

UPCOMING events

***Nga Takahanga
kei te heke mai***

Tournament Week -
*Monday 31 August
to Friday 4 September*

Co Req Exams -
*Wednesday 9 September
to Friday 11 September*

AIMS Games -
*Monday 7 September
to Friday 11 September*

**Derived Grade
Exam Week -**
*Monday 14 September to
Friday 18 September*

**Tug of War
and
Term 3 Ends -**
Friday 25 September

Term 4 Begins -
Monday 12 October

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**Rūaumoko
Red House**

**Rūaumoko (also known as
Rūamoko) is the god of
earthquakes, volcanoes and
seasons. He is the youngest son
of Ranginui (the Sky father) and
Papatūānuku (the Earth
mother) (commonly called
Rangi and Papa).**

WINTER SPORTS RESULTS INSIDE

COUNTIES MANUKAU SECONDARY SCHOOLS NETBALL COMPETITION CHAMPIONS 2026



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Koorero a te Tumuaki The Principal speaks:

Term 3 is well underway, from exam preparation to winter sports finals and more! We love seeing our students excel in each of our four kete of academic, sport, culture and service. Despite some rain and cold weather it has been nice to have the occasional day of sunshine and we look forward to more of these!

Well done to our winter sports teams, whose seasons have all finished now. We love seeing our students representing our kura with pride - well done to all involved in sport. A massive thank you also to those who volunteer their time and efforts to coach and manage our sports teams for us. We recognise that these teams couldn't go ahead without you and we are very thankful for your dedication to our students, it is greatly appreciated.

Subject Selection for 2027 is underway with the Senior College subject selection closing soon and Middle College opening soon. This can be completed online on the KAMAR Portal and instructions on how to do this have been emailed out. If you have any queries about this please email a.fletcher@tuakaucollege.com

The selection process for student leaders for 2027 is underway and the 2027 Head Students and Prefects will be announced at Senior Prizegiving this year.

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Koorero a te Tumuaki Haere tonu The Principal speaks continued:

... School Board elections for Student Representative are also in progress. We received 12 nominations and voting for this is currently open for students in Year 9 - 13 until Thursday 3 September, 2026 at 4pm. Voting instructions have been emailed to students school email addresses by Schooled Election Pilot.

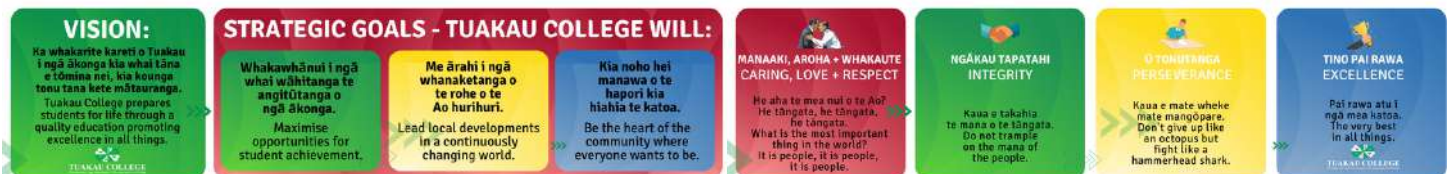
We deeply value the relationship we share with parents/caregivers of our students. We also place significant importance on the well-being of our busy, dedicated staff. Your news, feedback, queries and insights are always welcomed and appreciated. You are welcome to email staff members and can expect responses from them between 8:00am and 4:00pm from Monday to Friday. However, if you are emailing outside of these hours or during the weekend, please respect our staff members personal lives and commitments and understand they may not be able to respond to you until the following days work hours.

If you would like to make an appointment with your child's teacher, Dean or a member of the Senior Leadership Team, please request one by emailing the relevant person (email addresses can be found on our website). Please allow advance notice to arrange a mutually convenient time for the meeting. Out of respect for peoples time, we try to avoid unscheduled meetings with our staff, so please only come to the school to meet with staff if you have a confirmed booking/meeting time. Turning up to the school and demanding to meet with a staff member is unreasonable as they may be teaching, have prior meetings booked, etc. We appreciate your understanding in this.

We are coming to the very busy end of the year and we encourage all our students (and parents/caregivers!) to make sure they are looking after themselves. Make sure you're drinking lots of water, eating regularly and keeping healthy habits.

The last few weeks of this term are packed full of events and also Derived Grade Exams (Mock Exams). There is a copy of the Derived Grade Exam timetable further on in this e-Bulletin, with information about this.

