

Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year
to all our students, staff and wider community!



Meri Kirihimete me te Tau Hou Hari!

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We celebrated the last day of school for 2020 with both our Junior and Middle College Prizegivings!

For a list of the major prizewinners from each of these prizegivings please see inside. For a full list of all prizewinners you can visit www.tuakaucollege.com/academic-prizegivings. All photos from the day can be found on the Tuakau College Facebook page.

We wish all our students a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Make the most of your break, the nice weather and some relaxation and we look forward to seeing you all again at the start of next year!

(Dates for the start of 2021 can be found inside)



**Rūaumoko
Red House**

Rūaumoko (also known as Rūamoko) is the god of earthquakes, volcanoes and seasons. He is the youngest son of Ranginui (the Sky father) and Papatūānuku (the Earth mother) (commonly called Rangi and Papa).



2021 START DATES

Monday 25 January - Student Centre opens. Please note that on Thursday 28 January the Student Centre will be closed between 11am and 2pm.

Friday 29 January - Accounts Office opens

Monday 1 February - Auckland Anniversary Holiday

Tuesday 2 February - Year 12 & 13 Course Confirmation in the iHub. Year 13 students to come from 9am-11am. Year 12 students to come from 11:30am-1:30pm. Be aware there could be queues so please be patient. Bus service starts.

Wednesday 3 February - New students Pōwhiri. All new students to be in full uniform and to meet at the iHub at 9am. (No stationery required). Year 12 and 13 students to meet at the school Gym at 9am in full uniform. The Peer Support programme will run. There will be a sausage sizzle at 1:30pm and the day will finish after that.

Thursday 4 February - All students start school in full uniform. Meet at the school gym at 9am for assembly. Please ensure you have PE uniform to wear in the afternoon.
(No stationery required)

Friday 5 February - Timetable starts and Year Levels Assembly.
(Stationery required)

BUS SERVICE STARTS ON TUESDAY 2 FEBRUARY, 2021

During January (2021) there will be an e-Bulletin published with key information about Tuakau College and 2021. Stationery Lists and other key information will be put on the Tuakau College website (www.tuakaucollege.com), under the 'Key Information' tab once they have been finalised.

2021 TERM DATES

Term 1: Tuesday 2 February to Friday 16 April. (*Auckland Anniversary - 1 Feb; Easter Break - 2 to 6 April*)

Term 2: Monday 3 May to Friday 9 July. (*Teachers Only Day - 13 May; Queens Birthday - 7 June*)

Term 3: Monday 26 July to Friday 1 October. (*Teachers Only Day - 10 Aug*)

Term 4: Monday 18 Oct to Tuesday 14 December. (*Labour Day - 25 Oct; Teachers Only Day - 25 Nov; NCEA Exams from Monday 8 Nov to Thursday 2 Dec*)

Junior College Prizegiving 2020

Congratulations to our Junior College prizewinners yesterday! Well done to Tia Barker who won the Betty Family Cup for the Top Year 8 student for Overall Academic Excellence and Abbi McKay who won the Paton Family Cup for the Top All-Round Year 8 student across the four kete! For a full list of prizewinners please visit www.tuakaucollege.com/academic-prizegivings



Betty Family Cup
Top Year 8 student for
Overall Academic
Excellence in Year 13

Tia Barker



Paton Family Cup
Top All-Round Year 8
student across the
four kete

Abbi McKay



Mary Nelson Cup
Outstanding
Citizenship,
Embodying school
values

Brooke Ngatai



Wolfsbauer Award
Excellence in Attitude

Simione Toafa



Rowan Hucker Cup
Top Junior College
student in Physical
Education

Matiu Ruka



**Kapa Haka
Leadership Award**

Takaiho Haunui-
Tamehana



**Pasifika Group
Dedication Award**

Simione Toafa



Middle College Prizegiving 2020

Well done to all our Middle College prizewinners yesterday! Congratulations to Sarah Muller who won the Principal's Cup for Top Year 10 student for Overall Academic Excellence and the Chris Betty Cup for the Top All-Round Year 10 student across the four kete! For a full list of prizewinners please visit www.tuakaucollege.com/academic-prizegivings



