



Upcoming events

Take Waaheke

Tuesday 3 March - Mufti Day

Wednesday 4 March -
Whanau Assembly

Thursday 5 and Friday 6
March - 12OUT Kayaking
Trip

Monday 9 March - Attitude
Talks

Monday 16 March - Staff
Only Day

SEE THE BACK PAGE FOR A
CALENDAR OF TERM 1!

Tuakau College Student Leaders 2020

Our Student Leaders for 2020 are Bradley Hartigan (Deputy Head Boy), Rose Salani (Student Rep on the BOT), Chloe Judge (Head Girl), Emma Schwass (Deputy Head Girl) and Daniel Jensen (Head Boy).

Koorero a te Tumuaki

The Principal speaks:

Hoki mai ki te tau kura hou. Welcome back to the new school year. 2020 has started well for Tuakau College with roll growth, new staff, new students and everyone keen to do their best at the start of a new decade. A warm welcome to all the new students, staff and whaanau to the College, especially the families that have moved into the area.

You will see that we have decided to put in place a Bulletin. Last year we decided that Facebook was going to deliver and communicate to the school community but at the request of a number of parents and caregivers, that did not have access to Facebook, we have put together a bulletin. The bulletin will be published once a month. It will have the colour of each house (whare), as the lead in each publication.

The bulletin will focus on our learning areas and will communicate all the good things that are happening in these areas. Educational issues such as changes to NCEA can be further explained and so on. These will be emailed, available as hard copies and accessible on the website. We will publish the school calendar for each term, as well as upcoming events. We are including what is happening and points of interest in other areas of the College such as sport, Parent Teachers Association, the Board of Trustees, etc. There may be areas which you think we should include. Please email me at principal@tuakaucollege.com or the bulletin editor, Jessica Paton at jessica.paton@tuakaucollege.com with your suggestions.

At the end of last year we farewelled a number of staff and you will be pleased to know that we are fully staffed for 2020. Our roll has risen significantly to 670+ (to be confirmed on 1st March). We have started a 6 period timetable which the students have to get used to, especially two periods after lunch. We look forward to an awesome year again and with your continued support this will become a reality. *Chris Betty*



Tane Mahuta

**2019 House
Champions!**

**In Māori mythology, Tāne
(also called Tāne-mahuta) is
the god of forests and birds.
Tane Mahuta stands tall and
strong!**

A warm welcome to our new staff members!

New staff (from left): Paul Miller (Assistant HLA Science), Sarah Welch (Year 7&8 Teacher), Kavita Kavita (Year 7&8 Teacher), Jessica Hawke (PE and Health Teacher), Kelly Drew (PE and Health Teacher), Shirley Scott (Year 7&8 Teacher and Specialist Classroom Teacher), Natasha Haereroa (Te Reo Maori Teacher), Karly Smith (Science Teacher), Shivniel Prakash (PE and Health Teacher) and Gerschen Van de Niekerk (HLA Science).



POOWHIRI FOR NEW STUDENTS

On Friday 31 January we welcomed our new students and staff members for 2020 to the college with a poowhiri. See further on in this e-Bulletin for more information on the poowhiri protocol at Tuakau College.

After the poowhiri, students enjoyed a morning tea followed by small activities and tours of the school. The day was finished off with a barbecue lunch and some much needed ice blocks!

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



INTERNATIONAL *Taawaahi*

Our international students are settling in well and enjoying their time! We currently have Milowit, Kantaro, Yusuke, Houki, Masahide, Tomoka, Hana, Yui, Kosuke and Koharu with us. We also have three exchange students here: Michael from USA, Tuomas from Finland and Isi from Chile.



A word from Roxane (International Manager)

We are very pleased to showcase our International Programme and some of our current visiting students in this first issue of Korero! It has been a fun first couple of weeks, with many of the students not only participating in the athletics day, but ticket winners!