Whaea Donna (Tumuaki - Principal)



Term 3 Value: Perseverance

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

Perseverance in school is the drive to keep trying when learning gets tough. It means pushing through difficult assignments, embracing mistakes as lessons, and staying focused on long-term goals. Students who practice perseverance build resilience, transform challenges into growth, and unlock their full academic potential.

Why it matters:

- Overcomes obstacles: Helps students navigate tough subjects.
- Builds resilience: Turns academic failures into learning opportunities.
- Drives success: Predicts long-term achievement better than IQ.
- Fosters growth: Develops a mindset that values effort.

How to practice it:

- Set goals: Break large projects into daily tasks.
- Embrace mistakes: View wrong answers as data, not defeats.
- Seek help: Ask teachers or peers for clarity.
- Stay positive: Replace "I can't" with "I can't yet."



Orientation Day 2026 *Te Rā Whakataki 2026*



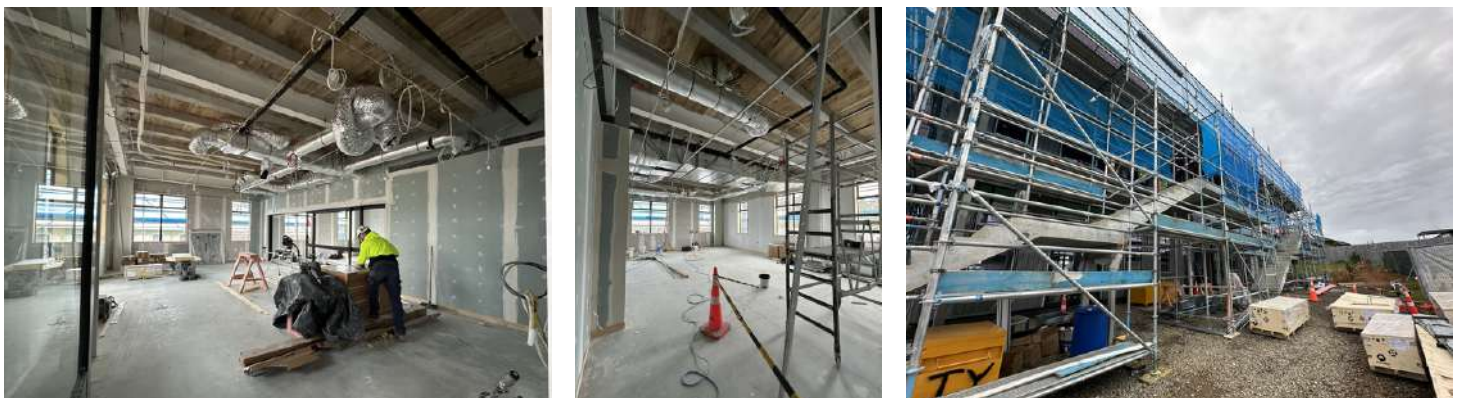
Earlier in August we held our **Orientation Day**, for students thinking about enrolling at our school in 2027. It was a great day with plenty of smiles and fun activities. More photos of the day can be found on the Tuakau College Facebook page. Online enrolment forms can be found www.tuakaucollege.com/enrolment



Property Update *Whakahou mō te Rawa*



Our new build at the Elizabeth Street entrance to our kura is coming along nicely! Last week the scaffolding came down and now we can see all the progress that has occurred over the last months. The project timeline is on schedule and we are hoping it will be completed by the end of this year.



Snow Camp 2026 *Puni Hukarere 2026*



From 10 - 14 August some of our Year 12 students had an incredible week at Whakapapa Ski Field for our Year 12 Snow Adventure Camp! Our students were absolutely amazing throughout the week. They challenged themselves, stepped outside their comfort zones and made some fantastic progress in their snow skills. It was awesome to see their confidence grow as they took on new challenges and supported one another

Away from the snow, the week was packed with great experiences – relaxing at the hot pools, tackling rock climbing, enjoying campfires and, perhaps most importantly, spending time together and building friendships!

A huge ngaa mihi to our incredible staff and parent helpers who gave up their time to make the camp possible. Your support, encouragement and commitment made a huge difference.

Most importantly, we are incredibly proud of the way our students represented Tuakau College. What a fantastic group! We are already looking forward to our Snow Adventure Camp in 2027!



Kura Waitii Waka Ama Programme *Kura Waitii Waka Ama Programme*

Kura Waitii Waka Ama Programme– Te-Waonui-a-Taane. Earlier this month our great ‘Super 9’ from 8R took to the awa again for their third instalment of Kura Waitii! The kaupapa was Te-Waonui-a-Taane – The Great Forest of Taane. Our taura explored the important connection between our ngahere and the health and wellbeing of our awa.

