



## *Student Leadership Team 2023*

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**Tangaroa  
Blue House**

**Tangaroa is the 'god of the sea.'**  
**Māori believe that water is an energy, with many moods. It can be calm and life-giving, or dangerous and destructive. This energy is called Tangaroa – 'god of the sea.'**

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

Kia ora koutou katoa!

"He rā ki tua: There's better days ahead" is a whakatauki that we should all keep in the forefront of our minds after disrupted start to the year we had, with Cyclone Gabrielle and all the flooding and damage that brought. Just when we thought we would have a 'normal' start to the year we have had disruptions to school again! It is a good reminder that we should always focus on the positives, as life will always throw curveballs at us!

Because of the weather our Year 7 Camp has had to be postponed, as Camp Adair has informed us that their facilities have some damage from the flooding. Unfortunately, we also had to cancel our Swimming Tabloids due to the Tuakau Pools not being able to provide us with more than one lifeguard. We offered to provide lifeguards but they would not let us under their Health and Safety regulations. We understand that this was a disappointment to many of our students. We were happy we could still run our Swimming Champs and it was awesome to see students involved in that.

It is our Athletics Day this Friday 3 March and we look forward to seeing all our students participating in this! The 1500m race will be held on Wednesday 1 March at lunchtime. For the first time we are offering Javelin for all students and this will be held on Thursday 2 March at lunchtime!

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*Nau  
mai ki  
te tau  
hou!*

## Koorero a te Tumuaki Haere tonu The Principal speaks continued:

It has been awesome to see the majority of our students complying with our 'no phone' rule. This is already having a positive impact on our school and we know that although this change takes some time to get used to, there are many benefits to it. As parents/caregivers, if you need to contact your child/children please call the school office who will get a note sent to your child. If you have to collect your child's cell phone we ask that you please pick it up after 3:30pm.

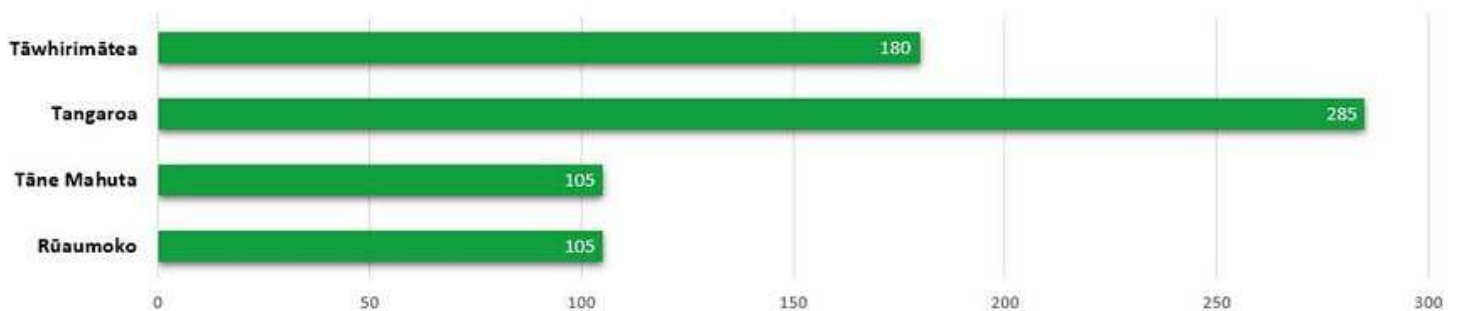
A reminder that with our 6 Day timetable, where there are sports days or whole day school events it means there are no timetabled classes for students on that day. Therefore, that 'Day' of the timetable is repeated the following week day. For example, Athletics Day is on Day 4 but because there are no timetabled classes that day due to athletics, the 'Day 4' is repeated on Monday 6 March.

Students in Year 9-13 recently voted for the Student Representative on the school Board for 2023. Voting is still open until Tuesday 7 March. If your student is in Year 9-13 and missed out on voting on Thursday 23 February during Whaanau Class, please tell them to go to the main office (not the Student Centre) and ask to see Jess Paton so they can vote. Every vote counts! In the next e-Bulletin we will be able to announce who our new Student Representative on the school Board is!

An email was sent out to parents/caregivers earlier this month regarding an upcoming PPTA teachers strike day. We have been notified by PPTA that teachers across New Zealand will strike on Thursday 16 March, 2023. This will be a disruption to the students learning because we will be unable to staff the school, hence school will be closed on this day. If the teachers decide not to strike we will notify you as soon as possible. Once again, apologies for another disruption to students learning but please understand that this is out of our hands. We are hoping the government gets this settled as soon as possible!

