

Upcoming events

Take Waaheke

Term 4 Starts -
Monday 6 October

Sports Awards -
Wednesday 15 October

Labour Day
 (Public Holiday) -
Monday 27 October

Senior Prizegiving -
Wednesday 29 October

Year 13 Breakfast -
Thursday 30 October

Staff Only Day -
Friday 14 November

Junior and Middle
 College Prizegiving -
Thursday 11 December

Term 4 Ends -
Thursday 11 December

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 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 Wiki o te Reo Maaori photos on Page 4



Koorero a te Tumuaki *The Principal speaks:*

Kia ora koutou katoa!

We have finished Term 3 and look forward to Term 4 after the school holidays. We can't wait to celebrate the successes and achievements of our students with Sports Awards and academic Prizegiving's during Term 4!

Our senior students (Year 11, 12 and 13) only have three 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 be focussed and have a robust revision program in place now. This will help with revising the key pieces of work that the students did not do successfully in their Mock Exams at the end of Term 3.

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 be focussed, study and persevere. I want to wish the students all the best for these exams!

At the start of Term 4 we will welcome our new Deputy Principal, Mrs Kelly Hemana. She is replacing Mrs Dinneen who we sadly farewellled at the end of Term 3.

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Koorero a te Tumuaki Haere tonu. . .

The Principal speaks continued. . .

. . . Board elections have now been completed. Our new Student Representative on the Board is Poppy Aislabie. We thank Kyuss McDowall for all her work during her time as Student Representative on the Board. The new Staff Representative on the Board is Mr Warner and we thank Mrs Potts for all her work during her time as Staff Representative on the Board. The newly elected parent representative Board members are Matthew Preston, Jarhn Gussey, Erin Jones and Mahaki Albert. We thank the outgoing Board members for all their mahi during their time on the Tuakau College Board.

A friendly reminder about vehicles in and around our kura. Our students safety is important and we ask you to please ensure that you are using your vehicle in a safe manner in and around them and our school. There are a large influx of vehicles using both the Elizabeth Street and Buckland Road entrances to the school for pick ups and drop offs each day. Please keep your speed to the speed limit of 40km/hr and as you enter the Elizabeth Street entrance and please be aware of traffic exiting the school.

Where the Council has marked broken yellow lines (no stopping lines) near the edge of the road, that means vehicles are not to park there, as per the New Zealand Transport Agency rules. Vehicles are also not to park in front, or closer than 1 metre to a vehicle entrance, as per the New Zealand Transport Agency rules. You can be fined and/or have your vehicle towed away if you park in these places. We ask that our wider school community please be respectful of these road rules, each other and residents that live around/near the school. A reminder to all students that they need to be respectful of other people's properties. This means not trespassing or taking shortcuts as they go home. New housing areas are out of bounds and students should not be trespassing or entering construction sites.

We hope you've all saved the date of your child/children's prizegiving next term and we can't wait to celebrate their successes with you! The Senior Prizegiving will be held on the evening of Wednesday 29 October. Our Sports Awards will be held on the evening of Wednesday 15 October. Junior and Middle College Prizegiving's will be held on Thursday 11 December and this is the last day of Term 4.

Next term we will start to publish information about start dates for 2026. The end of the year will be upon us before we know it! I wish you all a safe school holidays. Please make sure you relax and travel safely if you are travelling and let's hope for some better weather soon! The holidays are a good opportunity for senior students to get some more study time. See you all next term - refreshed and ready for Term 4!

Mr Chris Betty (Principal)



VISION:

Ka whakarite kareti o Tuakau i ngā ākonga kia whai tāna e tōmina nei, kia kōunga tonu tana kete mātauranga. Tuakau College prepares students for life through a quality education promoting excellence in all things.

TUAKAU COLLEGE

STRATEGIC GOALS - TUAKAU COLLEGE WILL:

Whakawhānui i ngā whai wāhitanga te angitūtanga o ngā ākonga.

Maximise opportunities for student achievement.

Me ārahi i ngā whanaketanga o te rohe o te Ao hurihuri.

Lead local developments in a continuously changing world.

Kia noho hei manawa o te hapori kia hiahia te katoa.

Be the heart of the community where everyone wants to be.

MANAAKI, AROHA + WHAKAUTE

CARING, LOVE + RESPECT

He aha te mea nui o te Ao?
He tāngata, he tāngata, he tāngata.
What is the most important thing in the world?
It is people, it is people, it is people.