Using a dichotomous key, students observed, compared and identified raakau Maaori (native trees) growing within our local taiao. They explored the important role these raakau play in protecting our waterways, supporting biodiversity, reducing erosion and maintaining a healthy awa ecosystem.

Another awesome day of hands-on, culturally connected learning in our taiao, strengthening our understanding of the connections between te ngahere, te awa me te taiao!



HEALTH CENTRE *Tari Hauora*

We are seeing a large number of winter ‘flu’ bugs. Just a friendly reminder to please still keep your sick children home so they don’t spread bugs to other students and/or staff members and so that your child/children get better quicker. We are seeing a large number of kids coming to our Health Centre who are too unwell to be at school (eg. have been vomiting at home, have fevers, etc). Students that are unwell will be sent back home again, as they cannot be at school when they are unwell. Please see the information sheet on the next page for more information.

We appreciate your co-operation in this!

Tuakau College School Nurses
Phone: 09 236 8521 ext 119

KEEP THEM WELL THIS WINTER



*When to keep your teen home
and when they can go to school*

Winter bugs are common and
will usually pass with time.

Use this guide to help keep
your teen, their classmates
and our school community
healthy this winter.



WHAT THEY MIGHT HAVE	KEEP THEM HOME IF...	THEY CAN GO TO SCHOOL WHEN...
 FEVER (Temperature 38°C or higher)	They have a fever. Keep them home and rest. Paracetamol can be used if needed.	They are fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medicine and feeling well enough to learn.
 COUGHS & COLDS (Runny nose, sore throat, mild cough)	If they feel too unwell to participate in class. Rest and fluids help them recover more quickly.	When they are feeling better and well enough to take part in learning. A mild cough or runny nose is okay.
 FLU (Influenza)	If they have fever, body aches, chills or feel very unwell. Flu spreads easily—keep them home.	When they are feeling better and fever-free for 24 hours. They may still have a cough or tiredness for a while.
 VOMITING & DIARRHOEA	Until 24 hours after their last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea. To stop it spreading to others.	24 hours after the last episode and they are keeping food and fluids down.
 SORE THROAT (STREP THROAT)	If severe, with fever or feeling too unwell. Strep throat needs treatment.	When they feel well enough. If strep throat – after 24 hours of antibiotics.
 COVID-19	If they test positive or have COVID-19 symptoms (fever, cough, sore throat, loss of taste/smell, fatigue). Stay home and avoid contact with others.	When they are feeling better and have no fever for 24 hours. It's no longer required to isolate, but please be mindful and avoid school if still unwell.



If your teen's illness lasts more than a few days, gets worse, or you are worried – contact your GP or Healthline 24/7 on 0800 611 116.



Thank you for helping
keep our school community
healthy and strong.



EVERYDAY WAYS TO HELP PREVENT SPREAD



Wash hands
regularly



Cover coughs
and sneezes



Stay home
when unwell



Drink water
and get rest



Keep up to date
with vaccines

Derived Grade Exams 2026

Ngā Whakamātautau Māka i Ahu Mai i ētahi atu Aromatawai 2026

Derived Grade Exams (Mock Exams) are coming up in Week 9 (Monday 14 - Friday 18 September, 2026)! During Mock Exams normal bell times will apply for the rest of the school and senior classes will continue as normal. Students will only come out of class for their exams. Students need to check their exam timetable carefully and report to the exam venue 15 minutes prior to the start of the exam. It is important that students attend classes as normal, except when sitting exams. Rolls will be marked. There is no eating permitted in the exam venue and only a clear drink bottle may be taken in. Students are to bring pens/pencils in a clear plastic bag. No twink allowed. Students are to bring a fully charged device for Digital exams. Students are not permitted to wear a watch of any sort. There will be clocks in the room and the supervisors will update students during the exam on the time using the whiteboard. Approved calculators only. All bags and personal items must be left at the front of the exam room.

Any student who misses an exam will require a medical certificate to be given to their Dean on the day they return to school.

In regards to leaving exams; no student may leave in the last half hour of the exam.

- For a 1 hour paper, students must stay for the whole hour
- For a 2 hour paper, students must stay for 1 hour
- For a 3 hour paper, student must stay for 2 hours

Bus students must organise transport home on days they have an exam that finishes at 4pm.