*Chris Betty*

### House Points Update 2023



## New Teaching Staff 2023 Kaiako Hou 2023

**From left:** Mr S Eda (Technology teacher), Mr A Palmer (Social Studies teacher), Miss A Blackwood (PE and Health teacher), Mr H Warner (Music teacher), Mrs P Chahar (Science teacher), Mrs K Hume (Year 7&8 teacher), Mrs P Toto (Te Reo Māori teacher) and Mr M Collins (Music teacher).



**Student Leadership Team 2023**  
**Te Rōpū Kaihautū Ākongā 2023**

We are proud to introduce to you our senior Student leaders for 2023!



**Wil Ryan**  
Head Student



**Devon Brown**  
Head Student



**Sarah Muller**  
Head Student



**Caitlin Lees**  
Head Student



**Mitchell Sparrow**  
Prefect



**Ethan Peddie**  
Prefect



**Naya Aislabie**  
Prefect



**Brendon Zuze**  
Prefect



**Kullen Montgomery**  
Prefect



**Jan-Louis Venter**  
Prefect



**Bree Evans**  
Prefect



**Eianza Waretini**  
Prefect



**Ofa Latu'ila**  
Prefect

## Middle College Leaders 2023

### *Nga Kaihautu Kaareti Waenganui 2023*

**Our 2023 Middle College Leaders are:** Cate Harvey, Rachel Maguire, Eknoor Kaur, Sara-Lee Rich, Mattias Tafto, Areeya Bernabe, Caleb Quinlan, Hazel McMillan and Chloe Jamieson. Absent from photo: Tipene Thompson.



## Junior College Ambassadors 2023

### *Nga Kaitiaki Kaareti Teina 2023*

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



# ROUNDERS COMPETITION 2023

## Whakataetae Rounders 2023

On the first day of school for all our students, after a morning of Whaanau House assemblies and Whaanau Class activities, the day was finished off with a whole school Rounders competition! This was the first House Competition of the year.

Congratulations to Tangaroa who placed first, Tawhirimatea who placed second, Tane Mahuta who placed third and Ruaumoko who placed fourth. It was awesome to see our house colours all over the field again!



# SWIMMING CHAMPS 2023

*Whakataetae Kauhoe 2023*



**Well done to the students that braved the weather last Friday 24 February for our Swimming Champs!** Congratulations to Tawhirimatea who took out first place with 135 points! Tangaroa placed second with 126 points, Ruaumoko placed third with 73 points and Tane Mahuta placed fourth with 72 points!

A special mention to River Missen who broke the Year 7&8 Boys Medley record. Age group results were as follows:

**Year 7&8 Boys**

1st - River Missen  
2nd - Connor Ashton

**Junior Boys**

1st - Luke Campbell-Cox  
2nd - Samson Perry

**Intermediate Boys**

1st - Kyan Young  
2nd = Whaitiri Preston and  
Max Thomas

**Senior Boys**

1st - Kullen Montgomery

**Year 7&8 Girls**

1st - Corie Powell  
2nd = Ellie Entwisle and  
Emily Holmes

**Junior Girls**

1st - Danielle Claridge  
2nd - Chelsey Collett

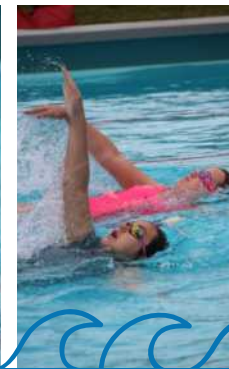
**Intermediate Girls**

1st - Lome' Strydom  
2nd - Sophie Hall

**Senior Girls**

1st - Hayliee Claridge  
2nd - Caitlin Lees

For full photos please see the Tuakau College Facebook page!






**Tuakau College social media**  
**Tuakau College pāpāho pāpori**

Make sure you are following Tuakau College on Instagram and Facebook to see all photos of events, important information and any updates! You can find us on Instagram by searching '@tuakau.college' and on Facebook by searching 'Tuakau College.'



**Student Council 2023**  
**Kaunihera Ākongā 2023**

-  Tane Mahuta: Jorja Matthews, Louise Moshier, Ava Ngatai, Wil Ryan, Deroy Tonga-Awhikau, Anita van Velthuisen and Evanza Waretini
-  Tangaroa: Shaniza Mohammed, Bethany Mahoney, Shakaiah Hammond, Kaitlin Cumming, Arviah Stewart, Tyler Hazell, Sarah Muller and Ella McDowell.
-  Tawhirimatea: Devon Brown, Jai Harvey, Chelsea Hood, Rachel Maguire, Zachary Munce, Marisa Rowsell, Ben Tatler, Kayden Thomas
-  Ruaumoko: Charlie Adam, Oli Goodhand, Willow Hyslop, Caitlin Lees and Danielle Van Wyk





**ATHLETICS DAY**  
**Friday 3 March, 2023.**

Students are to come to school in uniform and will be given time, when the bell rings, to change into correct PE uniform. Students can wear running shoes if they wish. Please bring plenty of water and sunscreen.

