of you came to watch our students last Friday at the cross country in the morning and the colour run in the afternoon. Both events were well organised by staff and enjoyed by students and staff. The cross country gave our competitive runners an opportunity to test themselves against each other and the clock. I was proud of the effort and determination they each displayed in our first school cross country and then again, this week in the Taranaki Secondary Schools Sports Association cross country. The afternoon was perfect weather for a colour run and this enabled hundreds of our students to get involved in the fun. It was amazing to see the pure joy on the faces of so many of our students as they participated in the colour run.

Next week we will be holding Senior whānau meetings. These meetings are an opportunity for whānau teachers, students and parents to review learning goals, check credits for NCEA and discuss what learning still needs to happen in Semester Two. Many of you will be aware that these meetings are at various times and days, between the hours of 8am – 4pm. You may also be aware that secondary teachers have not reached an agreement with the Ministry of Education on pay and conditions and are engaging in industrial action. One aspect of the industrial action being taken is teachers only working between the hours of 8am-4pm. It is therefore impossible for us to offer appointments to whānau outside of these hours. Further details about these meetings can be found later in the newsletter. Junior whānau meetings will be held at the end of term for students to review the term and confirm module selections for Term 3.

We are also coming to the time of the year when many of our senior students are thinking about plans for 2024 and beyond. Students should keep an eye on school notices so they know when tertiary providers and other presenters will be available to discuss options with them. Our careers and pathways staff are available to assist students and whānau to explore options.

Our first Year 7 and 8 winter exchange will take place next Thursday against Highlands. Well done to all students who trialled and were selected for teams. I know all our students selected will represent

our school with pride, displaying our school values. I am looking forward to seeing them compete and making the most of the opportunity given.

Over the last year we have provided multiple updates in the building space. We are nearly finished with all the building work connected to the transition phase of the school. The new food technology and endeavour centre rooms have now been completed. Our playground will be ready for use next week and the roof remedial work on Dixon, Gray and Te Ramanui is currently being carried out. We are looking forward to gaining some of our green space back once site fencing has been removed. The next step on our building journey is the master planning phase for our new school. We will keep you all posted as to when this will commence.

This term we have focussed on getting the little things right so our students can focus on their learning. Students have been asked to keep cell phones out of the classroom. We are delighted to report that many of our students are getting this right. We are thankful for all the conversations that are happening at home to support this message in the classroom. Uniform remains a focus and like cell phones, most are getting this right. However, we know there are times that it is impossible for students to be in the correct uniform (particularly in winter). If your child does need to wear incorrect uniform, please send them with a note for their whānau teacher. Our pastoral team do have some spare uniform items students may be able to borrow until they can get back to correct uniform.

One of the major changes made this term was to keep junior students learning within their awa block. e.g., Patea, Tangahoe, Waingongoro and Kaupokonui. This change was made to make the transition between classes easier. Students still have choices over their learning programme as many different modules are still offered, and these will rotate around each awa each term. I am pleased to let you know our students have responded well to this change and have embraced being able to stay connected to their awa space for most of the week.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support our school by sharing positive messages in our community. We are very proud of our students and staff and know that it makes a massive difference to our students' progress when the community celebrate their successes. If you have specific concerns about your student's learning, please connect with their whānau teacher in the first instance.

Ngā mihi

Rachel Williams *Tumuaki*



Our Local MP Steph Lewis handing our shovel to PM Chris Hipkins to remind him to keep our school rebuild in the forefront of his mind.

TE PAEPAE O AOTEA

Kia eke atu ki Taupaenui o te tangata

The following values are the way we do things at Te Paepae o Aotea

AOTEA



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Our value of Aotea represents a caring environment for all students, staff, whānau and community, to explore identity.

We create safe and caring learning environments.

We value and celebrate individual mana.

We develop authentic relationships.



Our value of Taupaenui supports the attainment of human potential, the pursuit of knowledge and striving for excellence.

We uphold a learning culture that is inclusive and diverse.

We strive for personal excellence.

We have a positive attitude and a growth mindset.



Our Value of Paepae supports the courage, adventure, strength, persistence and the pursuit of knowledge in the learning environment.