Tuakau College runs a dynamic International programme with students visiting mainly, at present, from Japan. While we have a plan to diversify and grow, with the raft of core business as a focus for schools, the BOT are working slowly at this development. We also host several International Exchange students this year, through Rotary, AFS and YFC. Hopefully in the future we will further develop the TC International Club, and help our students explore opportunities to study overseas.

While 2020 had an abundance of enrolments confirmed at the end of 2019, some of those have since cancelled, as we would expect, due to Corona Virus. Some may come later in the year, while others in 2021. Thank you for your responses to our urgent and sometimes desperate calls for Homestays; we could not run the programme without you. I am sorry to those we have subsequently had to cancel.

Tuakau College responds to such threats quickly and with good strategies, based on many factors, including verified information. Naturally foremost in our minds is the safety and peace of mind of our students, families, and Homestay whanau. The virus has had a very low impact at Tuakau College as while we had two Japanese students who live in China, they have now cancelled, and a student who arrived via Singapore was checked with DHB and Public Health prior to coming to school.

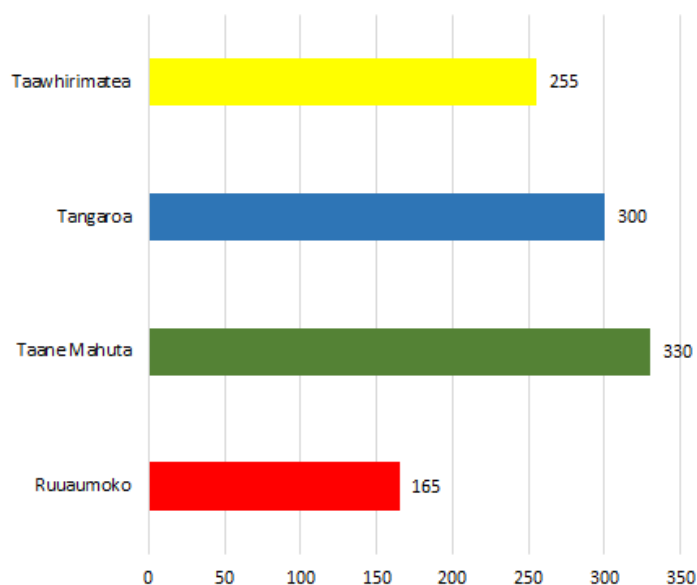
In the very early stages, we asked our Agent Partners to advise all travel routes, where it was not direct Japan-Auckland. Through us front footing by asking Agents to not bring the student to school before Immigration, Health and Education Ministries had begun responding, we were able to assess the latest information, and subsequently she was able to attend.

Most other students this year have been in the country prior to coming to Tuakau College, for example one group at Massey Uni in Albany, learning English and presentation skills for a week, and another group in Rotorua for 2 weeks, learning English. We have some students continuing to arrive from Japan in March, and the next influx in July. We will also have a group here in August for a week, who we can place two per Homestay.

ROUNDERS COMPETITION *Takarore*



House Points Update



HEALTH CENTRE *Tari Hauora*

PROCEDURES FOR UNWELL STUDENTS

If you receive a text from your child saying they are unwell, please do not come immediately to school! Please ask them to follow the correct procedure which is to advise their teacher and request a note to see the nurse. Go to the nurse at the Health Centre. Our Registered Nurse will assess the student. The Nurse will then contact you if the student needs to go home.

We have systems in place to best manage this and the safety of students can be compromised if they text family instead of following our procedures.

Please remind your child about this and emphasize to them the importance of being seen by the school's Registered Nurse who will assess their condition and phone the parents/caregivers if necessary. Your support in this would be much appreciated.

Year 9 students:

To all caregivers of Year 9 students; the nurse will be completing an in-depth health assessment of your child.

If you do not want this to happen or have any queries, please contact the Nurse directly on 09 236 8521 extension 155.

Year 8 students:

The first dose of the Gardasil vaccination for HPV is on Thursday 26 March.

Year 7 students:

Vision Hearing Testers will be here on Friday 20 March for Year 7 students.



