



WISHING YOU ALL A
Merry Christmas + Happy New Year
with love from the Staff at Tuakau College!

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Koorero a te Tumuaki

The Principal speaks:

Tēnā koutou katoa!

We have made it to the end of 2022! A huge thank you to all the students that have worked hard and diligently over the year, the staff who have worked tirelessly to teach and support our students and all the parents/caregivers/family members who have encouraged students throughout the year! You all deserve a well earned festive break.

Included in this e-Bulletin is some important information about 2023 start dates, the 6x6 timetable in 2023, cell phone use in 2023 and more! The last page of this e-Bulletin is a calendar for Term 1, 2023. On this calendar it has the 'days' for our 6x6 timetable printed. I suggest that you print this calendar off and have it handy somewhere in your home/residence to refer to - both for yourself and your child(ren). Students timetables will be published for them to view at the start of 2023, once the timetable has been finalised.

In January 2023 an e-Bulletin will be published that will include further key information about our kura (such as reporting absences, communication with the school, etc.)

At the end of this term we celebrated the academic successes of your Junior College and Middle College students. Well done to all the prizewinners!

Please don't forget that at the start of 2023 we will be holding our Student Representative on the Board by-election. More details about this will be published closer to the time but if any students in Year 9-13 are considering applying for this role, please make sure you are keeping an eye on our social media pages and daily School Notices.

Have a great Christmas and New Year, keep safe and healthy, and I look forward to seeing you all after the break!
 Meri Kirihimete! Ka kite ano!

Mr Chris Betty

2022

Junior College Prizegiving

We held our Junior College Prizegiving on Thursday 8 December. A special congratulations to our special award winners (see images below). To see all photos of the event please visit the Tuakau College Facebook page.

The 2023 Junior College Leaders are Divya Singh, Gugu Ngwenya, Ava Wilson, Amorey Coetzee, Lukas Tafto, Liam Goodhand, Lucas Astadan, Tiger Bernabe and Xavier Nahi.



Betty Family Cup
*Top Year 7&8
Academic student*

Hunter
Hodson



Paton Family Cup
*Top All Round
Year 7&8 Student*

Oli
Goodhand



Mary Nelson Cup
*For outstanding
citizenship and
embodying the
school values*

Danielle
Claridge



**Wolfsbauer
Attitude Award**
*For Excellence in
Attitude*

Matthew
Theys



**Rowan Hucker
Cup**
*For the top Year 7&8
student in PE*

Taiarangi
Hira-Thompson

2022

Middle College Prizegiving

We held our Junior College Prizegiving on Thursday 8 December. A special congratulations to our special award winners (see images of some of these recipients below). To see all photos of the event please visit the Tuakau College Facebook page.

The 2023 Middle College Leaders are Caleb Quinlan, Sara-Lee Rich, Areeya Bernabe, Cate Harvey, Mattias Tafto, Eknoor Kaur, Chloe Jamieson, Hazel McMillan, Tipene Thompson and Rachel Maguire!



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

Tia Barker



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

Alyssa Calder



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

Ben Tatler



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

Charmaine Hazell



**The Douglas
Hughes Memorial
Trophy**
For Whaanau loyalty

Hemi McGrath



2023 Staff Updates

2023 Nga Whakahou 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 Prakash (Health and Physical Education Teacher) has resigned as he moves into a new home in Auckland with his family. We will welcome Miss A Blackwood to the school as his replacement.
- Mr Courtney (Year 7&8 Teacher) has resigned and is moving to Australia. We will welcome Mrs K Hume as a new Year 7&8 Teacher!
- Mr Kippen (Head of Technology) has resigned and Mrs C Stilwell (who many of you will remember from previous years) will be the Acting Head of Technology for Term 1, 2023 until a new Head of Technology is appointed.
- We will welcome back Mr K Medabala as an English Teacher, while Mr M Williams is on paternity leave.
- We will welcome back Mr A Palmer as a Social Sciences/Business Studies Teacher, while Mrs A Colmer is on Maternity Leave.
- We will welcome Mrs P Chahar as a new Science Teacher.
- We will welcome Mr Collins as a Music Teacher/Itinerant Teacher.
- We will welcome Ms P Toto as a new Te Reo Maaori Teacher.

