

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### *Kaupapa ka whai ake*

Orientation Day -  
Thursday 7 August

Open Evening -  
Wednesday 13 August

Snow Camp -  
Monday 11 August to  
Friday 15 August

In Zone Enrolment  
Applications due -  
Friday 15 August

Out of Zone Enrolment  
Applications due -  
Friday 22 August

Board Meeting -  
Tuesday 26 August

Tournament Week -  
Monday 25 August to  
Friday 29 August

Out of Zone ballot -  
Friday 29 August

Term 3 Ends -  
Friday 19 September

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AN INDICATIVE TERM 3  
CALENDAR FOR 2025**



**Tāwhirimātea  
Yellow House**

**In Māori mythology,  
Tāwhirimātea is the god of  
weather, including  
thunder and lightning,  
wind, clouds and storms.**



## *Mike King* **Assembly Visit** *Photos inside!*

### **Koorero a te Tumuaki** **The Principal speaks:**

Kia ora koutou katoa. Nau mai haere mai ki tenei panui marama! Term 3 has started and we are well underway with things already! Term 3 is a very busy term and an important one because it is a term of hard work to ensure students achieve their academic goals by the end of the year. For Year 11, 12 and 13 students it is time to plan for success in their NCEA examinations and for the Junior and Middle College students it is about achieving to ensure they get their Diploma with the endorsement they deserve.

Attendance is a key aspect of achievement. There is a strong correlation between attendance and achievement. Low attendance indicates low achievement. There is information about student attendance inside this e-Bulletin which is important. Please ensure that your child attends school as much as possible.

The school value this term is 'perseverance' and we ask students to focus on ensuring they do not give up and continue to apply themselves to their studies when times get tough. Apart from their whaanau, there are whaanau teachers, subject teachers, Deans, their peers and friends that can all assist them. Many of our students are excellent at supporting each other when they have to as well. Giving up when something gets hard is the easy option and the most taken option but if you persevere it is rewarding and hard work pays off in the end.

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## 'THE PRINCIPAL SPEAKS' CONTINUED. . .

. . . Recently the government has announced they're investing more than \$120 million into building more classrooms in the wider Auckland region, including 6 new classrooms at Tuakau College! This is great news as our school and community continues to grow. We appreciate your patience as we navigate the changes that will occur as these new rooms are being built.

A friendly reminder that Term 3 bus payments are now overdue and must be paid to 12-3078-0133106-08. Another friendly reminder that all students are required to present their bus card to the Bus Controller before boarding the bus. This is an important Health and Safety process. Please note if students do not present their bus card then they will not be allowed to travel on the school bus and you will be required to pick them up from school. If your child has lost their card then they can go to the Accounts Office to get a replacement card, which will cost \$5. Any queries please contact the Bus Controller on [adrian.clark@tuakaucollege.com](mailto:adrian.clark@tuakaucollege.com)

This term we have Board elections occurring and nominations are now open for the election of 4 parent representatives to the Tuakau College school Board. Schooled Election Pilot have been appointed as the Returning Officer for this election. All eligible voters have received a nomination form by email from Schooled (or if we do not have your email address it will be sent to you by post). If you need additional nomination forms, or forms in Te Reo Maori of a different language, please contact the Returning Officer directly on 0800 VOTENZ (0800 868 369) or [election@electionpilot.nz](mailto:election@electionpilot.nz). Nominations close at noon on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2025.

We are always thankful for those that put their names forward to be part of the Board. If you are considering putting your name forward for this, please note there are a lot of after hours meetings to attend and you (along with the rest of the Board) will need to make yourself readily available for these throughout your term on the Board - sometimes they are planned meetings and sometimes they are adhoc. Student Representative nominations will be advertised to students when the Student Representative position opens later in the term.

I would like to give a special mention to all of our staff members - those that have been here for a long period of time and those that haven't - who work endlessly to ensure your child/children are taught. There is a quote that says "a good teacher is like a candle - it consumes itself to light the way for others (Mustafa Kemal Atatürk)" and we appreciate all our teachers that go above and beyond for our kura and its students.