ATHLETICS DAY 2020

Haakinakina

On Friday 14 February, our students braved the heat for Athletics Day 2020! Congratulations to Tane Mahuta for taking out the win with 1371 points. They were followed by Tawhirimatea in second place with 1341 points, Tangaroa in third place with 1160 and Ruauumoko in fourth place with 1126 points. Paige Fletcher, a Year 7 girl, broke the shot put record with an amazing throw of 9.56m. The previous record was 8.20m, thrown by L.Voice in 1998. Congratulations Paige!

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

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



SWIMMING SPORTS 2020

Tauhokohoko kauhoe

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

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

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

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

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



UK TOUR 2020



Every three years we offer an opportunity for all students in Year 11, 12 and 13 to participate in an overseas tour. Our past tours have included some amazing sights and experiences, including the Taj Mahal in India, Uluru (Ayers Rock) in Australia, walking the Great Wall in China, witnessing the breath-taking beauty of the Grand Canyon in the USA and wandering through the Colosseum in Italy to name a few.

It is our priority to visit things or places of significance and experience school life in another country. The experience students gain from these trips is exceptional and the learning cannot be quantified. All students, parents and staff who have participated in previous overseas tours had a fabulous time learning and experiencing other cultures, learning more about themselves and forming great relationships with their peers.

We endeavour to make these trips affordable by getting all eligible students and their families involved in fundraising. Being involved at the beginning of the tour will allow students to gain maximum benefit from all the fundraising money raised. In the past, fundraising opportunities have resulted in some students raising more than half the cost of their trip.

The organisation includes fundraising and there is an expectation that all students get involved in the fundraising. We run Trivia nights, weekly car washes, cruise boat work, parking at the Supercars, etc. The triennial trip falls this year and we have 56 students and 35 adults participating.

We are off to the United Kingdom (UK), visiting England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. We will be travelling by bus and soaking up the historical sites, as well as enjoying the tourist culture of these areas. The travel includes flying, bus, and ferry travel. Highlights will be a West-End show, sights of London, the countryside of Wales, the views of Ireland and the sights of Scotland.

We are going to be visiting a school and the students will be playing sport with and against the locals. The students will have an opportunity to find out what it is like to be a student in the UK and what their school is like. The trip leaves on the 30th June and returns in the school holidays on the 17th July.

The students will miss 4 school days. The students also know that their attendance at school, their behaviour and their schoolwork is a priority leading up to the tour.

If parents and students are keen on gaining an overseas experience, then participating in a future Tuakau College trip would be ideal. The next trip will start its planning during Term 1 of the 2021 school year.

Bon Voyage to all the UK travellers!



PRIZEGIVING 2019

JUNIOR COLLEGE PRIZEGIVING

Pasifika Group – Dedication Award - **Lata Vakalahi**

The Rowan Hucker Cup for Top Year 7 and 8 Student in Physical Education - **Alexander de Lautour**

The Wolfsbauer Award For Excellence in Attitude - **Siannah Bell**

The Mary Nelson Cup for Outstanding Citizenship, Embodying the School Values - **Anita van Velthuisen**

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

The Betty Family Cup for Top Year 8 Student for Overall Academic Excellence - **Jordyn Tuhiwai**



MIDDLE COLLEGE PRIZEGIVING

Wootton Cup for Top Year 10 Student in Physical Education - **Bailey Cowley**

Tuakau College Sportswoman of the Year - **Torrence Temara**

Lions Club Award for Excellence in Whaikorero - **Judgeman Korewha**

Kapa Haka Leadership Award - **Torrence Temara**

Pasifika Group Inspiration Award - **Namouta Iotua**

The Douglas Hughes Memorial Trophy for Whanau Loyalty - **Torrence Temara**

Tim Foy Cup Awarded to a Year 10 Student for Industry, Co-operation and Service - **Gemma West**

The Hema Cup for Reflecting the School Motto 'Pai rawa atu I nga mea katoa' - **Lauren Welch**