Principal's Cup

*Top Year 10 student
for Overall Academic
Excellence*

Sarah Muller



Chris Betty Cup

*Top All-Round Year 10
student across the
four kete*

Sarah Muller



Hema Cup

*Reflecting the School
Motto*

Bharavi Dutt



Tim Foy Cup

*For Industry,
Co-operation and
Service*

Erica Welch



Douglas Hughes Memorial Trophy

For Whanau Loyalty

Wil Ryan



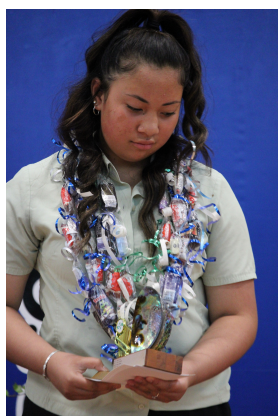
Pasifika Group Inspiration Award

Lata Vakalahi



Lions Club Award For Excellence in Whaikorero

Hauraki Hira



Wootton Cup

*Top Middle College
student in Physical
Education*

Rima Turner



Middle College Prizegiving Photos



CAMP WEEK 2020

Last week was Camp Week for our Junior and Middle College! Our Year 8 students went to Port Waikato Camp and enjoyed the beach and adventure challenges, our Year 9 students hiked the Pinnacles in Thames, our Year 10 students lived it up at Waitawheta Camp and our Year 7 students visited Rainbows End for a day!

Year 8 Camp



Year 9 Tramp



Year 10 Camp



GRADUATION DINNER 2020

Last Monday we officially farewelled our Year 13 students at the Graduation Dinner! A huge thank you to our guest speaker, Lucy Edwards, who some of you may remember from her days at Tuakau College!

We wish all our Year 13 students the very best for the future!
Remember: "Pai rawa atu i nga mea katoa - the very best in all things!"



Social Media

By Danelle Young (9N)

Social Media is addictive and misleading.

How is social media addictive?

There are many ways that you can be addicted to social media such as: boredom, seeking attention or connection, and the fear of missing out. The main cause of addiction is the fear of missing out. People, especially teenagers who have apps such as Instagram or Facebook, easily become addicted to the fact that they have a severe urge to see what's going on with their friends or colleagues. Over 90 per cent of the 200 million people connected to photo sharing networks are under the age of 35. This shows that the younger generations are being led to believe that they must see what's going on.

How is social media misleading?

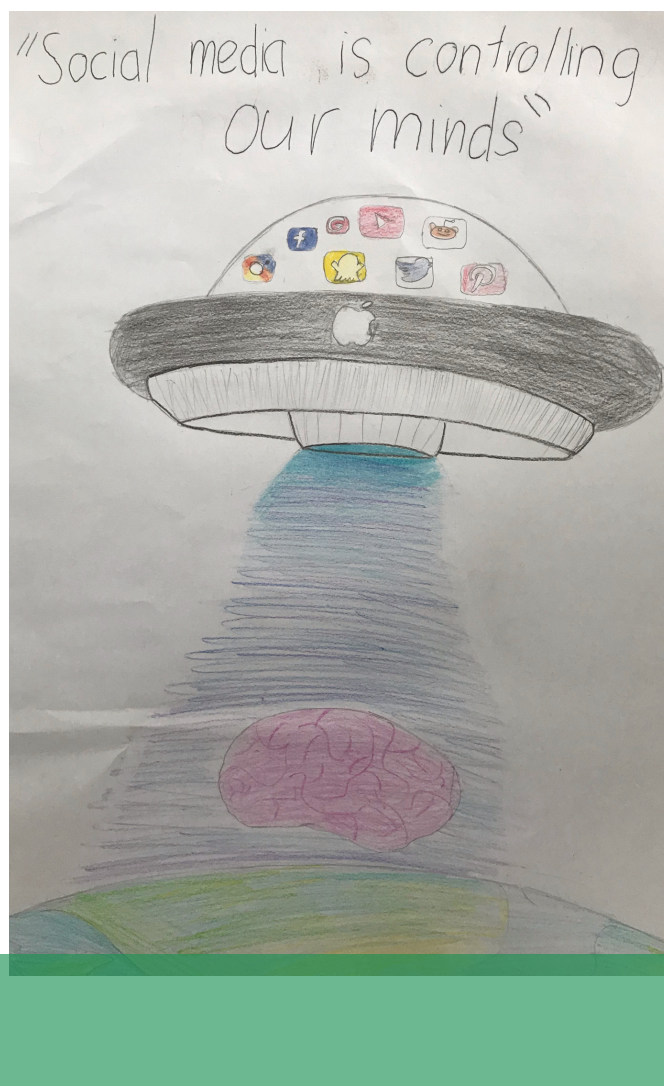
Users regularly encounter false and misleading information on social media. 28 per cent of adults say social media is very important for helping them keep up with political news and other developments happening in the world. They say that the information is more up to date and reliable than what they get from other sources. They also say that they are able to find new ideas on social media. People are made to believe what they see on the internet, for example the US election and how Donald Trump said that he would have won the election and there was fraud which caused Joe Biden to win.