We are courageous and visionary.

We challenge with confidence, where appropriate.

We support each other to overcome obstacles and build resilience.



E PAEPAE O AOTE Kia eke atu ki Taupaenui o te tangata

Senior Students Year 11-13 Student/Teacher/Whānau MEETINGS

All Year 11-13 students, with their caregiver/s, are requested to meet with their Whānau Teacher to reflect on their Semester 1 progress and confirm their Semester 2 course.

Interview Dates & Times:

Monday May 22 – Between 9am-11am Tuesday May 23 – Between 3.15pm-4pm Wednesday May 24 - Between 3.15pm-4pm Friday May 26 - Between 1.45pm-4pm

Monday May 22

Senior students - classes start at 11.30am Senior bus students to study in the library between 9am-11am

Friday May 26

Senior students - school finishes at 1pm Senior bus students to study in the library between 1.45pm-3pm

JUNIOR SCHOOL - NORMAL SCHOOL HOURS

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Please click on the link below to make a booking:

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Rostering Home

- 1. While students may continue work on currently assigned material, there should be no special preparation of work for online platforms for the day they are rostered off.
- 2. Other teaching and duties continue as normal.
- 3. Rostering does not include out-of-school-hours voluntary extracurricular activities.
- 4. Organised camps etc., would be rescheduled around rostering plan.
- 5. Year 7/8 student classes continue as normal unless there is a full school strike day.

THIS IS THE ROSTERING HOME PLAN		
TERM 2	DAY/YEAR LEVEL	DAY/YEAR LEVEL
Week 5		Thursday – Year 11
Week 6	Tuesday – Year 13	Thursday – Year 12
Week 7	Tuesday – Year 10	Thursday – Year 9

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 Accounts

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

TSB Bank Limited – Te Paepae o Aotea Account: 15-3950-0777159-00 Particulars: [SURNAME] [First Initial] [Student Number] [Reference (e.g., Rugby)] Student Number can be found on MyKAMAR on our website www.tepaepaeoaotea.school.nz

Measles

Te Whatu Ora has advised us to ensure that our immunisation records are up to date in light of the identified case of measles in a school community in Auckland.

Te Whatu Ora states you will be protected against measles if you:

- had two doses of the MMR vaccine
- had measles before
- were born before 1 Jan 1969

Please check the parent portal under details in the medical section to check if your child's records are correct. If you need to make any amendments, please call the school office.



Te Paepae o Aotea Head Leader News 19 May 2023

ACADEMIC LEADER Ebony Kalin



Kia Ora.

The past two weeks have offered exciting learning opportunities for our students from Road Safety Day, the Empowering Young Leaders conference, in-class activities, and more. We hope that all students engaged with these opportunities.

A highlight for me, was definitely Road Safety Day.

There was lots of enthusiasm from students during our presentations, students challenged themselves in the obstacle course with the fatal vision goggles, and in the road safety activities offered at lunchtime. From an organiser's perspective, this was awesome to see! I hope that all students learned a strong Road Safety message.

If your student isn't already aware, EmpowerYouth applications are open! At the beginning of this year, I set myself a goal to establish a Youth Committee within South Taranaki who aims to represent the youth voice of our district and strives to engage youth within our community. Over the past couple of months, I have been working closely with the South Taranaki District Council to make this goal a reality! I highly recommend that our students apply for EmpowerYouth, a committee composed of like-minded individuals who strive to engage, connect, and inspire rangatahi of South Taranaki. To apply, see the application poster.

A big reminder to please keep an eye out in the Academic Opportunities column to see what opportunities are coming up for our students. We highly recommend that our students engage with these. I look forward to seeing what the following weeks bring.

COMMUNITY LEADER



Hannah Coogan

This term has seen many amazing opportunities to give back to the community: The inter-awa can drive is picking up, a successful road safety day (organised by the SADD team), and pink shirt day.

A massive thanks to all the leaders who have actively participated in helping organise and run these events. Your hard work does not go unnoticed.

We encourage all students to keep bringing cans in to school to put towards the can drive.

