



WISHING YOU A

Merry Christmas + Happy New Year

with love from the Staff at Tuakau College!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Kaupapa ka whai ake

Course Confirmation for
Senior students -
Tuesday 1 February, 2022

New Students Day -
Wednesday 2 February, 2022

Whole School
starts Term 1 -
Thursday 3 February, 2022

Official Timetable begins -
Friday 4 February, 2022



**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).

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Koorero a te Tumuaki The Principal speaks:

Tēnā koutou katoa!

We have finally made it through the 2021 academic year and what a year it has been!

Two years since COVID-19 hit our shores and it has continued to be disruptive to the New Zealand society and as a College we have been at the epicentre, being in lockdown since August 2021.

We have done extremely well as we navigated the lockdowns and prepared our students for their exams.

Our students and staff have worked really hard and I want to thank them for all this hard work throughout all the change and online learning.

Thank you also to the school community for your patience and perseverance under some really tough times.

We all look forward to another year in 2022 where we can reset in the new term under the 'Traffic Light COVID-19 Response' system.

Have a great Christmas and New Year and I look forward to seeing you all after the break!

Meri Kirihimete! Ka kite ano!

Mr Chris Betty

2021 VIRTUAL Junior College Prizegiving

Due to COVID-19 Alert Levels, this year we had a virtual Junior College Prizegiving on Monday 6 December. The prizegiving presentation was posted on the Tuakau College Facebook page, Instagram page and website (<http://www.tuakaucollege.com/academic-prizegivings>).



Betty Family Cup
Top Year 7&8
Academic student

Cate Harvey



Paton Family Cup
Top All Round
Year 7&8 Student

Paige Fletcher



Mary Nelson Cup
For outstanding
citizenship and
embodying the
school values

Mattias Tafto



**Wolfsbauer Attitude
Award**
For Excellence in
Attitude

Chane Le Roux

To view all the Junior College Prizegiving winners, please view the presentation online!

2021 VIRTUAL Middle College Prizegiving

Due to COVID-19 Alert Levels, this year we had a virtual Middle College Prizegiving on Wednesday 8 December. The prizegiving presentation was posted on the Tuakau College Facebook page, Instagram page and website (<http://www.tuakaucollege.com/academic-prizegivings>).



The Principal's Cup
Top Year 9&10
student for overall
Academic Excellence

Jai Harvey



Chris Betty Cup
Top All Round
Year 9&10 student
across the four kete

Bethany Mahoney



The Hema Cup
For reflecting the
school motto across
the four school
values

Bethany Mahoney



The Tim Foy Cup
For a Year 10
student for industry,
co-operation and
service

Siannah Bell



The Wooton Cup
Top Year 9&10
Physical Education
student

Bethany Mahoney

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2021 Staff Farewells 2021 Poroporoaki Kaimahi

To all our staff leaving; on behalf of the Tuakau College community, staff, students and parents/caregivers we wish you the best on the new challenges and journey you are about to undertake. Thank you for all the work with our students and the influences you have had on their lives and their futures. Haere ra!

