

Upcoming events

Take Waaheke

Term 4 starts -
Monday 17 October

Labour Day
 (Public Holiday) -
Monday 24 October

Board Meeting -
Tuesday 25 October

Sports Awards -
Wednesday 26 October

Senior Prizegiving -
Wednesday 2 November

Year 13 Breakfast -
Thursday 3 November

NCEA Exams start -
Monday 7 November

Junior and Middle
 College Prizegiving -
Thursday 8 December

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 FULL CALENDAR OF
 SCHEDULED EVENTS**



**Tane Mahuta
 Green House**

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

**Te Reo
 Māori
 Feature!**



UNISS Netball Winter Tournament Week - more info inside!
Te Wiki o te whakataetae poitarawhiti hotoke UNISS - he korero ano kei roto!

Koorero a te Tumuaki The Principal speaks:

Kia ora koutou katoa,

I want to thank the school community for all the endless support over the past two and a half years with our COVID-19 response. Now that the Protection Framework is no more we can return to some kind of normality - whatever that is! As a school we have done very well ensuring that the 'COVID-19' years have not affected our student's achievement. I can assure you it hasn't, but there are other issues that have risen. We have to continue to embrace the changes that are occurring in education as we set the scene for the remainder of the year and future years.

The busy Term 3 has now finished and we look forward to Term 4 where we can celebrate the successes and achievements of our students with Sports Awards and academic Prizegiving's.

Our senior students (Year 11, 12 and 13) have two and a half weeks of school left when they return next term. After this they are off to do their NCEA exams. It is a very short time back at school so students need to have a robust revision programme in place now. This programme will assist with revising the key pieces of work that the students did not do successfully in their mock exams. We need to emphasize that the external NCEA exams are crucial for some students, especially if they are applying for tertiary placements. The only way to be successful in these exams is to study. I want to wish the students all the best for these exams.

The staff are continuing to work hard to plan and make changes to embrace the future NCEA, the curriculum refresh and the NZ Histories introduction. These are big pieces of work to introduce and we as a school embrace them and know that they will make a difference for our students.

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Koorero a te Tumuaki Haere tonu. . . The Principal speaks continued. . .

Tournament week was a huge success for our UNISS team. They played in B Grade, hoping to make the top five to be promoted to A Grade. The girls did extremely well and came fourth after a faultless first round, a second round where they only lost to the winners of B Grade (Auckland Girls Grammar) and semi finals where they were playing the 'big' schools. A big well done to our UNISS team who played with pride, dignity, passion and a will to do better than they have ever done. An awesome result and now we will compete in A grade in 2023!

At the end of this term we said goodbye to two staff members. We farewelled Mrs Ramsay (Science Technician) who has taken up a new role to encourage girls to play cricket and with this will set up a competition for girls in the Counties area. We wish her the best in her new endeavours. We will be appointing a new Science Technician over the holiday period. We also said goodbye to Mrs MacMichael, the Principal's PA. She has been at the College for 17 years and I want to thank her for all the support, guidance and advice over those years. Mrs MacMichael is retiring. Miss Paton will be taking on this role after the school holidays.

Thank you to the school community that voted in the recent Triennial School Board elections. Congratulations and welcome to the two new parent Board representatives; Erica Mouton and Adrian Tocker. We look forward to your contribution on the Board. Congratulations also to Nicki Moore and Matthew Preston who return to the Board for another three years. Tracy Potts has taken up the role of Staff representative and Layne Heaslip was elected as Student Representative. We want to thank Anna-Marie Kingi, Emma Lang and John Everitt for their contributions as Board members in the time they were here. The new Board members take up their roles as of Thursday 29 September, 2022 and will attend their first meeting in the month of October.

Thank you to all the parents and caregivers that participated in the Personal Digital Devices survey. At the August Board meeting, the Board discussed the issues with mobile phones, etc and have decided that from the beginning of 2023 personal digital devices (like cell/mobile phones, portable music players, bluetooth devices and airpods/earphones) are banned from use at school between the hours of 9:00am and 3:30pm. As a school we will be developing guidelines around this new bylaw and will be communicating this to the school community throughout next term. Many schools have banned these devices and have found a huge difference in student attitudes and behaviour. If parents/caregivers could please start preparing their students for a mobile phone free school day this would be really appreciated.

The other big change for next year is that we will be going to a six-day timetable. The length of the periods and the number of periods will not change, it is just the order of the periods as the timetable will run over six days, not five. We will be publishing more information and a calendar to the school community to assist you on how it works. The key is the students will need to know the day number and what classes they have on that day. Every day will also start at the same time. There will be no late starts on Wednesdays. Every day will start at 9:00am and finish at 3:30pm.