I would also like to give a special mention to all our support staff! It takes a village to raise a child, and support staff are one of the many valuable "pieces" of our education system "jigsaw" that make children feel safe in their environment and help them reach their highest potential, as well as keep the school office running smoothly.

A friendly reminder about language at school. There are a number of students swearing and using bad language in public places and around the school. It is unacceptable for students to talk that way at school, particularly when students represent us at at sports events (not necessarily directed at anyone but out loud while they play the game). I would appreciate it if you as parents and caregivers could also support us to ensure your sons/daughters are not excessively swearing or using profanity.

We are looking forward to a busy but productive Term 3!

Ngā mihi whaanau, *Mr Chris Betty (Principal)*



<b>VISION:</b> Ka whakarite kareti o Tuakau i ngā ākonga kia whai hāna e tōmua nei, kia kōunga tonu tana kete mātauranga. Tuakau College prepares students for life through a quality education promoting excellence in all things.	<b>STRATEGIC GOALS - TUAKAU COLLEGE WILL:</b> Whakawhānui i ngā whai wāhitanga te angikūanga o ngā ākonga. Maximise opportunities for student achievement.	Me ārahi i ngā whanaketanga o te rohe o te Ao hurihuri. Lead local developments in a continuously changing world.	Kia noho hei manawa o te hapori kia hiahia te katoa. Be the heart of the community where everyone wants to be.	MANAAKI, AROHA + WHAKAUTE CARING, LOVE + RESPECT He aha te mea nui o te Ao? He tāngata, he tāngata, he tāngata. What is the most important thing in the world? It is people, it is people, it is people.	NGĀKAU TAPATAHI INTEGRITY Kaus e takahia te mana o te tāngata. Do not trample on the mana of the people.	Ū TONUTANGA PERSEVERANCE Kaus e mate wheke mate mangōpare. Don't give up like an octopus but fight like a hammerhead shark.	TINO PAI RAWA EXCELLENCE Pai rawa atu i ngā mea katoa. The very best in all things.
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## In Term Three we focus on 'Ū Tonutanga - Perseverance.'

Perseverance is key to achieving and although it requires a lot of determination and hard work, it pays off!

Perseverance is continuing to do something in spite of obstacles or difficulties. It is one of the best qualities to have because with perseverance success in your endeavours is almost guaranteed.

To persevere we need to have faith that we can succeed.

**Ū TONUTANGA  
PERSEVERANCE**

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## Mike King visit

### *Mike King toronga*

On Thursday 17 July we were lucky to have Mike King from I Am Hope come in and speak to our students at an assembly! Mike shared some great messages and insights with our students! Also at the assembly were some members of the Tuakau Youth Centre who shared a bit about their place in our community. A great experience for all our students! Massive thanks to Mike and the Tuakau Youth Centre for taking the time to visit our kura. Students and parents/caregivers can visit [www.iamhope.org.nz](http://www.iamhope.org.nz) for more information, or visit the I Am Hope social media pages.



## Social Media

### *Pāpāho pāpori*

A reminder that Tuakau College is on Facebook and Instagram! You can find us on Facebook by searching for 'Tuakau College' and on Instagram by searching '@tuakau.college.nz'



## Principal's Appointment Update

### *Te Whakahoutanga mo te whakaturanga Tumuaki*

**Kia ora koutou – Warm greetings to you all,**

We are pleased to share that the Board has agreed to engage an external consultant, EdSol NZ (Education Services NZ), to support us in the appointment process for our new Principal.

As previously mentioned, we are committed to seeking input from our students, staff, and wider community about the qualities and attributes we should be looking for in our next Principal. This engagement will take place over the coming week or so, ensuring we can connect with as many of you as possible.

Following this consultation, we aim to advertise the position during August, with applications closing in September. Shortlisting and interviews are expected to take place in October.

We look forward to hearing your valuable insights as we shape the future leadership of our kura together.