- **Mr Fogarty (Head of Music):** Enjoy your retirement from teaching. "Me he kai o te aroha te puoro whakatangihia tonutia - If music be the food of love, play on." We will welcome Mrs C McGill-Wright to the school as Head of Music.
- **Mrs Van der Gulik (Mathematics Teacher):** Enjoy your retirement! Mrs Van der Gulik was a teacher who nurtured our students until they blossomed so therefore this saying is very appropriate about her. "Poipoia te kakano Kia puawai - Nuture the seed and it will blossom." We will welcome Mr J Bailey to the school as her replacement.
- **Mrs Davidson (English teacher and Dean):** We say farewell to Mrs Davidson who will be teaching at Pukekohe High School next year. "E kore au e ngaro he kākano i ruia mai Tūākau - I will never be lost for I am a seed sown in Tūākau." Mrs Welch will join the English Learning area but we will also welcome Mrs N Ah Tune to the team.
- **Mr McGarvey (Technology Teacher and Dean):** Mr McGarvey is returning to teach in Auckland at Onehunga High School. "Ko tōu reo, Ko tōku reo, Te tuakiri tangata, Tihei uriuri Tihei nakonako - Your voice, My voice, It is an expression of identity, Behold, the message and the messenger." This whakatauki is appropriate for Mr McGarvey who is a speaker of Te Reo Māori. We welcome Mr T King and he joins the College from Whangarei Intermediate.
- **Mr Miller (Assistant Head of Science):** Mr Miller is moving north and will be teaching at Kingsway School. "Titiro whakamuri Kōkiri Whakamua - Look back and reflect so you can move forward." We welcome Mrs I Jacobs to the College as his replacement. She comes to us from Otahuhu College.
- **Ms Haereroa (Te Reo Māori Teacher):** Ms Haereroa is leaving us and will be teaching at Pukekohe High School next year. "Ka whāngaia, ka tipu, ka puawai - Nuture it and it will grow, then blossom." Ms Haereroa will continue to grow in her teaching career as she teaches art Pukekohe High School.
- **Ms Saunders (Assistant Guidance Counsellor):** Ms Saunders is leaving to train in Equine Therapy. "Manaaki whenua, Manaaki tangata, Manaaki kararehe, Me ma rātou tātou e manaaki - Care for the land, Care for the people, Care for the animals, And let them take care of us."
- **Ms Herbert (LTR Fabrics):** Ms Herbert was the long-term reliever for Mrs Devaney who is returning. "He aroha whakato, He aroha puta mai - If kindness is sown, Then kindness you shall receive." We welcome back Mrs Devaney as she returns from Study Leave.
- We will also welcome Mr F Anderson as a long term reliever for Mrs J Burton who is on Maternity Leave.

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

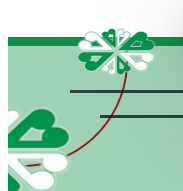
Kaua e mate wheke mate ururoa.
Don't give up like an octopus but fight like a hammerhead shark.

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 aha te mea nui? He aha te mea nui? He tangata he tangata, he tangata. What is the greatest thing? It is people, it is people, it is people.



Tuakau College

2022 Start Dates

Monday 24 January Student Centre and Accounts Office open. (Please note the Student Centre and Accounts Office will be closed on Wednesday 26 January from 9am to 2pm)

Monday 31 January Auckland Anniversary (Public Holiday)

Tuesday 1 February Course Confirmation for Year 12 and Year 13 students in the i-Hub. Year 13's to come between 9am -11am and Year 12's to come between 11:30am - 1:30pm. School bus service starts.

Wednesday 2 February New Students Pōwhiri and orientation from 9am - 1:30pm. All new students to meet in the Year 7&8 Quad. Year 12 and Year 13 students to meet in the gym. All students to be in correct uniform. Parents/caregivers welcome at the Pōwhiri at 9am and BBQ lunch at 1:30pm. Course Confirmation for Year 12 and Year 13 students continues.

Thursday 3 February Whole school starts. All students at school at 8:50am for a 9am assembly in the school gym. All students in correct uniform. No stationery required. Please ensure you have your PE uniform, hat, sunscreen and water bottle for the Whaanau House Rounders competition in the afternoon.

Friday 4 February Timetable starts. Stationery is required.

All other Key Information for 2022 can be found on the Tuakau College website (www.tuakaucollege.com) under the 'Key Information' tab.

We look forward to seeing you!



TUAKAU COLLEGE
Pai rawa atu i nga mea katoa | The very best in all things
launching
BYOD in 2022



Tuakau College will launch BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) in 2022, starting with Year 7 (optional for rest of year levels for 2022). The rest of the year levels will be phased in over 3 years, with Years 7, 8 and 9 in 2023 and the entire school in 2024.

Our BYOD requirements are:

- A minimum of a Chromebook (phone is not a device for BYOD)
- Device must have a keyboard
- Minimum 10.5" screen
- Must hold approx. 5 hours of charge
- Case for the device to protect it from damage

We have signed up with Noel Leeming to get best deals available. *Any further questions please contact a.jacobs@tuakaucollege.com*

Booker Estate in Tuakau Whakawhanake Whare

A 70 home housing development, called 'Booker Estate,' is underway next to Tuakau College. This is part of Stage 1 of a 3 staged approach to the development of Tuakau.

