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YEARBOOK 2020

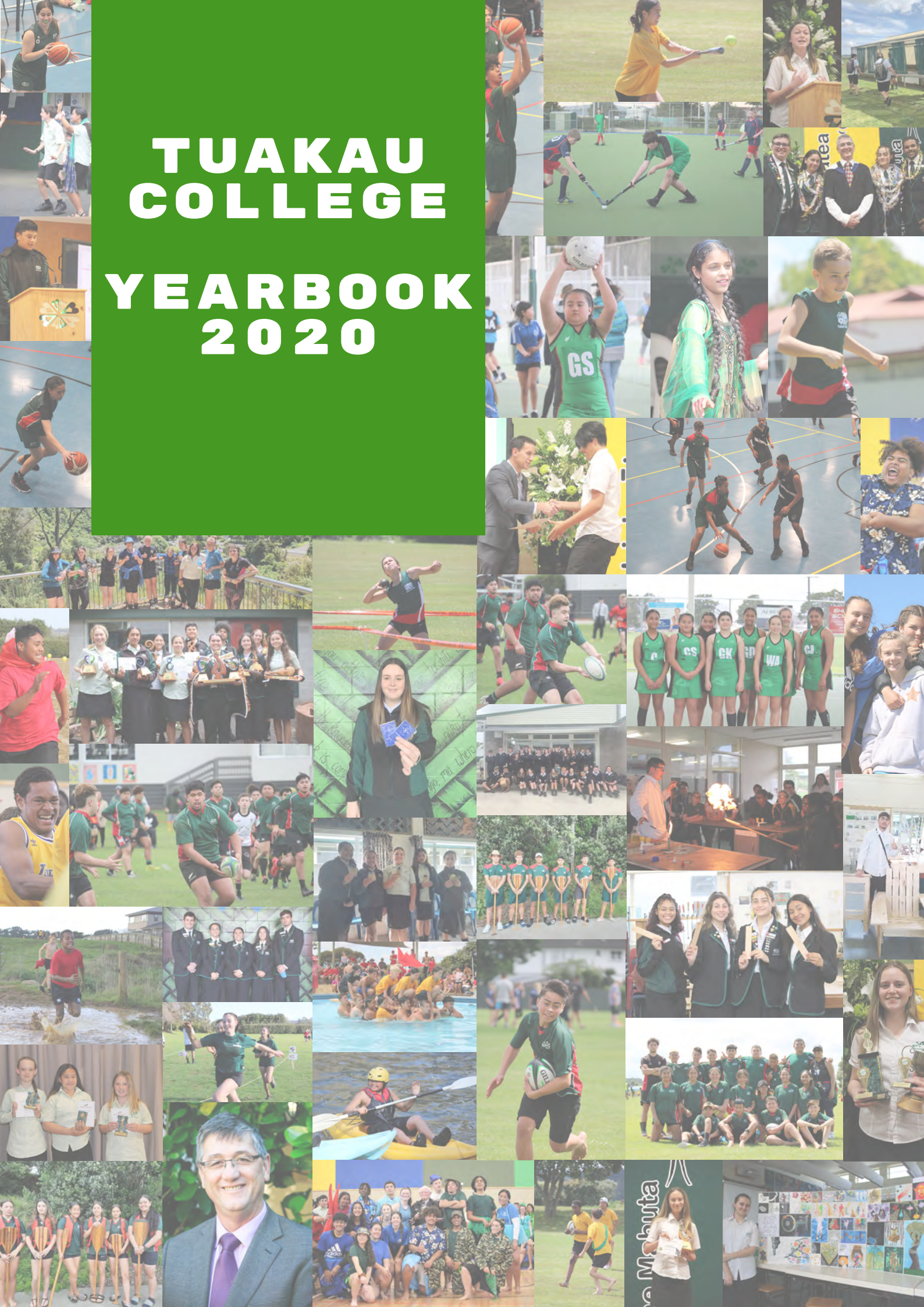


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Chris Betty 2020

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Kia ora koutou katoa!

2020 will be put down as a memorable year, not just at Tuakau College or throughout the 'motu' New Zealand, but all around the world. Many commentators have used the words 'unprecedented times.'

What makes this a memorable year is a microscopic organism called the Corona Virus. We cannot see it but we can certainly see the devastating effect it has had on the world's human population. It started in the markets of Wuhan, China. It is a virus that has jumped the species

divide, from non-human animals to humans. This is called a Zoonotic disease. The Corona Virus (COVID-19) has turned the world upside down, inside out and in some cases back to front.

COVID-19, like the flu epidemic of the 1920s, has made the overcrowded world think about its tikanga – how we do things. This virus has forced us to change how we do things for the sake of human lives. In New Zealand, the impact has been minimal in comparison to the rest of the world. Civil unrest with regard to lockdowns, the loss of an election due to the country's response to the virus in the US and the rights of a few compared to the rights of the collective are being argued. The ongoing overburdening of health services are typical of what we are seeing around the globe. This pathogen virus has successfully sent the world into a spin.

In Aotearoa, New Zealand, we are often referred to as 'God's Own' and in this instance we are. I am, and I know many of you will be, thankful to the present government and politicians for taking the stance to fight against COVID-19 and to eliminate it so that our lives are not disrupted.

The following are the characteristics of the virus. It is adaptable, resilient and opportunistic. It has become a change agent and will be around for a long time to come.

This virus is adaptable and has moved around the world and adapted to the many different situations it encounters. Its ability to modify itself is what has made it successful. Adaptability is one of the strengths of Tuakau College. It is our ability to adapt quickly to the changes that are forced upon us. This year we have adapted and modified things very quickly to meet demands and to continue with the education of our students during both lockdowns. The students embraced and enjoyed the novelty of learning online with ZOOM and Google hangouts. We found that most of the students successfully participated in the online learning.

Corona Virus is resilient. It is a microbe that has had many different treatments thrown at it and it is still rampant around the world. At Tuakau College we also have a focus on building resilience, not only in our students and staff, but also in our whānau. Resilience is the ability to bounce back after adversity. There will be ongoing work as the impact and economic down-turn hits our tamariki and their families.

We have put the following things in place to assist with increasing resilience. We have increased the number of Health lessons in the Junior and Middle Colleges, with Mental Health and Resilience as key topics in the curriculum. We have introduced a Modules programme in the Senior College to ensure the front end of the NZ Curriculum is being met, as well as emphasising our school values and motto. The staff have had professional development with regard to wellbeing.

COVID-19 is a virus which takes every opportunity it can to infect us. We take every opportunity given to us. We have been invited to join the free 'school healthy lunch programme.' It will start in April. We continue to apply for Urgent Response funding to assist with making a difference for our students in the kura. We have created a wellness corner in the new Te Whare Ako, to provide a space for students to have time out and to have reflection time. We have once again signed up for the Donation free scheme. This is where the MOE pay the school in lieu of us charging families a donation fee.

We were given the chance to increase the number of devices in the school through the lockdown. We identified 160 students who needed the technology. We applied for these and were sent the devices to be used for classes and for future lockdowns. With roll growth we have employed more qualified and capable staff and developed a Performing Arts area with a new Head of Department. We will expect further roll growth as the suburbs of Pokeno fill up. One of our students, Jorja Parmentier, through the Young Enterprise Programme has developed compassionate boxes for families that are going through turbulent times. These compassionate boxes assist the families to bounce back from whatever they have gone through.

COVID-19 is a change agent, meaning that countries have had to have a close look at themselves and they have had to make big changes to ensure the safety of their citizens. Humans are social beings and even though the lockdowns were reasonably short, it had a huge impact on the social interactions we made each day. No hugging, wear masks, one to two metres apart and only a few people at a time in the supermarket were regular procedures during the lockdowns.

Tuakau College has had to look at itself, especially when we had to cancel many of the events we have at school and we had to devise other avenues for students to interact safely. With very little face to face social interactions many students struggled, so when school was reopened the attendance rates soared. Today's students socially interact through social media sites like Facebook, Instagram and other platforms but I found that to take away the 'kanohi to kanohi' (face to face interactions) the students miss it greatly. In saying this, as a school we want to continue to improve our communication and to celebrate student successes with our community and the easiest way to do this is through social media. Jessica Paton continues as our Social Media Content Producer and creates the wonderful e-Bulletins, the website and the Facebook posts. The Kāhui Ako (Community of Learning) has been reviewing its focus areas as we navigate the COVID-19 scene. The next phase of the journey is to focus on transitions and pathways, student agency and learning support.

COVID-19 has an impact on everything it meets. It attacks not only the respiratory systems, but other organs, leaving a lasting impact on the individual. It has hit our developing International Department. With the cessation of international travel, our programme went into hibernation and eventually we had to disestablish it. Our triennial overseas tour had to be cancelled. This was a huge disappointment for all of us, especially after all the hard work that was completed by all. Winter sport was cut short. We had many teams developing well in their competitions but the season unfortunately finished prematurely.

COVID-19 will be in our lives for a long time to come and we all need to embrace the new way of living with it. I continue to encourage all students to adapt to what you encounter, become more resilient in the times of adversity, take every opportunity, make the right changes and have an impact on whatever you do.

Over the year we have had to say farewell to Mrs Diane Tyson-Vaiolleti as she left to take up an itinerant teaching role with Kō Taku Reo. We say farewell to Mr Iyadurai who is retiring. We say 'see you later' to Mrs Devaney who will be on Study Leave for a year. We welcomed back Mrs Rivers-Smith from study leave. We welcome Mrs Aspden in Maths, Mrs Herbert in Technology, Mr Benson in Spanish and Social Science, Mr Williams in English, Miss Molechan in English, Mrs McCarthy in Year 7 and 8, Mr Wijdeven in the Health/PE Department and Mr Mitchell as the Head of Performing Arts. Our staff are an essential link and provide invaluable services and education ensuring that the school functions like a 'well oiled machine.' Thank you to all the staff.

There is light at the end of the tunnel with COVID-19, but we need to ensure we remember this as the future unfolds:

Manaaki whenua, manaaki tangata, haere whakamua.

If we take care of the earth and take care of people, we will take care of the future.

See you all in 2021!

Chris Betty



TUAKAU COLLEGE BOARD 2020

Tuakau College Board members: Sean Hyland-Mills (Board Chair), Kelly Sinfield (Deputy Chair), Claudia Duffus, Anna-Marie Kingi, Kelly McCardle, Matthew Preston, Chris Betty (Principal), Rose Salani (Student Representative) and John Everitt (Staff Representative).

Well done to Rose Salani who was the Student Representative on the Tuakau College Board for 2020. She did a wonderful job representing the students.

Congratulations to our newly elected Student Representative on the Tuakau College Board for 2021, Brearna Rowsell!

All Tuakau College Board meeting minutes can be found on our website.

To contact the Tuakau College Board please email: boardchair@class.tuakaucollege.com.



Rose Salani (Student Representative on the BOT 2020)

VISION:

Tuakau College prepares students for life through a quality education promoting excellence in all things.



STRATEGIC GOALS: TUAKAU COLLEGE WILL:

Maximize opportunities for student achievement.

Lead development in local education in a continuously changing world.

Be the heart of the community where everyone wants to be.

EXCELLENCE Tino pai rawa

*Pai rawa atu i nga mea katoa.
The very best in all things.*



PERSEVERANCE U tonutanga

*Kaua e mate wheke mate ururoa.
Don't give up like an octopus but fight like a hammerhead shark.*

INTEGRITY Ngakau Tapatahi

*Kaua e takahia te mana o te tangata.
Do not trample on the mana of the people.*

CARING • LOVE • RESPECT Manaaki • Aroha • Whakaute

*He aroha he manaaki, he whakaute he tangata.
What is the greatest thing? It is people. It is people who care.*



Student Leadership Team 2020

The Student Leadership Team for 2020 (from left): Daniel Jensen (Head Boy), Rose Salani (Student Representative on the Board of Trustees), Chloe Judge (Head Girl), Emma Schwass (Deputy Head Girl) and Bradley Hartigan (Deputy Head Boy).

Head Girl Report 2020:

Ko Kohukohu Nui Te maunga,
Ko tīkapa te moana,
Ko Te kotuiti Tua rua Te waka,
Ko ngāti paoa Te iwi,
Ko wharekawa Te marae,
Pare haurakai pare Waikato,
Tena koutou ka toa.

It's hard to know how to start this. Do I spend my time telling you how important school is or how nervous I am for the next phase of my life? How do I make my last words stand out from every other Head student? COVID-19, that's how. This year has been unique and being a Head Student during this time of remote learning and lockdowns has been a challenge no one expected. And maybe that's the point: we need to rise to the challenges no one expects.

COVID-19 showed me how fast a year can be, but trust me, even if it wasn't there it would go by just as fast. So, to the next generation of Year 13s, soak it in and enjoy every moment. There will come a time when you look back at these days and you don't want to be full of regret! You want to think of it and be reminded of all the fun, happiness and love.

To my fellow Year 13s, as we move on, we do so separately and we come to the end of our chapter. But don't forget to turn that next page, be excited that you get to continue and that you haven't come to the end. The sequel stands before us and I need to take some time to look back and re-read before I turn the page. Daniel has reflected on all the moments that are bookmarked in his brain, and there are a few that I too would like to share. My acknowledgements page, if you will. To the staff and teachers who have decided that my spelling wouldn't stop me from passing, look at me now, the author of my own destiny. To my whanau, who hyped me up on Facebook, keep those positive vibes coming! But most importantly to my parents, especially my mother, who sacrificed so much for me to be where I am and where I'm going to go. I wouldn't be here without you. Thank you mum. *(Continued. . .)*

My plans for the future include continuing my education at Waikato University, studying a Bachelor in Science, Technology and Chemistry and I am pleased that I get to do so with one of my friends and Deputy Head Girl, Emma Schwass. Many of my fellow peers have also chosen a future at Waikato University and seeing familiar faces wandering on campus will help me feel a little at ease. But the decision that I have made would not have been possible without my amazing teachers, Mr Van and Mr Millar who have inspired me, helped me fall in love with science and helped me decide to pursue a career in it.

No-one knows for certain what the next chapter brings, but I guess it's time we find out!

No reira mauri Ora e Te whanau!

Chloe Judge

Head Boy Report 2020:

Hello everyone!

Before I begin I would like to congratulate all the prizewinners. You are reaping the rewards of all the hard work that you put in this year. I stand here today because seven years ago my whaanau made a choice that has shaped our lives. They chose Tuakau College, and for that I am grateful. Had I not come to this school I would not be the same person I am today.

Tuakau College has given me so much. Like the red end of a magnet, I was positive that I would enjoy my time here. I remember the first time that I walked onto the grounds. I was lost. Compared to Pukekohe East, with its 120 students, this place was gigantic. Now I'm the giant and I stand here, as a Head Boy, looking out at the future.

The routes through school that I used are now familiar pathways, a circuit board of routine that I am soon to miss. I will remember all the fun times I had with my friends in class and during lunchtimes. I am grateful for all the opportunities the school has provided me over the years from all the school camps, sports tournaments, school balls and the overseas trip which, had it not been for COVID-19, would have been an experience of a lifetime.

I am also thankful for all the teachers who have taught me and built me up to the man I am today. I would like to give a special thanks to Mrs Hucker, who has helped me with Te Kura and my self learning of physics. I'm going to miss all the lip I get about my physic hieroglyphs scattered over the whiteboard.

I would also like to thank my parents for all they have done to support me and my brother through the years and, until recently, driving me everywhere and paying for everything.

I am now ready to drive off to new horizons and hopefully not get a ticket on the way!

Daniel Jensen



Emma Schwass
Deputy Head Girl



Bradley Haritgan
Deputy Head Boy



Chloe Judge
Head Girl



Daniel Jensen
Head Boy

NEW STUDENTS' PŌWHIRI AND WELCOME

On Friday 31 January we welcomed our new students and staff members for 2020 to the college with a Powhiri.

After the Powhiri, students enjoyed a morning tea followed by small activities and tours of the school.

The day was finished off with a barbecue lunch and some much needed ice blocks!

All students started school on Monday 3 February and, after whaanau class and house activities, they enjoyed a whole school rounders' competition. Tangaroa came out the champions!



ATHLETICS DAY 2020

On Friday 14 February, our students braved the heat for Athletics Day 2020! Congratulations to Tane Mahuta for taking out the win with 1371 points. They were followed by Tawhirimatea in second place with 1341 points, Tangaroa in third place with 1160 and Ruaumoko in fourth place with 1126 points.

Paige Fletcher, a Year 7 girl, broke the shot put record with an amazing throw of 9.56m. The previous record was 8.20m, thrown by L.Voice in 1998. Congratulations Paige!

Girls: Year 7 1st - Paige Fletcher, Year 7 2nd - Tyler Jenkins, Year 8 1st - Brooke Ngatai, Year 8 2nd - Izzy Aupouri, Junior 1st - Danelle Young, Junior 2nd - Hayley Lumbers, Intermediate 1st - Cayleigh Young, Intermediate 2nd - Natasha Kihi-Marshall, Senior 1st - Breana Rowsell and Senior 2nd equal - Brianna Welch & Tori Clark.

Boys: Year 7 1st - Nian Van Loggerenberg, Year 7 2nd equal - Tipene Thompson & Elijah Brassey, Year 8 1st - Oscar Jackson, Year 8 2nd - Luke Thorn, Junior Boys 1st - Joziah Otunuku, Junior Boys 2nd - Wairangi Shaw, Intermediate Boys 1st equal - Tuterangi Taua & Tyron Tamati, Senior Boys 1st - Toamus Tiitola and Senior Boys 2nd - Kahlleo Tohovaka.



Swimming Sports 2020

Our 2020 Swimming Sports was another enjoyable day, with plenty of laughter, fun and water! Held on Friday 21 February, the day kicked off with the Swimming Championships at 8:30am. Tane Mahuta won the Championships with 202 points, Tangaroa came second with 182 points, Ruauumoko came third with 151 points and fourth place went to Tawhirimatea with 93 points.