Ngaa mihi,  
Kandi Ngataki  
Presiding Member  
Tuakau College Board of Trustees



## Attendance

### *Te taenga atu*



**One of the things we are continuing to focus on is student attendance. You will hear us talking about this with you, with our students and it remains a strong subject of conversation in the staff room.** If a student misses one day of school every two weeks, they miss more than a whole year of school by 16 years of age. As a parent or caregiver, you, alongside our school, play a key role in building strong habits of regular school attendance.

All students are legally required to attend school every day and it is a shared responsibility to make sure students attend and engage in learning from when they first start school.

You must let the school know if your child is going to be absent or intends to be absent for a portion of the school term for whatever reason, like a tangi or medical procedure. Family holidays or taking time off for extracurricular activities (not organised by school) are not acceptable reasons for being absent.

We know that winter has certainly brought its crisp mornings and this brings with it all its chills, bugs and colds. Knowing if your child is well enough to go to school can be tricky at times. Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora have refreshed their guidance for schools and parents to use to help make that call. Check out their website for more info!

If you're struggling at home with getting your child to school, talk to us! Our school is committed to supporting your child to attend school and building a culture that fosters excellent attendance by having:

- School staff who have strong relationships with students and whaanau.
- A school culture that recognises your child and your family for who they are, where they come from and who they want to be.
- A school community that takes all practical steps to make sure your child is at school and progressing in their learning.



## Junior and Middle College Speech Finals 2025

### *Te Whakamutunga Korero o te Kaareti me te Kaareti Waenga 2025*

**On Wednesday 23 July we had our Junior and Middle College speech finals!** It was an awesome evening and well done to all the students that presented their speeches!

Congratulations to Archer Sabine who won first place in the Year 7 category with his speech about 'Duck Shooting - good or bad?' Second place went to Sammy Kull, third place went to Chrissy Smelt and Commendation went to Manaia Reihana.

Congratulations to Rhys Campbell-Cox who won first place in the Year 8 category with his speech about 'Crocs!' Second place went to Isabelle Lapwood, third equal went to Charlotte Mowbray and Ethan Norris and Commendation went to Season Minhinnick.

Congratulations to Anita Mupindu who won first place in the Year 9 category with her speech about 'Fast Fashion!' Second place went to Whaiorangi Ngataki and Commendation went to Pippa Thomas.

Congratulations to Lydia Kumar who won first place in the Year 10 category with her speech about 'Why the world needs kindness!' Second place went to Divya Singh and Commendation went to Ashaz Zabed.



## Franklin Junior Speech Finals

### *Te Whakamutunga Whaikorero Teina a Franklin*



**Well done to Rhys Campbell-Cox (8N) and Sammy Kull (7N) who represented Tuakau College at the Franklin Speech Finals at the end of June!** They both delivered their speeches with confidence and clarity in front of a large audience, making us proud. Rhys spoke about 'Why should everyone wear Crocs?' and Sammy spoke about 'Why should everyone have a pet?' They were up against some strong competition, and both students rose to the challenge with outstanding performances!



## Year 12 Chemistry Trip to Waikato University

### *Tau 12 Chemistry Trip to Waikato University*



Our Year 12 Chemistry students had a trip to Waikato University at the end of June where they took part in advanced titration experiments in the university's labs, gaining hands-on experience with techniques beyond the classroom curriculum. It was a fantastic opportunity to deepen their understanding of chemistry and see what university-level science is all about. A big thank you to the Waikato University staff for hosting us.



## EPro8 Competition

### *Whakataetae EPro8*

**On Tuesday 15 July some of our students took part in the EPro8 science competition at James Cook High School!**

EPro8 is a problem-solving challenge where teams use basic electrical circuit skill, building skill and everyday problem solving skills to solve problems and build robotic prototypes! Students really enjoyed taking part in the competition and are looking forward to continuing EPro8 next year! While we could not be part of the semifinals this year, we have high hopes for next year as we are gaining experience!