DERIVED GRADE EXAM TIMETABLE 2026

WEEK 9 (MONDAY 14 - FRIDAY 18 SEPTEMBER)

All exams in the school Gym for 3 hours, unless stated otherwise.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MORNING (9AM - 12PM)	11 English (Digital) 12 Biology 12 Drama 13 Physics	11 Mathematics 12 Geography 12 History (Digital) 13 Statistics	11 Science (2 hours) 12 Mathematics 13 Calculus 13 Spanish (2 hours)	11 Digital Technology (Digital) 12 Chemistry (2 hours) 12 Media Studies (Digital) 13 Health (Digital)	11 Health (Digital) 12 English (Digital) 13 Drama 13 History (Digital)
AFTERNOON (1PM - 4PM)	11 Geography 12 Accounting 12 Digital Technology 13 English (Digital)	11 History (Digital) 12 Economics 13 Chemistry 13 Music	Online/VC Exams Mrs Simpson will notify these students	11 Agricultural and Horticultural Science (Digital - 2 hours) 11 Spanish (2 hours) 12 Physics 13 Geography 13 Media Studies (Digital)	11 Commerce (2 hours) 12 Health (Digital) 12 Spanish (2 hours) 13 Biology

Maths Week 2026 Wiki Paangarau 2026



This year we had our Maths Week from Monday 10 August to Friday 14 August! Each day we had 'daily questions' for students (split into three different age group categories), staff and an estimation question open to everyone. Well done to all the students who won prizes for the 'daily questions.'

Congratulations to the following students who were the winners of the 'Perseverance Poster' competition: first place went to Onepoto (RGVN), second place went to Anya (GSHS), third place went to Madam (BJPR) and fourth place went to Anahera (BJPR). On Thursday 13 August we had our Whaanau Mathex challenge which was great fun! Congratulations to Whaanau class YTWI who won (pictured below) and YASH who placed second! Both of these Whaanau classes got 10/10 questions correct. Thank you to the Year 13 Statistics class who ran the Mathex competition.

A huge thank you to Pukekohe Pak'n'Save, Pukekohe McDonald's and Tuakau Rotary who sponsored this event - we appreciate their generous support!



Trades Academy Evening 2026 Te Pō o te Kura Ahumahi 2026

Tuakau College would like to extend a huge thank you to all the students and whaanau who attended our Gateway and Trades Academy Information Evening for 2027. It was fantastic to welcome approximately 160 attendees, along with representatives from our Trades Academies and tertiary education providers. Their knowledge and support helped showcase the wide range of vocational pathways and opportunities available to our students.

A special thank you to Lyndal, who shared the inspiring success story of her son's journey from being a Gateway student to becoming a medic in the New Zealand Army.

We hope the evening provided valuable information about our Gateway and Trades Academy programmes, answered your questions, and helped students and whaanau clarify their options and make informed decisions for 2027. Thank you for helping make the evening such a wonderful success!



Cook Island Language Week 2026 *Te Wiki o te Reo Kūki Airani 2026*



Recently we celebrated Cook Island Language Week alongside our Cook Islands students, their kopu tangata, and our wider school community! This year's theme was: "Me kite koe i te tuatua i to'ou reo tupuna, e turangi rangatira tena noo'ou no te uki amuri atu." "With our language as our foundation, we will embrace the future."

We began the week with Mr George-Elder Tuiti introducing the theme, followed by Mariah Marsters (student) who shared insights into Cook Islands culture and heritage. This was followed by the raising of the Cook Islands flag. Throughout the week, our students and staff enjoyed fantastic cultural performances, including the energy and rhythms of Pasifika Resources, as well as a special performance from our Cook Islands students. A huge meitaki ma'ata to everyone who contributed to the week and helped us celebrate and recognise our 45 Cook Islands Maaori students and their kopu tangata! Celebrations such as these strengthen identity, culture and belonging and remind us of the rich diversity that makes our Tuakau College community so special Meitaki ma'ata!



Tongan Language Week 2026 *Te Wiki o te Reo Tonga 2026*



Last week we celebrated Tonga Language Week and acknowledged our Tongan students, families, and the wider Tuakau College community. The theme for 2026 was: "Ko 'etau hiva, ko e fe'unu mahu'inga ia ki he mo'ui 'a e Tonga." "Our music is a vital strand of our Tongan culture."

A special mālō 'aupito to our Tongan parents and families who joined us and so generously shared their culture through their warmth, love, food, music, and dance. Your involvement made the celebration incredibly special and provided a wonderful opportunity for our whole school to experience and celebrate the richness of Tongan culture. Mālō 'aupito!