Once again thank you for Term 3. Have a great holiday and a relaxing time! *Mr Chris Betty*

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2022 SPORTS AWARDS

WEDNESDAY 26
OCTOBER, 2022

IN TUAKAU COLLEGE GYM
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM
AWARDS START AT 7PM

OPEN EVENT FOR FAMILIES AND SUPPORTERS
STUDENTS NEED TO BE IN SCHOOL UNIFORM

School Board Election Results 2022

Hua Pooti Poari Kura 2022



School Board elections have now finished for 2022. I can announce and confirm that the following four Parent representatives have been elected: Nicki Moore, Erica Mouton, Matthew Preston and Adrian Tocker.

I can announce and confirm that Layne Heaslip has been elected as the Student Representative on the Board.

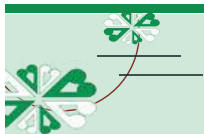
I can announce and confirm that Mrs Tracy Potts has been elected as the Staff Representative on the Board.

Jess Paton,
Tuakau College Returning Officer

JUNIOR SOCIAL, TERM 3

Hapori rangatahi, Wāhanga 3

Last week we held our Term 3 Junior Social. To see all photos from the night please see the Tuakau College Facebook page.



SAVE THE DATE!
2022

Senior Prizegiving

WEDNESDAY 2 NOVEMBER, 2022
AT 7:00PM IN THE TUAKAU COLLEGE GYM



TE REO MĀORI

Feature



A word from Whaea Joidene (Head of Te Reo Māori Department):

He hoonore, he kororia. He maungaarongo ki te whenua.
He whakaaro pai ki ngaa taangata katoa.
Rire, rire hau – Paimaarire.

It has been another busy year for us all and in Te Tari Maaori! We have been busy with everyday work in the classroom as well as some extra special activities. Here are some pictures to show you what we have been up to so far this year!



Meet the Te Reo Māori Department *Tutaki ki Te Reo Māori Tari*

Whaea J Preston

Head of Te Reo Māori



Whaea L Shaw

Te Reo Māori Teacher



Whaea C Rivers-Smith

Te Reo Māori Teacher



Whaea T TeKaute

Te Reo Māori Teacher



Te Whaanau o Whaanau Puumanawa

Some of our Whaanau Puumanawa students with Kaiako: Whaea Joidene, Whaea Robyn, Whaea Te Ataakura (back), Whaea Sifiso, Whaea Katarina, Whaea Lee and Matua Gerschen.

This year we sadly farewellled Whaea Michelle Van Der Byl (pictured here, with her daughter who is a Head Student, at this year's Matariki Awards).

However, we welcome Matua Fraser Anderson who is now a Whaanau Puumanawa teacher in Ruumoko.



I te Akomanga - In the Classroom

8R and Whaea Te Ataakura enjoyed having Whaea Phyllis Toto working alongside them whilst she did her mahi Kaiako (practicum) at our kura this term.



9R Puutaiao - Science

Kei te ako a 9R I te puungao - the photo on the right shows students measuring the energy held in various chips!



Ko te mahi matuu - 9R students mixing various substances to make home-made lava lamps.



10R Haerenga ki te Paamu Miraka Kau - Social Studies trip to Pukekawa Dairy Farm



Students studying the Waea hiko (electric fence)



Te Whakatoo tupu - Getting a good view of the reparation planting from up on the hill



Ngaa para kai - Inspecting disregarded food waste that will feed the cows



Te Whakaranu - into the mixer it all goes!



Te Waa Kai - out on to the feeding pad before afternoon milking time.



Ko maatou ko te kaiaarahi - with our farmer and guide, Matua Mike McCormick!

Whaea Catherine's 8N Reo Maaori mahi. These are their pou, reflecting their identity.



Student work from Year 7, 8 & 9 Te Reo Maaori classes

Te Mahi a nga tauria mai i nga akomanga o Te Reo Maaori Tau 7, 8 & 9

Maori Atua and Other Gods

By Mystique, Amorey, Gugu, and Ava

Tane Mahuta

Maori god of the forest

Tane is the god of the forests and the birds, and is the son of Ranginui and Papatūānuku, the sky father and the earth mother. Tane is known to be a male. Tane is the god of the forest and all that lives in the forests, especially the birds. Tane is the brother who separated his parents. Tane's children are the birds and trees.

Tāwhirimātea fought Tane with storms, wind, clouds, rain, fog and mist. The trees and plants of Tane mahuta were crashed and shattered to the ground where they became a food source for the animals and rotted to become nothing.



Ranginui

The sky father

In Maori history, Ranginui is the heavens - the sky father, he is known by many names: Rangi (heavens) Ranginui the great heavens, Rangiroa (Expansive Heavens), or te Ranginui-e-tu-nei (the great standing Heavens)

Papatuanuku

The earth mother

In Maori, Papatuanuku is the land and earth mother. She is seen as the birthplace of all things. In stories, it is said that she came from under the water and that after the land rose from the water it gave birth to all.