SPORTS LEADER Tessa Leatherby



Thank you to everyone that participated in LRA dodgeball, the color run, and our road safety activities.

All these activities are not possible without students putting themselves out there and trying new things.

We to love seeing the amount of involvement happening within our awas and we appreciate everyone who is giving things a go.

Please make sure to look in our SchoolApp for details for next week's LRA activity football.

Thanks, the sports council.

CULTURAL LEADER Shaneya Patel



Chalk Art for road safety day was a Great Success! We kicked off the week with an exciting and fun chalk art activity themed around drive safety that got everyone involved and taking part. It was great to see so many students working together to showcase their creativity to convey a positive message. What a great way to raise awareness about the importance of safe driving.

A big shoutout to our incredible Junior Cultural Leaders for their amazing work on the day. They did an excellent job of encouraging others to participate and keeping enthusiasm high for promoting road safety.

Their leadership skills are already truly impressive—can't wait to see more of it throughout the year.

And of course, Tamati's road safety presentation and speech were a highlight of the day for the senior school. His message was memorable and left a positive and long-lasting impact on audiences. Great efforts all around.



Student Success

WAINGONGORO AWA Student Academic Recognition



Waingongoro Junior Assembly - Junior leaders were awarded their badges, as well as junior students from Waingongoro who received a certificate for showing our school values, wearing their school uniform with pride, and good attendance.



WE WANT YOUTH 12-24 YEAR OLDS

Do you want to be the Youth Voice for our District?

Join EmpowerYouth!

A committee of like-minded individuals who share two common goals.

One: To provide a youth voice for South Taranaki rangatahi, through conversations/connections with the STDC.

Two: To increase our youth community engagement, carrying out community projects supported by STDC Community Services.

School liaison roles, co-chair and media representative roles on offer!

To apply, prepare a two-minute introduction video telling us why you value your community and what youth voice means to you. Send this and your name, contact number and preferred email address (not your school email address) to **EmpowerYouthST@outlook.com before May 31, 2023.** Preferred video format is an unlisted YouTube video. We look forward to seeing your application.



ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

Year 12/13 Professor Harry Messel International Science School – July 2023 Sydney

The ISS is a free, biennial science event that celebrates and honours excellence in young people displaying an interest and aptitude for science, aiming to encourage these students to pursue careers in science and related areas. Applications are due 22nd of May, for more information see Ebony.

Ronald Hugh Morrison Writing Competition for Year 9-13 Students

All participants must be over the age of 13. The categories include secondary school poetry, secondary school short story, and secondary school true story. Up to three entries per category for each student. Competition will open midterm term two and close early term three.

WITT Taranaki Science and Technology Fair July 31-August 2, 2023

Are you a year 7-13 student who is interested in science or technology? Then this event could be for you! The different categories include scientific journalism, advertising poster, scientific photography, observational drawing, robotics water rockets, and scientific investigation. Prizes are up for grabs! For more details, and information on how to enter head to their website taranakisciencefair.co.nz

Fortnightly VR Fridays, at Hawera Library Plus

Every second Friday from 3:30-4:30pm at the Hawera Library Plus, for ages 13-18.

Waikato University School-Leaver Scholarships are OPEN! (Year 13 only)

More information and to apply head to waikato.ac.nz -FREE Taranaki Bus to Waikato Open Day - May 26, 2023 A FREE bus for Taranaki students wanting to attend the Waikato Open day on the 26th of May. See Sue in the transition office for more information and details.

Victoria University Open Day - August 25, 2023 Puanga Art Exhibition

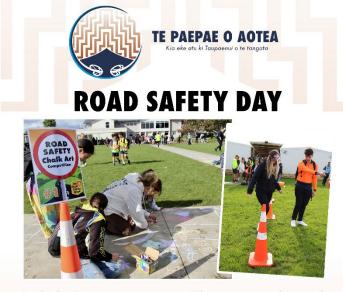
Calling all creative students and staff to enter in the Puanga Art Exhibition at the Lysaght Watt Gallery. All genres of artworks are welcome (painting, drawing, sculpture, photography, etc), but are to be tied to the theme Puanga "regeneration, rebirth and change". All artworks to be completed and handed in Week 7, Friday June 9. Any queries please see Whaea Emily or Shaneya.

