

## UPCOMING events

### *Kaupapa ka whai ake*

Year 8 Camp -  
30 October to 2  
December

Year 9 Camp -  
3 to 4 December

Year 10 Camp -  
2 to 4 December

Year 7 Rainbows End  
Trip - Friday 4 December

Graduation Dinner -  
Monday 7 December

Junior and Middle  
College Prizegiving -  
Thursday 10 December

Last Day of Term 4 -  
Thursday 10 December

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TERM 4 CALENDAR.**



**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.'**



## Senior Prizegiving

See inside for photos and results

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

Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa!

It is the end of November and we are just about at the end of a year of all sorts. This month has been a very busy month with Senior Prizegiving, preparation for the 2021 academic year, preparing for roll growth, assessments across all levels of the College, reports being written and NCEA exams beginning for our senior students.

Most of the senior students have been working and studying hard for their NCEA exams. The response from the students about their exams, so far, has been positive overall. With the COVID-19 year that the students have had, they have still been well prepared for these exams and should do well. The analysis of the various cohorts indicates our pass rates should be pretty good. But now the students (and so do we) have to wait and see what their results will be in January next year.

Students in the Junior and Middle Colleges have had exams and assessments as well - culminating in Year 8 and Year 10 graduating at their various prizegivings on Thursday 10 December, at the end of this term. Grade point averages have been calculated for all the...

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## The Principal speaks continued: *Kei te haere tonu te korero a te Tumuaki:*

...Years 7 to 10 and reports have been written and will be issued early December.

A big thanks to all the Staff for their ongoing work in preparing the students for their assessments, exams, and NCEA. It has not been an easy year but the staff have done a great job preparing students for this. Congratulations to all the students that have met their goals and who are working hard on their pathways to success in the four kete at Tuakau College.

The Kāhui Ako (Community of Learning) had its last meeting of the year earlier this week and launched their new focus areas which are: Learning Support, Learner Agency and Transitions and Pathways. We farewelled Grant Miles and Mel Devaney as Kāhui Ako Within School Teachers and Preeti Walia as the Kāhui Ako Across School Teacher. I also farewell the position of Kāhui Ako Lead Principal and pass the Wero to Robyn Driver (Te Kohanga Primary) who is now the new Kāhui Ako Lead Principal. I wish the new team the best in implementing the actions for the new focus areas. As Kāhui Ako Lead Principal I want to thank all the principals of the seven schools for their support over the last four years.

We all look forward to 2021 and a COVID-19 free year! We will have one more bulletin before the end of the year.

*Chris Betty*

### Term 4 School Value: Excellence

- excellence/'ɛks(ə)l(ə)ns/  
the quality of being outstanding or extremely good  
."awards for excellence"

Excellence means greatness – the very best. Achieving excellence is never easy to do and it's a quality people really appreciate, because it's so hard to find. It is the quality of excelling, of being truly the best at something! We encourage all our students, through our school motto, to achieve the very best in all things - excellence!

### EXCELLENCE Tino pai rawa

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



TUAKAU COLLEGE

#### 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.  
Moku e ki atu.  
He tangata he tangata.  
Which is the greatest thing?  
It's people, it's people,  
it's people.

## Junior and Middle College Prizegivings 2020

**Thursday 10 December at Tuakau College**

9:30 am - Middle College Prizegiving

12:30 pm - Junior College Prizegiving

Full school uniform expected for all students.

All students who are receiving prizes will be given a notification sheet in Whaanau class.

This is the last day of school. Friday 11 December is a Teacher Only Day.



# Senior Prizegiving 2020

**Congratulations to all our senior prizewinners for 2020!** Held on Wednesday 11 November, students received their prizes and enjoyed performances including an English Speech and a couple of Musical Performances! See below for the main prizewinners. For a full list of prizewinners, please visit [www.tuakaucollege.com/academic-prizegivings](http://www.tuakaucollege.com/academic-prizegivings)



**Dux Trophy**

*Overall Academic Excellence in Year 13*

Ben Peters



**Proxime Accessit**

*Runner-up in Academic Excellence in Year 13*

Rose Crosbie



**Wild Cup**

*Academic Excellence at Year 12*

Rose Salani



**Gwen Barnaby Memorial Trophy**

*Academic Excellence at Year 11*

Rhianna Barker



**Rangipokaia Shield**

*For reflecting the school motto across all 4 school values*  
Chloe Judge



**2021 Head Students**

Carlin Lee (Head Boy 2021), Brooke Wilson (Head Girl 2021), Ryan Narayan (Deputy Head Boy 2021) and Rose Salani (Deputy Head Girl 2021)