School Expectations and Rules ***Nga Tirohanga Kura me nga Ture***



This is a reminder to the school community what our expectations are for our students.

Our expectations are as follows:

Attendance

- By law students must attend school up to 16 years old and after that whilst they are enrolled at school
- Students must arrive at school on time. On everyday except Wednesday students **MUST** be at school by 8:55am and on Wednesday 9:05am. Students will be issued lunchtime detentions.
- Students must attend all classes
- Students must be on time to all classes
- If students are away the school must know - please contact the school

Uniform

- We are a uniform school
- Uniform must be worn appropriately every day
- Any non-uniform items may be confiscated and collected at the end of the day
- Please find a copy of the uniform code attached

Phone free school

- The government has insisted that mobile phones cannot be used at school by students
- Students cannot use a mobile phone during when the school is opened for instruction. If they are used they will be confiscated and can be collected at the end of the day.

Vape free school

- Tuakau College is a vape free, smoke free, drug free school. Vaping, smoking and using illegal drugs at school, in class is totally unacceptable and will be dealt with seriously.

School Values: Caring Love Respect

- This means swearing, the use of foul language, making derogatory comments, racial slurs, gender based slurs, etc. at anytime is totally unacceptable
- Being respectful to your fellow students and the staff is expected
- Tuakau College staff give reasonable instructions and requests to students, so therefore students must do as they are told.

Bus Students

- Must have their cards to access the Tuakau College buses
- Good behaviour on any bus is expected
- When students arrive at school they **MUST** stay on the school grounds - this is a safety issue as you as parents expect your child to be here.

School work

- Students must complete the work set in class
- Students must follow instructions from the teacher
- Disruptive behaviour will not be tolerated

Please assist us by talking to your child(ren) about these expectations. We appreciate your support in this.

Expectations for Student Conduct after school hours

Ko te tumanako mo nga mahi a nga akonga i muri i nga haora kura

As part of our ongoing commitment to upholding high standards of behaviour and respect within our school community, we would like to remind students and families of our expectations for conduct outside of regular school hours - particularly when students are using social media, traveling to and from school and when wearing the school uniform. Wearing the school uniform is a privilege that represents our school's values, identity, and reputation. Whether on school grounds, in the community, or online, students are ambassadors of Tuakau College, and we expect them to uphold the same standards of behaviour wherever they are. School uniform immediately identifies students as from Tuakau College. It doesn't tell the community who that student is but where they come from. Therefore the expectation of a high standard of student behaviour if in school uniform is expected. Our expectations include:

1. **Respectful behaviour in public spaces, on trips and excursions.** Students are expected to act with courtesy, kindness, and respect in public places such as on buses, at local shops, parks, or while walking to and from school. Inappropriate language, disruptive behaviour, or public disturbances reflect poorly not only on the individual but on the entire school community.
2. **Safe and Appropriate Travel.** Students should travel to and from school in a safe and sensible manner. This includes following road safety rules, behaving appropriately on public or school transport, and avoiding conflict or antisocial behaviour.
3. **Responsibility while in Uniform.** When wearing the school uniform, students are seen as representatives of Tuakau College. We expect them to wear the uniform with pride and to demonstrate integrity, good manners and maturity at all times.
4. **Digital Conduct.** Social media is an integral part of our lives and can be a powerful tool for communication and connection. However, we want to remind all members of our school community (students, parents/caregivers and staff alike) about the responsibilities that come with using these platforms.

We have become aware of instances where images of staff members have been shared online without permission, and where derogatory or hurtful comments have been made about staff, students and the school itself. Such actions are not only deeply disrespectful but can also have serious emotional and reputational consequences for those involved. Behaviour on social media or messaging platforms outside of school hours does impact the well-being of others and the school community. Derogatory comments, sharing of inappropriate content, or cyberbullying - whether directed at staff, students or the school - will not be tolerated and may result in disciplinary action.

Please be reminded of the following expectations:

- **Respect for Privacy:** Do not take or share photos or videos of staff or students without their explicit permission. This is a basic matter of privacy and dignity.
- **Kindness and Respect in Communication.** Comments or posts that are hurtful, defamatory, or offensive - whether directed at individuals or the school - are unacceptable. They undermine the values of our community and may also violate school policy or applicable laws.
- **Constructive Feedback.** If you have concerns or issues, we encourage you to use the appropriate channels to address them - whether through speaking to a teachers, reaching out to a school Dean, or contacting the office directly.
- We ask parents/caregivers to speak with their children about the importance of digital citizenship and to monitor their online activity to ensure it reflects the values we strive to uphold as a school. We also urge students to think before they post: "Is it true? Is it kind? Is it necessary?"