EmpowerYouth

We want youth! Do you want to be the youth voice for our district? Join EmpowerYouth! A committee of like-minded individuals who share two common goals. One: To provide a youth voice for South Taranaki rangatahi, through conversations/connections with the STDC. Two: To increase our youth community engagement, carrying out community projects supported by STDC Community Services. To apply, prepare a two-minute introduction video telling us why you value your community and what youth voice means to you. Send this and your name, contact number and preferred email address (not your school email address) to EmpowerYouthST@outlook.com before May 31, 2023



Student Activities



Road Safety Day was an amazing success! There was a range of activities for both Junior and Senior students to participate in during interval and lunchtimes, as well as Kaitiaki o Ara presentations from Ebony and Tamati to our senior students, sharing strong road safety messages. It was an awesome day of fun, engagement, and learning for our students.

A big thank you to all of those who supported Road Safety Day, especially Bobbi the Taranaki Kaitiaki o Ara Delivery Lead and Marion Webby from Road Safe Taranaki. Both came into school and supported our students. As well as our sponsor Repco Hawera who supplied the spot prizes for our students.

If you would like to join Te Paepae o Aotea's Kaitiaki o Ara Group, get in touch with either Ebony, Tamati or Bethany within school.

Thank you to all those that participated in Fluro Day - Road Safety Week!

Te Paepae o Aotea would like to thank Repco Hawera for their sponsorhip







Year 9 & 10 students from the Solar Energy class working on a solar powered robot.

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YEAR 9 & 10 SCIENCE 101



In Science 101 this week students were working on Egg drop stem activity. Its an engineering challenge where students are asked to make a protective shell for the egg made out of just paper and tape. Then the students are asked to drop the egg at about 6 feet in height. The Students really enjoyed this activity.



Student Activities













FOSSIL HUNTING AT WAIHI BEACH



Ko Wai Au students went fossil hunting with a group of keen fossil hunters at Waihi Beach. A lot of fossils were found inside the rocks and the students enjoyed working out what part of the coastal ecosystem they were millions of years ago.



YEAR 7 & 8 RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS



The Random Acts of Kindness Year 7 & 8 class during a community relations activity. Students shared their expertise on phone use with the elders of the community. The elders learned a lot of digital tips and tricks. Students felt accomplished after being able to help the elders of the community.





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YEAR 9 & 10 PHOTOGRAPHY

Photography students learned about lighting angles and using Photoshop.

Students also enjoyed using a free online website called Lunapic to alter their photos as in this example by Kairo Garrett.



Sports News

An epic display of sports over the last two weeks with interschool competitions and team sports played during the week and weekend.

We have kicked weeks two and three of Term 2 off with the start of our LRA events for both senior and junior school at lunchtime. LRA is run by our school sports leaders who chose the event for our junior and senior school to battle it out against other awa. Mates become fierce rivals in the hope to be crowned winners and own bragging rights until the next competition. Most importantly awa points are earnt for the overall winner at the end of the year.

Dodge ball was the competition of choice which we've seen awesome participation numbers across the senior and junior school.

Final senior standings 1st Kaupokonui, 2nd Waingongoro, 3rd Tangahoe, 4th Patea. Final junior standings 1st Waingongoro, 2nd Kaupokonui, 3rd Tangahoe, 4th Patea.

We have our Year 7 & 8 sports teams training for the up and coming Highlands Intermediate Sports exchange on Thursday, 25 May at Highlands.

We have Rugby, Basketball, Netball, Hockey, Football, Chess, Table tennis and Indoor Bowls participating.

There will be two more Intermediate exchanges coming up with Devon and Manukorihi.

School Championship Cross Country and Colour run - Great to see a good number of our students participate in our Championship Cross Country event on Friday.

Thank you to all our parents who helped and showed up to support our kids running on the day.

Colour Run was a successful event, seeing a lot of students enjoying themselves running around Hicks Park over obstacles and the popular water feature of the rural fire truck kindly organised by Glenn Heather and his team.

