

TE PAEPAE O AOTEA

Kia eke atu ki Taupaenui o te tangata

## Newsletter - 28 July 2023



Kia ora e te whānau

Term 3 has started well, and I would like to congratulate the 508 students who have 90% plus attendance so far this term. Later in this newsletter we have a section on attendance, as all schools have been asked by the Ministry of Education to focus on student attendance and engagement. Students need to be attending school 90% of the time to reach their full potential at school, therefore attendance will continue to be a huge focus in our school.

Monitoring NCEA results for senior students remains a huge focus this term as well. We are very proud of the progress our students are making; however, we need to be realistic that students who are not in class are not making as much progress toward their qualifications as students who attend regularly. Enjoy reading the update of our NCEA progress on the next page and if you are a parent of a senior student, please continue to check parent portal for NCEA updates. Teachers are writing comments for each standard that they assess in the senior school on parent portal. These comments should help you gain a greater understanding of where your child is at with their learning.

Our Year 7 and 8 students hosted Manukorihi Intermediate School this week for a winter sports exchange. I was really impressed with how our students conducted themselves both on and off the field. The exchange was very close. We were just beaten by Manukorihi. Our sports co-ordinator, Vicki Roberts, student volunteers and our coaches did an amazing job hosting our exchange. This was our first exchange as host and under Vicki's amazing leadership, our students had a fantastic day.

Our students continue to amaze us with their talents. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page and SchoolApp to keep up to date with their successes. We also have an update going out in the Taranaki Star celebrating our students.

Ngā mihi

Rachel Williams *Tumuaki* 

### NCEA Update

We are very pleased to share our NCEA results with you. Our senior students are working hard in classes and all year levels are on track to gain an 80% pass rate.

Pass Rate	40+	60+	80-100
Level 1	6.8%	13.6%	69.8%
Level 2	5.7%	15.4%	64.4%
Level 3	6.5%	19.4%	61.3%
Description	Could still pass but needs further support	Likely to pass qualification but needs monitoring	On track to pass qualification

#### Level 1 achievements (162 students)

65 students have Literacy

81 students have Numeracy

40 Level 1 students have some Excellence credits

99 Level 1 students have some Merit credits

#### Level 2 achievements (103 students)

65 students have Level 1 Literacy

87 students have Level 1 Numeracy

77 students have Level 1 NCEA

8 students have Level 2 NCEA

33 Level 2 students have some Excellence credits

48 Level 2 students have some Merit credits

### Level 3 achievements (62 students)

55 students have Literacy

55 students have Numeracy

55 students have Level 1 NCEA

49 students have Level 2 NCEA

32 students have UE Literacy

22 Level 3 students have some Excellence credits

34 Level 3 students have some Merit credits

#### **Attendance Update**

The Ministry of Education has released the following attendance and engagement strategy. We also have developed our own strategy which involves a school and community wide focus on attendance.

#### Attendance and Engagement Strategy – Education in New Zealand

We know that students who attend school are more likely to engage in their learning and make progress with their learning. For senior students this can make the difference as to whether they gain their NCEA qualification. Currently 75% of the senior students we have in the catch up NCEA group have less than 80% attendance. 70% of these students have not yet gained Literacy and Numeracy. The Ministry of Education defines regular school attendance as 90%. 90% attendance needs to be our target for students to be successful.

Quick reminders to help with attendance rates:

- When students are working in the resource hub (Library) they need to ensure they sign in and out at the counter with whaea Kris.
- If students are late to class, students need to check in with the teacher to ensure they are marked present.
- If students need to leave school early, parents are to ring the office rather than phone students directly and interrupt their lesson.
- Students must continue to sign in and out at the office if they are late to school or leaving early.
- For students who are not in class, a text will be sent to their families.

We would appreciate your support to follow up at home. We will follow up at school as well.

The Ministry of Education (MoE) has strict guidelines for recording student attendance. If you are not aware of the different attendance codes set by the MoE, check them out <u>here</u>.

#### **Stationery and Devices**

Junior students have started new modules this term. Please check in with your child to make sure they have the correct stationery and books for their module.

All students are to ensure their device is charged and ready to take to class. Students are welcome to bring their power cord to school for their device if it is having trouble holding charge.

If students need support with stationery, books or devices, they need to speak to their whānau teacher.

#### **HHS and HIS Cups and Trophies**

All trophies given out to students in 2022 from Hāwera Intermediate and Hāwera High School are to be returned to Te Paepae o Aotea school office. All trophies will be stored for safekeeping to go on display in the new school building.

Any whānau who donated trophies and would like them returned, please notify the school office.