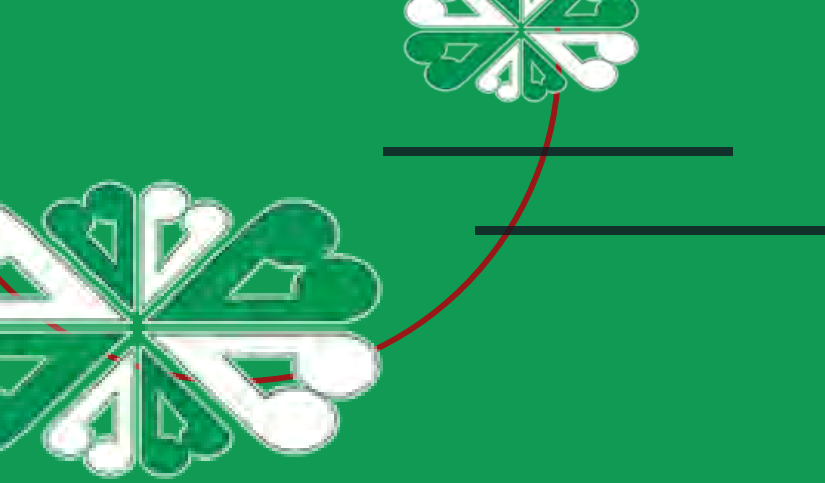
Huge congratulations to Charlotte Hyland-Mills who broke four records! They were Intermediate Girls Freestyle with a time of 41.91 (previously set by her in 2019 at 42.38), Breaststroke with a time of 54.22 (previously set by her in 2019 at 54.75), Butterfly with a time of 46.25 (previously set by her in 2019 at 47.30) and Medley with a time of 1.17.88 (previously set by her in 2019 at 1.19.09). Congratulations also to Katie Dunn who broke the Year 7&8 Girls Medley record with a time of 1.36.60 (Previous record was set in 2009 at 1.38.09).

At midday the rest of our students walked to the Tuakau Centennial Pools, working up a sweat on the way! The Tabloid Swimming competitions were fun for all. The teachers even had a team in the Flying Relay this year, however, didn't reach a placing. After a tough day of a variety of competitions, Tawhirimatea were announced the winners of the Tabloid Swimming with 230 points. Tane Mahuta took second place with 220 points, Tangaroa third place with 210 points and Ruauumoko fourth place with 150 points.

Girls: Year 7&8 Girls 1st – Katie Dunn, Year 7&8 Girls 2nd – Paige Fletcher, Junior Girls 1st – Haylee Claridge, Junior Girls 2nd – Caitlin Lees, Intermediate Girls 1st – Charlotte Hyland-Mills, Intermediate Girls 2nd – Samantha Smith, Senior Girls 1st – Chloe Judge and Senior Girls 2nd – Paige Johnson-Winkelaar.

Boys: Year 7&8 Boys 1st equal – Cordell Hawkins and Kupa Ngataki, Year 7&8 Boys 2nd – Jake Donaldson, Junior Boys 1st – Joziah Otunuku, Junior Boys 2nd – Whaitiri Preston, Intermediate Boys 1st – Kullen Montgomery, Intermediate Boys 2nd – Wil Ryan, Senior Boys 1st – Joel Tait and Senior Boys 2nd – Masahide (International Student).





2020 TUAKAU COLLEGE

Junior College

KARETI JUNIOR



7N 2020



Back Row: Tyler Hodgson, Nicholas Mouton, Caleb Quinlan, Zac Bull

3rd Row: Dominic Lamb, Caian Clarke, Eli Brassey, Taliyah-Kuini Heta, Cooper Hiestand-Hutt, Fletcher Jamieson, Zachariah Ferrier

2nd Row: Donna van der Heyden (Teacher Assistant), Josh Harris-Armstrong, Casey Blundell, Chloe Jamieson, Lauren Rowsell, Cody Watson, Hayden Doran, Michelle Van Der Byl (Teacher)

Front Row: Cate Harvey, Poppy Aislabie, Paige Stevens, Paige Fletcher, Charlotte Morrow, Rachel Maguire, Hazel McMillan

7O 2020



Back Row: Matthew Oliver, Nathan Marks, Aryan Singh, Tamati Pareiva

3rd Row: Natalia Lorenzon, Regan Maxwell, Mattias Tafto, Reeko Bhana, Salome Tekaaki, Christian Drollet

2nd Row: Orlando Manuel, Sean Taka, Leshon Tinei Wright, Renae Potter, Dev Harrison, Rawi De Lacey-Waters, Heather Clarke (Teacher)

Front Row: Sophie Hall, Chane Le Roux, Mereana Henry, Danielle Mitchell, Paris Luu, Sara-lee Rich, Ava Littlewood

Absent: Reeko Buskermolen, Brock East, Iritana Rogers, Mahu Simeon-Cooper, Nian Van Loggerenberg

7P 2020



Back Row: Max Tough, Damien McMurtrie, Spencer Sparrow, Sam Styles, Nakareke Namoriki, Strummer Archer

3rd Row: Joshua Visser, Nate Flipp, Lincoln Smith, Maton Corbett, Ilisa Nadarivatu, Kyle Chatfield, Jacob Gunn

2nd Row: Caleb Cottee, Austin Nicholson, Jason Columbus, Reeve Rameka, Laveena Tupou, Nykayla Johnstone, Kavita Kavita (Teacher)

Front Row: Vrinda Charan, Tyler Jenkins, Pawani Ranasingha Weerakkodige, Skylah Mason-Hawkins, Mikeila Stone, Lily Bombardieri, Arsh Dhami

7R 2020



Back Row: Billy Te Moana, Ryder Kihī-Mahuta, Tukaha Aupouri, Kingston Tonga, Kupa Sonny Ngataki, Rokena Butcher, Aaron McGonagle

2nd Row: Fili-Williams Fiso Semau, Tipene Thompson, Rongo Herangi-Kukutai, Kiritaahanga Hira, Carleyah Hemopo-Hendry, Wairua Taua, Robyn Withers-Lauer (Teacher)

Front Row: Hana Wikiriwhi, Sprinkle Mclean Potini, Liyah Purdon, Peyton Van de Westerlo, Paea Hawira, Skylah Te Wera, Atarehia Hema

Absent: Te Keepa Cooper-Clark, Edward Jackson-Adams

8N 2020



Back Row: Zoe Cortes, Peyton Taupo-O'Connor, Samara Tocker, Charae Orsbourne, Danielle Butler, Tia Barker

3rd Row: Ella Morby, Chelsea Tregurtha, Nailah Ali, Jayde Walters, Mia Rau, Tamsin Couburn, Amelie Park

2nd Row: Oscar Jackson, Luke Thorn, James Tupou, Ezekiel Otunuku, Alex Maguire, Kyron Doran, Reilly Millar, Preeti Walia (Teacher)

Front Row: Kaiah Hammond, Hayley Lapwood, Brooke Ngatai, Olivia Carpenter, Abbi McKay, Skye Jenkins, Katie Dunn

Absent: Alexander Mouton

8O 2020



Back Row: Willow Hyslop, Brooklyn Chapman, Enoke Namoriki, Russel McIntyre, Andrew Veal, Jayden Simm

3rd Row: Kayden O'Connell, Makhyle Bhana, Simione Toafa, Taipet Bakabane, Shannon Manukau, Tame Tuhi, Kelly Heke

2nd Row: Jahni Pareiva, Elisa Lutui, Savanna Lorenzon, Brodee Weinstein Stratford, Troy Hira, Winsor Mugg, Tane Rapana-Atutolu, Shirley Scott (Teacher)

Front Row: Velonika Lutui, Raveena Ahir, Amber Neshausen Kelly, Sativa Howard, Kahu Reihana, Janet Saravanua, Kalolaine Fetuani

Absent: Ryan Beatty, Ryan Harvey

8P 2020



Back Row: Kayden Hahn, Thomas Waters, Anthony Angell, Ravikesh Singh

3rd Row: Shakur Rautangata-Hill, Samuel Blundell, Pakira Kani, Jake Donaldson, Andrew Hale

2nd Row: Whitiora Marshall, Charmaine Hazell, Rima De Thierry, James Tonganibeia, Caleb Stacey, Harlem Kawhena, Sarah Welch (Teacher)

Front Row: Ayesha Khan, Caitlyn Barnes, Rawinia Wylie, Katie Thompson, Cass Lim-Moase, Alex Rogers, Ayla Cussey

Absent: Tamsin Couburn, Shania Bull, Blake King, Kiera Mason-Hawkins, Connor Russell, Pepe Vakalahi, Katelyn Yeager

8R 2020



Back Row: Joe Te Moana, Cordell Hawkins, Skyler Temara, Matiu Ruka, Reuben Koopu

3rd Row: Tiraha Herangi, Paige Thompson, Tiare Asafo, Takaiho Haunui-Tamehana, Chelsea Hira, Destiny Tonga, Mikaia Wilson, Keziah Clark-Cooper

2nd Row: Shivniel Prakash (Teacher), Wanz Tauhara-Teao, Nico Hemopo-Nicholls, Kingi Grey, Noah Grey, Kawa Grey, Tawhiti Matena-Rapihana, Hemi McGrath, Lee-Anne Shaw (Teacher)

Front Row: Jorja Matthews, Izzy Aupouri, Bobbi Nepia-Te Morenga, Emma-Anne Cowley, Tearani Kahi, Jasmin-Rose Brougham, Kowhai Nepia, Alyssa Calder

Absent: Jhivarn Panapa, Maori Tonihi

JUNIOR COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

Orientation Day 2020

Another highly successful, positive and enjoyable day for our new Year 7 & 8 students. Around 120 primary school students spent the day at Tuakau College to get a feel for the school. They were very keen to join us next year. As you can see from the photos, they had a great time and took keen interest in the various class activities and sports programme we had planned for the day.

We have had excellent feedback from visiting students and their families. A special thank you to our local schools who have assisted with our enrolment programme. We look forward to welcoming your students here next year.



Franklin Speech Competition

Our two contestants Poppy Aislabie (7N) and Skye Jenkins (8N) represented Tuakau College at the Franklin Schools' Speech Competition.

Both students captivated the audience with their outstanding speeches. Well done and congratulations to these students. They represented Tuakau College with both pride and distinction. Poppy Aislabie won the Franklin Speech contest and was invited to present her outstanding speech at the Lions Club event. We are so proud of her.



Year 8 Ambassadors

Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding performance as the 2020 Ambassadors of the Junior College. We wish you all the best for next year and hope you will carry on growing further as young leaders. Tino Pai to mahi Abbi Mckay, Takaiho Haunui Tamehana, Tiare Asafo, Charmaine Hazell, Tamsin Coburn, Janet Saravanua, Samara Tocker, Simione Toafa and Kaiah Hammond.

Message from our ambassadors: This year we as ambassadors have done so many things, from planning assemblies to doing henna on people for Diwali. Personally, I have enjoyed every minute of this and wouldn't change a thing. My highlight of the year would be the week of Diwali. Yes, it was stressful to plan, but it was such fun to learn about the holiday/culture while doing so and to see it through in the end was awesome. My message to the future ambassadors is that even though there are times where you get given lots of things to do, they are fun to do. You also have to work hard in order to help the Year 7 and 8s, Mrs Walia and other teachers but it's worth every second. - Abbi Mckay

My journey being an ambassador this year has been an amazing experience. I have enjoyed helping students, getting assemblies sorted, helping with decorating on every event and making everything the best. My highlight of the year would probably be going to the Hamilton Zoo and yes, it was hard to sort out the buses, groups, and etc. Loved seeing the two Year 8 classes being so happy when they were out of class for a zoo trip and getting to know the animals' well-being and how they live. I would like to send a message to the future ambassadors: "Dear future ambassadors, I know that you might be really nervous to stand in front of the Year 7 and 8 students but make sure you are confident in yourself in whatever it might be. We are all here for you and don't forget to never give up". - Janet Saravanua

The year 2020 as an ambassador has been the funnest experience because my peers and I have done many things such as the Diwali festival, leading the Junior assembly and organising the Newsletter for the Year 7 and 8's. My role as a Year Eight ambassador has given me confidence to speak in front of a crowd. To the future ambassadors; don't be shy to approach the Year 7 students. I have enjoyed the role of an ambassador and will use my skills in the future - Simione Toafa

This year as a Year 8 ambassador has been an amazing experience for me. Simple things like planning fun activities for different language weeks and planning assemblies. The highlights for this year for me would probably be helping out with all the Diwali activities. It was a fun week celebrating other cultures, their dances, rangolis, henna and more. Also being able to speak in front of the Junior College in assemblies and helping out students in need of help or support. A message that I would like to say to the upcoming Year 8 ambassadors and Junior College is to enjoy the last or first year of Intermediate, try to do the best that you can, set achievable goals and work hard. Thank you - Charmaine Hazell

This year as a 2020 Year 8 ambassador has been a rollercoaster for me. A highlight this year as an Ambassador was being able and more confident to speak in front of the Year 7 and 8s during assemblies. To the future Year 8 ambassadors, I hope you have a good time being a role model for the new Year 7s. - Samara Tocker

The year 2020, being a Year 8 ambassador, has been fun helping all the students when they needed and helping teachers with fun stuff like Diwali, some of the assemblies and festivals. Even with all of this COVID-19 stuff, I know it has been hard for kids but we have got through it all together and I have used my skills. I can't wait for the future - Tamsin Coburn



2020 Year 8
Ambassadors

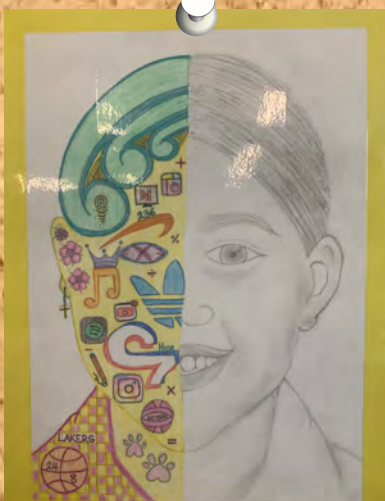
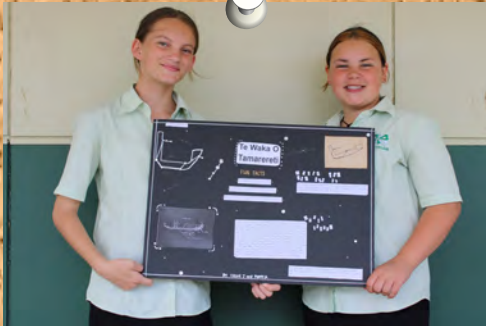
Student Voice

- Learning has been amazing this year in general at Tuakau College. This year has been the best year out of all my school years
- I like all our teachers; some are really humorous
- Tuakau College has lots to offer
- I liked the way the teachers managed to pull through and set up learning for lockdown when times were hard.
- Tuakau College is advanced and is full of many opportunities. The learning environments are very focused

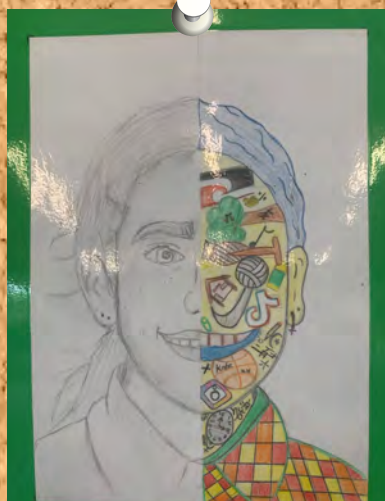
- Teachers try to make learning easy in the Junior College
- Being at this school has given me the motivation to try to improve in all subjects and try my best
- Teachers at Tuakau College always believe in you
- I have learnt heaps this year from many teachers and have created a good bond with most people
- I have enjoyed getting help in my classes
- I loved Maths and PE
- Year 8 Camp was fun, I learnt how to get on with others

- I have loved the Fabrics option
- Excellent teachers who are very positive and helpful
- Our school is fun and enjoyable. It gets hard sometimes but we work through it
- FUN FUN learning!
- Excellent option subjects
- I have learnt heaps at this school

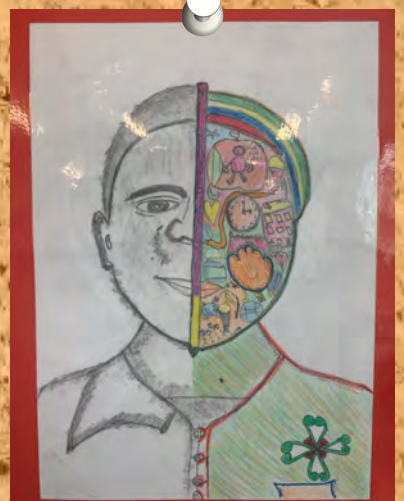
JUNIOR COLLEGE WORK SAMPLES



He kōtiro ahau. He kōtiro
kaha ahau. He kōtiro Māori
ahau. He kōtiro tāroaroa
ahau. Ko Tawhirimatea tōku
whare i te kura. He uri nō Te
Kotahitanga ahau.
Ko Chelsea ahau.



Ko Kowhai ahau. He kōtiro
ahau. He kōtiro Māori ahau.
He kōtiro whakatōi ahau. Ko
Tane Mahuta tōku whare i te
kura. He kōtiro poto ahau.
He Kirimangu tooku kiri. He
uri nō Tutereinga ahau.



Ko Wanakore ahau.
He tama ahau. He tama
huumarie, he tama kaha, he
tama uua hoki ahau. He
tama Māori ahau. He uri Nō
te Puuaha o Waikato ahau. Ko
Rauamoko tooku whare i te
kura. He taurua ahau i te Kura
Tuarua O Tuakau.

Junior College Prizegiving 2020

Service and Special Awards:

Pasifika Group Dedication Award - **Simione Toafa**

Kapa Haka Leadership Award - **Takaiho Haunui-Tamehana**

Tuakau College Sportswoman of the Year - **Paige Fletcher**

The Rowan Hucker Cup for the Top Junior College student in Physical Education - **Matiu Ruka**

The Wolfsbauer Award for Excellence in Attitude - **Simione Toafa**

The Mary Nelson Cup for Outstanding Citizenship, Embodying the School Values - **Brooke Ngatai**

The Paton Family Cup for the Top All-Round Year 8 Student across the four kete (Academic, Sport, Culture and Service) - **Abbi McKay**

The Betty Family Cup for the Top Year 8 student for Overall Academic Excellence - **Tia Barker**

Junior College Leaders for 2021: Sean Taka, Natalia Lorenzon, Nate Flipp, Cate Harvey, Lauren Rowsell, Paige Fletcher, Lily Bombardieri, Arsh Dhami, Mattias Tafto and Atarehia Hema



Betty Family Cup

*Top Year 8 student for
Overall Academic
Excellence*

Tia Barker



Paton Family Cup

*Top All-Round Year 8
student across the
four kete*

Abbi McKay



Mary Nelson Cup

*Outstanding
Citizenship,
Embodying school
values*

Brooke Ngatai



Wolfsbauer Award

Excellence in Attitude

Simione Toafa



Rowan Hucker Cup

*Top Junior College
student in Physical
Education*

Matiu Ruka

7N Awards:

Paige Stevens - Commendation for Science

Elijah Brassey - Commendation for Resistant Materials Technology

Lauren Rowsell - Commendation for Resistant Materials Technology

Poppy Aislabie - Commendation for Physical Education and Te Reo Maaori

Dominic Lamb - Commendation for Digital Technology and Spanish

Paige Fletcher - Commendation for Health Education and Spanish

Taliyah-Kunui Heta - 1st in Te Reo Maaori

Zac Bull - 1st in Digital Technology

Cooper Hesitand-Hutt - 1st in Soft Materials Technology

Casey Blundell - Commendation for Te Reo Maaori and 1st in Music

Hayden Doran - 1st in Music and 1st in Digital Technology

Hazel McMillan - Commendation for Mathematics, 1st in Soft Materials Technology and 1st in Physical Education

Rachel Maguire - Commendation for Music, 1st in Visual Art and 1st in Resistant Materials Technology

Fletcher Jamieson - Commendation for English, Mathematics, Physical Education, Visual Art and Soft Materials Technology and 1st in Digital Technology

Chloe Jamieson - Commendation for Social Studies, 1st in Spanish, 1st in Digital Technology and 1st in Resistant Materials Technology

Cate Harvey - Commendation for English, Social Studies and Health Education, 1st in Mathematics, 1st in Science, 1st in Soft Materials Technology, 1st in Resistant Materials Technology and 1st in Digital Technology

Caleb Quinlan - Commendation for Science and Soft Materials Technology, 1st in English, 1st in Social Studies, 1st in Health Education, 1st in Visual Art and 1st in Digital Technology

70 Awards:

Orlando Manuel - Commendation for Te Reo Maaori

Ava Littlewood - Commendation for Visual Art

Christian Drollet - Commendation for Music

Rawi Waters - Commendation for Spanish

Aryan Singh - Commendation for Digital Technology and Spanish

Salome Tekaaiki - Commendation for Physical Education

Nian Van Loggerenberg - 1st in Physical Education

Natalia Lorenzon - Commendation for Science, Visual Art and Music and 1st in Resistant Materials Technology

Sophie Hall - Commendation for Social Studies, Health Education and Resistant Materials Technology, 1st in Music and 1st in Soft Materials Technology

Renae Potter - Commendation for English and Health Education, 1st in Mathematics, 1st in Te Reo Maaori. Renae was also the lucky student who had their name pulled out of the hat for Junior College Worker of the Year.