The 1500m race will be held on Wednesday 1 March at lunchtime. Students competing in this need to be in PE uniform and meet on the bank by the Horticulture block at the start of lunch. We have also introduced Javelin this year. This will be run on Thursday 2 March at lunchtime. Students competing in this need to be in PE uniform and meet on Te Whaanau deck at the start of lunch.



**House Leaders 2023**  
**Nga Kaiarahi o te Whare 2023**

-  Tane Mahuta: Holly-Mae Miles, Brooklyn Murphy, Shreya Reddy and Rima Turner (Mrs Te Kaute - Teacher Leader)
-  Tangaroa: Kimberley Smith, Jessika Roberts, Whitiri Preston and Moana Vea (Mrs Smith - Teacher Leader)
-  Tawhirimatea: Siannah Bell, Hauraki Hira, Wairangi Shaw and Myah Tipene (Mr Wijdeven - Teacher Leader)
-  Ruaumoko: Charlotte Hawkes, Jessikah-Leigh Kingi-Herangi, Tahlia Mueller and Kyan Young (Mrs Drew - Teacher Leader)

<p><b>VISION:</b> Ka whakarite karere o Tuakau i ngā ākongā kia whai tāna e tōmua nei, kia kōwhiri tonu tana kete mātauranga. Tuakau College prepares students for life through a quality education promoting excellence in all things.</p>	<p><b>STRATEGIC GOALS - TUAKAU COLLEGE WILL:</b></p>		<p><b>MANAAKI, AROHA + WHAKAUTE</b> CARING, LOVE + RESPECT</p> <p>He aha te mea nui o te Ao? He tangata, he tangata, he tangata. What is the most important thing in the world? It is people, it is people, it is people.</p>	<p><b>NGĀKAU TAPATAHI</b> INTEGRITY</p> <p>Kaua e takahia te mana o te tangata. Do not trample on the mana of the people.</p>	<p><b>TE KŌHĀRANGA</b> PERSEVERANCE</p> <p>Kaua e mate wheke mate mangōpare. Don't give up like an octopus but fight like a hammerhead shark.</p>	<p><b>TINO PAI RAWA</b> EXCELLENCE</p> <p>Pai rawa atu i ngā mea katoa. The very best in all things.</p>
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**HEALTH CENTRE**  
**Tari Hauora**

To the parents/caregivers of all Year 9 students; please be aware that an in-depth health assessment will be conducted on your child. If you do not wish this to happen, please contact the school Nurse directly on ext 119 or leave a message.

*Alison Robertson (School Nurse)*  
Phone: 09 236 8521 ext 119

# Calendar Maaramataka for Term 1 2023

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
30 JAN Auckland Anniversary (Public Holiday)	31	1 FEB	2	3	4	5
6 Waitangi Day (Public Holiday)	7 New Students Day School bus service starts Course Confirmation for Year 12 and 13 students (10:30am - 3:30pm)	8 All Students start school	9 School timetable begins	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 School Photo Day	23 Levels Assembly (Period 4)	24 Swimming Championships	25	26
27 <del>Year 7 Camp</del>	28 Board Meeting <del>Year 7 Camp</del>	1 MAR <del>Year 7 Camp</del>	2 School Assembly (Period 4)	3 Athletics Day	4	5
6	7	8	9 Whare Assembly (Period 4)	10 10 Horticulture Trip	11	12
13 Y12 OUT Camp	14 Y12 OUT Camp	15 Y12 OUT Camp	16 Proposed Teachers Strike - School Closed	17	18	19
20	21	22 Manaaki Marae	23 Extended Whaanau (Period 4) Manaaki Marae	24 Manaaki Marae	25	26
27 Waka Ama Nationals Week	28 Attitude Talks (Year 7 - 10) Board Meeting	29 Year 8 Immunisations Y13 OUT Trip	30 Attitude Talks (Year 11 - 13) Y11 HORT Course Y13 OUT Trip	31 Y11 HORT Course Y13 OUT Trip	1 APR	2
3	4 Y11 HORT Course	5 Y11 HORT Course Report Evening	6 School Assembly (Period 4) 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**