5. **School Responsibility and Duty of Care.** Tuakau College is committed to the safety and wellbeing of students during school hours and any school supervised activities. However, the school's duty of care ends at the conclusion of the school day, once the students reach home and/or if the student is involved in a school organised activity or being transported home. After this time parents/caregivers assume responsibility for their child's conduct and safety. Any breaches of the behaviour code after hours, especially misuse of social media, should be dealt with by parents/caregivers. The school will get involved if the issue flows over into the college, if the incident involves a staff member and/or if the school has been brought into disrepute.

We encourage families to discuss these expectations at home and to support the school in reinforcing respectful and responsible behaviour at all times. When we work together, school, students, and families-we build a stronger, safer, and more respectful community for everyone.

2026 Counties Manukau Secondary Schools Netball season

Te tau whakataetae netipōro kura tuarua o Counties Manukau mō te tau 2026

This year Tuakau College entered 10 teams into the Counties Manukau Secondary Schools competition. Every Wednesday afternoon over 70 of our students boarded the bus and headed to Bruce Pulman Park to represent our school across an 11 week competition!

Behind every one of our teams is a wider team of people who help make it all possible. Whether you have been coaching, scoring on the sideline, helping students get home safely, supporting from the sideline, or simply being there to encourage our players we truly appreciate each and every one of you. A huge appreciation for our Senior coaches who have been committed and resilient in the transition of coaching students within their school. You have all been instrumental and we hope you have enjoyed your time coaching!

It has been an incredible season but the biggest highlight has been seeing the smiles, enjoyment, friendships and pride on the faces of our students as they represented our kura. A huge congratulations to all our players, coaches, managers, supporters and whaanau for an outstanding season! 2026 season results were:

- UNISS – 1st
- Senior Red – 1st
- Year 10 Green – 4th
- Year 9 Red – 1st
- Year 9 Green – 2nd
- Year 9 White – 4th
- AIMS – 3rd
- Year 7 & 8 Red – 3rd
- Year 7 & 8 Green – 4th
- Mixed – 1st

Congratulations to the following students who were recognised by the Counties Manukau committee:

- Kahungunu Aubrey-Lindsay (who happens to be a rising star in netball, having been selected as a training partner this year for the Stars Men's team)
- Paris Luu - Recipient of the Talent ID Award for the College Premier Grade! This award recognises players who have consistently demonstrated outstanding skill, attitude, sportsmanship and potential throughout the season.

These awards are particularly special as recipients are identified through nominations from across our netball community, including coaches, managers, umpires, opposition teams, volunteers, selectors, Control Room staff and members of the public. This means each award reflects the collective observations of those who have watched these players perform across the season. Each recipient has been selected from across their entire age group, making this a significant achievement!



Counties Manukau Secondary Schools Hockey Tournament 2026 *Whakataetae Hōkī Kura Tuarua o Counties Manukau 2026*

A report by Cate Harvey (Year 13 student)

Every Tuesday night for the last couple of months our hockey teams have competed against others in the area in both Fast 5 Hockey and 11 Aside hockey! Tuakau College entered 2 fast 5 teams, a Senior Year 11 - Year 13's Team and a Junior Year 7 - Year 9 Team, and then combined to make a 11 aside team. The Year 7 and 8 players are also going to compete at AIMS Games in Tauranga this year!

The Junior (White) team faced many challenges being the only Year 7&8ms in a Year 9 - 13 competition however they rose to the challenge, kept pushing forward and placed 8th overall out of 10 teams! The Senior (Green) with a winning streak at the start of the season achieved one of the best hockey results for Tuakau College in recent years, placing 3rd in the Fast fives competition

Halfway through the season we switched to 11 aside, combining our two teams, and this definitely posed some challenges. We had a slight struggle to get into the rhythm of 11 aside in the first few weeks however we managed to win or draw our last 4 games and only lost the fight for third in the penalty shootout resulting in placing 4th

Hockey at Tuakau college over the last 5 or so years has created a fun, social and competitive experience for the players. Hockey has created a positive encouraging relationship between players and this year between the seniors and juniors School hockey has been a fun and enjoyable time for my friends and I over the years - between our Tuesday games and the tournament week we attended last year we have had a fun and exciting time.