Students that participated were: Leo Brooker (Year 13), Zedric Inocencio (Year 13), Ioane Francis (Year 13), Alexander Mouton (Year 13), Moana-Lee Pulefolau (Year 12), Chase Tupaea (Year 12), Nathan Haliday (Year 12), Aryan Singh (Year 12), Zander Steyn (Year 12), Nicholas Mouton (Year 12), Zac Bull (Year 12) and Fletcher Jamieson (Year 12). Thank you to Mr Prakash and Mr van Niekerk for preparing and coaching our students for this competition!





# ENROL NOW FOR 2026



**TUAKAU COLLEGE**

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



## Orientation Day

Thursday 7 August from 9am - 3pm

## Open Evening

Wednesday 13 August from 4 - 7pm

## Enrolments due:

15 August - In Zone

22 August - Out of Zone

29 August - Ballot completed

## Online enrolments at

[www.tuakaucollege.com/enrolment](http://www.tuakaucollege.com/enrolment)

Any queries please email

[t.potts@tuakaucollege.com](mailto:t.potts@tuakaucollege.com)

## Cleo's Racing Achievements at Whangarei speedway *Ko nga mahi reihi a Cleo i te huarahi tere o Whangarei*

**Cleo Beckett (Year 11 student) has had a great 2024-25 racing season at the Whangarei Saloon & Stockcar Club!**

It's been an up-and-down season for Cleo at the Whangarei Saloon & Stockcar Club – full of highs, challenges, and incredible determination. In the second race of the Club Champs, Cleo was leading by nearly half a lap when disaster struck - a dramatic accident saw her car roll 2.5 times, launching 4.5 metres into the air. She had to be cut from the car and taken to hospital for a check-up. But, showing true heart and resilience, she found the courage to get back in the car and return to racing the very next week, finishing the season in her old car.

At the prizegiving on Saturday 14 June, Cleo was recognised for her efforts with:

- 🏆 Best Roll Over – 2024-25
- 🥈 2nd Place – Ministock Season Points
- 🥈 2nd Place – Ministock Feature Points
- 👏 And a big shout out to the whole Beckett Racing team, who were also awarded:
- 🏆 Best Presented Pit Crew – 2024-25





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## Kiribati Language Week *Te Wiki o te Reo Kiribati*

We celebrated Kiribati Language Week from 14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> July, with language activities and a dance performance on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July. A thank you to the parents/caregivers for their input into the dance and to Erin Jones for co-ordination of the Kiribati language week.



## ROAD SAFETY REMINDER FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

As a school community, safety is our priority - especially on the roads around our school.

📌 A few important points to remember:

- Students **without a valid licence** are **not permitted to drive** to or from school ❌
- Students with a **Learner, Restricted or Full licence** must follow the **specific conditions** of their licence at all times
- If a student is found to be driving illegally, **the Police may become involved** and consequences can include fines, loss of licence or further legal action 🚔

Parents, we value your support in keeping all students safe and accountable! Let's continue working together to protect our young drivers and uphold the law. Every safe journey matters!





**Winter sports have kicked off for another season!** It's great to see our students enjoying their sports again and we wish all our winter sports teams the very best for their games! Make sure you're following Tuakau College on Facebook or on Instagram (@tuakau.college.nz) for regular photos of sports games/events.

## RUGBY



### Year 11+ Team:

Wesley College Year 11+ vs Tuakau College/OAS: 21-20 to Wesley College  
 Alfriston College Year 11+ vs Tuakau College/OAS: 44-17 to Tuakau College/OAS  
 Manurewa High School Year 11+ vs Tuakau College/OAS: 15-15 draw

### Year 10 Team:

Wesley College Year 10 vs Tuakau College/OAS: 12-5 to Tuakau College/OAS

### Year 9 Team:

Pukekohe High School Year 9 vs Tuakau College/OAS: 37-0 to Pukekohe High School  
 Rosehill College Year 9 vs Tuakau College/OAS: 60-12 to Rosehill College