NGĀKAU TAPATAHI

INTEGRITY

Kaua e takahia te mana o te tāngata. Do not trample on the mana of the people.

Ū TONUTANGA

PERSEVERANCE

Kaua e mate wheke mate mangōpare. Don't give up like an octopus but fight like a hammerhead shark.

TINO PAI RAWA

EXCELLENCE

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

TUAKAU COLLEGE

Year 7&8 Mathex Competition Tau 7&8 Whakataetae Pangangarau

Well done to our Year 7 and Year 8 Mathex teams that competed on Friday 30 August! The Year 7 team placed eighth out of 24! The Year 8 team placed sixth.



Tug of War 2025 *Tohanga whawhai 2025*



On Friday 19 September we had our Tug of War house competition and as always it brought plenty of house spirit! The gym was abuzz with students ready to show their strength as a team and support others in their house. Congratulations to Tawhirimatea who placed first with 205 points! Tane Mahuta placed second with 187 points, Tangaroa placed third with 177 points and Ruaumoko placed fourth with 107 points! Great to see our students out there giving it a go and representing their house with pride!



Te Reo Maaori Language Week 2025

Te Wiki o Te Reo Maaori 2025



From 15 - 19 September we celebrate the 50th anniversary of Te Wiki o te Reo Maaori! Born of activism, the week grew from a single 'Maori Language Day' set up in 1972. The seeds of a full week dedicated to te reo Maaori were planted in 1974. By 1975 Te Wiki had found its footing and was off! Its growth and gains are what we celebrate 50 years on. Kia kaha taatou ki te koorero Maaori!

Our Mahi Toi Mane winner was Maxwell from 8O. Winners for our Paatai o te Raa came from the teina of our kura; Almani, Mauriora and Pippa. Paatai: *Ko wai te Kuini Maaori? Whakautu tika: Ko Te Arikinui Kuini Nga wai hono i te po te kuini Maaori.* Our Tuesday question was 'He aha te kupu Maaori o te moko kanoahi moo ngaa waahine?' Whakautu: "He moko kauae te kupu Maaori o te moko kanoahi moo ngaa waahine." Ko ngaa kaiwhiwhi: Ko Deroy (9R), raatou ko Tatijanna (9S), ko Dayton (7R) - Ka rawe koutou! Ngeetehi i aa maatou aakonga i mau mataora me ngaa moko kauae. The Wednesday question was "He aha te kupu e waatea ana i teenei waiata rongonui?" "Wheuri te poo, ***** ana, ngaa whetuu piiataata.." "tiirama te kupu e waatea ana." Ngaa toa: Aaron Best (BJPR), Harmony (YLSH) and Lincoln Hira (YHCO). On Wednesday some of our Year 7, 8 and 9 Reo Rua students went to share a few waiata and haka for the tamariki at Tuakau Playcentre! Our Thursday question was "Ko te aha teenei Raa?" Ngaa toa: Emma from 8O and Kanishka from 7P. "Ko te Raapare/Taite te tekau ma waru o Mahuru/Hepetema." Raa Kaakahu Maaori: I tuu poho kereruu a Tearani ki oona kaakahu rerehua i te rangi nei. Ko Tearani te aakonga anake o te kura i mau eenei taonga, kei runga noa atu koe e hine!

Te Wiki o te Reo Maaori Year 7&8 Challenge 1 - the wero (challenge) was to research and display a quote from the kauwhau (speech) of Te Arikinui Kuini Nga wai hono i te po at her recent Koroneihana. Tuatahi (1st) - 7N; Khloe, Zylah, Luna, Sadie, Gurleen, Coby, Keenan and Taokoak. Tuarua (2nd) - 8P; Temprance and Ella. Tuatoru (3rd) - 7R; Mauriora. Te Wiki o te Reo Maaori Year 7&8 Wero Tuarua - the wero (challenge) was to create a diamanté poem all i roto i te reo Maaori. Tuatahi (1st) - 8P; Jasleen and Avannah. Tuarua (2nd) - 8R; Season. Tuatoru (3rd) - 7N; Khloe, Taakoaki, Taylor and Gurleen. He taumata anoo aa raatou mahi.