The Chris Betty Cup for Top All-Round Year 10 Student across the four Kete (academic, sport, culture, service) - **Charlotte Hyland-Mills**

The Principal's Cup for Top Year 10 Student for Overall Academic Excellence in 2019 - **Rhianna Barker**



SENIOR COLLEGE PRIZEGIVING

Jordan Cup for Service to Music - **Jeremy Koch**

Matts Music Cup Awarded for Excellence in Music - **Samiuela Vea**

Bell Ryan Cup for Practical Horticultural Skills - **Carsin Ikifitu**

Franklin Arts Festival Society Cup for Excellence in Art - **Abbey Hull**

Pukekohe Timber Trophy for Most Innovative Design in Technology - **Tavania Hannah**

Zittersteijn Cup for Excellence in Senior Geography - **Aanya Stuckey**

Tuakau College Science Cup for Excellence in Senior Sciences Yr12/13 - **Ben Peters**

Rotary Award for Leadership in Kapahaka - **Braye Holmes**

Rotary Award for Excellence in Whaikorero - **Braye Holmes**

Pasifika Leadership Award - **Tiane Vaioleti**

Matete Tupaea Memorial Cup For Contribution by a Maori student linking school and community - **Anahera Preston**

Tuakau College Sportsman of the Year - **Hunter Cochrane**

Simon Vare Trophy for Endeavour & Participation in House Competitions - **Kate Willox**

Tuakau College Special Award for Dedication and Service to their peers - **Carmen Delle Donne**

The Spirit of Community Trophy for School Spirit - **Tavania Hannah**

Andrew Cooling Memorial Cup for Service to our School - **Abbey Hull**

Female Bale Trophy For Best All-round student across the 4 Kete (Academic, Sport, Cultural, Social/Service) - **Hariata Cowley**

Male Bale Trophy For Best All-round student across the 4 Kete (Academic, Sport, Cultural, Social/Service) - **Hunter Cochrane**

Rangipokaia Memorial Shield In memory of Whaea Jacque Hema - **Anahera Preston**

The Gwen Barnaby Memorial Cup for Academic Excellence at Year 11 - **Rose Salani**

The Wild Cup for Academic Excellence at Year 12 - **Ben Peters**

Proxime Accessit for 2019 - **Kate Willox**

Tuakau College Dux for 2019 - **Aanya Stuckey**



A little bit *About* Tuakau College

KO WAI TATOU: Who are we?

Over the past years Tuakau College has developed into a modern learning environment which has strengthened and continued to value and enhance things Maaori. Maaoritanga is part of what we do at Tuakau College. What we do is called the Tuakau College Culture or Kawa. Treaty of Waitangi obligations ensure that we continue to recognise and provide a context for all our students, especially our Maaori students.

Our kawa has been a strength of the College since the foundations were laid down by the first Principal, Hiwi Tauroa. He was a visionary leader and the practical steps he put in place towards the school becoming bicultural were implemented before the school opened in 1974. This ensured we followed certain protocols under a cultural umbrella which we cherish, relish and build on as we move forward.

Tuakau College is culturally rich. When we write in Maaori we can use the macron to emphasis a long sound. In Tainui dialect, instead of using a macron a double vowel is used. So, Maori is written Māori or you will see it as Maaori. Here is a little insight into the symbols and rituals of the College.

TUAKAU/TŪĀKAU (Two-a-coe) meaning:

Today, in many publications, Tuakau is written as TŪĀKAU. The source of this interpretation is from the NZ History archives. The interpretation is 'Tuu Aakau' (Tūākau.) 'Tū':to stand; ākau, river bank shore. So it means to stand on the river bank. Tuakau College is part of North Waikato and is affiliated to Tainui and the kingitanga movement. King Tuhetia Potatau Tawhiao is presently the Māori king residing at Turangawaewae Ngaruawahia. Taupiri is te maunga (the mountain), Waikato te Awa (the river), Turangawaewae te marae, Tainui te iwi (the tribe).