## FOOTBALL



### Senior B Boys Team:

Pacific Advance Senior School vs Tuakau College: 3-1 to Tuakau College  
 Alfriston College vs Tuakau College: 5-3 to Alfriston College

### Junior Team:

Manurewa High School vs Tuakau College: 10-0 to Tuakau College  
 ACG Strathallan vs Tuakau College: 6-1 to Tuakau College  
 Papakura High School vs Tuakau College: 13-0 to Tuakau College





## BASKETBALL



### Senior Premier:

PHS Senior Black vs Tuakau College Senior Premier: 75-17 to PHS Senior Black  
PHS Senior Red vs Tuakau College Senior Premier: 75-6 to PHS Senior Red

### Senior Boys White:

Onewhero Area School vs Tuakau College Senior Boys White: 69-24 to Onewhero Area School  
TKC Senior Boys B White vs Tuakau College Senior Boys White: 65-18 to TKC Senior Boys B White

### Prem Red:

Waiuku Maroon vs Tuakau College Prem Red: 63-22 to Waiuku Maroon  
Tuakau College Year 13 Senior Boys vs Tuakau College Prem Red: 57-29 to Tuakau College Year 13 Senior Boys

### Year 13 Senior Boys:

TKC Senior Boys B White vs Tuakau College Year 13 Senior Boys: 60-43 to Tuakau College  
Tuakau College Prem Red vs Tuakau College Year 13 Senior Boys: 57-29 to Tuakau College Year 13 Senior Boys

### Junior Red:

Strathallan Volts vs Tuakau College Junior Red: 39-8 to Tuakau College  
Strathallan Impact vs Tuakau College Junior Red: 44-26 to Strathallan Impact

### Junior Boys:

Strathallan Surge vs Tuakau College Junior Boys: 63-33 to Tuakau College  
TKC Junior Boys Green vs Tuakau College Junior Boys: 90-43 to TKC Junior Boys Green

## MIXED 11-A-SIDE HOCKEY

### Tuakau College Mixed 11-a-side:

Alfriston College vs Tuakau College: 9-1 to Tuakau College  
ACG Strathallan vs Tuakau College: 2-0 to Tuakau College



## NETBALL



### Tuakau College Premier:

Pukekohe High School Premier 2 vs Tuakau College Premier: 29-25 to Pukekohe High School  
ACG Strathallan Premier vs Tuakau College Premier: 28-22 to Tuakau College  
Pukekohe High School Premier 1 vs Tuakau College Premier: 46-21 to Pukekohe High School

### Tuakau College Senior Red:

Sir Edmund Hillary Collegiate Senior School vs Tuakau College Senior Red: 37-21 to Tuakau College  
Papakura High School Senior A vs Tuakau College Senior Red: 40-19 to Tuakau College

### Tuakau College Year 9 A:

Pukekohe High School Year 9 A vs Tuakau College Year 9 A: 29-25 to Pukekohe High School  
Papatoetoe High School Year 9A vs Tuakau College Year 9 A: 23-14 to Papatoetoe High School  
Manurewa High School Year 9 Girls vs Tuakau College Year 9 A: 24-23 to Manurewa High School

### Tuakau College Junior Green:

Alfriston College Year 9 Kiwi vs Tuakau College Junior Green: 34-9 to Alfriston College  
James Cook High School Year 9 Gold vs Tuakau College Junior Green: 50-14 to James Cook High School  
Papakura High School Year 9 vs Tuakau College Junior Green: 32-6 to Papakura High School

### Tuakau College Junior White:

St Ignatius Loyola vs Tuakau College Junior White: 30-4 to St Ignatius  
ACG Strathallan Year 9 C vs Tuakau College Junior White: 23-5 to ACG Strathallan

### Tuakau College AIMS:

SASDA vs Tuakau College AIMS: 19-11 to Tuakau College  
St Ignatius Magis vs Tuakau College AIMS: 25-14 to Tuakau College