UNISS Competition 2025 *Whakataetae UNISS 2025*



From 25 - 29 August was Winter Sports Tournament week and secondary schools were represented by their teams in respected codes all across the motu! A huge well done to our UNISS Netball team who battled it out each day of the week at the Auckland Netball Centre! Like all teams, they had their share of ups and downs on the court - whether it be injuries, wins and/or losses - but one thing must be said, the girls persevered, showed resilience and determination when it counted! He manawanui Tuakau!

Some highlights were:

- Tuakau remains in B Grade - yay!
- Exposure to UNISS tournament, especially for our Year 10 and 11 girls.
- All girls got court time!
- Our only Year 13 student, Takaiho Haunui- Tamehana, played out her last secondary schools tournament with a win (and playing C even)! Nui te mihi taku iramutu!
- All of our amazing supporters that took the time to support our team and those that kindly provided kai and treats for the girls! Thanks again also to First Choice House Inspections for sponsoring the teams hoodies this year!

Overall the girls can walk away (some limping) feeling super proud of representing Tuakau College and their whaanau! Biggest thanks to Allan Luu for all his time, expertise and support working with the team through each of their competitions this year, along with Lee-Anne Shaw and Ani Taua! It wouldn't be possible without you.



SPORTS AWARDS

Celebrating sporting achievement

**WEDNESDAY 15
OCTOBER, 2025**

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

OPEN EVENT FOR FAMILIES AND SUPPORTERS
STUDENTS MUST BE IN SCHOOL UNIFORM

PLEASE RSVP TO ANI.TAU@TUAKAUCOLLEGE.COM OR
09 236 8521 EXT. 121 BY WEDNESDAY 1 OCTOBER, 2025



Equestrian Team compete at Championships

Ka whakataetae te kapa Equestrian ki nga Whakataetae



Recently our Equestrian team had an awesome week in Taupo at the 2025 North Island Secondary Schools Equestrian Championships! The secondary school team consisting of Sarah Martin (Year 11), Ellie Entwisle (Year 10), Charli Sabine (Year 10) and Pippa Thomas (Year 9) finished a very credible 13th out of 79 teams! Sammy Kull (Year 7) rode as an individual competitor. Held at the National Equestrian Centre in Taupo, there were 486 competitors taking part in this competition! The week was a true testament to the hard work, grit, and dedication these students have shown all winter!

Sammy Kull (who competed individually due to being too young to compete as part of the team) placed in 4 out of 5 of her classes, coming 3rd in her Show Hunter class, 3rd and then 5th in her two Show Jumping classes and 5th in her Dressage!

Pippa Thomas had top performances across multiple disciplines: Individual Results – Top 10 in every discipline, 1st in Pony Accumulator, 2nd in CTR (Competitive Trail Riding), 6th in Arena Eventing, 8th in Eventing, 10th in Dressage and 10th in Show Hunter. To achieve these results at her first attempt in the team event is awesome! Charli Sabine placed 4th in Level 1 Horse Dressage, 4th in 95cm Horse Arena Eventing, 5th in 1m Horse Show Jumping and 5th in 1m Horse Show Hunter! Ellie Entwisle placed 3rd in 80cm Pony Show Jumping and 4th in 80cm Pony Show Hunter! Sarah Martin placed 3rd in 80cm Horse Show Jumping!

A huge thank you to Equestrian Sports NZ, the sponsors, officials, volunteers, and everyone who helped make this amazing week possible at the Fiber Fresh National Equestrian Centre in Taupo. Outstanding work, Equestrian team!



AIMS Games 2025

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Congratulations to all our Year 7&8 AIMS teams/students that represented our school at the 2025 AIMS Games at Mount Maunganui. The Zespri AIMS Games are the largest intermediate aged sporting event in New Zealand and they are an awesome opportunity for our students to experience. We had three teams and five individual competitors proudly representing our school across a range of sports – and what a week it was!

Golf – Lincoln Hira & John Bovill. This year saw the introduction of Golf to our AIMS competitors, with Lincoln and John competing across three days of intense 18-hole rounds, from Tauranga to Mount Maunganui. Despite having only two players in a team event, the boys secured 11th place overall – a fantastic achievement in a strong field!

Swimming – Lexie Pope. Lexie competed in her first major swimming event, and while she didn't place this time, the experience has fuelled her passion and determination.

BMX – Devon Smith. What an incredible performance by Devon, who finished 5th overall in the BMX competition! A phenomenal result and a highlight of the week.

Cross Country and Enduro MTB – Eleanor Williams. Eleanor took on two individual events this year – completing the 3km cross country in a strong time of 16:17.61, and finishing 19th overall in the Enduro Mountain Biking. A huge effort across two demanding disciplines!