"Last night I was leading, often solidly, in many key States, in almost all instances Democrat run and controlled. Then, one by one, they started to magically disappear as surprise ballot dumps were counted. VERY STRANGE, and the 'pollsters' got it completely and historically wrong!"

Donald Trump claims he was unfairly treated and had an unfair disadvantage causing Joe Biden to win. Social Media users are made to believe this because it ended up on Snapchat, Instagram, Facebook and Tiktok.

I did a survey to find out about students and teachers' usage of social media. A lot of people said that social media has had a negative impact on a friendship or relationship. I found that the older they were, the more common it was for them to say that it had a negative impact on them. I also found that the older they were the more reliant they were on social media.

My conclusion is that social media is a behavioural addiction that gives you the urge to constantly open your social media account. I found that social media can affect mental health and academic performance. More commonly than not, younger generations are glued to their phones. I also found that, in today's society, social media is more addictive than drugs and alcohol.



VISION:
Tuakau College prepares students for life through a quality education promoting excellence in all things.

TUAKAU COLLEGE

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.

TUAKAU COLLEGE

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, Maku e ki atu, He tangata he tangata.
He tangata, what is the greatest thing? It is people, it is people, it is people.



HEALTH CENTRE *Tari Hauora*

Another reminder to all caregivers of next year's Year 9 students. The school nurse will be completing an in depth health assessment on your student. Please contact her directly if you do not wish this to occur.

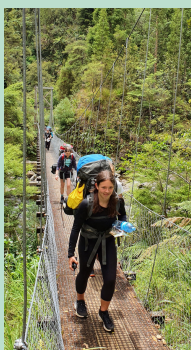
Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and an amazing holiday!

Alison Robertson (School Nurse)

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Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Tramp *Tuhinga o mua Tapae parahi*

In the last couple of weeks of school our Duke of Edinburgh students completed their Bronze Tramp. Well done to all on a great effort!



CHRISTMAS AND SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Make your summer stress-free, KAS has care options to suit your family all summer long! Join us for exciting trips and activities including Adrenalin Forest, Fitkidz, Barn Dance, Master Chef and Wheelie Wednesday! Try our new Hungry Games challenge or summer favourites like Nerf and Water Wards, Christmas Carnival, a trip to the beach and of course Rainbows End! Check out all our awesome activities on offer, from lots of festive fun to Midsummer Dreams!

We are open until the 23rd December, reopening on the 5th January.

Open Monday to Friday 7am - 6pm.

For more information and bookings visit us at www.kidsafterschool.co.nz

Any questions please call our office on 09 236 4078

MSD Social Sector Level 3 Accreditation

WINZ Subsidies available for eligible families

Due to Harrisville School starting back on the 2nd February 2021, we are unable to do a full day of care at our Harrisville Programme. However, we do have the option of Holiday Programme days at our Pukekohe Hill, Pokeno and Bombay Programmes on this date.

Please contact our office on 09 236 4078 for more information and bookings.

Calendar

Maaramataka

for Term 1 2021

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1 FEB Auckland Anniversary	2 Bus Service starts Year 12 and 13 Subject Confirmation	3 New Students Pōwhiri Year 12&13 students start school	4 Term 1 starts for all students	5 Timetable starts Year Levels Assembly	6	7
8 Waitangi Day Holiday	9	10	11	12 Swimming Sports	13	14 Valentines Day
15	16	17 Year 8 Vaccination Talk	18	19 Athletics Day	20	21
22	23	24 Head Students Course	25	26	27	28
1 MARCH	2	3 School Photos	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Year 8 Vaccinations Year 7 Vaccination Talks Careers Expo	26	27	28
29	30	31	1 APRIL	2 Good Friday Easter Holiday	3  Easter Holiday	4 Easter Holiday
5 Easter Monday Easter Holiday	6 Easter Tuesday Easter Holiday	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Year 7 Camp	15 Year 7 Camp	16 Year 7 Camp Term 1 ends	17	18