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 Kua e mate wheke mate ururoa. Don't give up like an octopus but fight like a hammerhead shark.	INTEGRITY Ngakau Tapatahi Kua 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? Māka e ki ana: He tangata he tangata he tangata. What is the greatest thing? It's people, it's people, it's people.
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Former Student Graduation - Victoria University of Wellington

Tuhinga o mua - Te Whare Wananga o Wikitoria o Te Whanganui-a-Tara

Well done to ex-student Victoria Smeeton, who has graduated from Te Herenga Waka - Victoria University between June 2021 and May 2022. The University joins us in acknowledging and celebrating her success. She now has a Master of TchLrn (Secondary) and passed with Merit. Great work Victoria!



In 2024 we will celebrate our Golden Jubilee - 50 years of Tuakau College! To start planning for this we have made a Facebook group for ex students, staff and teachers to join! 😊

Please request to join this group if you are an ex-student/staff member/teacher! The group can be found under the 'Tuakau College' Facebook page (About > Groups) and is called 'Tuakau College Golden Jubilee.' Please make sure you answer the 3 questions that pop up so we are able to let you join!

We would love to see you all again at our Golden Jubilee!

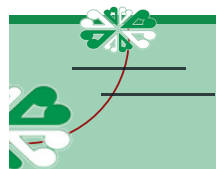
2022 Leavers Dinner 2022 Kai Whakarereā



On Wednesday 30 November we had our Leavers Dinner where we officially farewelled our Year 13 students. It was a lovely evening and great to see so many students receiving their certificates for completing 13 years of schooling. We wish them all the best for the future and the very best in all things!

A special thank you to Rawhiti-Whenua Ngataki, an ex student, who was our guest speaker and gave our students some great advice! For full photos of the event please see the Tuakau College Facebook page.





2023 Start Dates

- Thursday 26 January** Student Centre and Accounts Office open.
- Monday 30 January** Auckland Anniversary (Public Holiday)
- Course Confirmation for Year 12 and Year 13 students in the i-Hub. ALL Year 12 and Year 13 students must attend once.
- Tuesday 31 January** Course Confirmation for Year 13 students only from 1:45pm to 2:45pm.
- Wednesday 1 February** Course Confirmation for Year 12 students only from 1:00pm to 3:30pm
- Thursday 2 February** Course Confirmation for Year 12 and Year 13 students from 9:00am to 3:30pm. School bus service starts.
- Friday 3 February** New Students Pōwhiri and orientation from 9am - 1pm. Arrive to school at 9am and go to D Block. All students to be in correct uniform. Year 12 and Year 13 students to meet in the gym at 9am. Day finishes at 1pm. Parents/caregivers are welcome at the Pōwhiri at 9am and the BBQ lunch at 1pm.
- Monday 6 February** Waitangi Day (Public Holiday)
- Tuesday 7 February** Whole school starts. All students arrive at school at 8:50am for a 9am whole school assembly. All students to be in correct uniform. No stationery required. Please ensure you have your PE uniform, hat, sunscreen and water bottle for the Whānau House Rounders competition in the afternoon.
- Wednesday 8 February** Timetable starts. Stationery is required.

All other Key Information for 2023 (including Stationery Lists, Fees Schedule and more) can be found on the Tuakau College website (www.tuakaucollege.com) under the 'Key Information' tab.

We look forward to seeing you!





'6X6' TIMETABLE IN 2023

In 2023 Tuakau College will be moving to a 6 Day Timetable.

What does this mean?

We will no longer have Monday, Tuesday, etc. but instead we will be using days (eg. Day 1, Day 2, etc.)