This fun afternoon saw staff and students coming together and building whanaungatanga in a positive environment.

Te Paepae o Aotea had 12 students attend TSSSA Cross Country held at the A&P showgrounds on Monday.

Cold conditions, however the sun came out later. Well done to all that participated with the short notice.

Best results for each section:

Yr 9 Girls - Kaitlyn Pennington - 6th Jnr Girls - Maddison Sturgeon - 2nd Jnr Boys - Carlito Morellon-Anderson - 9th Snr Girls - Ebony Kalin - 11th Snr Boys - Te Koha Domb - 16th

Netball Representatives

Congratulations to two netballers who made representative teams.

Madisyn Pascoe - Taranaki U14 Representative Team Charles Bien Jemenez (CB) - Taranaki U16 Mixed Representative Team

Please email me if students gain honors in representative teams. It will be great to celebrate their success.

Keep it up all!!! Thank you to everyone who gets in, support our teams and make it happen. Coaches, managers, officials, organisers, parent drivers and whanau. You guys are amazing!

Vicki Roberts Sports Coordinator

Up and Coming Events		
Event	Date	
TSSSA Netball	May 23 (entries close)	
TSSSA 3x3 Basketball Senior	June 1	
Waiopehu College Sports Exchange	June 6	
TSSSA Squash	June 16	
Devon Intermediate Exchange	June 15	
TSSSA Senior Festival Day	June 16	
TSSSA 3x3 Basketball Junior	June 19	
TSSSA Badminton	June 22	
TSSSA E-Sports	June 27	



School Cross Country





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FRIDAY MAY 12, 2023 - RESULTS

Year 7 & 8 Girls		
Placing	Student	Awa
1 st Place	Tayla Sturgeon	Waingongoro
2 nd Place	Mikayla Arnold	Waingongoro
3 rd Place	Lexus Napflin	Pātea
4 th Place	Emily Cleaver	Tangahoe

Year 7 & 8 Boys		
Placing	Student	Awa
1 st Place	Mason Lord	Pātea
2 nd Place	Ryan Finey	Kaūpokonui
3 rd Place	Roman Parkinson	Waingongoro
4 th Place	Lachlan Wills	Kaūpokonui

Year 9 Girls		
Placing	Student	Awa
1 st Place	Peyton Scott	Waingongoro
2 nd Place	Kaitlin Pennington	Pātea
3 rd Place	Sophie Fowler	Tangahoe
4 th Place	Elena Saldarriaga-Jager	Tangahoe

Year 9 Boys		
Placing	Student	Awa
1 st Place	Drej Climo	Waingongoro
2 nd Place	Hunter Whana	Waingongoro
3 rd Place	Hunter Stephens	Waingongoro
4 th Place	Marley Skinner-Hurley	Pātea

U16 Girls		
Placing	Student	Awa
1 st Place	Maddison Sturgeon	Waingongoro
2 nd Place	Kaylee Tweeddale	Waingongoro
3 rd Place	Elizabeth Cudby	Kaūpokonui
4 th Place	Annja Peterson	Waingongoro

U16 Boys		
Placing	Student	Awa
1 st Place	Carlitos Morellon Anderson	Waingongoro
2 nd Place	Russell Hockley	Waingongoro
3 rd Place	George Le Quesne	Pātea
4 th Place	Lakein Woods	Tangahoe

Over 16 Girls		
Placing	Student	Awa
1 st Place	Ebony Kalin	Kaūpokonui
2 nd Place	Brooke Tweeddale	Waingongoro
3 rd Place	Peyton Nelson	Kaūpokonui
4 th Place	Niamh Clancy	Kaūpokonui

Over 16 Boys		
Placing	Student	Awa
1 st Place	Te Koha Domb	Tangahoe
2 nd Place	Mark Johnston	Kaūpokonui
3 rd Place	Thomas Cudby	Kaūpokonui
4 th Place	Mcallum Kalin	Kaūpokonui











Inter Awa Colour Run







GOLF FLURO FUN DAY

Manaia Golf Club Thursday 25th May |10am \$5 per player

Join us for our Golf FLURO Fun Day to learn new skills and enjoy a day out with your friends.