Kupu Arataki (Introduction)

Before all atua there was the creation story, before light there was darkness, still and quiet it laid.

Ko teenei te tiimatanga o te ao...

Work by Rafael, Taiarangi, PJ and Kenan.



Rongomatane

Ko Ranginui me Papatūānuku ngaa maatua

I am god of agriculture, cultivated kai such as kumara. The link between the kumara and the formation of the puku of Hineahuone through Rongo tells us how our tupuna understood the influence of our food on the gut and our overall health.

Rongomatane is also identified as god of peace. On the marae his domain is in the wharehau. Kia tau te rangimaarie.



Ngā Atua Māori Nō Tuarangi Hoki

By Tukaha, Tipene, Teja and Rongo



Haumia-Tiketike God Of Wild And Uncultivated Food

In Māori culture, Haumia-tiketike is the god of wild and uncultivated food found growing wild such as pikopiko (fern fronds) and the edible root, aruhe. Among other creatures, many insects are said to have descended from him like Namu, Waeroa and Rō.

Also known as Haumia or Haumiaroa, he was part of the first ever council where all the atua decided to separate Rangi from Papa in order to bring light to te Ao. Many of his brothers tried to split their parents including Haumia, but failed until Tane Mahuta.



Ko te haakinakina teenei - Hukarere is teaching 10R some formations called Waewae Nuku for Mr Wijdeven's current Physical Education assessment.



Te Wiki o Te Reo Maaori 2022

A couple of photos of some of the activities that were held in Te Atarua during Te Wiki o Te Reo Maaori.

This Māori Language Week was extra special as Wednesday 14 September marked the 50th anniversary of the Māori Language Petition, an event that led to many of the kaupapa we have today, including Te Wiki o te Reo Māori.



Trees for Survival Planting Report *Ripoata Nga Rakau mo te Whakato Ora*



Recently some of our Horticulture students, along with MacPac and Brad Cathcart, planted 1106 native plants at a property in Pukekawa, as part of Trees for Survival. The Horticulture students had worksheets to complete for NZQA Unit Standard 2765 - Plant Trees or Shrubs under close supervision).

The lower area of the property was planted in carex and cyperus sedges with flax and cabbage trees above that and the kanuka on the highest places. Not long after this planting the river level rose and the sedges were underwater for a few days, then the water receded and the sedges were fine. The planting plan worked perfectly - well done Horticulture students!





A massive well done to all the Year 7&8 students that represented our school at AIMS Games last month at Mount Maunganui! We had a Football team, Netball team, Rugby 7's team and students compete in Cross Country! This was very exciting for our students as AIMS Games has been cancelled the last two years due to COVID-19, so it was great to have this event again! A special mention to our Netball team who placed 26th in A Grade – this puts them in the top 32 out of all netball teams! All students showed great perseverance throughout the week (despite lots of rain and wind)!



FYFOD Sports Camp 2022

This year some of our Year 7&8 students had the opportunity to participate in the week long FYFOD (Find Your Field Of Dreams) Sports Camp at Camp Adair! Our school placed 8th overall and had a fun week participating in sports they had played before and some they hadn't, like bowls.



Tournament Week 2022 – UNISS Netball Team



Our UNISS Netball team had a fantastic Winter Tournament Week earlier this month! At the end of the competition the team placing 4th overall! They played Diocesan Auckland in their semi-final with the final score 32-28 to Diocesan Auckland. They played off for 3rd/4th place against Kristen with the final score 47-39 to Kristen.

Their results mean they will move up to A Grade next year! Six years ago Tuakau moved up to B Grade, so moving up to A Grade is an awesome achievement! An outstanding effort from the team all week - we are so proud of you girls!



Clay Target Shooting Results

Our Clay Target Shooting team had their last shoot of the year this month. As a team this was their best shoot of the year! The shoot was at the Bay of Plenty Clay Target Club. It was a beautiful sunny day and there were around 120 competitors. Char Hazell had her best shoot of the year with 83/90. (She was unlucky to not get a placing). The rest of the team scores were: Saxon - 78, Russel - 76, Caleb - 74 and Ryan - 70.