The benefits of this change include:

- Students will no longer miss the same subjects due to Public Holidays, sports days, etc. falling on Mondays/Fridays
- Trades/Gateway students who are out one or two days a week will no longer miss the same subjects each week
- Friday last period will no longer be the same subject each week
- Wednesday afternoon sport means students are often away for part or all of Period 6 on Wednesday and this change means they will no longer miss the same subject each week
- We have been able to move back to our senior students having six subjects/lines in the timetable

What are the concerns?

- We know that some students will take time to adjust to the change. We will be doing our best to make sure that students are fully aware of the 'days.' Feedback received from schools with this kind of timetable was positive and they said that students adjusted well.
- We will be spending time with the students during Whaanau Class at the start of next year, going through this with them.

An example of what a Year 11-13 students timetable could look like is below:

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
Period 1	Maths	PE	Hort	DVC	Geo	English
Period 2	English	Maths	PE	Hort	DVC	Geo
Period 3	English	Maths	PE	Hort	DVC	Geo
Period 4	Geo	English	Maths	PE	Hort	DVC
Period 5	DVC	Geo	English	Maths	PE	Hort
Period 6	Hort	DVC	Geo	English	Maths	PE

Start and finish times will be the same every day.
School will start at 9:00am and finish at 3:30am.

Assemblies will occur when needed.





CELLPHONE USE IN 2023

Mobile phones are banned from Tuakau College in 2023.

From 2023 mobile phone use at Tuakau College will not be permitted by students. A major impact of COVID-19 on our students has been the increased amount of time they are now spending on devices such as mobile phones. Over the last two years, inadvertently, we have encouraged students to engage and spend more time on devices because they had to be able to learn from home. **The fallout is our students are more hooked on devices than ever.**

What goes 'hand in hand' with increased screen time is the increased misuse of the devices. We have experienced a huge increase in the misuse of mobile phones over the last two years. We have experienced things such as:

- more online bullying, which is blatant and nasty
- more disruption to learning as students are distracted by their phone in and out of class
- more teacher abuse because students believe it is 'their right' to have and use their phone at any time of the day and when confronted with this they become disobedient and eventually verbally abuse the staff
- students are viewing pornographic photos, watching it, as well as creating nude photos of themselves and sharing it with friends who then share it on
- students saying things to others that they would never say to them face-to-face, encouraging others to misbehave, inciting violence, etc
- students are taking unsolicited photos/videos of other students and staff who do not want their photo taken and publishing these without permission
- students are taking photos of others in toilet blocks, PE changing rooms, etc, and the list goes on.

Some students have lost their sense of morality and common sense. Most of the time the school is asked to fix the problem even though much of this occurs out of school hours. We are spending a disproportionate amount of time unravelling these situations but, as a school, we do not own the problem.

To all our parents: the problem belongs to you as a parent/caregiver. Do you know what your student is doing on their phone?

Before mobile phones, students could get away from the hustle and bustle of school and the bullies. Their bedroom at home was a safe haven to hide in. Today their bedrooms have become de-privatized because they take all these issues with them to their rooms through their phones and/or other devices. They do not get a break from it. This is a contributing factor in a student's low resilience and the many mental health issues we deal with and facing on a daily basis.

As parents what can you do? Firstly, who owns the phone? Who is paying for the data? Your child's safety from the 'darknet' is paramount and we have to take action. Here are some suggestions:

- Turn the WiFi off at home.
- If they misuse their phone - take it off them!
- Limit the use of their phone during the day and night. Do not allow them to take their phone to their room
- Review what they put on their Facebook, Instagram pages, etc. Parental locks and notifications may assist with this
- Do you know who their friends are on these Apps?
- Support them if they are a victim of the abuse. Get the student to not engage with the students causing the issue. Do not respond to the abuser as you may escalate the issue
- Get them to turn their phone off, or defriend, or remove the app
- Go to the Netsafe website to gain further knowledge as to what you can do
- Report issues to the Police instead of the school





CELLPHONE USE IN 2023 CONTINUED...