TUAKAU COLLEGE

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

LOGO and MOTTO

The logo depicts the fronds of the ponga tree symbolising nurture, growth and new beginnings for a school relatively young. The larger fronds are the caregivers, staff and parents. The smaller fronds are the students developing and surrounded by the larger fronds for protection and support. The two colours reflect the dual heritage of New Zealand.

The motto "THE VERY BEST IN ALL THINGS, PAI RAWA ATU I NGA MEA KATOA," was created by Hiwi Tauroa, the founding Principal. He says "....working well is not sufficient - we desire that you produce the very best work you are able to.....we will demand the very best performance from each individual...poor performance is not failure, a lack of effort is.....A low standard of achievement resulting from best effort is success."

POOWHIRI

A poowhiri is an official welcome to our visitors. The tangatawhenua (people of the land) are welcoming to their place the visitors (manuhiri-if the visitors are from overseas then they are the manuhiri tuarangi). Each visitor is 'tapu' (sacred) and the poowhiri is about lifting the tapu and making the visitors part of the school.

The poowhiri starts with 'karanga' where the kuia (older women) call to the manuhiri, for them to come and enter the place where they are going to be welcomed. The visitors will karanga back to the tangatawhenua.

Usually, the visitors are challenged (wero) by a warrior with a taiaha (weapon) and a token of some sort (usually a small branch is laid down for the manuhiri). The manuhiri pick up the token, indicating they come in peace.

At school we do not do this, but the manuhiri are confronted with a haka poowhiri. Once the manuhiri arrive into the whare, or onto the paepae (the place in front of the wharenuui (meeting house), everyone stays standing until the haka poowhiri is completed and a karakia (prayer) is given to bless the proceedings.

The speeches (whaikoorero) begin. In Tainui they have alternate speakers. Tangatawhenua speak first then manuhiri. The speakers alternate. After each speech a waiata (song) is sung, usually led by the kuia.

The last manuhiri speaker will lay down a koha for the tangatawhenua. This indicates to the tangatawhenua that they have no more speakers. The koha is accepted and thanks is given. The tangatawhenua then invite the visitors to come forward and be welcomed personally with a hongiri (touching of the noses).

TUMU KOORERO: Guidance Counsellor

Our Guidance Counsellor is Paul Heta. He is located in Te Whaanau: Learning Centre. This is how students/parents/staff can access him during school hours. Students can fill in a referral form and he will see them. Students can be referred by a teacher or a parent.

If Paul cannot work with the student, he has access to other counsellors who we bring into school to support our students. We can also refer students to female counsellors.

Paul will try to write something in each Bulletin to keep the community informed about teenage issues that you may deal with every day. If you wish to contact him, please use the email listed in this bulletin or use the contacts on the website.



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, Ma'u e ki aha.
He tangata he tangata.
What is the greatest thing?
It's people, it's people, it's people.

PTA (PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION) *Hononga a te kaiako*

PTA stands for Parent Teacher Association, a school-based organisation with a mission to make the school a better place for children to learn.

Parents of students work together with teachers to volunteer in classes, raise money for school supplies, and generally support the school's efforts.

Almost all PTAs are involved in fundraising and most will organise social events for parents and children. Many provide helpers for outings and special events and a large number run clubs for sport, music or drama.

Any parents and teachers can get involved, even if they only have a small amount of time available. The lifecycle of a PTA committee will vary. Some members may stay involved for ten years or more - particularly if they have subsequent children attending the school. Others may stay for a few years and then move on.



The next PTA Meeting will be held on Tuesday 24 March at 7 pm in the Tuakau College staffroom.

All parents and teachers of Tuakau College are welcome.

The PTA is a great opportunity to find out more about what is happening in the school and have your say.

Come along to find out more!