#### **Senior School Homework Club**

Staff are providing further study and class work opportunities for students during Terms 3 and 4. Classes will run from 3-4pm in B14 unless stated otherwise. This space can be used for students to receive extra help with completing classwork and internal assessments or to start preparing for practice exams in Week 9 (12-15 September).

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
ART TR9/10 Drama B9		Drama TN3	
L1 Maths L3 Stats and Cal	Numeracy	L2 Maths	L3 Stats and Cal
		Physics	Science/Biology/Chemistry
	Te Reo		
L1 English			L1-3 English
	Physical Education & Health	Physical Education	Physical Education
Geography/ History			Business

#### **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



## Te Paepae o Aotea Head Leader News

## SPORTS LEADER



Tessa Leatherby



It must be pretty cold because we didn't get the kind of numbers we expected for Week One's LRA! So... we've decided to offer a few different sports at lunchtime for everyone to get involved in.

We encourage each one of you to get out and have a go. Try a new sport with your friends, or if there's a particular sport you might like to try, let us know and we'll see what we can do. We want the best for you.

Thanks, Tessa and the Sports Council.

CULTURAL LEADER Shaneya Patel



#### Kia ora,

Its term 3. This means we've moved into the final half of the year. It's important to remember that this is still a time of opportunity and new beginnings. Whether you're looking to improve your grades, get more involved in extracurricular activities, or to simply make the most of your time at school, the time to start is now. Let's take time to set clear goals and continue developing good habits to ensure you make the most of the time you have left and achieve all the success you deserve. A key to your success this term will be to start early and stay focused. So don't wait - start today. Make the most of term 3!





Kia ora

Welcome back for term three.

This term the academic committee will be putting on an LRA (lunchtime recreational activity) in week five. This LRA is called 'Family Feud.' Each awa will have an intra-awa competition and the winners will go on to compete in the inter-awa competition. Make sure you put a team together and get involved. Teams can be either junior or senior. Please keep an eye on the daily notices in the coming weeks for more information and competition time/date.

Also, remember to check out the 'Academic Opportunities' column to see what's coming up for our students. Now is not the time to miss out.

We look forward to continuing to celebrate our student's academic success this term.

### **COMMUNITY LEADER** Hannah Coogan



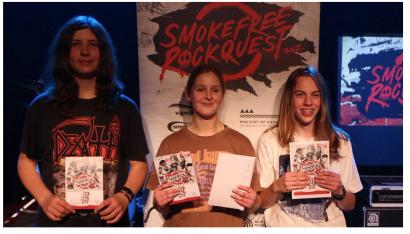
#### Kia ora,

This term is looking to be a busy one. First up, we have Daffodil Day on 25 August. This will be a yellow non-uniform day to raise money for the Cancer Society.

On 8 September, we've planned a 'Shave-a-thon' to raise money for Leukemia and Blood Cancer NZ. Are you willing to shave your head to raise money for Leukemia and Blood Cancer NZ? If so, please get in contact with Julia Scott via Teams.



## **Student Success**





## Taranaki Smokefree Rockquest regional finalists

Students from Te Paepae o Aotea particpated in the Smokefree Rockquest Taranaki Finals held on 30 June at the TSB Showplace, New Plymouth. We had three entries. All bands to write and play original music. Abby Pennington in the solo category; Matthew Finer, Kayden Brogden-Willis, Emilia Scott and Aries Pouto "The Crystallizers". Izzy Logan, Robbie Saysell and Orlando Davidson (Patea Area School) "Ungoliant" Ungoliant placed 1st out of 13 bands.

Izzy Logan was awarded a musicianship award and Emila Scott winning best vocalist. Ungoliant will find out this week if they are one of the Top 30 bands in NZ, with a chance to make the top 10 and play live at the National final.

## ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

#### Ronald Hugh Morrison Writing Competition Year 9-13 students

All participants must be over the age of 13. 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 mid term, 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 interested in science or technology? Then this event could be for you! 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 taranakisciencefair.co.nz