### Tuakau College Red:

Randwick Park Netball Te Hiringa vs Tuakau College Red: 30-7 to Randwick Park  
Kauri Flats School B vs Tuakau College Red: 18-17 to Tuakau College  
Bombay School AIMS vs Tuakau College Red: 17-7 to Bombay School

### Tuakau College Y7&8 Green:

Ormiston Junior College Grey8 vs Tuakau College Year 7&8 Green: 25-3 to Ormiston Junior College  
Ormiston Junior College White7 vs Tuakau College Year 7&8 Green: 16-15 to Ormiston Junior College

### Tuakau College Mixed:

KingsGate School vs Tuakau College Mixed: 41-7 to Tuakau College  
James Cook High School Mixed Blue vs Tuakau College Mixed: 26-20 to Tuakau College



# Calendar

## Maaramataka for Term 3 2025

**\*PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THESE ARE INDICATIVE AND COULD CHANGE**  
A 'WEEK AHEAD' IS POSTED ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES EACH SUNDAY WITH UP TO DATE INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK AHEAD.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Day 5 14 JULY Term 3 Starts Kiribati Lang. Week	Day 6 15 ePro8 Kiribati Lang. Week	Day 1 16 Kiribati Lang. Week	Day 2 17 Clay Target Shooting Trip Kiribati Lang. Week	Day 3 18 11GEO Trip Kiribati Lang. Week	19	20
Day 4 21	Day 5 22	Day 6 23 Junior College Speech Finals	Day 1 24	Day 2 25 13OUT Trip	26	27
Day 3 28 12OUT Trip	Day 4 29 12OUT Trip Board Meeting	Day 5 30	Day 6 31 Franklin Golf	Day 1 1 AUG 12HOR Trip Franklin Golf	2	3
Day 2 4 Cook Isl. Lang. Week	Day 3 5 Cook Isl. Lang. Week	Day 4 6 11COM Trip Year 9 Rugby 7's Cook Isl. Lang. Week	Day 5 7 Orientation Day Cook Isl. Lang. Week	Day 6 8 13HOR Trip Cook Isl. Lang. Week	9	10
Day 1 11 Maths Week Snow Camp	Day 2 12 Maths Week Snow Camp	Day 3 13 Nominations close for Parent reps on the Board <b>Open Evening</b> Maths Week Snow Camp	Day 4 14 Clay Target Year 7&8 Auck Netball Maths Week Snow Camp	Day 5 15 Kaumaatua Games In Zone enrolment applications due Maths Week Snow Camp	16	17
Day 6 18 Subject Selection Afternoon	Day 1 19 Nominations close for Student Rep on the Board 'Friends of Tuakau College' (PTA) Meeting	Day 2 20	Day 3 21	Day 4 22 Out of Zone enrolment applications due	23	24
Day 5 25 Tongan Lang. Week Winter Tourn. Week	Day 6 26 Board Meeting Tongan Lang. Week Winter Tourn. Week	Day 1 27 Tongan Lang. Week Winter Tourn. Week	Day 2 28 Levels Assembly Tongan Lang. Week Winter Tourn. Week	29 Out of Zone ballot Staff Only Day	30 AIMS Games	31 AIMS Games
Day 3 1 SEP AIMS Games	Day 4 2 AIMS Games	Day 5 3 Co Req Exams AIMS Games	Day 6 4 Student Rep on the Board voting closes Co Req Exams AIMS Games	Day 1 5 Co Req Exams AIMS Games	6	7
Day 2 8 Senior Mock Exams	Day 3 9 Senior Mock Exams	Day 4 10 Senior Mock Exams	Day 5 11 Clay Target Senior Mock Exams	Day 6 12 Kaumaatua Games Senior Mock Exams	13	14
Day 1 15 Maaori Lang. Week	Day 2 16 Maaori Lang. Week	Day 3 17 Maaori Lang. Week Parent Reps on the Board voting closes	Day 4 18 Maaori Lang. Week Whare Assembly	Day 5 19 Maaori Lang. Week Tug of War Term 3 Ends		

Term 4 starts on Monday 6 October, 2025