**PTA Shield Champion House**

Tane Mahuta

*Received by the Tane Mahuta House Leaders*





Inder Lynch Lawyers Scholarship Award: Jaymee Hands and Jakob England

Ko Te Tangata School Leavers Scholarship: Chloe Judge, Daniel Jensen and Raina Tainui

Prime Ministers Vocational Excellence Award: Tamati Huia

Honours Awards: Hayley Wallace (*Academic Honours*), Ben Peters (*Academic Honours*), Rose Salani (*Service Honours*), Khosi Ngwenya (*Cultural Honours*) and Paige Fletcher (*Sports Honours*)

Male Bale Trophy - Daniel Jensen

Female Bale Trophy - Chloe Judge

Andrew Cooling Memorial Cup - Emma Schwass

The Spirit of Community Trophy - Chloe Judge

Tuakau College Special Award - Rose Salani

Simon Vare Trophy - Sophie MacLean

Matete Tupaea Memorial Cup - Mere Taaka Te-Kaute

Pasifika Leadership Award - Sosaia Tonga

Tuakau College Science Cup - Ben Peters

Zittersteijn Cup - Rose Crosbie

Pukekohe Timber Trophy - Taylor Duffus

Franklin Arts Festival Society Cup - Jaime Howe

NZ School of Tourism Trophy - Rose Crosbie

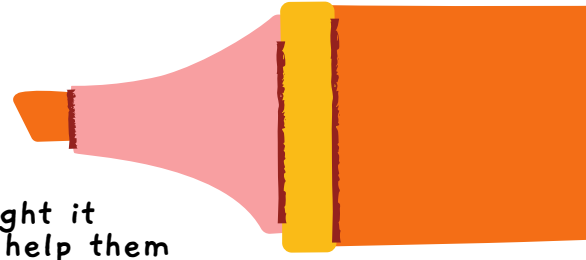
Bell Ryan Cup - Zophie Baldwin

Matts Music Cup - Cyan de Lange

Jordan Cup - Hunter Dihm



# Study Leave Tips



As our senior students sit their NCEA Exams, we thought it would be good to remind them of a few study tips to help them keep on track!

1

**WRITE A SONG.** Remember at primary school, when your teacher taught you a song to help you remember a multiplication table, a rhyme for spelling, or a rap about photosynthesis? The facts you need to remember for exams may be longer and more complex but if there's dates, names or numbers you need to remember, why not try putting them to music/a rhyme to help you remember?

2

**KEEP A DISTRACTION LOG.** Do you struggle with distracting thoughts or ideas while you're trying to study? Keep a notebook or paper nearby to write those thoughts down on so you can get them out of your head and forget about them.

3

**READ YOUR NOTES OUT LOUD.** To help your brain remember things better it can be beneficial to say things out loud over and over again. Writing notes out over and over again can also be a good way to remember things. Remember, everyone is different so what works for you may not be the same as what works for others!

4

**HAVE A STUDY SPACE.** Make sure you have a study space separate to any distractions, TV, etc. It is a good idea to make your study space comfortable but also as much like an exam as possible. That way your brain associates what you're learning with the exam space and it's no different for you in the actual exam!

5

**REWARD YOURSELF.** Set yourself small targets and reward yourself once you reach them. For example you might do one practice exam paper and then reward yourself with a piece of chocolate or ten minutes outside or a cuddle with your dog! It's a good idea to have 25 minutes hard study and then a 5-10 minute break!

6

**DON'T CRAM EVERYTHING UP.** You have plenty of time for exam study! DO NOT cram all your study into the day or two before your exam! Spreading your studies out gives your brain time to absorb information and commit it to long-term memory!