After consultation the Board has decided that from February 2023 student mobile phone use at school between the hours of 9:00am to 3:30pm will be banned.

Students do not need to have their phones at school because any internet use will be provided through school devices and any emergency the student has will be dealt with through the school. Mobile phones/ear pods/earbuds will not be allowed.

We have done this to improve a number of things:

- To increase the face-to-face interactions with our students
- Reduce and prevent the taking of unsolicited photos/videos, etc at school
- More time will be spent on educating the students instead of dealing with the issues of mobile phones misuse
- Improve relationships between students and students as well as students and staff
- Allows for a decreased time in front of a screen. Although we will be using laptops and Chromebooks, at least at interval and lunchtime the students will not have their faces glued to a phone or screen.
- It will reduce the raru raru (issues) between staff and students.

This is going to be a major change for the staff and students but many schools are heading down this road.

When you take away the drug from the drug addict there will be withdrawal period. We will expect this and will be ready for it.

We have researched the impact of banning phones and found that similar schools to ours, like Waiuku College and Te Puke High, have banned them and they have found a huge positive impact on the climate of the school.

What will happen if the student has their mobile phone out at school during this time?

- 1.They will be warned and asked to put it away
- 2.It will be confiscated from the student and securely kept at the Student Centre for pick up at the end of the day.
- 3.Continual misuse - the student's phone will be confiscated and securely kept at the Student Centre and will need to be collected by the parent at the end of the day.
- 4.Continued misuse means that the phone is not the issue, it is the continued floating of the school rules, which may lead to punitive measures such as Stand-down and Suspension.



Calendar

Maaramataka for Term 1 2023

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
30 JAN Auckland Anniversary (Public Holiday)	31 Course Confirmation for Year 13 students (1:45pm - 2:45pm)	1 FEB Course Confirmation for Year 12 students (1:00pm - 3:30pm)	2 School bus service starts Course Confirmation for Year 12 and Year 13 students (9:00am - 3:30pm)	3 New Students Day	4	5
6 Waitangi Day (Public Holiday)	Day 1 7 All Students start school	Day 2 8 School timetable officially begins	Day 3 9	Day 4 10 Swimming Tabloids	11	12
Day 4 13	Day 5 14	Day 6 15	Day 1 16	Day 2 17 Swimming Championships	18	19
Day 3 20	Day 4 21	Day 5 22 School Photo Day	Day 6 23 'Meet the Teacher' Afternoon	Day 1 24 Athletics Day	25	26
Day 1 27 Year 7 Camp	Day 2 28 Board Meeting Year 7 Camp	Day 3 1 MAR Year 7 Camp	Day 4 2	Day 5 3	4	5
Day 6 6	Day 1 7	Day 2 8	Day 3 9	Day 4 10	11	12
Day 5 13	Day 6 14	Day 1 15 Y12 OUT Camp	Day 2 16 Y12 OUT Camp	Day 3 17 Y12 OUT Camp	18	19
Day 4 20	Day 5 21	Day 6 22 Manaaki Marae	Day 1 23 Manaaki Marae	Day 2 24 Manaaki Marae	25	26
Day 3 27	Day 4 28 Attitude Talks (Year 7 - 10) Board Meeting	Day 5 29 Year 8 Immunisations Y13 OUT Trip	Day 6 30 Attitude Talks (Year 11 - 13) Y13 OUT Trip	Day 1 31 Y13 OUT Trip	1 APR	2
Day 2 3	Day 3 4	Day 4 5 Report Evening	Day 5 6 Term 1 Ends	7 Good Friday (Public Holiday)	8	9

***PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THESE ARE INDICATIVE AND COULD CHANGE**
TERM 2 STARTS ON WEDNESDAY 26 APRIL, 2023