#### Fortnightly VR Fridays Hāwera Library Plus

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

#### Waikato University

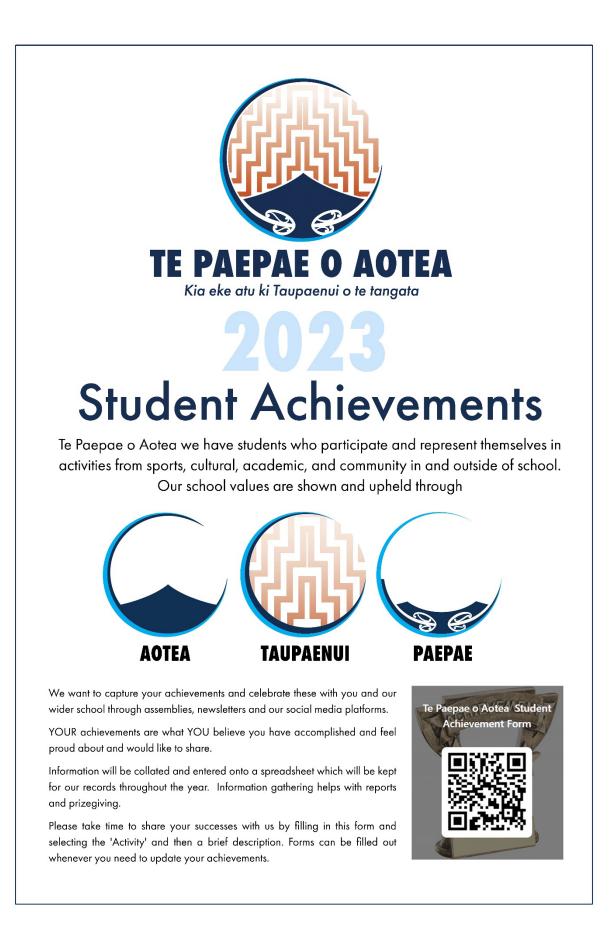
School-Leaver Scholarships are OPEN! (Year 13 only) For more information and to apply, head to www.waikato.ac.nz

#### Victoria University Open Day -August 25, 2023

For more information and to apply, head to www.wgtn.ac.nz

#### New Zealand Defence Force Opening Evenings: Aug 30 & Sept 27, 2023 6pm at Defence Careers Office, 203-205 Devon Street, New Plymouth

Come along to our information evening and discuss a career with the New Zealand Defence Force with your local defence recruiter. You can ask any questions you may have about the application process and the roles available through to the lifestyle and specifics of each service. It doesn't matter if you don't know anything about the services – we're here to help!



Please click the link to complete the form: Studentachievementform



## **Sports News**

Great to see everyone back from holidays and back into the swing of sports again. We're seeing the wrap up of codes, sports exchanges, TSSSA events and Lunchtime activities.

#### Year 7 & 8 Manukorihi Intermediate Sports Exchange

We hosted Manukorihi Intermediate School from Waitara here at Te Paepae o Aotea with roughly 300 students participating in Netball, Basketball, Rugby, Hockey, Football, Chess, Table Tennis and Indoor Bowls.

We have seen improvement all round from our students since our first exchange and we couldn't be prouder of all those who participated.

Boys' basketball team proved to be a strong team playing outstanding basketball in all exchanges.

Table Tennis also had a good win over Manukorihi. It was great to see awesome sportsmanship in this group of students.

Te Paepae o Aotea lost the exchange 5 - 7 with two draws.

Thank you to our amazing students who helped on the day as umpires and helpers. It was fantastic to see the support of our whanau.

#### Whanganui High School Sports Exchange

Te Paepae o Aotea will be hosting Whanganui High School, Tuesday 8 August here at Te Paepae o Aotea. Teams involved will be Senior A Netball, Jnr A Netball, Rugby 1<sup>st</sup> XV, U15s, Football Boys, Basketball Senior A Girls and Boys and Senior Debating.

#### Hockey

Hockey Mixed have played consistent hockey this season. Next week on Tuesday we will see them playing their semi-final against FDMC in Stratford. Under the guidance of our Tumuaki, we know our Hockey team will bring their A game to ensure they lock in their position for finals.

#### Rugby

Rugby have finished their season with great results. 2<sup>nd</sup> XV, U15s and Girls 1<sup>st</sup> XV found themselves in semi-finals. Close games played competitively, however we were unfortunate to not get over the line.

#### Netball, Basketball & Football

Netball, Basketball and Football still have a few weeks left in their competitions.

#### **Golf Croquet**

Park Croquet Club are super keen to get Te Paepae o Aotea students involved in playing this fun, skilful game that can be played by a range of students with different abilities.

What's even better, is the team at Park Croquet Club have fantastic and friendly helpers who will be there to teach and guide you through the game. If you haven't got the right equipment - don't worry, the croquet club has you covered.

Park Croquet have reduced their Youth subscription for next season from \$70 to \$30 and adults new to croquet are only \$100!! The season runs from September 23 - September 24.

- Student Coaching available Tuesday and Thursday 3.30pm 4.30pm
- Twilight, Tuesday and Thursday from 5pm

If you are keen to join as an individual, group of friends or even as a whanau, contact Ricardo Pintor <u>parkcroquetclubhawera@gmail.com</u> or come and see me and I will point you in the right direction.