BOARD OF TRUSTEES *Tuhinga o mua*

Tuakau College Board of Trustees members:

Sean Hyland-Mills (Chair), Claudia Duffus, Hemoata (Janie) Wanakore-Flavell, Anna-Marie Kingi, Kelly McCardle, Matthew Preston, Kelly Sinfield (Deputy Chair), Chris Betty (Principal), Rose Salani (Student Representative), John Everitt (Staff Representative)



Every state and state-integrated school and kura in New Zealand has a board of trustees that governs it. The board of trustees is a Crown entity.

The board's job is to see that everything that needs to be done gets done - legally, ethically, and as well as possible in the best interests of its students. It is also the employer of all staff, including the principal, and sets the overall strategic direction for the school or kura.

The principal is the board's 'chief executive' and manages the school or kura in line with the board's direction and policies. BOT Meetings are held once a month and minutes for these meetings can be found on our website.

The Board would like your opinion on Homework. Mr Betty will send out a small survey for parents and caregivers to complete. Please do so! Thanks!

2020 Period times and timetable***Waataka***

Please remember that this year our period times/timetable has changed to a 29-period teaching timetable. This is part of Tuakau College's improvement on curriculum delivery.

Each teaching period will be 50 minutes long and there will be two periods after lunch.

Lunch will change to the earlier time of 1 pm daily, except Wednesdays when it will be 12:45 pm. Interval starts earlier at 10:50 am.

Wednesday has a different time structure. Period 4 on a Wednesday is for Assembly/Year Level Assembly/House Assemblies and will be 30 minutes long.

We will be finishing school at 3:30 pm daily, except for Wednesdays when we will finish at 3:25 pm.

You should have received an email regarding this already, however if you didn't then please make sure the school has your correct contact details.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday			
Period	Start	Finish	Time (hrs/mins)
Whanau	9.00	9.10	10 mins
Period 1	9.10	10.00	50 mins
Period 2	10.00	10.50	50 mins
Interval	10.50	11.20	30 mins
Period 3	11.20	12.10	50 mins
Period 4	12.10	1.00	50 mins
Lunch	1.00	1.50	50 mins
Period 5	1.50	2.40	50 mins
Period 6	2.40	3.30	50 mins
Wednesday			
Period	Start	Finish	Time (hrs/mins)
Whanau	9.00	9.10	10 mins
Period 1	9.10	10.00	50 mins
Period 2	10.00	10.50	50 mins
Interval	10.50	11.25	35 mins
Period 3	11.25	12.15	50 mins
Period 4 - Assembly	12.15	12.45	30 mins
Lunch	12.45	1.45	1 hour
Period 5	1.45	2.35	50 mins
Period 6	2.35	3.25	50 mins

SCHOOL INFORMATION***Koorero a Kura***

ABSENCES: Leave a message on our 24-hour absentee line 236 8521 and press 2; or email attendance@tuakaucollege.com. Absence notes need to be signed by parent and given to the student's Dean. Parents/caregivers will be contacted to confirm any unexplained absence.

ACCOUNTS OFFICE: The Accounts Office is open from 8.30am to 4pm, Monday to Friday.

BUSES: See www.franklinsouthbuses.co.nz for routes. The network bus service is run by Murphy Buses (09 268 6620) and the Pukekohe bus by Broughams. Please contact the bus controller, Mr Kumar (236 8521 ext. 133) with any queries.

CONCERNS: If you have any concerns about your child's schooling, please contact your child's year level Dean in the first instance (see below). It's best to make an appointment as the Deans teach during the day.

Years 7&8 - Heather Clarke (heather.clarke@tuakaucollege.com)

Year 9 - Indar Deo (indar.deo@tuakaucollege.com)

Year 10 - Chris McGarvey (chris.mcgarvey@tuakaucollege.com)

Year 11 - Michelle McMillan (michelle.mcmillan@tuakaucollege.com)

Year 12&13 - Shana Davidson (s.davidson@tuakaucollege.com)

CONTACT DETAILS: Keep us updated with your student contact details by contacting Mrs Potts on 236 8521 ext. 105, email: t.potts@tuakaucollege.com.