Teams of 4 students | Year 4 to Year 8 Fluro dress-up | Great spot prizes.

- Each team must be accompanied by an adult.
- Please bring golf balls and clubs if you have them.
- · Prizes for best dressed Fluro team

To register, see your school sports teacher or keep an eye on your school newsletter for details.

For Year 7 & 8 students. All interested students please see Mr Chand or Mr Bernard.





If you have old plastic toys (\$2 shop junk, animals, army men, McDonald toys etc) lying around, the Junior Sculpture students need your old toys to create Readymade artworks. **Please drop to the school office.**

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Save the date - July 15, 2023 Te Paepae o Aotea Ball

We are looking for sponsorship to help cover some of the Ball costs for example the DJ, photobooth, professional photography and catering. We are also looking for sponsorship for prizes for Prom King, Queen, Prince and Princess.

If this is something your local business would be interested in sponsoring, please contact the school office on Phone 06 223 2000

CARANAKI SCHOOLS HIP HOP MEGA CREW "The Society" OPEN AUDITION SAT 20TH May 2023 @ YMCA STADIUM 5PM-5.30PM

Last year The Taranaki Hip Hop Community Inc. sent a Mixed High Schools Mega Crew down to Wellington to compete in the NZ Schools Hip Hop Nationals where they won gold, and are the current

2022 NZ Schools Hip Hop Mega crew Champions.

We are now recruiting for the 2023 crew



This year Regionals are in Wellington 29th July and if we qualify, we will be heading to Dunedin in September for the Nationals!!!

We were 2020 National Champions, Runners up 2021, National Champions 2022.

Let's regain our Title in 2023.

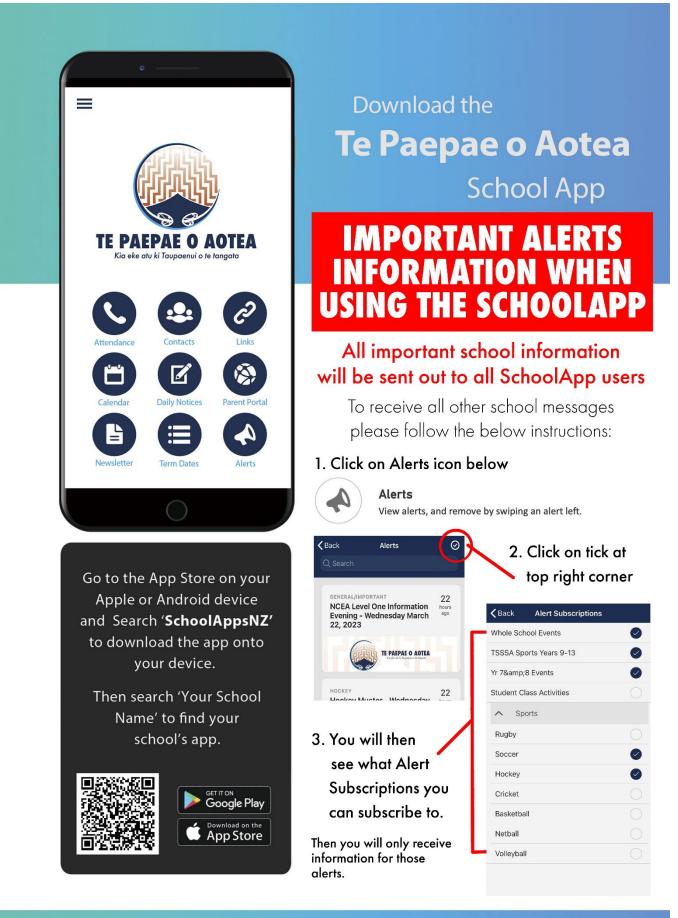
We look forward to seeing you all there! Email: thc.incmegacrew@gmail.com



Job Opportunities

Lawnmowing Job

This job will be vetted. Interest to Sue Johnston in Careers. Student needs to be 15 years old - a temporary lawnmowing job whilst the regular person recovers from injury. Start ASAP.



School Apps NZ

Get in touch with us at support@snapp.co.nz www.schoolappsnz.co.nz