Mattias Tafto - Commendation for Physical Education, Visual Art, Soft Materials Technology and Resistant Materials Technology and 1st in Science

Sean Taka - Commendation for Mathematics, Science, Te Reo Maaori and Resistant Materials Technology, 1st in English, 1st in Social Studies and 1st in Digital Technology

Sara-lee Rich - Commendation for Social Studies and Music and 1st in Spanish

Chane Le Roux - Commendation for English, Mathematics and Resistant Materials Technology, 1st in Health Education, 1st in Visual Art and 1st in Digital Technology

7P Awards:

Jason Columbus - Commendation for Visual Art

Tyler Jenkins - Commendation for Mathematics

Mikeila Stone - Commendation for Science

Laveena Tupou - Commendation for English

Cyra Ignacio - Commendation for English

Max Tough - Commendation for Soft Materials Technology

Pawani Ranasingha Weerakkodige - Commendation for Social Studies

Nate Flipp - Commendation for Music and Te Reo Maaori

Lincoln Smith - Commendation for Science and Spanish

Kyle Chatfield - Commendation for Physical Education and Soft Materials Technology

Spencer Sparrow - 1st in Digital Technology

Joshua Visser - 1st in Music

Strummer Archer - 1st in Physical Education

Lily Bombardieri - Commendation for Physical Education, Soft Materials Technology, Te Reo Maaori and Resistant Materials Technology

Arsh Dhami - Commendation for Health Education and 1st in Social Studies

Vrinda Charan - Commendation for Mathematics and Spanish and 1st in Health Education

Reeve Rameka - Commendation for Social Studies, Health Education, Visual Art and Soft Materials Technology, 1st in Mathematics, 1st in English, 1st in Science, 1st in Te Reo Maaori and 1st in Spanish



**Kapa Haka
Leadership Award**

Takaiho Haunui-
Tamehana



**Pasifika Group
Dedication Award**

Simione Toafa



7 Reo Rua Awards:

Paea Hawira - Commendation for Social Studies

Tipene Thompson - Commendation for Physical Education

Aaron McGonagle - Commendation for Music

Te Keepa Cooper Clark - Commendation for English

Ryder Kihi - Commendation for Music

Kupa Sonny Ngataki - Commendation for Science, Physical Education and Te Reo Maaori

Skyla Te Wera - Commendation for Visual Art, Spanish and Resistant Materials Technology

Tukaha Aupouri - 1st in Physical Education

Hana Wikiriwhi - Commendation for Mathematics and Social Studies and 1st in Te Reo Maaori

Peyton Van de Westerlo - Commendation for English and Te Reo Maaori and 1st in Science

Atarehia Hema - Commendation for Music, Mathematics, Soft Materials Technology and Health Education and 1st in Spanish

Liyah Purdon - Commendation for Health Education, 1st in Visual Art, 1st in English and 1st in Digital Technology

Wairua Taua - Commendation for Visual Art, Science and Spanish, 1st in Mathematics, 1st in Social Studies and 1st in Health Education

8N Awards:

Courtney Fah - 1st in Food Technology and 1st in Digital Technology
Reilly Millar - Bronze Diploma
James Tupou - Bronze Diploma
Luke Thorn - Bronze Diploma
Ezekiel Otunuku - Bronze Diploma
Alex Maguire - Silver Diploma
Charae Orsbourne - Silver Diploma
Amelie Park - Silver Diploma
Nailah Ali - Silver Diploma
Peyton Taupo-O'Connor - Silver Diploma and Commendation for Visual Art
Alexander Mouton - Silver Diploma and Commendation for Digital Technology
Ella Morby - Silver Diploma and Commendation for Food Technology
Kyron Doran - Silver Diploma and 1st in Digital Technology
Chelsea Tregurtha - Silver Diploma and Commendation for Food Technology, Digital Technology and Music
Hayley Lapwood - Silver Diploma, 1st in Visual Art and 1st in Resistant Materials Technology
Katie Dunn - Gold Diploma
Tamsin Coburn - Gold Diploma and Commendation for Food Technology
Zoe Cortes - Gold Diploma and Commendation for Visual Art, Food Technology and Resistant Materials Technology

Danielle Butler - Gold Diploma and Commendation for English and Food Technology

Samara Tocker - Gold Diploma, Commendation for Physical Education and 1st in Resistant Materials Technology
Jayde Walters - Gold Diploma, Commendation for Social Studies and 1st in Visual Art
Kaiah Hammond - Gold Diploma, Commendation for Mathematics and Music and 1st in Food Technology
Olivia Carpenter - Gold Diploma, Commendation for English and Science, 1st in Food Technology and 1st in Music
Skye Jenkins - Gold Diploma, Commendation for Health Education and Visual Art, 1st in Food Technology and 1st in Music
Mia Rau - Gold Diploma, Commendation for Te Reo Maaori and Digital Technology, 1st in Physical Education and 1st in Resistant Materials Technology
Brooke Ngatai - Gold Diploma, Commendation for Social Studies, Spanish and Resistant Materials Technology, 1st in Science, 1st in Health Education and 1st in Digital Technology
Tia Barker - Gold Diploma, Commendation for Physical Education, Te Reo Maaori, Digital Technology and Spanish, 1st in English, 1st in Mathematics, 1st in Visual Art and 1st in Resistant Materials Technology
Abbi McKay - Gold Diploma, Commendation for Mathematics, Science, Health Education and Visual Art, 1st in Social Studies, 1st in Te Reo Maaori, 1st in Digital Technology and 1st in Spanish



8O Awards:

Elisa Lutui - 1st in Te Reo Maaori
Shannon Manukau - Commendation for Mathematics, Spanish, Digital Technology and Te Reo Maaori
Tane Rapana - Bronze Diploma
Brooklyn Chapman - Bronze Diploma
Taipet Bakabane - Bronze Diploma
Jayden Simm - Bronze Diploma
Kelly Heke - Bronze Diploma, Commendation for Physical Education and Resistant Materials Technology and 1st in Mathematics
Russel McIntyre - Bronze Diploma and Commendation for Resistant Materials Technology
Willow Hyslop - Bronze Diploma and Commendation for Mathematics and Digital Technology
Enoka Namoriki - Bronze Diploma and Commendation for Spanish
Jahnni Pareiva - Silver Diploma
Velonika Lutui - Silver Diploma
Amber Neshausen-Kelly - Silver Diploma

Ryan Beatty - Silver Diploma
Ryan Harvey - Silver Diploma
Savanna Lorenzon - Silver Diploma
Sativa Howard - Silver Diploma and Commendation for Social Studies
Winsor Mugg - Silver Diploma and Commendation for Digital Technology
Kayden O'Connell - Silver Diploma and Commendation for Physical Education
Raveena Ahir - Silver Diploma and Commendation for English, Science and Food Technology
Kahu Reihana - Silver Diploma and Commendation for English and Health Education
Kalolaine Fetuani - Silver Diploma and 1st in Science
Simione Toafa - Silver Diploma, Commendation for Social Studies, Health Education and Te Reo Maaori and 1st in Physical Education
Brodee Stratford - Silver Diploma, 1st in English and 1st in Social Studies
Janet Saravanua - Silver Diploma, Commendation for Science, 1st in Health Education and 1st in Spanish

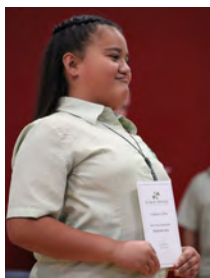
8P Awards:

Keira Mason-Hawkins - Commendation for Spanish
Caitlyn Barnes - Commendation for Health Education, Te Reo Maaori and Music
Andrew Hale - Bronze Diploma
Pepe Vakalahi - Bronze Diploma
Connor Russell - Bronze Diploma
Thomas Waters - Bronze Diploma
Anthony Angell - Bronze Diploma
Whitiora Marshall - Bronze Diploma
Shakur Rautangata-Hill - Bronze Diploma
Rawinia Wylie - Silver Diploma
Alex Rogers - Silver Diploma
Rima DeThierry - Silver Diploma
Blake King - Silver Diploma
Kayden Hahn - Silver Diploma and Commendation for Digital Technology
Caleb Stacey - Silver Diploma and Commendation for Spanish and Science
Katie Thompson - Silver Diploma, Commendation for English, Science and Social Studies
Katelyn Yeager - Silver Diploma, Commendation for Food Technology and Resistant Materials Technology
Jake Donaldson - Silver Diploma and Commendation for Physical Education
Ravikesh Singh - Silver Diploma and Commendation for Resistant Materials Technology
Harlem Kawhena - Silver Diploma and Commendation for English, Mathematics, Physical Education and Resistant Materials Technology
James Tonganibeia - Silver Diploma and 1st in Physical Education
Sam Blundell - Silver Diploma, Commendation for Social Studies and 1st in Science
Ayla Gussey - Silver Diploma, 1st in Mathematics and 1st in Te Reo Maaori
Charmaine Hazell - Gold Diploma, Commendation for Mathematics, Food Technology, Te Reo Maaori and Music, 1st in English, 1st in Social Studies and 1st in Health Education
Cass Moase - Gold Diploma, Commendation for Health Education and Music and 1st in Spanish



8 Reo Rua Awards:

Tiare Asafo - Commendation for Te Reo Maaori, 1st in English and 1st in Music
Kawa Grey - Commendation for Visual Art
Tearani Kahi - Commendation for Te Reo Maaori
Mikaia Wilson - Commendation for Visual Art and Social Studies
Reuben Koopu - Bronze Diploma and Commendation for Music
Wanz Tauhara-Teao - Bronze Diploma and Commendation for Mathematics
Cordell Hawkins - Bronze Diploma and Commendation for Spanish
Keziah Clark Cooper - Silver Diploma
Bobbi Nepia-Te Morenga - Silver Diploma
Jorja Matthews - Silver Diploma
Skyler Temara - Silver Diploma
Jhivarn Panapa - Silver Diploma
Jasmine-Rose Brougham - Silver Diploma and Commendation for Music
Paige Thompson - Silver Diploma and Commendation for Science
Hemi McGrath - Silver Diploma and Commendation for Science, Mathematics and Resistant Materials Technology
Emma-Anne Cowley - Silver Diploma and Commendation for English and Spanish
Chelsea Hira - Silver Diploma and Commendation for Visual Art, Social Studies and Music
Tawhiti Matena-Rapihana - Silver Diploma and 1st in Music
Matiu Ruka - Silver Diploma, Commendation for English and 1st in Physical Education
Takaiho Haunui Tamehana - Silver Diploma, Commendation for Physical Education and 1st in Te Reo Maaori
Kowhai Wihapi - Gold Diploma and Commendation for Visual Art
Tiraha Herangi - Gold Diploma, Commendation for Health Education and 1st in Social Studies
Izzy Aupouri - Gold Diploma, Commendation for Physical Education, 1st in Health Education and 1st in Spanish
Alyssa Calder - Gold Diploma, Commendation for Health Education, 1st in Visual Art, 1st in Mathematics and 1st in Science



Cross Country 2020



On Friday 19 June, our students took part in the 2020 Cross Country day. Despite the threatening weather during the week, Friday turned out to be a beautiful sunny day! Congratulations to Tane Mahuta for taking out the win with 1240 points. They were followed by Tawhirimatea in second place with 974 points, Tangaroa in third place with 843 and Ruaumoko in fourth place with 739 points.

Age Group results:

Year 7

Boys - Josh Harris-Armstrong

Girls - Hazel McMillan

Junior

Boys - Joziah Otunuku

Girls - Danelle Young

Senior

Boys - Alfred Lapwood

Girls - Brearna Rowsell

Year 8

Boys - Kayden O'Connell

Girls - Samara Tocker

Intermediate

Boys - Tyron Tamati

Girls - Cayleigh Young



MATHS WEEK 2020

This year Tuakau College once again celebrated New Zealand's annual Maths Week, from the 3rd to the 7th of August.

The week started with the Junior Poster Competition, for Year 7 to 10 students. The first place winners for 2020 were: Year 7- Liyah (7R), Year 8 - Alyssa (8R), Year 9 - Haley (9N) and Year 10 - Montanna (10N).

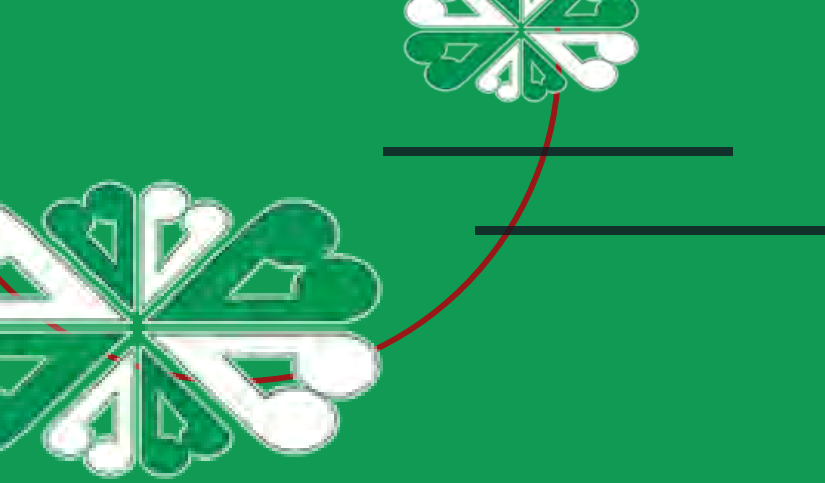
The week continued with daily questions for Year 7 to 9, 10 to 13 as well as Staff and Estimation questions for the whole school.

Wednesday was the Whaanau Mathex competition. Huge congratulations to Yellow house for winning both first and second prize with YKSI coming in first and YMMC coming in second. Congratulations also to the winners of the Outstanding Student awards, which were received by Mayonard from GMKO for first and Hassan from RKDR for second. The range of prizes was kindly donated by Harvey Norman Pukekohe, Pak'n'Save Pukekohe, McDonalds Pukekohe, Tuakau Rotary and the Maths Department.

Friday was the final day of Maths Week with an estimation question of guessing how many chocolates were in the jar. The 102 chocolates contained in the jar went to Mathew Hira and the special prize from Harvey Norman went to Malia Potini!

-Written by Chloe Judge, Year 13 Statistics Student at Tuakau College

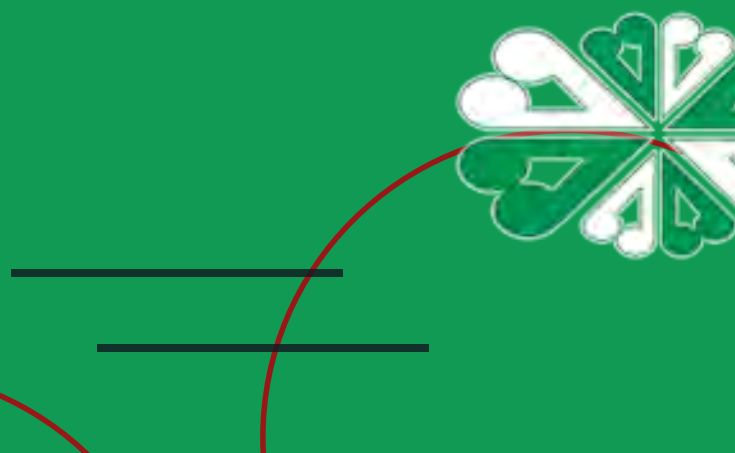




2020 TUAKAU COLLEGE

Middle College

KARETI WAENGANUI



9N 2020



Back Row: Linkin Hunter, Kate Brown, Siannah Bell, Bethany Mahoney, Geordie Wilson

3rd Row: Kudzanai Makore, Jordyn Tuhiwai, Shreya Reddy, Charlotte Adam, Tahlia Mueller, Haley Dunn, Anita van Velthuisen, Rachel Maea

2nd Row: Joseph Heta, Saxon Jamieson, Owen Booth, Aidan Manson, Jai Harvey, Syrus Williams, Robert Davies, John Everitt (Teacher)

Front Row: Kimberley Smith, Danelle Young, Hayley Guite, Lily McInnarney, Katherine Cao, Jade Atkinson, Charlotte Hawkes, Payton Munce

Absent: Gaia Bowers, Joziah Otunuku, Joseph Ropiha

9O 2020



Back Row: Maddison Deadman, Jasmine Scanlon, Faith Tuhi, Deacon Haku, Iafeta Maeri, Anmol Charan, Haze Heta

2nd Row: Kalarni Tupaea, Kyla Makea, Holly Woods, Krishant Chand, Caleb Duval, Viliami Pasina, Anjali Bhatt (Teacher)

Front Row: Ashlee Chatfield, Keren Banks, Borerei Namoriki, Trinatee Worn, Yasmin Davies, Zunairah Ali, Sophie Oliver

Absent: Kimorah Halley, Lyric Karanga

9P 2020



Back Row: Dylan Chatfield, Sean Elliott, Cleveland Mugg, Zeplyn Snowden, Kaih Hiestand-Hutt

2nd Row: James Te Ao, Callum Temara, Ngaru Thompson, Kiana Wihapi, Calais Nelson, Sarah Roycroft, Muthu Chidambaram (Teacher)

Front Row: Hayley Lumbers, Talia Bartlett-Holland, Layla Sefton, Lata Vakalahi, Tayla Lobb, Sasha-Lee Lim, Charlotte Hood

Absent: Patrick Akarana-King, Kohi Hawkins, Riley McIntyre, Kathylee Taha, Tila Tauhara-Teao

9Q 2020



Back Row: Ravi Chandra, Dyllan Mackey, Quartz-Rose Lockerble, Myah Tipene

3rd Row: Troy Wild, Kyan Young, Aryan Kumar, Alexander Penning, Brandon Mostert

2nd Row: Lenoxx Tinei-Wright, Adrian Victor, Aalamjot Pannu, Renaldo Roets, Rebekah Reed, Jarrah Naidu, Jhett Davies, Shana Davidson (Teacher)

Front Row: Haylee Claridge, Kayshia Phillips, Aliz'e Walker, Shiya Gosai, Teegan Ogle, Cody Hawkins, Amy Ellia

Absent: Jarrod Eastman



Back Row: Hana Wikiriwhi, Ninia Kihi, Kaiya Tarawa, Kahumai Monika, Malia Potini
2nd Row: Wairangi Shaw, Whaitiri Preston, Hauraki Hira, Reubyn Barlow-Rhind, Joidene Preston (Teacher)
Front Row: Tanisha Harris, Waimarie Thompson, Rangipokaia Shaw, Shisana Hemopo-Hendry, Tiatia Harvey-Cooper
Absent: Jahnae Panapa, Khydes Tupaea

Breaking Point BY SARAH MULLER (10N)

This is all way too much,
 I feel like I can't see.
 It's like the world's crumbling
 Or maybe that's just me?