# Matariki Awards 2020

**This year we unfortunately weren't able to hold the Matariki awards due to COVID-19, however we held a special assembly to celebrate these awards on Wednesday 4 November. Congratulations to all our prizewinners!**

Tupu-aa-nuku Award: Emma-Anne Cowley

Tupu-aa-rangi Award: Hauraki Hira

Hiwa I te rangi Award: Zarnya Matthews

Year 7 – Nga Tai E Rua Marae: Paige Fletcher

Year 8 – Te Awamaarahi Marae: Tiraha Herangi

Year 9 – Te Kotahitanga Marae: Kaiya Tarawa

Year 10 – Tikirahi Marae: Tuhoe Parker

Year 11 – Tauranganui Marae: Te Aomarama Heta

Year 12 – Ooraeroa Marae: Brooke Wilson

Year 13 – Weraroa Marae: Chloe Judge

Aspiring Leader – Nga Hau e Wha Marae: Brooke Wilson

Outstanding Year 13 Leader Award – Pukerewa Marae: Chloe Judge

Te Puaha O Waikato Supreme Award – Huakina Development Trust: Chloe Judge



# TECHNOLOGY Feature

## Hangarau Āhuahira

**Grant Miles**

*Head of Technology*



### A word from Grant Miles (Head of Technology):

**Learning in Technology education is about solving problems and intervening in the world.** It is about developing products and systems to solve problems aimed at improving the quality of life of humans. In the developing of solutions students need to be mindful of the environment, that outcomes are sustainable and no harm is caused by the solution being developed.

Learning in this area aims to develop in students a broad technological literacy, which means they have experience of a range of different technologies and at Tuakau College they include (but are not limited to) Materials Technology, Food or process Technology, DVC and Digital Technology. By exposure to a range of different contexts we aim to build in the students a level of understanding which will allow them to solve problems which may draw knowledge from a number of learning areas.

In the last 12 months we have continued to expand the range of materials we can expose students to. The addition of a new engineering lathe has meant we can expand the possibilities of what can be achieved in our workshops and what students can do. We have extended the range of operations in Fabrics Technology by extending the capability of the embroidery machine and getting the vinyl cutting machine operational.

The Technology learning area has had the first change made to the New Zealand Curriculum with the area being up-dated to highlight the importance of learning in Digital technology. As a result of this a new curriculum has been implemented from Year 7 to 10. The major change is the new focus, which has been placed on coding and the development of digital outcomes. We live in an ever increasingly digital world and the ability to understand basic coding is already an important skill to have. Remote controls, our cellphones, etc, all require us to interact with them and set them up to respond in ways which reflect our personal preferences.

Technological developments within society are happening very quickly and so is the teaching of technology within schools. We work very hard to ensure that as a department we are keeping up with these developments so in turn we can keep our students informed of these as well. The Digital Technology mentioned above is one example.

In recent times we have added 3D printing to the range of available technologies. We are looking forward to being able to add laser cutting and CNC routing to this range as we continue to move forward.

Technology Education is about involving ourselves in developing real solutions to authentic problems and as a department we are always on the look out for issues we can help solve. This includes community problems as well as those based within school. I am very keen to develop relationships with industry so we can give the students an insight into the possibilities for future employment and also access help and support in areas where we don't have the expertise.

If you have a problem you think we could help solve or you can see an opportunity to work with us please contact me. My email is [grant.miles@tuakaucollege.com](mailto:grant.miles@tuakaucollege.com).

*Mr Grant Miles*



## Meet the Technology Teachers

### *Tutaki ki nga Kaiako Hangarau*

The department is lucky to have access to some very talented staff who bring a range of specialist skills and knowledge to their roles within the department.

**Mel Devaney**

Technology Teacher  
*Materials*  
*Digital Technology*



**Chris McGarvey**

Technology Teacher  
*Materials*  
*DVC*



**Kees de Boer**

Technology Teacher  
*Food Technology*



**Jo Quon**

Technology Teacher  
*DVC*  
*Materials*  
*Digital Technology*



**Robyn Withers-Lauer**

Technology Teacher  
*Digital Technology*  
*Food*



**Sue Askew**

Technology Teacher  
*Digital Technology*



**Anjali Bhatt**

Technology Teacher  
*Materials*



**Muthu Chidambaram**

Technology Teacher  
*Digital Technology*



**Heather Clarke**

Technology Teacher  
*Food*





Below are a few examples of the work completed by our students!