Football. Our Football team finished 61st overall, with each day bringing stronger performances and greater teamwork. The final placing doesn't reflect the progress and determination shown throughout the week.

Netball. After a tough start, our netball team found their rhythm, ending the tournament with 6 wins and 4 losses, and a final placing of 71st. A solid effort that showed real grit and growth.

Rugby 7's – Boys. With many players experiencing 7's Rugby for the first time, our boys showed adaptability and heart, finishing 26th overall. Once the team found their footing, there were some brilliant tries and moments of play!

A huge thank you to all our coaches, managers, and whaanau – your time, support, and encouragement made this possible. We are incredibly grateful for everything you do behind the scenes!

To our Year 8 students, as you wrap up your final AIMS Games, thank you for representing our school with pride. Your perseverance, sportsmanship, and dedication have been nothing short of inspiring. Here's to more sport, more success, and more memories.



Year 7&8 Franklin Basketball Tournament *Tau 7&8 Te Whakataetae Poitukohu Franklin*



Tuakau College made a strong impression at this year's Year 7&8 Franklin Basketball Tournament, entering five teams across two action-packed days of competition. Our teams — made up of Boys, Girls, and Mixed groups — brought energy, teamwork, and plenty of school pride to the court!

Day One saw our two Boys teams face off against some tough opposition. The level of skill and intensity from all teams was impressive, and our players rose to the challenge, showcasing some slick moves, solid defense, and great sportsmanship!

Day Two was all about the Mixed and Girls teams — and they did not disappoint! Many of our girls, more familiar with the netball court, stepped into the basketball arena with enthusiasm and determination. Despite the code switch, they showed fantastic adaptability, and hustle. The Mixed team, a blend of skills and personalities, came together and had an absolute blast on the court. The hard work and teamwork paid off, with both the Girls and Mixed teams finishing 1st overall in their divisions — an outstanding achievement!

A huge thank you to our student helpers who supported the teams across the tournament: Hunter Hodson, Korbin Green, Chelsea Karsten, and Flynn Thompson — your efforts behind the scenes helped make the days run smoothly!



Faith shines at Piano examinations *Ka whiti te whakapono ki nga whakamatautau Piano*

Congratulations to Faith Pereira (Year 8 student) who recently sat her Preparatory Piano examinations, with New Zealand Modern School of Music, and passed with Honours! Well done Faith.



Fire Safety Message - Multi Level Homes *Karere Haumaru Ahi - Nga Whare Taumata Maha*

Multi-level homes need multi-level protection! Did you know that multi-level homes pose a much higher risk in the event of a fire? In recent years, there have been multiple fatalities in New Zealand in houses without enough working smoke alarms. If you or someone you know lives in a two-storey or multi-level home, it's critical to have as much early warning as possible. Smoke alarms save lives – but only when they're installed and working.

The Tuakau Volunteer Fire Brigade is offering FREE home fire safety visits, including the installation of free smoke alarms. Their goal is simple; to help keep you and your loved ones safe. Message them directly to book your free visit or visit <https://www.fireandemergency.nz/home-fire-safety/home-fire-safety-visits/>

Don't let your second storey be your last!