Maybe I just can't handle it,
 Maybe I'm too weak,
 Maybe I'm not good enough,
 Maybe I've past my peak.

But everyone's told me
 To always do my best
 And I do, every day
 Yet there's this weight in my chest.

This concept of failure
 Always playing on my mind
 Being a disappointment to others
 Or just falling behind

Jailed by this system
 That we like to call "school"
 Where you have to succeed
 Or you're deemed a fool

Society always tells us
 That we have "standards to meet"
 That the "statistics show"
 That we need to compete

May the brightest one win
 And succeed down the line
 While others will just, well,
 They should be fine

Yet I continue to worry
 That I'll never make it
 That I won't reach that success
 But I just have to fake it

I just can't help but feel
 Like I'm not doing enough
 Not living up to these expectations
 But, oh well, "that's tough"

I've just got to push ahead
 Do even more, keep going
 When I feel as though I can't
 The pressure keeps on growing

I'm struggling to cope,
 but I can't give up
 I'm starting to lose hope
 While still growing up

The people that I depend on
 And desire to impress
 Keep telling me this and that
 And I can't handle the stress

The physical, mental,
 And emotional strain
 Makes me weak and I feel
 Like I'm attached to some chain

It feels like I'm trapped
 In this endless cycle of stress
 Imprisoned by the expectations
 And compelled to success

I'm working like a dog
 To make people proud
 To live up to these beliefs
 And stand out in the crowd

"Be a doctor or a lawyer"
 "Change the world" they say
 While having the world on my shoulders
 I simply can't run away

I often dream to feel
 Unrestricted, and free
 Yet this system constraining me
 Makes me unable to flee

I can't escape, or take a break
 from this lifestyle I've created
 By working hard, and succeeding
 This lifestyle I've sometimes hated

But everyone's always told me
 That I'll do great things
 So why am I fourteen
 And feel like I've clipped my own wings?

10N 2020



Back Row: Ruan Cornelius, Matthew Tocker, Kullen Montgomery, Jeremy Kwok, Tanya van der Merwe, Sophie Fillingham, Italea Gussey

3rd Row: Erica Welch, Monique Jenkins, Rose Harwood, Jasmine Clark, Sarah Muller, Anaya Aislabie, Molly Sykes

2nd Row: Finn Picot, Noah Vessey, Marisa Rowsell, Holly Jackson, Jordyn O'Meara, Devon Brown, Tevita Fetuani, Mitchell Sparrow, Stephanie Tupaea (Teacher)

Front Row: Kaitlin Barker, Hannah Welch, Haylee Morby, Ann Linacre, Montanna Griffin, Hannah Wilson, Calissa Johannesen

Absent: Caitlin Lees

10O 2020



Back Row: Liam Law, Justin Lockerbie, Dalton Commerer, Jessie Sleeth, Harry Astadan, Joseph Davidson

3rd Row: Travis Jamieson, Brock Jenkins, Dazz Skipper, Gurshan Ahir, Ethan Peddie, Holly-Mae Miles, Bree Evans

2nd Row: Wil Ryan, Hannes Van Der Walt, Tiakiwai Wihapi, Te Torpa Minhinnick, Callum Littlewood, Rhys Brougham, Davendra Kumar (Teacher)

Front Row: Aratia Kimitaunga, Te Mareikura Reuben-Harris, Bharavi Dutt, Bianka Holgate, Gaini Ranasingha Weerakkodige, Kabwearuru Teremoa, Aaliyah McVeigh-Hodson

Absent: Keanu Halley

10P 2020



Back Row: Tamaiti Monika, Tekinaiti Tetuui, Lennox Tuhimata, Daniel Maxwell, Jacob McCardle

2nd Row: Dylan Deadman, Liam Booker, Michael Bell, Cameron Selby, Rima Turner, Tuhoe Parker, Chloe Duval, Gerschen van Niekerk (Teacher)

Front Row: Cohen Nicholls, Zahara Walker, Rangimarie Te Kaute Hingaia Nelson, Mica Matthews, Mya Kahui, Tyra Heka, Casy Jerome

Absent: Alparish Deo, Maia Mackey de Thierry, Sean Hartley, Kristina McGonagle, Harlim Taha

10Q 2020



Back Row: Daniel Burrows-Chatwin, Malachi Erueti, Horace Bakabane, Caitlin Styles, Shabrynika Holmes, Shaniza Mohammed

2nd Row: Tipene Kidwell, Luke Angell, Teina Panapa, Brendon Zuze, Zyprus Snowden, Rayhan Shah, Shivniel Prakash (Teacher)

Front Row: Amelia Brooker, Laurisa Clifton-Fenton-Hands, Samuel Nicholson, Reuben Martin, Jessika Roberts, Isabella Sutherland

Absent: Layne Heaslip, Bailey Marshall, Brooklyn Murphy, Kyah Panapa, Jacob Rogers, Keegan Twist, Moana Vea

Middle College Prizegiving 2020

Service and Special Awards:

Wootton Cup for the Top Middle College student in Physical Education - **Rima Turner**

Lions Club Award for Excellence in Whaikorero - **Hauraki Hira**

Pasifika Group Inspiration Award - **Lata Vakalahi**

The Douglas Hughes Memorial Trophy for Whanau Loyalty - **Wil Ryan**

Tim Foy Cup awarded to a student for Industry, Co-operation and Service - **Erica Welch**

The Hema Cup for Reflecting the School Motto 'Pai rawa atu i nga mea katoa' - **Bharavi Dutt**

The Chris Betty Cup for the Top All-Round Year 10 student across the four kete (Academic, Sport, Culture and Service) - **Sarah Muller**

The Principal's Cup for the Top Year 10 student for Overall Academic Excellence in 2020 - **Sarah Muller**

Middle College Leaders for 2021: Ashlee Chatfield, Azzryn Jones, Lil McInnarney, Siannah Bell, Tahlia Mueller, Shreya Reddy, Robert Davies, Bethany Mahoney, Danelle Yyoung and Kudzanai Makore

Student Representative on the Tuakau College Board - Brearna Rowsell



Principal's Cup

*Top Year 10 student
for Overall Academic
Excellence*

Sarah Muller



Chris Betty Cup

*Top All-Round Year 10
student across the
four kete*

Sarah Muller



Hema Cup

*Reflecting the School
Motto*

Bharavi Dutt



Tim Foy Cup

*For Industry,
Co-operation and
Service*

Erica Welch



**Douglas Hughes
Memorial Trophy**

For Whanau Loyalty

Wil Ryan

9N Awards:

Robert Davies - Commendation for Mathematics

Danelle Young - Commendation for Physical Education

Shreya Reddy - Commendation for Food Technology

Kudzanai Makore - Commendation for English

Tahlia Mueller - Commendation for Spanish

Geordie Wilson - Commendation for Physical Education

Saxon Jamieson - Commendation for Music

Kate Brown - Commendation for Digital Technology

Haley Dunn - Commendation for Visual Art, Business

Studies and Soft Materials Technology

Bethany Mahoney - Commendation for Social Studies
and Resistant Materials Technology

Katherine Cao - 1st in Year 9 Visual Art

Owen Booth - Commendation for Resistant Materials
Technology and 1st in Physical Education

Charlotte Adam - Commendation for Science and 1st in
Year 9 Digital Technology

Jordyn Tuhiwai - Commendation for Visual Art, 1st in
Year 9 Business Studies and 1st in Year 9 Soft Materials
Technology

Lily McInnarney - 1st in Science, 1st in Year 9 Resistant
Materials Technology and Top Year 9 Student in Science

Hayley Guite - Commendation for Mathematics, Business
Studies and Digital Technology, 1st in Health Education,
1st in Year 9 Spanish and Top Year 9 Student in Health
Education

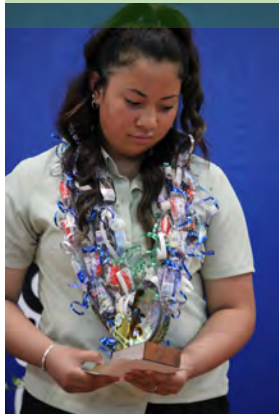
Jai Harvey - Commendation for Health Education, 1st in
English, 1st in Mathematics, 1st in Social Studies, Top Year
9 Student in English, Top Year 9 Student in Mathematics
and Top Year 9 Student in Social Studies

9O Awards:

Zunairah Ali - Commendation for Mathematics
Jasmine Scanlon - Commendation for Health Education
Krishant Chand - Commendation for Social Studies and Design and Visual Communication
Borerei Namoriki - Commendation for Mathematics and Physical Education
Deacon Haku - 1st in Physical Education
Trinatee Worn - 1st in Science
Maddison Deadman - Commendation for English, Social Studies and Soft Materials Technology
Yasmin Davies - Commendation for Design and Visual Communication and 1st in English
Anmol Charan - 1st in Mathematics
Kyla Makea - Commendation for Science and Health Education and 1st in Social Studies
Ashlee Chatfield - Commendation for English, Science and Physical Education and 1st in Health Education

9P Awards:

Charlotte Hood - Commendation for Social Studies
Sasha-Lee Lim - Commendation for Science
Tayla Lobb - Commendation for English and Health Education
Kaih Hiestand-Hutt - Commendation for Physical Education and Music
Riley McIntyre - Commendation for Mathematics and Science
Layla Sefton - 1st in Health Education
Hayley Lumbers - Commendation for Mathematics and Physical Education
Sarah Roycroft - 1st in English and 1st in Science
Lata Vakalahi - Commendation for Health Education, 1st in Mathematics and 1st in Social Studies
Callum Temara - Commendation for English and Social Studies, 1st in Physical Education and Top Year 9 Student in Physical Education



**Pasifika Group
Inspiration Award**

Lata Vakalahi



**Lions Club Award
For Excellence in
Whaikorero**

Hauraki Hira



**Wootton Cup
Top Middle College
student in Physical
Education**

Rima Turner



9Q Awards:

Jhett Davies - Commendation for Mathematics
Teegan Ogle - Commendation for Physical Education
Kayshia Philips - Commendation for Food Technology
Kyan Young - Commendation for Physical Education
Alexander Penning - Commendation for English and Social Studies
Aliz'e Walker - 1st in Science
Aryan Kumar - Commendation for Health Education and 1st in Physical Education
Rebekah Reed - Commendation for English, 1st in Social Studies and 1st in Health Education
Shiya Gosai - Commendation for Mathematics and Science, 1st in English and 1st in Year 9 Music
Adrian Victor - Commendation for Science, Social Studies and Health Education, 1st in Mathematics and 1st in Year 9 Design and Visual Communication

9 Reo Rua Awards:

Ninia Kihi - Commendation for Physical Education
Wairangi Shaw - Commendation Te Reo Maaori
Waimarie Thompson - Commendation for Health Education
Tati Matena - Commendation for Science
Te Mau Waikiriwhi - Commendation for Social Studies
Shisana Hemopo-Hendry - Commendation for Te Reo Maaori and Social Studies
Malia Potini - 1st in Year 9 Te Reo Maaori
Whaitiri Preston - Commendation for English, Science and Physical Education
Kaiya Tarawa - Commendation for English and Mathematics, 1st in Social Studies and 1st in Health Education
Hauraki Hira - Commendation for Spanish, Mathematics and Health Education, 1st in English, 1st in Science, 1st in Physical Education, 1st in Year 9 Food Technology

10N Awards:

Ethan Harms - 1st in Year 10 Resistant Materials Technology
Noah Vessey - Achieved Diploma
Finn Picot - Merit Diploma
Ruan Cornelius - Merit Diploma
Italea Gussey - Merit Diploma
Jasmine Clark - Merit Diploma
Tevita Fetuani - Merit Diploma
Sophie Fillingham - Merit Diploma
Tanya van der Merwe - Merit Diploma
Naya Aislabie - Merit Diploma
Marissa Rowsell - Merit Diploma
Mitchell Sparrow - Merit Diploma and Commendation for Physical Education
Kaitlin Barker - Merit Diploma and Commendation for Spanish
Matthew Tocker - Merit Diploma and Commendation for Physical Education
Rose Harwood - Merit Diploma and Commendation for Social Studies and Soft Materials Technology
Kullen Montgomery - Merit Diploma and 1st in Year 10 Design and Visual Communication
Jeremy Kwok - Merit Diploma and 1st in Year 10 Music
Hannah Wilson - Merit Diploma and 1st in Year 10 Food Technology
Holly Jackson - Merit Diploma, Commendation for Visual Art and 1st in Year 10 Soft Materials Technology
Hayley Morby - Excellence Diploma
Hannah Welch - Excellence Diploma and Commendation for Social Studies
Caitlin Lees - Excellence Diploma and Commendation for Social Studies
Devon Brown - Excellence Diploma and Commendation for Science
Jordyn O-Meara - Excellence Diploma and Commendation for Soft Materials Technology. Jordyn was also the lucky student who had her name pulled out of the hat for Middle College Worker of the Year
Monique Jenkins - Excellence Diploma and Commendation for Digital Technology and Science
Molly Sykes - Excellence Diploma and Commendation for Visual Art and Spanish
Ann Linacre - Excellence Diploma and Commendation for Health Education and Business Studies
Erica Welch - Excellence Diploma and Commendation for English, Mathematics, Health Education and Te Reo Maaori
Calissa Johannesen - Excellence Diploma, Commendation for Business Studies and 1st in Year 10 Spanish
Montana Griffin - Excellence Diploma, Commendation for English and 1st in Year 10 Digital Technology
Sarah Muller - Excellence Diploma, 1st in English, 1st in Mathematics, 1st in Science, 1st in Social Studies, 1st in Physical Education, 1st in Health Education, 1st in Year 10 Business Studies, Top Year 10 Student in English, Top Year 10 Students in Mathematics, Top Year 10 Student in Social Studies and Top Year 10 Student in Health Education

100 Awards:

Callum Littlewood - Achieved Diploma
Tiakiwai Wihapi - Achieved Diploma
Rhys Brougham - Achieved Diploma
Jessie Sleeth - Achieved Diploma
Kabwearuru Teremoa - Achieved Diploma
Te Topra Minhinnick - Achieved Diploma
Liam Law - Achieved Diploma
Justin Lockerbie - Achieved Diploma
Brock Jenkins - Achieved Diploma
Bianka Holgate - Achieved Diploma
Travis Jamieson - Achieved Diploma
Ethan Peddie - Achieved Diploma and Commendation for Physical Education
Harry Astadan - Achieved Diploma and Commendation for Horticulture
Jessica Lusby - Achieved Diploma and Commendation for Physical Education
Gurshan Ahir - Achieved Diploma and Commendation for Food Technology
Holly-Mae Miles - Achieved Diploma and 1st in Physical Education
Hannes Van Der Walt - Merit Diploma
Aaliyah McVeigh-Hodson - Merit Diploma
Wil Ryan - Merit Diploma
Joseph Davidson - Merit Diploma and Commendation for Resistant Materials Technology
Aratia Kimitaunga - Merit Diploma and Commendation for Health Education
Bree Evans - Merit Diploma and Commendation for Science
Dalton Commerer - Merit Diploma, Commendation for Mathematics, Social Studies, Health Education and Design and Visual Communication, 1st in English, 1st in Science and Top Year 10 Student in Science
Gaini Ranasingha Weerakkodige - Excellence Diploma, Commendation for English and Social Studies and 1st in Mathematics
Bharavi Dutt - Excellence Diploma, Commendation for English, Mathematics, Science and Design and Visual Communication, 1st in Social Studies and 1st in Health Education



10P Awards:

Sean Hartley - 1st in Health Education

Epi Tusani - Commendation for Science and Health Education

Evanza Waretini - Commendation for Music

Liam Booker - Achieved Diploma

Chloe Duval - Achieved Diploma

Tekinaiti Tetuai - Achieved Diploma

Dylan Deadman - Achieved Diploma

Michael Bell - Achieved Diploma

Daniel Maxwell - Achieved Diploma

Jacob McCardle - Achieved Diploma

Tuhoe Parker - Achieved Diploma and 1st in English

Cameron Selby - Achieved Diploma and Commendation for Horticulture

Alpharish Deo - Achieved Diploma and Commendation for Social Studies

Cohen Nicholls - Achieved Diploma and Commendation for Resistant Materials Technology

Casey Jerome - Merit Diploma

Mara Mackey DeThierry - Merit Diploma, Commendation for English and Mathematics and 1st in Social Studies

Kristina McGonagle - Merit Diploma, Commendation for Physical Education, 1st in Mathematics and 1st in Science

Rima Turner - Merit Diploma, Commendation for English, Mathematics, Social Studies and Health Education, 1st in Physical Education and Top Year 10 Student in Physical Education



10Q Awards:

Sahbrynika Holmes - 1st in Year 10 Te Reo Maaori

Laurisa Fenton-Hands - Achieved Diploma

Teina Panapa - Achieved Diploma

Malachi Erueti - Achieved Diploma

Keegan Twist - Achieved Diploma

Jacob Rogers - Achieved Diploma

Layne Heaslip - Achieved Diploma

Horace Bakabane - Achieved Diploma

Samuel Nicholson - Achieved Diploma

Tipene Kidwell - Achieved Diploma

Reuben Martin - Achieved Diploma

Bailey Marshall - Achieved Diploma and 1st in Physical Education

Brooklyn Murphy - Achieved Diploma and Commendation for Physical Education

Moana Vea - Merit Diploma

Brendon Zuze - Merit Diploma

Shanize Mohammed - Merit Diploma

Isabella Sutherland - Merit Diploma, Commendation for English and Digital Technology, 1st in Science, 1st in Social Studies and 1st in Year 10 Visual Art

Daniel Burrows-Chatwin - Merit Diploma, Commendation for Music and 1st in Year 10 Horticulture

Rayhan Shah - Merit Diploma, Commendation for English, Science and Health Education and 1st in Mathematics

Caitlin Styles - Merit Diploma and Commendation for Mathematics

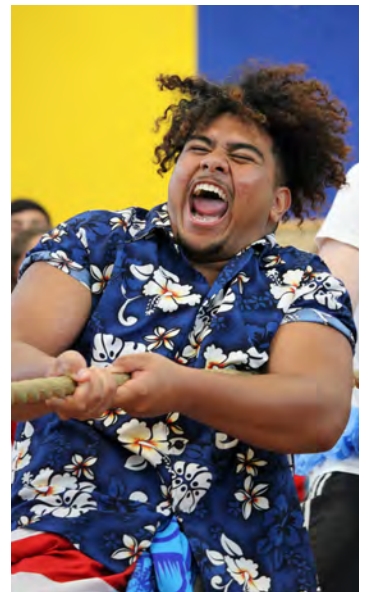
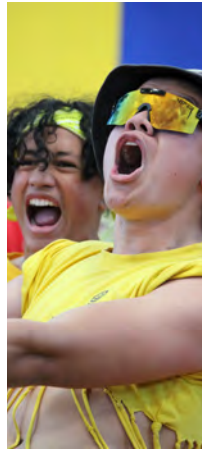
Amelia Brooker - Excellence Diploma, Commendation for Science, Social Studies, Health Education and Food Technology and 1st English

Jessika Roberts - Excellence Diploma, Commendation for Mathematics, Social Studies and Physical Education and 1st in Health Education

TUG OF WAR

The last day of Term 3 was filled with excitement for our students as they participated in the annual Tug of War competition. It was a great afternoon of fun, tough faces, pulling and excitement as houses battled it out to win the trophy! Congratulations to Tane Mahuta and Tangaroa for placing 1st equal with 255 points each, Tawhirimatea placing third with 231 points and Ruaumoko placing fourth with 195 points!