Each of the three proposed development stages is based on providing an estimated 10 year supply of developable greenfield land to match the anticipated demand for new residential and related business and amenity land use. Due to the fact that there is a current undersupply of rezoned residential greenfield land in Tuakau, additional capacity has been factored into the first 10 year, Stage 1, area.

With regard to industrial land zoning, there is the Stage 1 zoning of existing service industrial areas in the south on River Road and on the east side of the town centre. In Stage 2 a small area of new industrial land is zoned on the north side of Whangarata Road and west of the currently zoned industrial land. **Information taken from the Tuakau Structure Plan on the Waikato District Council website.*





Based at Harrisville School

Harrisville Rd, Tuakau

Programme: 027 694 3022

WINZ Subsidies available for eligible families

Office 09 236 4078 Email admin@kidsafterschool.co.nz

Christmas and Summer Holiday Programme

Looking for that stress-free summer? KAS has got you sorted with a variety of holiday childcare options to suit your family's needs!

Let us keep the kids entertained and busy with an array of exciting activities including Slippery Slide Fun, Wheelie Wednesday, KAS Travel Expo, Scavenger Hunt and our always popular Christmas Carnival! Teamwork is needed to make it off our Shipwreck Island and dress up and get in the groove for our Festival Vibes Day!

Join us on a summer favourite Beach Trip and perhaps you can learn something new from one of our special inhouse visitors! For those eight years and up we are off to explore Spookers – if you dare!

Open Monday to Friday 7am-6pm. Get in quick, secure your space today! Check out all that's on offer & make your bookings at: www.kidsafterschool.co.nz

Any questions please contact our office on 09 236 4078.

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Students learn to make websites and games in an online activity with live tutor help.

FREE
Ages 9 to 18
60m length (1 activity)
4pm, 5pm and 6pm
Mon 17 Jan to Fri 21 Jan 2022

Book now at
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JOB OPPORTUNITY!

Mobile Groundsperson at Turftech

Are you a self-motivated person who loves working outdoors? Full time, Permanent position available!

You will be working as part of a 2 person team, maintaining fields and gardens at a variety of Auckland schools.

What you might be doing on a typical day: tractor, ride-on and push-mowing, tidying and maintaining, gardens, weed-eating and/or sports field line marking.

Qualities required: comfortable working independently or as part of a small team, machine operating experience, a full Class 1 Drivers license and a great work ethic.

We're looking for someone with a positive attitude, who shows initiative and likes growing and learning. We're happy to provide the appropriate training to the right person!

We offer a competitive hourly rate in line with the skills and experience you bring to the role. If you are keen to upskill, we're happy to help however we can; eg. paying for a Turf Management or Horticultural apprenticeship.

If this sounds like a bit of you, or you'd like to find out more about the job, give our friendly office manager a call on 09 270 3367.

Even if you're not sure you have the experience required, we'd still love to hear from you.



***This is an unprecedented time.
It's time for unprecedented kindness.***

- Anon

Calendar

Maaramataka for Term 1 2022

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Auckland Anniversary (Public Holiday)	1 FEB Term 1 Begins Course Confirmation for Senior students	2 New Students Day	3 All Students start school Rounders Competition	4 School timetable officially begins	5	6
7 Waitangi Day (Public Holiday)	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 Vaccination Talk for Year 8 students	17 Swimming Championships	18 Swimming Tabloids	19	20
21 Year 7 Camp	22 Year 7 Camp	23 Year 7 Camp	24	25 Athletics Day	26	27
28	1 MAR School Photo Day	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Year 12 OUT Kayak Trip	10 Year 12 OUT Kayak Trip	11 Year 12 OUT Kayak Trip	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Vaccination Talk for Year 7 students Year 8 Vaccinations	25	26	27
28	29	30 Year 13 OUT Survival Tramp	31 Year 13 OUT Survival Tramp	1 APR Year 13 OUT Survival Tramp	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Term 1 Ends	15 Good Friday (Public Holiday)	16	17 Term 2 starts on Monday 2 May. Term 2 finishes on Friday 8 July.