FEES AND SCHOOL TRIP PAYMENTS: School fees can be paid at the Accounts office. You can set up an automatic payment scheme by contacting Mrs Burnett on 236 8521 ext. 104.

HEALTH CENTRE: We have a full-time Registered Nurse at the Health Centre (236 8521 ext. 155). In an emergency, parents will be contacted as soon as possible. If immediate attention is required, the student will be taken to the nearest medical centre. Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell as this compromises the health of other students and staff.

LEAVE: Any student leave during term time must be requested by the parent/caregiver in writing to the Principal, prior to the leave being taken. The Principal can only approve leave for up to 5 days. The decision to withdraw a student during term time is the parent/caregiver's responsibility.

E-BULLETIN: The e-Bulletin will be emailed/issued to caregivers once a month and will also be available at the Student Centre and online at www.tuakaucollege.com. Students without email addresses will receive a hard copy. Daily school notices are read in whanau class.

TUCK SHOP: We have an onsite tuck shop selling food and refreshments at interval and lunchtime.

UNIFORM: Correct uniform to be worn at all times. Terms 1 & 4, sandals allowed (plain black, no jandals). Uniform information is in enrolment packs or at Student Centre. Stockists are NZ Uniforms Shop, 28E Lambie Drive, Manukau (weekdays 9 - 5, Saturday 9 - 1) or online: www.nzuniforms.com. Tuakau College uniform shop is open Wednesdays 3.30 - 5pm but has only minimal stock. Orders should arrive within 5 days.

WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA: Our website is www.tuakaucollege.com. Please note this is currently being redeveloped. We are also on Facebook. If your child has done something great outside of school, please email info and photos to j.paton@tuakaucollege.com

CONTACT INFORMATION

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For absences: attendance@tuakaucollege.com or leave message on 24-hour absentee line on 236 8521 extension 2.

For bus enquiries: davendra.kumar@tuakaucollege.com

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Mrs Anjali Batt	anjali.batt@tuakaucollege.com	Technology/Social Science Teacher
Mrs Julie Burton	j.burton@tuakaucollege.com	Head Outdoor Education
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Calendar

Maaramataka for Term 1 2020

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
3 FEB Term 1 starts	4	5	6 Waitangi Day	7 School closed for long weekend	8	9
10	11	12 Whanau Assembly	13	14 Athletics Day	15	16
17	18 PTA Meeting	19 Year Levels Assembly Year 8 Immunisation talk	20	21 Swimming Sports	22	23
24	25 BOT Meeting	26 School closes 2:30pm School Assembly Counties Athletics	27	28	29	1 MARCH
2	3 Y13 Fabrics Unitec Visit Mufti Day	4 Whanau Assembly	5 Yr 11/12/13 Fabrics Trip 12OUT Kayaking Trip	6 12OUT Kayaking Trip	7	8
9 Attitude Talks	10	11 Year Levels Assembly	12 Special Olympics Athletics	13 School Photos	14	15
16 Staff Only Day	17 12Bio Rocky Shore Study 13OUT Adventure	18 Endorsement Assembly 13OUT Adventure	19 13OUT Adventure	20 13OUT Adventure	21	22
23 University Week	24 PTA Meeting University Week	25 Whanau Assembly University Week	26 Year 8 Immunisations Junior Social University Week	27 Year 12 Loves Me Not University Week	28	29
30 Waka Ama Nationals	31 BOT Meeting Waka Ama Nationals	1 APRIL Year Levels Assembly Year 7 Camp 12OUT Kokako Waka Ama Nationals	2 Reports issued Year 7 Camp 12OUT Kokako Waka Ama Nationals	3 Year 7 Camp Waka Ama Nationals	4	5
6	7 Special Olympics Swimming Parent Interviews	8 School Assembly	9 Term 1 ends	Good Friday		Easter Sunday

Term 2 starts 28 April and ends 3 July.

Term 3 starts 20 July and ends 25 September.

Term 4 starts 12 October and ends 11 December.