We were lucky to have Mr David Barnes, who started this competition, attend to award the trophy to the house leaders of the winning houses!



Tane Mahuta



Tane Mahuta House Leaders for 2020: Alfred Lapwood, Raina Tainui, Mary-Louise Booth and Ryan Narayan.

Hi! My name is Raina Tainui and I was a Tane Mahuta House Leader for 2020! My previous years being a part of Tane Mahuta have taught me the importance of teamwork and participation.

My first house competition was Athletics and although I shied away from it, I was pushed by my peers to give it a go! This was a stepping stone for my personal involvement in the school.

Tane Mahuta, as a house, stood tall and proud this year, winning the PTA Champion House Shield at the Senior Prizegiving! We won Athletics Day with 1371 points, Cross Country with 1240 points and placed 1st equal in Tug of War with 255 points.

It was great to see so many of our students participating, especially our new members, giving us the numbers we needed to achieve the results we got!

The Tane Mahuta House Leaders look forward to what Tane Mahuta will achieve next year!

Tane Mahuta House Leaders



Ruaumoko



Rūaumoko House Leaders for 2020: Mere Taaka-Te Kaute, Ilaisaane Maea, Jorja Parmentier and Caleb Scanlon.

Just like a volcano Ruaumoko started the year off with a bang! The first house competition of Swimming Championships saw one of our Ruaumoko students excel, breaking records and putting our house on the table. All of our members enjoyed the tabloid activities in the afternoon.

We also welcomed four new staff members to our house. We welcomed Miss Drew, Mr Prakash, Mrs Welch, Mr McGarvey and Mr Miller. We also welcomed back Mrs Tupaea, who had been on maternity leave. This year we unfortunately have to say farewell to Mr Iyadurai, who is retiring at the end of the year.

Athletics however brought some tough competition but we persevered and did our best! Although we didn't win the overall house competition we did win the informal 'Glitter' Tiktok dance competition on the day.

It was awesome to see so many of our Ruaumoko students out there participating and getting points for our house! Highlight of the day was playing in the mud and doing manu's in the puddles!

Tug of War was our strongest house competition of the year, especially for our Year 12 Girls who won all of their rounds.

Overall we are super proud of Ruaumoko, especially in regards to participation and effort. We threw out plenty of burning challenges, just like a volcano spews out lava and burning rocks. Through this we have left our mark for 2020 and know we will come back in 2021 burning stronger and erupting!

Ruaumoko House Leaders



Tawhirimatea



Rūaumoko House Leaders for 2020: Brianna Welch, Brooke Wilson, Rose Salani and Courtney Tipene.

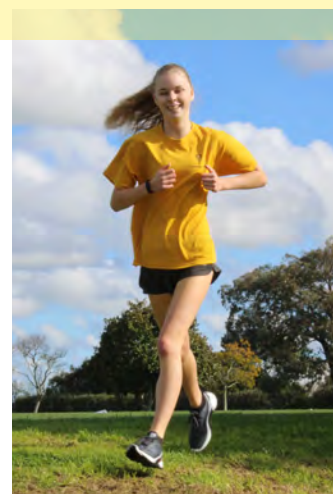
Once again Tawhirimatea has placed very well! However COVID-19 hit this year, but thankfully only Wearable Arts was cut out of the house competitions.

Despite the circumstances of this year, with two lockdowns, we were fortunate enough to place second with 375 points, even though we were the smallest house.

At the beginning of the year we were unfortunately overtaken by the other houses from placing third in Athletics and Fourth in the Championship Swimming competition but we pulled together at the Tabloids Swimming competition to take away a whopping first place and then topped that off with a second in Cross Country.

To spice the end of the year off we rounded up third in the Tug of War competition, which I think I can say on behalf of all of us, was the best house competition of the year!

Tawhirimatea House Leaders



Tangaroa



Tangaroa House Leaders for 2020: Sophie Maclean, Adele Hira-Tautuaa, Aina Pomare and Chloe Law

The almighty Tangaroa, God of the Sea! What a blessing it has been to be a part of this house for five years. Being house leader for the past two years has been an honour and brought me great opportunities!

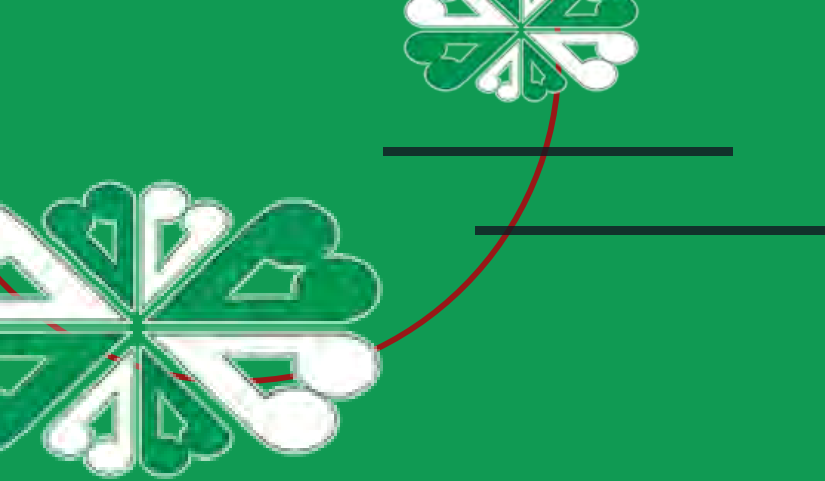
Leading the house to win Tug of War and Swimming Sports in 2019 was one of the best school years, that I will cherish for many years.

This year we fell short and tied with Green House (Tane Mahuta) in Tug of War, but seeing all of the house work their hardest as a team to reach a win brought a smile to my face. Screaming at the teams to pull harder to pulling for my own team and feeling the pain the next day - it was all worth it in the end!

I wish Tangaroa all the best in future years and hope to see them take out the title for the shield once again! Go hard or go home Tangaroa!

Tangaroa House Leaders





2020 TUAKAU COLLEGE

Sports Teams and School Groups

NGA ROOPU HAKINAKINA ME
NGA ROOPU KURA



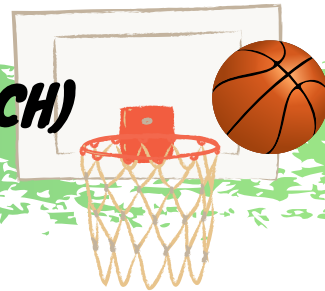
Basketball Girls



Back Row: Stacey Mahoney (Coach), Amy Bencetti, Hailee Taupo, Natasha Haereroa (Coach)

Front Row: Jaslyn Van Wyk, Charlise Taylor-Falala, Courtney Tipene, Bethany Mahoney, Jahkaya Salvation

A WORD FROM STACEY MAHONEY (COACH)



What a pleasure it was to coach this incredible team this year! Many of these girls are relatively new to basketball, but all showed passion, dedication, commitment and a willingness to learn.

Week after week all the girls improved, with every single one of them adding value to their team each game. Whilst the results didn't always go our way, the humility, sportsmanship and energy these girls showed was second to none.

A highlight was after the final game of the season, the number of opposition coaches who approached me saying what a pleasure it was to play against these girls, and how much they'd improved.

Nga mihi,

Stacey Mahoney



Basketball Junior Boys



Back Row: Deacon Haku, Reubyn Barlow-Rhind, Harry Astadan

2nd Row: Mathew Hira (Coach), Luke Angell, Bailey Marshall, Teina Panapa, Julie Burton (Manager), Lain Haku (Coach)

Front Row: Horace Bakabane, Brooklyn Murphy, Rima Turner, Cameron Selby, Rhys Brougham

A WORD FROM ANI TAU (SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR)

This year representing our school were two Year 7&8 Boys' teams, a Junior girls' team, a Junior boys' team and a Senior boys' team.

The Year 7&8 teams played on Friday nights, only managing to complete four games in total before COVID-19 hit. Both teams had great parent support at every game and we look forward to seeing what they can achieve in the future.

The Senior boys' team entered the Bruce Pulman and Franklin competitions for 2020. The Bruce Pulman competition provided tough competition and the team managed two wins and a loss before COVID-19. Franklin Basketball managed to restart their competition at the beginning of Term 4, allowing the teams to complete their season.



Basketball Senior Boys



Back Row: Judgeman Korewha, Hassan Sheikh, Karll Poto, Levi Paikea, Caleb Scanlon

Front Row: Bradley Hartigan, Lain Haku, Mathew Hira, Carl Grove, Tuterangi Taua

Absent: Monty Gurnick (Coach)

Basketball Year 7&8 Bulls



Back Row: Caleb Scanlon (Coach), Matiu Ruka, Cordell Hawkins, Mathew Hira (Coach)

Front Row: Whitiora Marshall, Jason Columbus, Troy Hira, Taipet Bakabane, Makhyle Bhana

Absent: Leshon Tinei Wright, Shakur Rautangata-Hill, Caian Clarke

Basketball Year 7&8 Wizards



Back Row: Joe Te Moana, Tane Rapana-Atutolu, Andrew Vea, Natasha Kihi-Marshall (Coach)

Front Row: Noah Grey, Ezekiel Otunuku, Wanz Tauhara-Teao

Absent: Tipene Thompson, Shannon Manukau, Ryder Kihi-Mahuta

Pacifica



Back Row: Malia Potini, Lata Vakalahi, Andrew Vea

2nd Row: Rachel Maea, Manase Maea, William Saurara, Tevita Fetuani, Ilaisaane Maea, Moana Vea, Michelle McMillan (Teacher)

Front Row: Kayla Vaiioleti-Mailangi, Rose Salani, Sosaia Tonga, Ryan Narayan, Samiuela Vea, Mary-Louise Booth, Tiane Vaiioleti

Kapa Haka



Back Row: Kupa Sonny Ngataki, Matiu Ruka, Kowhai Nepia, Tiare Asafo, Skyler Temara, Carleyah Hemopo-Hendry, Cordell Hawkins, Joe Te Moana, Rokena Butcher

4th Row: Aaron McGonagle, Hemi McGrath, Kiritaahanga Hira, Tiraha Herangi, Paige Thompson, Chelsea Hira, Keziah Clark-Cooper, Destiny Tonga, Emma-Anne Cowley, Malia Potini

3rd Row: Rongo Herangi-Kukutai, Wanz Tauhara-Teao, Kingi Grey, Kawa Grey, Noah Grey, Nico Hemopo-Nicholls, Tawhiti Matena-Rapihana, Tipene Thompson, Tukaha Aupouri, Ursula Aitken (Kaiako)

2nd Row: Joidene Preston (Kaiako), Atarehia Hema, Jhivarn Panapa, Alyssa Calder, Peyton Van de Westerlo, Jasmin-Rose Brougham, Jorja Matthews, Skylah Te Wera, Hana Wikiriwhi, Lee-Anne Shaw (Kaiako)

Front Row: Reuben Koopu, Izzy Aupouri, Makayah Maropai-Gallagher, Mere Taaka Te-Kaute, Christopher Betty (Tumuaki), Zarnya Matthews, Rehi Harvey-Cooper, Bobbi Nepia-Te Morenga, Billy Te Moana

A WORD FROM JOIDENE PRESTON (KAIAKO)

Kapa Haka

Like many other kaupapa, Kapahaka has been very quiet this year. Our usual big event, Ahurea, as well as others such as Koroneihana, were cancelled due to Mate Karauna (COVID-19).

However, our students have utilised time at school to practise waiata that are important to our rohe and kura.

Although the group is mainly made up of students from the Year 7, 8 and 9 Reorua classes and a few seniors, we have had some new members. The students performed at this year's Junior Prizegiving.

Joidene Preston

Chess Club



Back Row: Kaih Hiestand-Hutt, Charae Orsbourne

2nd Row: Nicki Gillson (iHUB Manager), Riley McIntyre, Kurtis Orsbourne, Liam Exelby, Linkin Hunter, Muthu Chidambaram (Teacher)

Front Row: Kudzanai Makore, Carlin Lee, Ben Peters, Akash Agrawal, Mikeila Stone

A WORD FROM NICKI GILLSON (IHUB MANAGER)

Hi Guys,

I am Nicki and I manage the iHub. I have several clubs here, but Chess has been the most rewarding one. We hold a weekly group on Wednesday at lunchtimes. The club is open to players of all ages, from non-players to some of my finest!

It's been a rewarding group, with lots of great wins over the past years in lots of local tournaments. This year, however, has been the hardest for us, as we have only been part of two tournaments. Despite COVID-19, it has not dampened our spirits and our constantly growing club is a pleasure to be part of.

Club members competed at the Brookby School Chess Tournament in June and won 1st place as a school team! Cyan de Lange was the Top Player, 2nd - Curtis Orsbourne, 3rd - Linkin Hunter, 4th - Dazz Skipper and 5th - Akash Agrawal! Liam Excelby, Joseph Rophia, Carlin Lee and Hannes Van der Walt also played well!

In October, four of our students went to the team Chess Championships at Alfriston College. Cyan de Lange, Kurtis Osbourne, Linkin Hunter and Akash Agrawal didn't get a placing but a huge effort was made by these boys, already busy with NCEA. They showed huge responsibility going on their own, looking after each other and giving the tournament a go, representing our college! The team received a certificate of Merit for their efforts!

We are looking forward to 2021 with new opportunities and new chess players coming on board so that we can take part in the Auckland regional championships! Exciting times ahead!

Nicki Gillson

Clay Target Shooting



Back Row: Ethan Peddie, Caleb Duval

Front Row: Liam Booker, Hannah Wilson, Geordie Wilson

Absent: Marc Fisk (Coach), Julie Wilson (Manager)

A WORD FROM JULIE WILSON (MANAGER)



2020 has been a positive year for our shooting team despite the challenges that we have all been facing. The competition team has grown from just two shooters last year to a full team of five this year. The student numbers have doubled this year and while not all shooters were eligible to participate in competitions, we managed to send a full team of five to every competition. Our team is young, keen and constantly learning and improving.

There are also another four juniors training each week who will all be eligible to shoot in the schools' competition next year. We are looking forward to what 2021 will bring!

The team are extremely lucky to have Marc volunteering his time to coach them week after week and they also couldn't do this sport without the full support of their parents. 2021 is going to be a great year and we are all looking forward to seeing how these young and enthusiastic shooters grow.

Congratulations to our award recipients this year: Shooter of the Year - Caleb Duval, Most Improved - Geordie Wilson and Sportsmanship - Hannah Wilson.

Julie Wilson

Duke of Edinburgh Award



Back Row: Haylee Morby, Caitlin Lees, Hannah Wilson, Ann Linacre

2nd Row: Julie Burton (Teacher), Italea Gussey, Devon Brown, Erica Welch, Molly Sykes, Jared Slee (Teacher)

Front Row: Rose Harwood, Brianna Welch, Marisa Rowsell, Samantha Smith, Sarah Muller

Equestrian



Back Row: Lilia Horlacher, Monique Jenkins, Danelle Young

Front Row: Cayleigh Young, Devon Brown, Sarah Muller

Football Futsal Junior



Back Row: Max Tough, Sam Styles, Cooper Hiestand-Hutt, Caleb Quinlan, Tyler Hodgson

2nd Row: Hayden Doran, Lauren Rowsell, Austin Nicholson, Sean Taka, Josh Harris-Armstrong, Shivniel Prakash (Coach)

Front Row: Zachariah Ferrier, Caleb Cottee, Aryan Kumar, Hemi McGrath, Nakareke Namoriki

Football Futsal Senior



Back Row: Khosi Ngwenya, Keenan Breet, Nick Muller, Shivniel Prakash (Teacher)

Front Row: Liam Booker, Alpharish Deo, Matthew Tocker, Syed Abbas Ali, Aryan Kumar

Hockey 1st XI Boys



Back Row: Brooklyn Chapman, Aryan Kumar, Kaih Hiestand-Hutt

2nd Row: Jared Slee (Coach), Sean Elliott, Rohan Beniston, Daniel Burrows-Chatwin, Jacob McCardle, Bradley Hartigan (Coach)

Front Row: Liam Exelby, Daniel Jensen, Ryan Narayan, Joel Tait, Layne Heaslip

A WORD FROM JARED SLEE (COACH)

The Boys' First XI hockey team was in a re-building stage this year with many of the team new to hockey. The first round of games was close with an unlucky result against Strathallan.

The second round was cut short due to COVID-19, but the highlights of the season were beating Hauraki Plains, who were top of the table, and Rohan Beniston scoring four goals in an outstanding game against Rosehill College.

We would like to thank our seniors who are leaving school for their services to hockey over the past years and are looking forward to a full season in 2021!