#### Te Paepae o Aotea Student Achievement form

Te Paepae o Aotea's Student Achievement form can be filled out anytime throughout the year with all your achievements. This is a great opportunity to inform the school of your achievements in sports, academic, or culture and community projects. Please use it so that we can celebrate your successes with you.

Or, if you prefer, come and see me in my office so that I can capture your achievements for you.

Well done to all the students we have celebrated who have done well over the holiday break in tournaments or events they attended as well as rep teams, tournament teams and higher honours. We have talented students.

There is always something happening during the week; events to enter and general notices about activities. Make sure you read our school notices, School App, Facebook and check the sports window for more information.

Keep up the great work everyone.

Ngā mihi

Vicki Roberts Sports Coordinator

Up Coming Events
TSSSA Junior Volleyball
Whanganui Sports Exchange (Home)
Gas it Rowing Competition
TSSSA Junior Rugby League
TSSSA Ki o Rahi
TSSSA Road Relays
Winter Tournament Week



Te Paepae o Aotea promotes our school values (Aotea, Taupaenui and Paepae). We show **Taupaenui** by being the best version of ourselves. This applies to players, referees, coaches, managers, administrators, and all personnel involved with our sport teams.

Our guidelines outline how we help, cheer and celebrate from the side lines demonstrating **Taupaenui** within our sport.

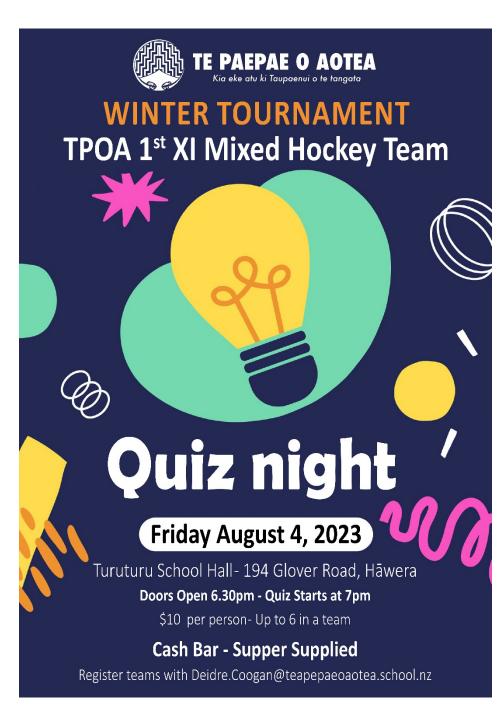
#### Taupaenui means we will:

- Respect all players, referees, coaches, managers and supporters.
- Cheer the efforts of all players, including the opposition because we're all doing our best.
- Support the coaches and managers. They are volunteers.
- Keep all communication and actions positive in our environment.
- Show others that we know the meaning of **TAUPAENUI**.
- Celebrate the fact that we have the opportunity to watch our rangatahi enjoy themselves.

Showing **Taupaenui** means that we value, we support, we unite in good sportsmanship on and off the field. We will strive to reach our full potential in a positive and supportive environment.



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#### **Monday August 28**

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#### **Regarding Hāwera Budget Announcement**

Tēnā koe,

Recently a budget announcement was made stating Te Paepae o Aotea would receive \$12.6m for the redevelopment project. We want to address some confusion that has arisen regarding the funding for the school's redevelopment project.

Out of the total of \$12.6M listed on page 89 of the Budget 2023 summary, \$2.6 million is allocated for internal programme costs. As such, it is \$10 million that is allocated for the construction of the temporary village and the design phase for the redevelopment.

Whilst the construction of temporary village was completed by Term 1 2023, in time for the opening of Te Paepae o Aotea, the cost of this comes from the \$10M in Budget 2023, with budget remaining to begin the design phase for the future redevelopment.

We apologise for any confusion caused by this miscommunication. If you have any further questions or need more clarification, please contact us via enquiries.whanganui@education.govt.nz.

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding.

# Regarding Ministry of Education property projects in South Taranaki

The Ministry of Education is currently working closely with key stakeholders regarding large property projects at 3 local kura.

This involves exploring options to relocate TKKM o Ngāti Ruanui to the former Hāwera Intermediate site and the redevelopment of both Te Paepae o Aotea and Te Kura o Nga Ruahine Rangi sites. Our aim is to implement property outcomes that improve equity and provide building environments that support the teaching and learning of tamariki.

This work will be carried out over a number of years and the initiation stages are just beginning.

Whilst work on all of these projects will be undertaken in parallel, the scope will determine the timeframes for the design and construction progress at each site.

We look forward to providing more updates as each kura project is developed.