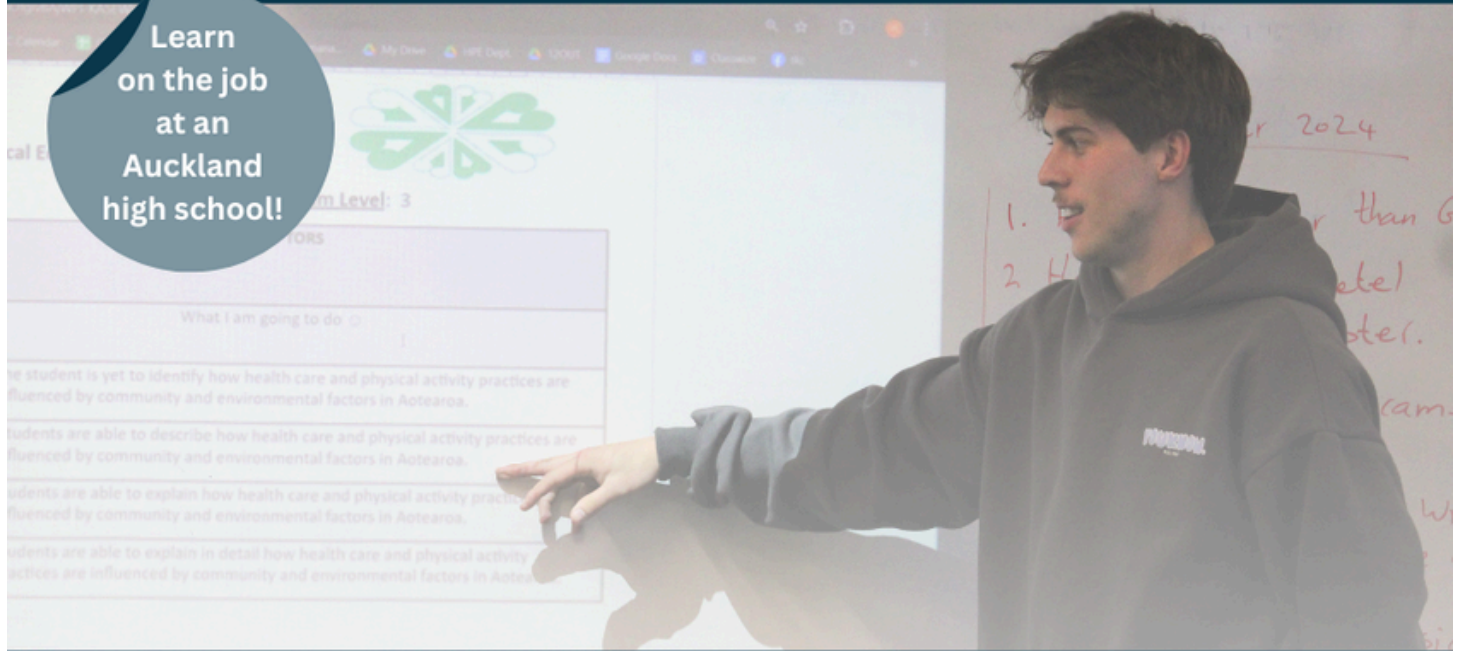
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Calendar

Maaramataka for Term 4 2025

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A 'WEEK AHEAD' IS POSTED ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES EACH SUNDAY WITH UP TO DATE INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK AHEAD.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Day 6 6 OCT Term 4 Starts Tuvalu Lang. Week	Day 1 7 Tuvalu Lang. Week	Day 2 8 11SCI Trip Tuvalu Lang. Week	Day 3 9 Tuvalu Lang. Week	Day 4 10 Tuvalu Lang. Week	11	12
Day 5 13 Fijian Lang. Week	Day 6 14 Fijian Lang. Week	Day 1 15 12CHE Trip Sports Awards Fijian Lang. Week	Day 2 16 Fijian Lang. Week	Day 3 17 Fijian Lang. Week	18	19
Day 4 20 Diwali Week	Day 5 21 Diwali Week	Day 6 22 Diwali Week	Day 1 23 Diwali Week	Day 2 24 Diwali Week	25	26
27 Labour Day (Public Holiday)	Day 3 28 Niue + Tokelau Lang. Week Board Meeting	Day 4 29 Niue + Tokelau Lang. Week Senior Prizegiving	Day 5 30 Niue + Tokelau Lang. Week Year 13 Breakfast	Day 6 31 Niue + Tokelau Lang. Week	1 NOV	2
Day 1 3	Day 2 4 NZQA Exams Start	Day 3 5 Year 8 Camp	Day 4 6 Year 8 Camp	Day 5 7 Year 8 Camp	8	9
Day 6 10	Day 1 11 Franklin Golf	Day 2 12	Day 3 13	14 Staff Only Day	15	16
Day 4 17 Year 9 Camp	Day 5 18 'Friends of Tuakau College' (PTA) Meeting Year 9 Camp	Day 6 19 Year 9 Camp	Day 1 20	Day 2 21	22	23
Day 3 24 Year 10 Camp	Day 4 25 Franklin Golf Year 10 Camp Board Meeting	Day 5 26 Year 10 Camp Year 7 Trip	Day 6 27 Franklin Golf	Day 1 28	29	30
Day 2 1 DEC	Day 3 2	Day 4 3 Leavers Dinner	Day 5 4	Day 6 5	6	7
Day 1 8	Day 2 9	Day 3 10	Day 4 11 Junior and Middle College Prizegivings Term 4 Ends			