Jared Slee



Hockey 1st XI Girls



Back Row: Chloe Judge, Charlise Taylor-Falala, Tiane Vaioleti, Arwen Winter, Mary-Louise Booth

2nd Row: Kelly Drew (Manager), Gemma West, Danielle Hepburn, Merania Hira, Devon Brown, Bradley Hartigan (Coach)

Front Row: Amy Bencetti, Makayah Maropai-Gallagher, Hayley Wallace, Sophie MacLean, Ann Linacre, Samantha Smith, Aina Pomare

Absent: Siannah Bell, Danelle Young

A WORD FROM KELLY DREW (MANAGER)

The Girls' hockey team had a mix of experience and new faces this year. They started off with a great win against rivals Pukekohe Intermediate.

Overall, they had four wins, one loss and a draw before COVID-19 cut their season short. The girls really came together on the turf, with our seniors helping the juniors by perfecting their skills and strategies.

A big thank you to the seniors for your leadership and service to hockey throughout your years at the college!

Kelly Drew



Hockey Year 7&8 Mixed



Back Row: Lily Bombardieri, Zachariah Ferrier, Regan Maxwell, Hazel McMillan, Sophie MacLean (Coach)
Front Row: Willow Hyslop, Rokena Butcher, Amber Neshausen Kelly, Cooper Hiestand-Hutt, Sophie Hall

A WORD FROM SOPHIE MACLEAN (COACH)

This team had a rough start to the season with most new to the sport. Teams they were facing were well established, so week after week it was very tough to score points.

However, all team members were keen to give it a go and learn new skills and put themselves out on the line!

At the 2020 Tuakau College Sports Awards some of the team members were recognised for their effort and skill! Hazel McMillan was awarded 'Sportsmanship,' Willow Hyslop was awarded 'Most Improved' and Amber Neshausen-Kelly was awarded the 'Player of the Year!' Well done to all!

The scoreboard was not a reflection of the sportsmanship the team displayed on and off the turf.

They never gave up, they persevered and when goals were scored it was like winning a gold medal!

Sophie MacLean

Netball AIMS



Back Row: Taliyah-Kuini Heta, Jorja Matthews, Alyssa Calder, Peyton Van de Westerlo, Alison Fletcher (Coach)
Front Row: Wairua Taua, Reeve Rameka, Takaiho Haunui-Tamehana, Brooke Ngatai, Paige Fletcher

A WORD FROM ALISON FLETCHER (COACH)



The 2020 AIMS Netball Team was made up of a mixture of the top Year 7 and 8 players. The girls were committed to training twice a week and were excited about the prospect of attending AIMS games. However, plans changed due to COVID-19 and the cancellation of AIMS 2020, therefore our focus turned to the Franklin Yr 7 and 8 Tournament.

Players worked on basic skills as well as understanding each other's strengths in order to play better as a team. This all came to fruition at the tournament where they finished a close second, qualifying for the Auckland Championships (cancelled due to COVID-19).

Highlights of the season were the teamwork and sportsmanship that the girls displayed both on and off the court.

Alison Fletcher



Netball Collegiate A



Back Row: Skyler Temara, Kaiah Hammond, Natasha Kihi-Marshall (Coach)

Front Row: Liyah Purdon, Samara Tocker, Hazel McMillan

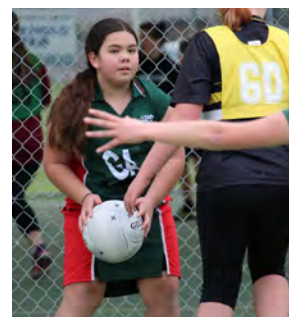
Absent: Kowhai Wihapi, Ayla Gussey, Charmaine Hazell

A WORD FROM NATASHA KIHIMARSHALL (COACH)

It was a tough start for this team with disruptions of player numbers. The team, led by the committed few, managed to pull together, train and form a great bond.

This bond showed on the court when they won the B Grade section 3 at the Franklin Year 7 and 8 Netball competition held in Pukekohe.

Natasha Kihi-Marshall



Netball Collegiate B



Back Row: Sophie Hall, Paige Stevens, Hayley Lapwood, Jessica Hawke (Coach)
Front Row: Hana Wikiriwhi, Atarehia Hema, Mia Rau, Skylah Te Wera, Lily Bombardieri

A WORD FROM JESSICA HAWKE (COACH)

This year was rather disrupted; however, we had a few trainings as a team and also had the opportunity to play in a tournament in Pukekohe.

The girls always came to training prepared and ready to go and did really well at the Franklin Year 7 and 8 Netball competition held in Pukekohe, working together as a team.

We managed to come away with two wins which they were proud of.

Jessica Hawke



Netball Senior A



Back Row: Rehi Harvey-Cooper, Erica Welch, Kudzanai Makore, Johanna Buttery (Coach)

Front Row: Italea Gussey, Mere Taaka Te-Kaute, Zarnya Matthews, Bethany Mahoney, Te Aomarama Heta

A WORD FROM JOHANNA BUTTERY (COACH)

It was a very short season for the Senior A team, managing to only get three games in before alert levels meant we could not carry on any longer. Regardless, it was a successful season, winning two out of three of the games and growing as a team as the players adapted to working with new people, in new positions and with a new coach.

Johanna Buttery



Netball UNISS



Back Row: Danielle Hepburn

2nd Row: Brianna Welch, Natasha Kihi-Marshall, Samantha Smith, Lee-Anne Shaw (Coach)

Front Row: Gemma West, Merania Hira, Jordyn Tuhiwai

Absent: Ani Taua (Manager), Ninia Kihi, Rehi Harvey-Cooper, Te Aomarama Heta

A WORD FROM LEE-ANNE SHAW (COACH)

With COVID-19 disrupting the majority of our nations' sports season, we were fortunate to continue as a UNISS netball team to represent Tuakau College. The team was always very keen to participate and use the Counties-Manukau Secondary Schools competition at Bruce Pulman to develop and prepare for UNISS, however the competition was cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions after the second lockdown.

UNISS was going to look very different this year as well. St Peter's invited schools to play in a three-day tournament with 16 teams. This took place in the first week of the Term 3 school holidays. Needless to say, St Peter's were fantastic hosts to all the schools who took part in the tournament.

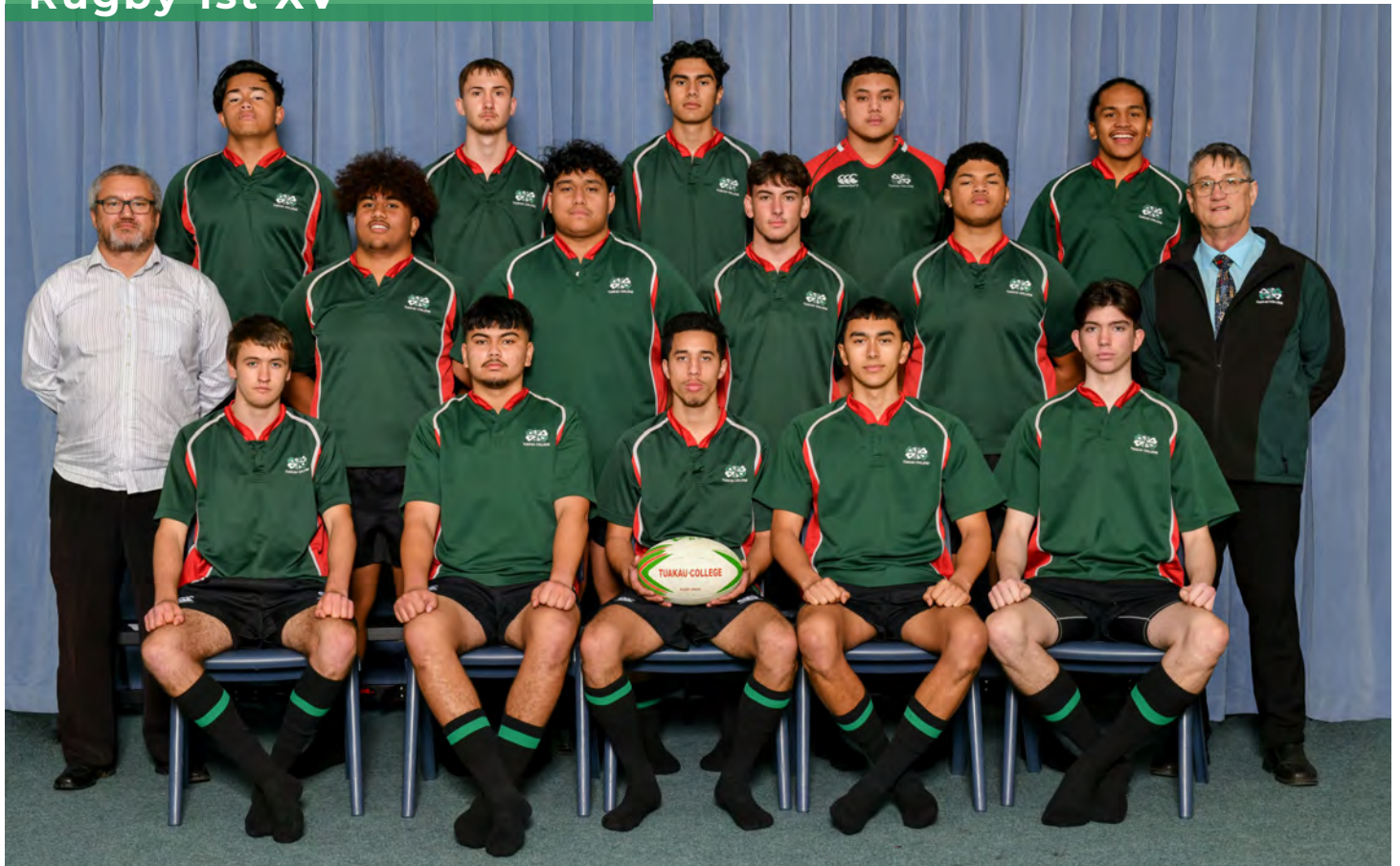
It was a great opportunity to expose new players (Junior and Senior) to a UNISS tournament, but at a smaller scale. This tournament also allowed the girls to enjoy playing after such an interrupted year. The girls' goal was to have fun, compete as hard as they could and secretly grade higher than the other schools from the area. The last aspect of their goal may not have been achieved but the team bonded very well. The girls enjoyed themselves and highlighted some great talent from within the team.

Each game, coaches had to vote for MVP from the opposing team and Danielle Hepburn was voted our Player of the Tournament, so huge congratulations to her. Whaea Lee and Whaea Ani were impressed to see many of the players 'step up' from the initial season at Papakura. Huge positives for 2021, as we do not lose any players as the girls are all Year 12 or under. So, fingers crossed New Zealand can stay at Level 1 and the girls can continue to push forward for next year.

Most Valuable Player – *Danielle Hepburn*; Most Improved Player – *Samantha Smith*; Sportsmanship – *Gemma West*.

Lee-Anne Shaw

Rugby 1st XV



Back Row: Justise Karepa-Wilson, Caleb Scanlon, Carlos Brougham, Tyson Kereopa, Braye Holmes

2nd Row: Paul Heta (Coach), Sosaia Tonga, Hayden Thompson, Aaron Martin, Kahlieo Tohovaka, Christopher Betty (Coach)

Front Row: Joel Tait, Mathew Hira, Alfred Lapwood, Lain Haku, Carl Grove

A WORD FROM PAUL HETA (COACH)



The 1st XV had a short but good season. The team came together and in the pre-season games was a force to be reckoned with. Thanks to all the boys for their commitment and the work on developing the team culture and spirit.

With the interruptions they had, the boys were disappointed that they could not play all the games as they were developing into a tight, efficient unit. They enjoyed playing under the lights and felt the last game was great which supported the links to the rejuvenated Senior Tuakau Rugby Club.

Thanks to Paul Heta the Head Coach, Maurice the forward coach and to Chris Betty the Manager. Thanks to all the parents for their ongoing support of rugby and this team. Next year looks very promising as we have our eye fully on the championship.

Paul Heta



Rugby U15



Back Row: Tyron Tamati, Keegan Twist, Brooklyn Murphy, Ethan Peddie, Zaysharn Snowden, Jay-Jay Phillips, Judgeman Korewha

2nd Row: Horace Bakabane, Rangi Cooper, Tunui Hawkins-Thompson, Tamaroa Mahuta, Reuben Martin, Te Torpa Minhinnick, Tevita Fetuani, Kelly Drew (Assistant Coach)

Front Row: Rangatahi Thompson, Blake Hannah, Bailey Marshall, Bailey Cowley, Devyn Rees, Karll Poto, Teina Panapa

Absent: Jackson Orr (Coach), Zyprus Snowden, Wairangi Shaw, Hayden Thompson

A WORD FROM KELLY DREW (ASSISTANT COACH)

This year we had 24 boys in the Under 15 Rugby team. During the season the team was undefeated in their grade defeating Alfriston College, Te Kauwhata College and Onewhero Area School before COVID-19 hit.

The team was fortunate enough to have a friendly game against the Counties Maaori Under 17 team to end their season. A big thank you to old collegian, Jackson Orr, for coaching the team and being a great influence on the boys. Also thank you to Paul Heta and all the parents/supporters who turned up to support their games.

Kelly Drew



Swimming Counties Manukau Champs



Back Row: Haylee Claridge, Kullen Montgomery
Front Row: Caitlin Lees, Charlotte Hyland-Mills, Katie Dunn

Swimming Franklin Year 7&8 Champs



Back Row: Cordell Hawkins, Jake Donaldson, Kupa Sonny Ngataki
Front Row: Poppy Aislabie, Paige Fletcher, Katie Dunn, Tia Barker
Absent: Kelly Heke

Ultra Rip Year 7&8 Girls



Back Row: Skylah Te Wera, Paige Fletcher, Natasha Kihi-Marshall (Coach)

Front Row: Wairua Taua, Izzy Aupouri, Atarehia Hema

Absent: Kowhai Wihapi

Special Olympics



Back Row: Ngaire Law (Teaching Assistant), Margaret Van Kan (Teaching Assistant), Carol Coleman (Teaching Assistant), Diane Tyson-Vaiioleti (Teacher)

Front Row: Akash Agrawal, Kylie White, Mikayla Loader, Joel Linacre, Tamati Harris-Hemopo

Te Whariki 1



Back Row: Ngaire Law (Teaching Assistant), Margaret Van Kan (Teaching Assistant), Carol Coleman (Teaching Assistant), Diane Tyson-Vaiioleti (Teacher)

Front Row: Akash Agrawal, Kylie White, Mikayla Loader, Joel Linacre, Tamati Harris-Hemopo

Te Whariki 2



Back Row: Maata Vakalahi (Teacher Aide), Tamati Harris-Hemopo, Davendra Kumar (Teacher), Ngaire Law (Teaching Assistant)

Front Row: Joel Linacre, Francine Cutillon, Kylie White, Mikayla Loader, Akash Agrawal

Waka Ama J16 Boys



Back Row: Teina Panapa, Rangi Harvey-Cooper, Ani Taua (Coach)

Front Row: Tamaroa Mahuta, Tuterangi Taua, Rima Turner

Absent: Wairangi Shaw, Jay-Jay Phillips

A WORD FROM ANI TAUA (COACH)



We had two Under 16 girls' and boys' teams selected to represent our school at the Waka Ama Nationals held in April. It would also have been the first time Tuakau College would have a representative in the Singles Under 16 boys' category.

The teams had been training for three months in the wind, cold and rain. Unfortunately, one week out from the event the National competition was the first of many sports to be cancelled due to COVID-19.

As we now approach the new Waka Ama season it will be time to start preparing and training for next years' Secondary Schools' National competition.

Ani Taua

Waka Ama J16 Girls



Present: Kristina McGonagle, Italea Gussey, Natasha Kihi-Marshall, Ani Taua (Coach)
Absent: Ninia Kihi, Rangipokaia Shaw, Torrence Temara



Student Council



Back Row: Courtney Tipene, Mary-Louise Booth, Aina Pomare, Charmaine Hazell, Bree Evans, Charlotte Beeby, Natasha Kihim Marshall

4th Row: Chelsea Tregurtha, Sarah Muller, Brooke Wilson, Emma Evans, Ilaisaane Maea, Brianna Welch, Rose Harwood, Lily McInnarney

3rd Row: Adele Hira Tautuaa, Chloe Law, Alfred Lapwood, Carlin Lee, Raina Tainui, Ryan Narayan, Sophie MacLean, Maia James, Alison Fletcher (Assistant Principal)

2nd Row: Anica Dutt, Rachel Maguire, Payton Munce, Robert Davies, Hayden Doran, Katelyn Yeager, Vrinda Charan, Calissa Johannesen

Front Row: Mere Taaka Te-Kaute, Rose Salani, Bradley Hartigan, Chloe Judge, Daniel Jensen, Emma Schwass, Jorja Parmentier

A WORD FROM CHLOE JUDGE (HEAD GIRL 2020)

The Student Council started the year by planning what we were going to fundraise for and how we would go about this. The Student Council meets once a month, however due to COVID-19, we were only able to meet a few times this year.

I enjoyed my time running these meetings as Head Girl and am proud of the effort of our Student Council this year.

This year we decided to fundraise for a recycling project to help make the school cleaner and encourage environmental sustainability. All the environmental ideas we brainstormed will be used to create an Environmental Group next year, which will progress these ideas further.

Each year the Student Council picks a charity to donate money to, from the schools Mufti Days. This year we picked Barnardos, who support families through domestic abuse, mental health problems, prison sentences and much more.

Chloe Judge

Student Health Council



Back Row: Mary-Louise Booth, Steven Edwards.

2nd Row: Emma Evans, Kurtis Orsbourne, Carlin Lee, Tiane Vaioleti, Kayla Vaioleti-Mailangi, Alison Robertson (School Nurse)

Front Row: Riley McIntyre, Jasmine Clark, Brianna Welch, Erica Welch, Calissa Johannesen

A WORD FROM ALISON ROBERTSON (SCHOOL NURSE)



The Student Health Council started the year with 24 students. They were very enthusiastic with amazing ideas and initiatives.

They worked hard to implement their ideas but, because of COVID-19 causing lockdowns and changing alert levels, with restrictions on the amount of people who were allowed to gather together, it meant that unfortunately these events could not take place.

We look forward to next year, when we can hopefully host some events!