Thank you to all the people who have helped us. We would not have been able to do it without you, the parents showing up and supporting all the players each week and getting their kids to the turf, the parents volunteering to sub us and keep us all in line and our student coaches and senior students who have helped guide the juniors through the competition this year

This has been a fantastic season, we have seen all of our players grow and improve across the course of the season. The friendships and achievements of our teams have been what has made this season great! Signing off - *Cate Harvey (Year 13 student)*



Counties Manukau Secondary Schools Basketball Competition 2026 *Whakataetae Poitūkohu Kura Tuarua o Counties Manukau 2026*

This year we entered two Junior Boys teams and one Senior Boys team in the Franklin Basketball Competition.
All three teams finished 2nd in their respective grades – an awesome achievement!

- 🏆 Junior Boys Green – 2nd, B Grade
- 🏆 Junior Boys Red – 2nd, C Grade
- 🏆 Senior Boys – 2nd, C Grade

More importantly, it has been fantastic to see our players building a stronger team culture showing up, supporting one another and bringing a positive attitude both on and off the court.

A huge thank you to our coaches Hunter Hodson, Harrison Smith, Paul Potini and Kahungunu Aubrey-Lindsay for their commitment and support throughout the season. Thank you also to Sheryl Tregurtha for managing one of our Junior teams, and to all the whaanau who supported our boys throughout the season. Your support makes a huge difference!

Season highlights:

- Hunter Hodson – 3rd in steals (74)
- Kahungunu Aubrey-Lindsay – 4th in steals (74)
- Kahungunu Aubrey-Lindsay – 2nd in 2nd-half points (30)
- Samuel Brassey – 2nd in Junior Green steals (19)
- Tevita Waqavou – 4th in Junior Red 2nd-half points (32) and 3rd in steals (23)

Looking ahead to 2027 we'd love to see our basketball programme continue to grow, with the goal of establishing a Girls Basketball team at Tuakau College. We want to create more opportunities for our students to get involved, represent their school and build confidence through sport.



Well done to all our winter sports teams for representing our school with pride and showing great teamwork and perseverance! We are proud of you all!

Our Sports Awards will be held on the evening of Wednesday 21 October, 2026 and more information about this will be published closer to the time. If any students have achieved at regional, national or international level in any sports please send details to the Sports Co-Ordinator on a.taua@tuakaucollege.com **by Friday 25 September, 2026.** (*please note that this must be for the highest competition level for their chosen sport)

Kingdom's Waka Ama journey to the world stage *Te haerenga o te Waka Ama a Kingdom ki te atamira o te ao*

Kingdom Taane (Year 12 student) began his Waka Ama journey right here in Tuakau, paddling for our local club, Nga Kaihoe O Te Puaha. In 2026, he made the move to Rahui Pokeka Waka Sports in Huntly, continuing to develop his skills and pursue his passion for the sport. In January, Kingdom and his team competed at the Waka Ama Sprint Nationals qualifying event at Lake Karāpiro. Their strong performance saw them achieve an incredible opportunity to qualify for the IVF World Waka Ama Sprint Club Championships in Marina Bay, Singapore!

Although Kingdom hasn't been paddling for a long time, it is clear that Waka Ama is his sport. If you ever drive across the Tuakau Bridge, there's a good chance you'll spot Kingdom out on the water, training hard in his single waka. His passion, dedication and commitment to his training have been the driving force behind his success and this incredible opportunity to compete alongside some of the best paddlers in the world.

Kingdom would like to acknowledge and thank the many coaches who have supported him, shared their knowledge and helped shape his journey in Waka Ama. He is also grateful to the clubs that have been part of his development and to everyone who has supported the fundraising efforts to help make his trip to Singapore possible!

But his biggest thanks go to his mum and dad, who have travelled the length and breadth of Aotearoa to get him to training sessions and competitions, always supporting his dreams and encouraging him to keep pushing forward.

Kingdom is incredibly proud to represent not only his club, but also his whaanau, his kura and Aotearoa on the international stage! From the waters of Tuakau to the world stage – what an incredible journey! Ka rawe, Kingdom! We are incredibly proud of you and wish you all the best in Singapore!



Franklin Zone Netball Competition *Whakataetae Netipōro o te Rohe o Franklin*

On Tuesday 4 August some of our Year 7&8 students represented our kura at the Franklin Zone Netball competition. We took five teams to compete - including our very first Boys Netball team! But our Junior students weren't the only ones making an impact! Tuakau College also took along 10 Senior student referees who gave their time to support the competition. They were warmly welcomed by schools across the Franklin Zone, with many teams appreciating not having to find their own referee for the day. What a great way for our Senior students to give back to the wider netball community! Our Senior coaches also embraced the day, creating an awesome environment where players could get plenty of court time, have fun, develop their skills and, of course, enjoy a few wins along the way!