### Year 13 Hospitality



### Fabrics Technology

Anastacia Kanon



Charlize Taylor



Emma Evans



Taylor Duffus



Rose Crosbie



E Velocity Electric Car  
Year 13 Product Design



**Paataka Project**  
Combined Horticulture  
and Product Design  
project (in progress)



Year 12 Building



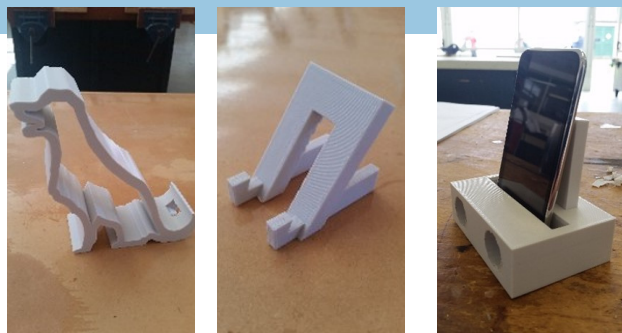
Modules Community Project

### Year 7 Wiggly Toys and Acoustic Speakers



## Year 10 Digital Technology

Cellphone holders



## Digital Technology Programmable Robots and Microbit mini computers



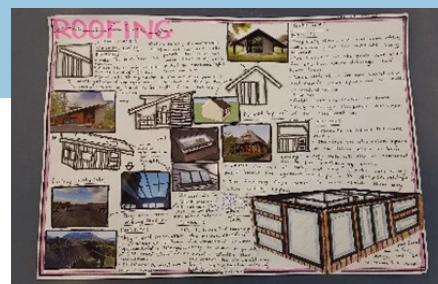
## Year 11 Heirloom Toys



## Year 11 Product Design (Taonga Project)



## Year 12 DVC



**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**

# FRANKLIN SCHOOLS' CAREER EXPO

**Where: Pukekohe Indian Association Hall  
Ward Street, Pukekohe**

**When: Thursday, 25 March 2021**

**Doors open from 5:30pm to 7:30pm**



## Level 3 Art Students Taumata 3 Taonga Toi

### Jordan Petersen-Tutai

*'Phobias'*

#### What is the theme of your board?

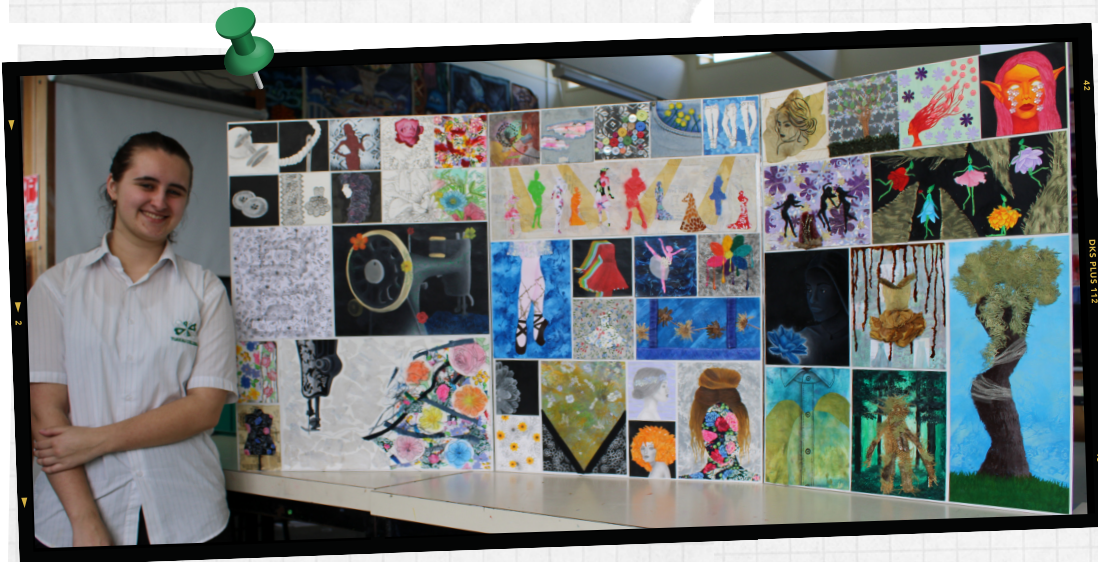
The theme of my board is phobias because I wanted to do something different. Most people show what a phobia is to them but I wanted people to guess what the phobias were! The first board shows spiders, claustrophobia, looking into mirrors, disease, light, cats and butterflies, small holes everywhere, flowers and spiders and then Hell, fire and death.