Alison Robertson

Student Leadership Team



Back Row: Alison Fletcher (Assistant Principal), Rose Salani, Chloe Judge, Christopher Betty (Principal)

Front Row: Bradley Hartigan, Emma Schwass, Daniel Jensen

Student Prefects



Back Row: Alison Fletcher (Assistant Principal), Raina Tainui, Ben Peters, Jorja Parmentier, Christopher Betty (Principal)

Front Row: Emma Schwass, Daniel Jensen, Chloe Judge, Bradley Hartigan

House Leaders



Back Row: Mary-Louise Booth, Aina Pomare, Rose Salani, Chloe Law, Courtney Tipene

2nd Row: Kevin Fogarty (Ruaumoko), Jorja Parmentier, Adele Hira Tautuaa, Raina Tainui, Sophie MacLean, Ilaisaane Maea, Paul Heta (Tane Mahuta)

Front Row: Shana Davidson (Tawhirimatea), Caleb Scanlon, Brianna Welch, Alfred Lapwood, Brooke Wilson, Ryan Narayan, Melanie Devaney (Tangaroa)

Middle College Leaders



Back Row: Calissa Johannesen, Hannah Welch, Jordyn O'Meara, Devon Brown, Bharavi Dutt

Front Row: Sarah Muller, Jasmine Clark, Wil Ryan, Hannah Wilson, Erica Welch

Junior College Ambassadors



Back Row: Abbi McKay, Charmaine Hazell, Kaiah Hammond, Tiare Asafo, Preeti Walia (Teacher)

Front Row: Takaiho Haunui-Tamehana, Janet Saravanua, Simione Toafa, Tamsin Couburn, Samara Tocker

Ball Committee



Back Row: Emma Schwass, Alfred Lapwood, Shana Davidson (Teacher)

Front Row: Paige Johnson-Winkelaar, Chloe Law, Jaymee Fenton-Hands

Interact Club (Rotary)



Back Row: Chloe Judge, Haylee Morby, Ann Linacre, Anica Dutt

3rd Row: Samantha Smith, Taylah Beal, Tiffany Swann, Michayla van der Byl, Bethany Davies

2nd Row: Syed Abbas Ali, Devon Brown, Carlin Lee, Brearna Rowsell, Jasmine Clark, Renae Carlson, Davendra Kumar (Teacher)

Front Row: Rose Salani, Hannah Welch, Davey Singh, Sarah Muller, Ryan Narayan, Tanya van der Merwe, Brooke Wilson

A WORD FROM DAVENDRA KUMAR (TEACHER)

With the struggle and unprecedented events throughout this year, the Interact Club has made an effort to complete their projects as planned. The membership of the club increased by five this year, making it twenty-seven students, consisting of Year 10 through to Year 13. The new leaders and the office-bearers conducted nearly all the meetings very effectively and efficiently, however, were not able to implement the projects due to the COVID-19 lockdowns.

However, this did not stop the Interact Club members in actively participating in the Waikato District Council and Keep New Zealand Beautiful project in Tuakau on Sunday 13 September. The members worked tirelessly for five hours picking up rubbish along the streets around the Tuakau township, working on the bush trails by the Alexandra Redoubt and tree planting at the Tuakau Domain and the Les Batkin Reserve.

The members also participated in the Tuakau Hikoi (Walk) to the Waikato River on the 8th November 2020, in order to connect the Awa so that Tuakau and our wider communities can one day hopefully safely walk on a footpath or trail to either Les Batkin Reserve or the Waikato River.

The Club also farewelled the Year 13 members who left us this year and wished them well in their future endeavours and hope they will join the Rotaract Clubs at the various institutions that they will be attending. The plan for moving forward in 2021 is looking good, with the Club having some great plans to implement according to their Annual Calendar.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all!

Davendra Kumar

Year 13 Students



Back Row: Wikitoria Cooper, Paige Johnson-Winkelaar, Jordan Petersen, Jaime Howe, Makayah Maropai-Gallagher, Aina Pomare

3rd Row: Jessica Abela, Maddy Vessey, Rose Crosbie, Joel Tait, Jakob England, Samiuela Ve, Sophie MacLean, Adele Hira Tautuaa

2nd Row: Jordan Atkinson, Ben Peters, Bradley Hartigan, Lain Haku, Taine Welch, Daniel Jensen, Mathew Hira, Raina Tainui, Shana Davidson (Year 13 Dean)

Front Row: Chloe Law, Jorja Parmentier, Nikolas Kanon, Chloe Judge, Bevan Jensen, Emma Schwass, Alfred Lapwood, Courtney Tipene, Jaymee Fenton-Hands



Staff



Back Row: Michelle McMillan, Michelle Van Der Byl, Kavita Kavita, Mat Konamalai, Ursula Aitken, Muthu Chidambaram, Anjali Bhatt

3rd Row: Rajah Iyadurai, Lee-Anne Shaw, Fiona Proctor, Deanie Cooper-Lang, Jessica Hawke, Joidene Preston, Julie Burton, Sarah Welch, Kelly Drew, Ani Taua

2nd Row: Alison Robertson, Stephanie Tupaea, Jared Slee, Johanna Buttery, Sue Askew, Tracy Potts, Shivniel Prakash, Paul Heta, John Everitt, Shana Davidson, Ronnie Walia

Front Row: Catherine Hucker, Julie Lawson, Alison Fletcher, Ashley Jacobs, Christopher Betty, Christina Stilwell, Peter Moody, Davendra Kumar, Preeti Walia



Bulls Basketball Visit ***Haere ki te poitūkohu Bulls***

On Friday 3 July, some of the Franklin Bulls Basketball team members visited our school!
Students enjoyed testing their skills against the players, asking them some questions and learning a little bit more about basketball.



SPORTS AWARDS 2020



Our 2020 Sports Awards were held in the school gym on Wednesday 21 October. It was a great night with lots of smiles. A huge thank you to John Eden, our guest speaker, for his part in the evening! Congratulations to all our prizewinners on the night.

The award for Most Outstanding Achievement in Sport for 2020 went to Paige Fletcher. The 2020 Tuakau College Sportswoman of the Year is Paige Fletcher and the 2020 Tuakau College Sportsman of the Year is Joel Tait.

Major Prizewinners:

Special Achievements Awards - *Ninia Kihi (NZ U13 Indoor Netball Team), Paige Fletcher (3 Gold and 2 Bronze Medals at the Trans-Tasman Athletics Championships), Tipene Thompson (NZ Barbarian U14 Tag Football Team), Ngaru Thompson (NZ Barbarian U14 Tag Football Team) and Bethany Mahoney (NZ U14 Referee)*

Representative Honours - *Aryan Kumar (Counties U16 Cricket), Sean Elliott (Counties U13 Hockey), Bradley Hartigan (Waikato Maori Hockey Team), Charlotte Hyland-Mills (Counties Manukau Swimming), Paige Fletcher (Trans Tasman Athletics Team), Tipene Thompson (Counties Mixed U12 Touch Rugby), Hayden Thompson (Counties Manukau U16 Rugby), Bethany Mahoney (Franklin Basketball U15), Judgeman Korewha (Franklin Basketball U15), Rima Turner (Franklin Basketball U15), Tuterangi Taua (Franklin Basketball U17), Karl Poto (Franklin Basketball U17) and Mathew Hira (Franklin Basketball U19)*

Staff Award - *Kelly Drew*

Manager of the Year - *Julie Wilson*

Coach of the Year - *Natasha Kihi-Marshall*

Student Coaches - *Natasha Kihimaru* (Year 7&8 Tag Football, Collegiate A Netball and Year 7&8 Boys Basketball), *Caleb Scanlon* (Year 7&8 Basketball Team) and *Matthew Hira* (Junior Basketball Team)

Rugby 1st XV: Sportsmanship - *Hayden Thompson*, Most Improved - *Joel Tait*, Player of the Year - *Alfred Lapwood*

Rugby U15: Sportsmanship - *Bailey Cowley*, Most Improved - *Horace Bakabane*, Player of the Year - *Tamaroa Mahuta*

UNISS: Sportsmanship - *Gemma West*, Most Improved - *Samantha Smith*, Player of the Year - *Danielle Hepburn*

Netball Senior A: Sportsmanship - *Erica Welch*, Most Improved - *Devon Brown*, Player of the Year - *Ninia Kihimaru*

Netball AIMS: Sportsmanship - *Wairua Taua*, Most Improved - *Paige Fletcher*, Player of the Year - *Takaiho Haunui-Tamehana*

Netball Collegiate A: Sportsmanship - *Liyah Purdon*, Most Improved - *Samara Tocker*, Player of the Year - *Hazel McMillan*

Netball Collegiate B: Sportsmanship - *Aterehia Hema*, Most Improved - *Paige Stevens*, Player of the Year - *Lily Bombardieri*

Basketball Senior Boys: Sportsmanship - *Judge Man Korewha*, Most Improved - *Karl Poto*, Player of the Year - *Lain Haku* and *Matthew Hira*

Basketball Junior Boys: Sportsmanship - *Rima Turner*, Most Improved - *Cameron Selby*, Player of the Year - *Teina Panapa*

Basketball Junior Girls: Sportsmanship - *Amy Bencetti*, Most Improved - *Jahkaya Salvation*, Player of the Year - *Hailee Taupo*

Basketball Year 7&8 Bulls: Sportsmanship - *Caian Clarke*, Most Improved - *Jason Columbus* and *Leshon Tinei-Wright*, Player of the Year - *Cordell Hawkins*

Basketball Year 7&8 Wizards: Sportsmanship - *Joe Te Moana*, Most Improved - *Noah Grey*, Player of the Year - *Ezekiel Otunuku*

Hockey Boys: Sportsmanship - *Liam Exelby*, Most Improved - *Aryan Kumar*, Player of the Year - *Joel Tait*

Hockey Girls: Sportsmanship - *Amy Bencetti*, Most Improved - *Danelle Young*, Player of the Year - *Hayley Wallace*

Hockey Year 7&8: Sportsmanship - *Hazel McMillan*, Most Improved - *Willow Hyslop*, Player of the Year - *Amber Neshausen-Kelly*

Spirit of Waka Ama Award - *Teina Panapa*

Waka Ama J16 Boys: Sportsmanship - *Rima Turner*, Most Improved - *Wairangi Shaw*, Paddler of the Year - *Teina Panapa*

Waka Ama J16 Girls: Sportsmanship - *Italea Gussey*, Most Improved - *Kristina McGonagle*, Paddler of the Year - *Natasha Kihimaru*

Clay Target Shooting: Sportsmanship - *Hannah Wilson*, Most Improved - *Geordie Wilson*, Shooter of the Year - *Caleb Duval*

Te Whariki: Sportsmanship - *Tamati Harris-Hemopo*, Most Improved - *Joel Linacre*, Player of the Year - *Joel Linacre*



MATARIKI AWARDS

This year we weren't able to hold the Matariki awards due to COVID-19, however we held a special assembly to celebrate these awards on Wednesday 4 November. Congratulations to our prizewinners!

Tupu-aa-nuku Award - Emma-Anne Cowley

Tupu-aa-rangi Award - Hauraki Hira

Hiwa I te rangi Award - Zarnya Matthews

Year 7 - Nga Tai E Rua Marae - Paige Fletcher

Year 8 - Te Awamaarahi Marae - Tiraha Herangi

Year 9 - Te Kotahitanga Marae - Kaiya Tarawa

Year 10 - Tikirahi Marae - Tuhoe Parker

Year 11 - Tauranganui Marae - Te Aomarama Heta

Year 12 - Ooraeroa Marae - Brooke Wilson

Year 13 - Weraroa Marae - Chloe Judge

Aspiring Leader - Nga Hau e Wha Marae - Brooke Wilson

Outstanding Year 13 Leader Award - Pukerewa Marae - Chloe Judge

Te Puaha O Waikato Supreme Award - Huakina Development Trust - Chloe Judge





TE WIKI O TE REO MAAORI

Te Reo Maaori Week

Te Reo Maaori Week was held from Monday 14 to Friday 18 September and our students enjoyed getting involved!



Each day there was a new 'kiwaha o te ra' or 'saying of the day' to be learnt with prizes given to students who were making a conscious effort to use these sayings during the day.

Students also got involved in activities in Te Atarua at lunch time! They played Whakaropiropi, Hipitoitoi and Maui-matau!



On Thursday it was Waiata time! Ko Hana, ko Iritana, ko Te Uru, ko Paea rātou ko Liyah e mau ana ki ā rātou taonga! Mīharo rawa ēnei kōtiro tokorima i tautoko ki "Te Wā Waiata." He korokoro tūi ēneil waiata ētahi Iwi Anthems.

The last day of Te Wiki O Te Reo Māori 2020 was celebrated with Whaea Joidene's paraoa parai (fried bread) in Te Atarua at lunchtime!



Those who desired a fresh, hot paraoa parai had to ask in Māori e.g. "Hōmai he paraoa parai" and if wanting pata (butter) or mīere (golden syrup) simply asked "Homai te pata or Homai te mīere"

Tauira also continued to sing waiata Māori and play kēmu Māori too. Ka mau te wehi! Staff finished their day with a hakari too!

MARKOVINA
vineyard estate

School Ball 2020

The 2020 Tuakau College School Ball was held on Saturday 15 August at the Markovina Vineyard Estate in Kumeu.

Students enjoyed the theme of 'Enchanted Forest' and danced the night after a delicious meal!

Congratulations to our prizewinners on the night!





Cutest Couple

Caleb Scanlon and partner



Best Dressed Male and Female

Ryan Narayan and Chloe Judge



Prince and Princess

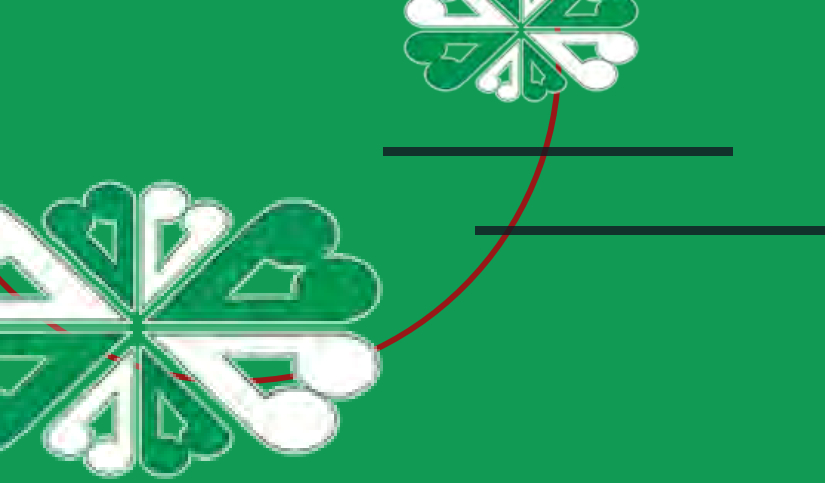
Sosaia Tonga and Brearna Rowsell



King and Queen

Nikolas Kanon and Taylor Duffus





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Senior College

KARETI MATUA



Year 11 2020



Akash Agrawal



Houparua Arano



Meynard Arroyo



Zophie Baldwin



Rhianna Barker



Charlotte Beeby



Amy Bencetti



Rohan Beniston



Zachary Blundell



Jaymian Bradley



Wyndham Bruce



Benjamin Clark



Elizabeth Cooper



Bailey Cowley



Francine Cutillon



Caitlin Davies



Cyan de Lange



Steven Edwards



Rebekah Garrens



Lisa Guite



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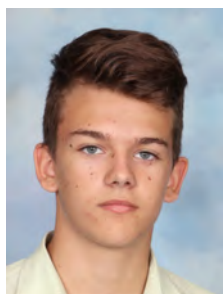
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Alix Holgate



Lilia Horlacher



Cameron Hyde



Charlotte
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Jessica Johnson



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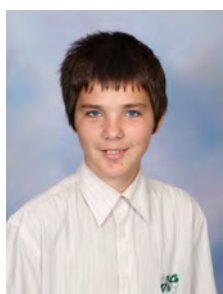
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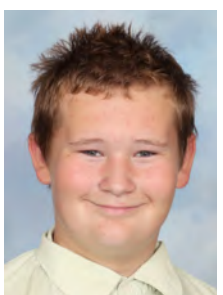
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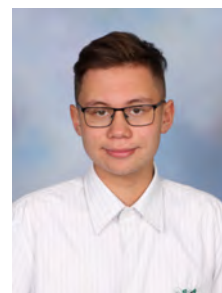
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Emily Simmonds



Alexander
Sinfield



Davey Singh



Samantha Smith



Zaysharn
Snowden



Tua Stowers



Tyron Tamati



Tuterangi Taua



Hailee Taupo



Charlise Taylor



Dalani Te Whata



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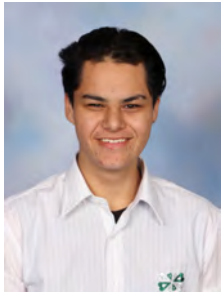
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Leighton Waiwiri



Mari Weke



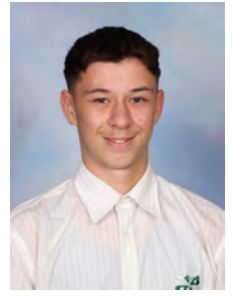
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Morgana West



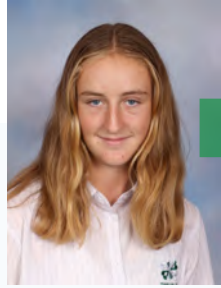
Heath Weston



Zaria Winchester



Arwen Winter



Cayleigh Young

Manaaki Marae

Each term some of our senior Hospitality/Food Technology students complete the Manaaki Marae course. This course teaches students to deliver top-notch food preparation and service in a marae or marae-like setting. Marae catering staff know how to please a crowd with great-tasting food that's beautifully presented. They apply their culinary know-how, and a commitment to food safety and sound nutrition, to provide guests with kai that nourishes the body, mind and soul. Students also learn how to successfully work in a catering team, in accordance with tikanga and marae kawa.