A huge ngā mihi to all the parents and whaanau who came along to support our students. Your encouragement from the sideline makes such a difference! Results were:

- Year 7&8 White – 1st Place
- Year 7&8 Boys – 1st Place
- AIMS – 5th Place
- Year 7&8 Red – 7th Place
- Year 7&8 Green – 9th Place

Calendar

Maaramataka

for Term 3 2026

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Day 2 20 JULY Term 3 Starts	Day 3 21	Day 4 22 11GEO Trip	Day 5 23 11OUT Trip	Day 6 24 11OUT Trip	25	26
Day 1 27	Day 2 28 Board Meeting	Day 3 29 Te Kauwhata Exchange Junior College Speech Finals	Day 4 30 12OUT Trip	Day 5 31 12OUT Trip	1 AUG	2
Day 6 3 Cook Isl Language Week	Day 1 4 Cook Isl Language Week	Day 2 5 Cook Isl Language Week	Day 3 6 Orientation Day Cook Isl Language Week	Day 4 7 13OUT/PED Trip Cook Isl Language Week	8	9
Day 5 10 Maths Week Snow Camp	Day 6 11 Maths Week Snow Camp	Day 1 12 Open Evening Maths Week Snow Camp	Day 2 13 Maths Week Snow Camp	Day 3 14 Maths Week Snow Camp	15	16
Day 4 17 Tongan Language Week	Day 5 18 Franklin Zone Cross Country Tongan Language Week	Day 6 19 Senior Drama Trip Tongan Language Week	Day 1 20 Tongan Language Week	Day 2 21 In Zone Enrolments due Tongan Language Week	22	23
Day 3 24 Filipino Language Week	Day 4 25 Board Meeting Filipino Language Week	Day 5 26 Filipino Language Week	Day 6 27 Filipino Language Week	Day 1 28 Out of Zone Enrolments due Filipino Language Week	29	30
Day 2 31 Winter Tourn. Week	Day 3 1 SEP Winter Tourn. Week	Day 4 2 Winter Tourn. Week	Day 5 3 Winter Tourn. Week	Day 6 4 Koroneihana Winter Tourn. Week	5 AIMS Games	6 AIMS Games
Day 1 7 AIMS Games	Day 2 8 AIMS Games	Day 3 9 Co Req Exams AIMS Games	Day 4 10 Co Req Exams AIMS Games	Day 5 11 Co Req Exams AIMS Games	12	13
Day 6 14 Maaori Language Week Derived Grade Exams	Day 1 15 Maaori Language Week Derived Grade Exams	Day 2 16 Entrance Testing Maaori Language Week Derived Grade Exams	Day 3 17 Maaori Language Week Derived Grade Exams	Day 4 18 Maaori Language Week Derived Grade Exams	19	20
Day 5 21	Day 6 22	Day 1 23	Day 2 24	Day 3 25 Tug of War Term 3 Ends		

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Day 4 12 OCT Term 4 Starts Fijian Language Week	Day 5 13 Fijian Language Week	Day 6 14 Fijian Language Week	Day 1 15 Fijian Language Week	Day 2 16 Fijian Language Week	17	18
Day 3 19	Day 4 20	Day 5 21 Sports Awards	Day 6 22	Day 1 23	24	25
26 Labour Day (Public Holiday)	Day 2 27 Board Meeting	Day 3 28 Senior Prizegiving	Day 4 29 Year 13 Breakfast	Day 5 30	31	1 NOV
Day 6 2 Diwali	Day 1 3 NZQA Exams Start Diwali	Day 2 4 Diwali	Day 3 5 Diwali	Day 4 6 Diwali	7	8
Day 5 9 Year 7 Rainbows End Trip	Day 6 10	Day 1 11 Year 9 Camp	12 Year 9 Camp Staff Only Day	Day 2 13 Year 9 Camp	14	15
Day 3 16 Year 8 Camp	Day 4 17 Year 8 Camp	Day 5 18 Year 8 Camp	Day 6 19	Day 1 20	21	22
Day 2 23 Year 10 Camp	Day 3 24 Year 10 Camp Board Meeting	Day 4 25 Year 10 Camp	Day 5 26	Day 6 27	28	29
Day 1 30	Day 2 1 DEC	Day 3 2 Leavers Dinner	Day 4 3	Day 5 4	5	6
Day 6 7	Day 1 8	Day 2 9	Day 3 10 Junior and Middle College Prizegiving's	Day 4 11		