The second board shows snakes, owls, graveyards, flowers, mirrors, darkness, the ocean, blood, sleep paralysis, going to sleep, space and lucid dreaming. The third board shows spiders, butterflies, cats, sea monsters and jellyfish and all the boards are tied together through this final board.

**What is your favourite painting?** My favourite paintings are the ocean picture (11th) on the second board, the skull (8th) on the second board and then the spider painting at the top of the third board! The last image on Board one took me the longest to do!

**Why do you enjoy doing Art?** It's a way to express myself through colour and I can show myself through art more than I can vocally. Plus it's relaxing! I've taken art in Level 1, 2 and 3 and when I leave school I want to look at doing a make-up course!

**Advice for students taking Art in the future?** Don't try and think too hard! If you think of something you want to do, just do it! Go with your gut and don't overthink it!



### Taylor Duffus

*'Fashion and Flowers'*

#### What is the theme of your board?

The theme of my board is Fashion and Flowers. The first board is based around flowers, the second board is based around fashion related stuff and I started adding in textures. The final board is things that live in the forest and combining fashion and nature more.

**What is your favourite painting?** My favourite painting is on the first board and it's the third painting on the top row. The big picture of the sewing machine on the first board took the longest and took a lot of blending!

**Why do you enjoy doing Art?** Art is relaxing and calming and I like creative things. I like being able to take inspiration from things and put them all together. I really like textured art and bringing different mediums together. When I leave school I want to go to AUT and study Fashion Design or costume.

**Advice for students taking Art in the future?** Even if you feel like you're ahead, always keep pushing!





## Jamie Howe

*'People, Animals and Anatomy'*

**What is the theme of your board?** The theme of my board is People, Animals and Anatomy. The first board is animals, the second board is People with some animals included and the third board is just tying everything together.

**What is your favourite painting?** My favourite paintings are the bottom two paintings of board two. These are of Emily, my sister, and Raina, a student at this school.

**Why do you enjoy doing Art?** My favourite thing about Art is the achievement of it and seeing it all together and actually liking it! Hopefully next year I'll get into AUT to study Art and Design, however I'm still making my portfolio.

**Advice for students taking Art in the future?** Do lots of practice!



## HEALTH CENTRE Tari Hauora

To all caregivers of Year 8 students - please be aware that the nurse will do an in depth health assessment on your child next year. Please contact the nurse on extension 119 if you do not wish this to occur.

When contacted by the nurse to pick your child up please do so in a timely manner. We have a high turnover of students needing the beds in the clinic and this mean other students are affected when there are long wait times.

Please could all care givers update any change to their contact details if needed. It is unfair for a sick child to have to wait a long time to be picked up because we are having trouble finding a contact, plus it is vital in an emergency to have the correct details.

*Alison Robertson (School Nurse)*

Phone: 09 236 8521 ext 155



## *Diwali* Celebrations *Nga Whakanui Diwali*

Earlier this month our school celebrated Diwali with Bollywood dancing and henna at lunchtime! It was great to see so many smiles on our students and staff alike!



## **Trees for Survival (Horticulture Department)** ***Nga Rakau hei oranga ake (Tari Mahinga Mahi)***

The Horticulture Department at Tuakau College has recently joined the Trees for Survival programme. This programme's aim is 'to grow native seedlings to plant on unstable land, to prevent erosion and improve stream flow and water quality, increase native biodiversity and offset carbon emissions. This will enable students to develop a deeper connection with their local environment and why we need to ensure our waterways remain healthy.

The practical component will enable NCEA students to gain knowledge of and be assessed against their understanding of planting trees and shrubs under close supervision. The Horticulture Department is very grateful for the financial support of the Tuakau Rotary Club that contributed towards the purchase a plant growing unit, as well as the annual fees to sustain the project.

We are also fortunate to have a field officer, Marian Jones, who will be working alongside our students. Marian is a local and trained in horticulture and gardening, doing her apprenticeship at the Auckland Botanic Gardens. Marian has worked teaching children 'Learning Through Experience' environmental education for Auckland Council Parks, and has taught adults in many areas of horticulture, with emphasis on Vocational training.





## Year 13 Leavers

### *Rau 13 Tau*

When our Seniors went on Study Leave we farewelled our Year 13 students as they venture out into life after high school! They created some 'art' on the school field and 'decorated' teachers doors with removable pen. Their Graduation Dinner will be held in a couple of weeks, where they will get an official farewell.