Year 12 2020



Baillie Adams



Lavaeda Adams



Holly Alexander



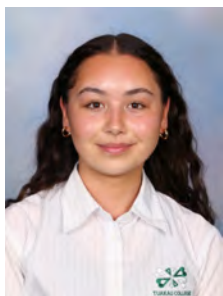
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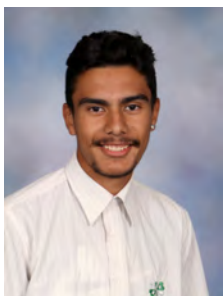
Taylah Beal



Mary-Louise
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Keenan Breet



Carlos
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Rivar Campbell



Renae Carlson



Tori Clark



Willow Davidson



Bethany Davies



Hunter Dihm



Jamie Docherty



Anica Dutt



Shavonte Ellia



Emma Evans



Carl Grove



Ray Gussey



Leeza Hall



Mika Hannah



Rehi Harvey-
Cooper



Merania Hira



Wiremu Hira



Tamati Huia



Caitlin
Johannesen



Tooti Keewa



Te Atarua Kidwell



Nicola-Jane Kihi



Carlin Lee



Kyra Lucas-Symonds



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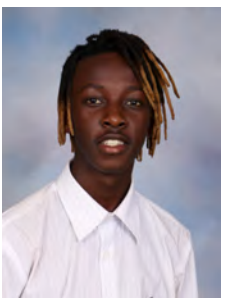
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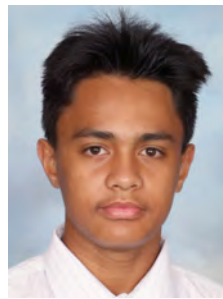
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April Pulotu



Ethan Rameka



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Brearna Rowsell



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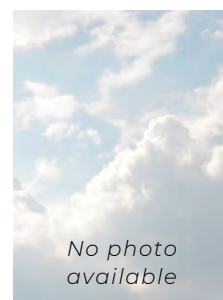
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Zachariah Shah



Brody Smith



JP Steyn



Laurien Stone



Tiffany Swann



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Marama Tainui



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Katrina Tomlinson



Sosaia Tonga



Tiane Violeti



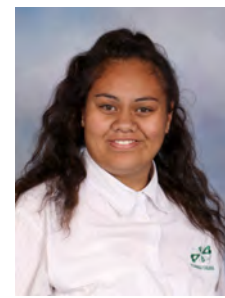
Aanja van der
Heyden



Simaima Ve



Hayley Wallace



Rebecca-Uri
Weke



Brianna Welch



Brooke Wilson



Koharu Yoshida



Quinn Yuretich

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMME

Papatono a-Ao

Due to the challenges and implications of COVID-19, the Tuakau College Board made the difficult decision to close the school's International Programme this year. A special thanks to Roxanne Miller, the International Manager, for all her hard work. A big thank you to all our homestay families and those we have done business with - it has been a pleasure!

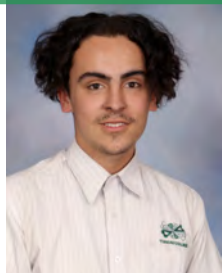
At the start of the year we did have some international students still with us and they enjoyed their time! We had Milowit, Kantaro, Yusuke, Houki, Masahide, Tomoka, Hana, Yui, Kosuke and Koharu with us. We also had three exchange students here: Michael from USA, Tuomas from Finland and Isi from Chile.



Year 13 2020



Jessica Abela



Jordan Atkinson



Rose Crosbie



Jack Davidson



Taylor Duffus



Jakob England



Liam Exelby



Lain Haku



Charlize Hall



Jaymee Hands



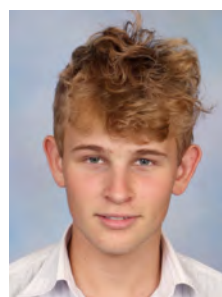
Bradley Hartigan



Matthew Hira



Jamie Howe



Bevan Jensen



Daniel Jensen



Paige Johnson-
Winkelaar



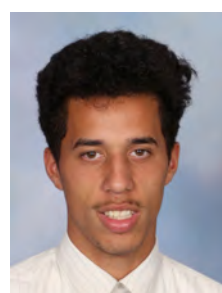
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Temwanga
Kabobo



Nikolas Kanon



Alfred Lapwood



Chloe Law



Rain Longhurst



Sophie MacLean



Makayah Maropai-
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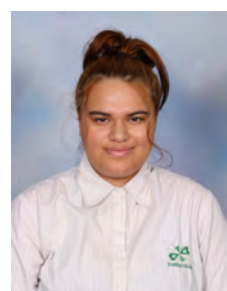
Aiden Neilson



Jorja Parmentier



Ben Peters



Jordan Petersen-
Tutai



Aina Pomare



Cole Reddish



Jenny Reed



Emma Schwass



Raina Tainui



Joel Tait



Courtney Tipene



Alshei Van Wyk



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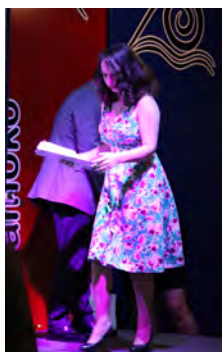
Taine Welch



Paige Weterere

GRADUATION DINNER 2020

Our 2020 Year 13 students were officially farewelled at their Graduation Dinner! Lucy Edwards, who some of you may remember from her days at Tuakau College, was the guest speaker for the evening. We wish all our Year 13 students the very best for the future! Remember; "Pai rawa atu i nga mea katoa - the very best in all things!"



Senior Prizegiving 2020

Well done to all the prizewinners at the 2020 Senior Prizegiving! See below for a full list of prizewinners!



Dux Trophy

Overall Academic
Excellence in Year 13
Ben Peters



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Runner-up in
Academic Excellence
in Year 13
Rose Crosbie



Wild Cup

Academic Excellence
at Year 12
Rose Salani



Gwen Barnaby Memorial Trophy

Academic Excellence
at Year 11
Rhianna Barker



Rangipokaia Shield

Student who reflects
the school motto
across all 4 school
values
Chloe Judge

Major Prize Winners:

Male Bale Trophy - **Daniel Jensen**
Female Bale Trophy - **Chloe Judge**
PTA Shield Champion House - **Tane Mahuta**
Andrew Cooling Memorial Cup - **Emma Schwass**
The Spirit of Community Trophy - **Chloe Judge**
Tuakau College Special Award - **Rose Salani**
Simon Vare Trophy - **Sophie MacLean**
Matete Tupaea Memorial Cup - **Mere Taaka Te-Kaute**
Pasifika Leadership Award - **Sosaia Tonga**
Tuakau College Science Cup - **Ben Peters**
Zittersteijn Cup - **Rose Crosbie**
Pukekohe Timber Trophy - **Taylor Duffus**
Franklin Arts Festival Society Cup - **Jaime Howe**
NZ School of Tourism Trophy - **Rose Crosbie**
Bell Ryan Cup - **Zophie Baldwin**
Matts Music Cup - **Cyan de Lange**
Jordan Cup - **Hunter Dihm**

Head Girl 2021 - **Brooke Wilson**

Head Boy 2021 - **Carlin Lee**

Deputy Head Girl 2021 - **Rose Salani**

Deputy Head Boy 2021 - **Ryan Narayan**

2021 Prefects: Renae Carlson, Brearna Rowsell, Tiffany Swann, Ryan Narayan, Mere Taaka Te-Kaute, Brooke Wilson, Carlin Lee, Tori Clark, Anica Dutt, Brianna Welch and Rose Salani

Honours Awards: **Hayley Wallace** (Academic Honours), **Ben Peters** (Academic Honours), **Rose Salani** (Service Honours), **Khosi Ngwenya** (Cultural Honours) and **Paige Fletcher** (Sports Honours)

Inder Lynch Lawyers Scholarship Award: **Jaymee Hands and Jakob England**

Ko Te Tangata School Leavers Scholarship: **Chloe Judge, Daniel Jensen and Raina Tainui**

Prime Ministers' Vocational Excellence Award: **Tamati Huia**



Level One Commendation Certificates

Science - Merenia Rack
Product Design - Davey Singh
Horticulture - Maia James
English-Literacy - Kurtis Orsbourne
Design and Visual Communication - Cameron Hahn
Spanish - Jaymian Bradley
Accounting - Te Aomarama Heta
Music - Tamaroa Mahuta
Hospitality - Ruby Leslie
Visual Art - Georgia McIntyre
Product Design - Devyn Rees
English - Blake Lennox
English Literacy - Tuterangi Taua
Physical Education - Amy Bencetti
Design and Visual Communication and Soft Materials
Technology - Lisa Guite
English and Digital Technology and winner for the draw
for Worker of the Year - Wyndham Bruce
Spanish - Tiina Namoriki
Health Education - Hayden Thompson
Physical Education - Danielle Hepburn
History - Emma Lang
History - Michayla van der Byl
Mathematics - Charlise Taylor
Health Education - Charlotte Beeby

Level One Academic Awards

1st in Spanish - Jaslyn Van Wyk
1st in Soft Materials and Technology - Anastacia Kanon
1st in Design and Visual Communication - Cameron Hyde
1st in Mathematics-Numeracy - Jessica Johnson
1st in Hospitality - Kayla Mailangi
1st in Digital Technology - Theo Morris
1st in Product Design - Bailey Cowley
1st in Horticulture and Commendation for Hospitality - Zachary Blundell
1st in Music and Commendation for Visual Art - Cyan de Lange
1st in Physical Education and Commendation for Accounting - Samantha Smith
1st in Health Education and 1st in Te Reo Maaori - Awhinatia Ngataki
1st in English Literacy and Commendation for Horticulture - Zophie Baldwin
1st in History and Commendation for Science - Gemma West
1st in Geography, 1st in Science, 1st in Mathematics and Trophy for Most Excellent Level One Mathematician - Rhianna Barker
1st in Accounting, 1st in English, 1st in Visual Art and Commendation for Mathematics - Regan Penning



Level Two Commendation Certificates

Physical Education - Khosi Ngwenya
Mathematics - Tiane Vaoileti
Hospitality - Katrina Tomlinson
Design and Visual Communication - Keenan Breet
English - Nick Muller
Biology - Laurien Stone
Sports Leadership - Nicola-Jane Kihi
Physics - Syed Abbas Ali
Horticulture - Christian Mouton
Hospitality - Caleb Scanlon
Health Education - Caitlin Johannesen
Outdoor Education - Koharu Yoshida
Outdoor Education - Ethan Rameka
Geography - Aanja van der Heyden
Health Education - Merania Hira
Biology - Brooke Wilson
Chemistry and Soft Materials - Emma Evans
Art Painting and Gateway - Leez Hall
English, Tourism and Spanish - Bethany Davies

Level Two Academic Awards

1st in Design and Visual Communication - Brearna Rowsell
1st in Hospitality - Kyra Lucas-Symonds
1st in Building Construction - Sosaia Tonga
1st in History - Carlin Lee
1st in Tourism and Commendation for Physical Education - Tori Clark
1st in Te Reo Maaori and Commendation for Sports Leadership - Zaryna Matthews
1st in Spanish and Commendation for Gateway - Mika Hannah
1st in Horticulture and Commendation for Building Construction - Carlos Brougham
1st in Outdoor Education and Commendation for Tourism - Brianna Welch
1st in Art Painting and 1st in Geography - Baillie Adams
1st in Health Education and 1st in Physical Education - Hayley Wallace
1st in Soft Materials Technology, Commendation for Art Painting and Design and Visual Communication - Mary-Lousie Booth
1st in Physics, Commendation for Mathematics and Physics - Anica Dutt
1st in Gateway, Commendation for Horticulture and Building Construction - Aaron Martin
1st in Music, 1st in Sports Leadership and Commendation for Te Reo Maaori - Mere Taaka Te-Kaute
1st in Biology, 1st in Chemistry, 1st in English, 1st in Mathematics, Commendation for Physics and Trophy for Most Excellent Mathematician at Level Two - Rose Salani

Level Three Commendation Certificates

- Product Design - Aina Pomare
- Geography - Paige Johnson-Winkelaar
- Horticulture - Lain Haku
- Health Education - Alshei Van Wyk
- Art Painting - Jordan Petersen-Tutai
- Outdoor Education - Courtney Tipene
- Tourism - Rain Longhurst
- History and Hospitality - Jack Davidson
- Biology - Emma Schwass
- Sports Leadership - Sophie MacLean
- Chemistry - Daniel Jensen
- Art Painting and Soft Materials Technology - Taylor Duffus
- Product Design and Hospitality - Nikolas Kanon
- Horticulture and Sports Leadership - Alfred Lapwood

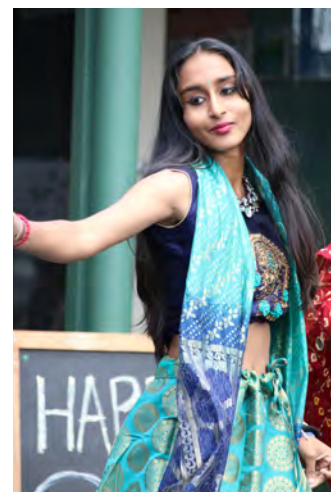
Level Three Academic Awards

- 1st in Spanish - Liam Exelby
- 1st in Sports Leadership, Commendation for English and Statistics - Joel Tait
- 1st in Music and Commendation for Physical Education - Samiuela Vea
- 1st in Statistics and Commendation for Health Education - Chloe Judge
- 1st in Product Design and 1st in Hospitality - Bevan Jensen
- 1st in Art Painting, Commendation for Tourism and Soft Materials Technology - Jaime Howe
- 1st in Physical Education and 1st in Outdoor Education - Jakob England
- 1st in Geography, 1st in Health Education, 1st in Tourism, 1st in Soft Materials Technology and Commendation for English - Rose Crosbie
- 1st in Biology, 1st in Calculus, 1st in English, 1st in History and 1st in Chemistry - Ben Peters



Diwali Celebrations

Our Junior College enjoyed celebrating Diwali on Friday 13 November. At lunchtime there was Bollywood dancing and henna for all students to enjoy! It was great to see so many smiles on our students and staff alike!



Diwali (Deepavali or Divali) is a festival of lights mainly celebrated by Hindus. The festival usually lasts five days and is celebrated during the Hindu Lunisolar month Kartika (between mid-October and mid-November). One of the most popular festivals of Hinduism, Diwali symbolizes the spiritual 'victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance.'

The festival is widely associated with Lakshmi, goddess of prosperity. Furthermore, it is, in some regions, a celebration of the day Lord Rama returned to his kingdom Ayodhya with his wife Sita and his brother Lakshmana after defeating Ravana in Lanka and serving 14 years of exile.

In the lead-up to Diwali, celebrants will prepare by cleaning, renovating, and decorating their homes and workplaces with diyas (oil lamps) and rangolis. During Diwali, people wear their finest clothes, illuminate the interior and exterior of their homes with diyas and rangoli, perform (Lakshmi puja) – worship ceremonies of Lakshmi, the goddess of prosperity and wealth, light fireworks, and partake in family feasts, where mithai (sweets) and gifts are shared.

ART PAINTING BOARDS



Regan Penning

Level One



Cyan de Lange

Level One



**Baillie
Adams**

Level Two



Leeza Hall
Level Two



**Jordyn
Petersen-Tutai**

Level Three



**Taylor
Duffus**

Level Three



Jamie Howe

Level Three



SVA SERVICE AWARD

Congratulations to all the students at Tuakau College who received their SVA Service Award badges in 2020!

The SVA Service Award is a free nationwide framework where secondary school students (Year 9 to 13 students) log and reflect on their volunteering hours. The students are working towards Member, Bronze, Silver, and Gold badges to acknowledge the awesome mahi that they do in their community, whether it be their school, family or neighbourhood.

Students are awarded a pin for initial volunteering hours before logging additional efforts online. To register under Tuakau College visit <https://service.sva.org.nz/>



Gold Award Pin

Gold Award Pin: Carlin Lee



Silver Award Pin

Silver Pin: Charlotte Beeby and Carlin Lee



Bronze Award Pin

Bronze Pin: Charlotte Beeby, Daniel Burrows-Chatwin, Te Aomarama Heta, Natasha Kihi Marshall, Carlin Lee, Caitlin Morris, Kase Pullen-Burry, Rose Salani, Hayden Thompson, Virginia Toala, Michayla van der Byl, Aanja van der Heyden and Lauren Welch

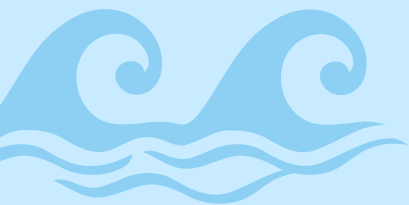
TUAKAU COLLEGE Year 7 Camp 2020

The 2020 Tuakau College Year 7 Camp was held from Monday 7 to Wednesday 9 September at Kokako Lodge!
After delays due to COVID-19 earlier in the year, all the students were excited to be able to go!

The first day included team building activities in the morning and some bush survival skills in the afternoon. Students had to create a hut out of natural resources, use a tarpaulin to make a suitable shelter, make and eat damper, create a make-shift stretcher if someone hurt them self and create bracelets using ropes! Some Year 12 students helped run these activities as part of their assessment.

On the second day, students enjoyed a range of activities including high ropes, rock climbing, orienteering, land based activites, kayaking, archery, water based activities and more! On the final day the students did their final rotation of these activities before heading back to school.





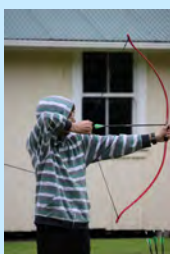
TUAKAU COLLEGE Year 8 Camp 2020

Our Year 8 students enjoyed their camp at Port Waikato at the end of 2020. It was a wet start to the camp which meant some of the activities planned had to be called off.

However, students still got to do some rock climbing when the weather cleared later in the day and enjoyed testing their brains and team work with problem solving challenges.

The second day was spent doing beach education at Port Waikato! Despite Sunset Beach being too rough to swim in, students enjoyed learning about water safety, first aid skills and how lifeguards operate!

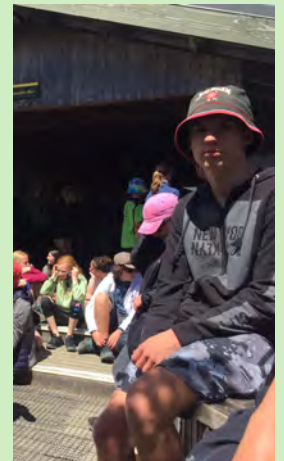
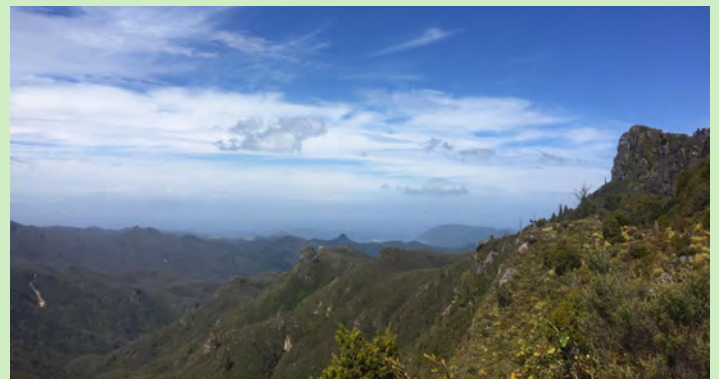
last day involved caving at the Nikau Caves before returning to school.



TUAKAU COLLEGE Year 9 Camp 2020



The Pinnacles was the destination for our Year 9 students camp for 2020! They set off on Thursday morning and reached the camp at the top safely by that afternoon. The majority of students made it to the very top of the Pinnacles where they enjoyed some beautiful views! On Friday they tramped back down before heading to the Ngatea Pools to cool down before arriving back at the school!



TUAKAU COLLEGE **Year 10 Camp** **2020**

Our Year 10 students enjoyed their camp at Waitawheta and had some beautiful weather for it! Wednesday and Thursday included a variety of fun, challenging, yet exciting activities for the students including kayaking, raft building, mountain biking, the Window's Walk, beach games, swimming and surfing!

On the final day students participated in a Top Town Team Challenge at Waihi Beach.