NZQA Exam Timetable 2022

Exams available digitally shown in blue					
Date	Time	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Scholarship
Mon 7 Nov	9.30 am	Te Reo Rangatira	Physics	Business Studies	Agricultural & Horticultural Science
	2.00 pm	Chinese Chinese (Mandarin)	Media Studies	Dance	Calculus
Tue 8 Nov	9.30 am	Agricultural & Horticultural Science	Art History	Statistics	
	2.00 pm	Geography	Spanish	Te Reo Rangatira Cook Islands Māori	Drama
Wed 9 Nov	9.30 am	Lea Faka-Tonga	Mathematics & Statistics		Biology
	2.00 pm	Music	Accounting	History	French
Thu 10 Nov	9.30 am	Mathematics & Statistics		Making Music Japanese	Classical Studies
	2.00 pm	Korean	Drama	Samoan	Statistics
CANTERBURY ANNIVERSARY DAY (Fri 11 Nov)					
WEEKEND					
Mon 14 Nov	9.30 am	French	Te Reo Māori	Calculus	Samoan
	2.00 pm	Economics	Korean	Agricultural & Horticultural Science Chinese German	
Tue 15 Nov	9.30 am	Science	Social Studies		History
	2.00 pm	Samoan Gagana Samoa Spanish	Geography	Accounting	
Wed 16 Nov	9.30 am	Cook Islands Māori Reo Māori Kūki 'Āirani	English		Religious Studies
	2.00 pm	History	Chinese	Biology	German
Thu 17 Nov	9.30 am	English	Lea Faka-Tonga Cook Islands Māori		English
	2.00 pm	Drama	Chemistry	Health	Physics
Fri 18 Nov	9.30 am	Business Studies	History	Chemistry	Te Reo Rangatira
	2.00 pm	Biology	Music	Media Studies	Accounting
WEEKEND					
Mon 21 Nov	9.30 am	Art History Te Reo Māori	Japanese	Latin Social Studies Psychology	Chemistry
	2.00 pm	Classical Studies	Health	Economics	
Tue 22 Nov	9.30 am	Media Studies	Earth & Space Science	Drama Lea Faka-Tonga	Geography
	2.00 pm	Chemistry Chemistry & Biology	Classical Studies		Economics
Wed 23 Nov	9.30 am	Accounting		English	
	2.00 pm	Home Economics	Economics	Korean	Media Studies
Thu 24 Nov	9.30 am	German	Biology	Geography	
	2.00 pm	Dance	Te Reo Rangatira	Physics	
Fri 25 Nov	9.30 am	Physics Physics Earth & Space Science	Home Economics	Classical Studies	Te Reo Māori
	2.00 pm		German	Home Economics	Art History
WEEKEND					
WESTLAND ANNIVERSARY DAY (Mon 28 Nov)					
Tue 29 Nov	9.30 am	Japanese	Latin	Te Reo Māori	
	2.00 pm		French	Spanish	Latin
Wed 30 Nov	9.30 am	Religious Studies	Business Studies	French	Japanese
	2.00 pm	Latin	Agricultural & Horticultural Science		
Thu 1 Dec	9.30 am	Health	Education for Sustainability Samoan	Earth & Space Science	Chinese
	2.00 pm			Music Studies	Spanish
Fri 2 Dec	9.30 am	Social Studies	Dance	Art History	Earth & Space Science

Calendar

Maaramataka for Term 4, 2022

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
17 OCT Term 4 starts School Assembly (Period 1)	18	19	20	21 Senior Exam Briefing (Period 4)	22	23
24 Labour Day (Public Holiday)	25 Junior Touch Rugby Board Meeting	26 Sports Awards	27	28 Levels Assembly (Period 4)	29	30
31	1 NOV Extended Whaanau (Period 1) Year 7&8 Touch	2 Senior Prizegiving	3 Year 13 Breakfast Middle College Exams	4 Middle College Exams	5	6
7 NCEA Exams	8 NCEA Exams	9 NCEA Exams	10 NCEA Exams	11 Whare Assembly (Period 5) NCEA Exams	12	13
14 NCEA Exams	15 NCEA Exams	16 NCEA Exams	17 NCEA Exams	18 NCEA Exams	19	20
21 NCEA Exams	22 NCEA Exams	23 Year 9 Pinnacles Tramp NCEA Exams	24 Year 9 Pinnacles Tramp NCEA Exams	25 Year 9 Pinnacles Tramp NCEA Exams	26	27
28 Levels Assembly (Period 3) Year 10 Camp NCEA Exams	29 Board Meeting Year 10 Camp NCEA Exams	30 Year 7 Trip Year 8 Camp Year 10 Camp NCEA Exams	1 DEC Year 8 Camp NCEA Exams	2 Year 8 Camp NCEA Exams	3	4
5	6	7 School Assembly (Period 2)	8 Junior and Middle College Prizegiving	9	10	11

2023 Start Dates

**Please be aware that these are indicative and could change*
Further information about start dates will be shared closer to the time.

Tuesday 24 January: Student Centre and Accounts Office open
Monday 30 January: Auckland Anniversary
Tuesday 31 January - Thursday 2 February: Course confirmation for Year 12 and 13 students
Friday 3 February: New students day
Tuesday 7 February: Whole school starts
Wednesday 8 February: Timetable starts.