Here they are pictured in their Year 13 Leavers Jerseys.



## Franklin Athletics

### *Franklin Nga hakinakina*

A group of Year 7&8 students recently represented our school at the Franklin Athletics Day! They all did so well and made us proud! Congratulations to Nian Van Loggerenberg and Paige Fletcher who qualified for the Auckland Athletics Champs. At the Auckland Athletics Champs yesterday, Paige became the Auckland Year 7 Discus and Shotput champion! She broke the Auckland Year 7 Shotput record with 10.32 (3kg), which is 50cm further than the old record! She also came 6th in the 100m final and 6th in the Long Jump. Congratulations Paige!





## Physical Education Tournaments *Nga Whakataetae Akoranga Tinana*

**Earlier this month our Junior and Middle College students competed in inter-class PE tournaments.** Year 7 students competed in a Soccer/Football tournament, Year 8 students in a Endzone Tournament, Year 9 students in a Softball Tournament and Year 10 students in a Touch Rugby Tournament! All photos can be found on our Facebook page.

Congratulations to the overall winners of each tournament as listed below!

Year 7 Soccer/Football Tournament Champions: 7R

Year 8 Endzone Tournament Champions: 8R

Year 9 Softball Tournament Champions: 9R

Year 10 Touch Rugby Tournament Champions: 10Q



## Junior Waka Ama Competition *Junior Waka Ama Whakataetae*



**Congratulations to our Year 9 and 10 Junior Waka Ama teams who competed at the Junior Waka Ama competition run by College Sport at the Orakei Basin Reserve.** It was a stellar performance from the boys who placed 1st in their Plate Final with a time of 1 minute, 16 seconds! Congratulations Rima Turner, Bailey Marshall, Teina Panapa, Callum Temara, Wairangi Shaw and Brooklyn Murphy. Our girls also did well on the day with an awesome effort and are keen to aim for Nationals!



# Calendar

## Maaramataka for Term 4 2020

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
12 OCT  Term 4 starts	13	14 School Assembly Y13 Outdoor Tramp Tararewa	15  Y13 Outdoor Tramp Tararewa	16  Y13 Outdoor Tramp Tararewa	17 North Island Secondary Schools Orienteering Champs	18
19  Manaaki Marae	20 Manaaki Marae Mufti Day PTA Meeting	21  Whanau Assembly <b>Sports Awards</b>	22	23	24	25
26  Labour Day (Public Holiday)	27  Year 7&8 Touch BOT Meeting	28 Year Levels Assembly Year 8 Immunisations	29	30	31	1
2 NOV	3	4 Junior Boys Touch <b>Matariki Awards Assembly</b>	5  <i>Uniform Shop Clearance Sale</i>	6	7	8
9	10	11  <b>Senior Prizegiving</b>	12 Year 13 Breakfast Senior Reports emailed Junior Exams	13  Junior Exams	14	15
16 Year 9 Leadership Course NCEA Exams	17 PTA Meeting NCEA Exams	18 Year Levels Assembly NCEA Exams	19 Teacher Only Day NCEA Exams	20  NCEA Exams	21	22
23  Junior Golf NCEA Exams	24 BOT Meeting NCEA Exams	25 School Assembly NCEA Exams	26 DOE Tramp NCEA Exams	27 DOE Tramp NCEA Exams	28 DOE Tramp	29
30  Year 8 Camp NCEA Exams	1 DEC  Year 8 Camp NCEA Exams	2  Year 8 Camp Year 10 Camp NCEA Exams	3  Year 9 Tramp Year 10 Camp NCEA Exams	4 Year 7 Rainbows End Trip Year 9 Tramp Year 10 Camp NCEA Exams	5	6
7  Graduation Dinner NCEA Exams	8  NCEA Exams	9  NCEA Exams	10 Last day of Term 4 <b>Junior and Middle College Prizegiving</b>	11  Teacher Only Day	12	13

Camp Week: The Year 8 Port Waikato Camp is from Monday 30 November to Wednesday 2 December. The Year 9 Pinnacles Trip is from Thursday 3rd to Friday 4th December. The Year 10 Waitawheta Camp is from Wednesday 2 to Friday 4 December.

## 2021 Dates

School will start for 2021 for new students on 3 February, 2021. All students will start on 4 February, 2021. Further information regarding this will be published closer to the time.