



UPCOMING events

***Nga Takahanga Ka
Haere Mai***

*Cross Country -
Friday 2 May*

*Report Evenings -
Tuesday 6 May and
Thursday 8 May*

*School Ball -
Saturday 7 June*

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**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).**

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Koorero a te Tumuaki The Principal speaks:

Ngaa mihi Mahana Kia Koutou – Warm greetings to you all! Welcome back after the Term One holidays. I hope you are all ready for another action-packed term. It's a short term but there is a lot on!

During the holidays we celebrated Easter and also ANZAC Day. It was awesome to see some of our students and school whaanau at the Tuakau ANZAC parade. There is more information/photos of this inside this e-Bulletin.

At the end of this week we have our Cross Country day and we look forward to seeing our students participate to earn valuable points for their house - the points may make all the difference at the end of the year.

Next week we also have our two Report Evenings, where we look forward to seeing you all come in to the school to meet with your child/children's teachers briefly to discuss how they are doing at school. The dates for these Report Evenings are Tuesday 6 May and Thursday 8 May and both of these dates run from 2:00pm - 7:00pm. We have moved to an online booking system this year - through SchoolBridge (link on our website homepage). Instructions about how to book were emailed out to all parents/caregivers at the end of Term 1. If you have any queries please contact Mrs Dinneen (Assistant Principal) on a.dinneen@tuakaucollege.com

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Koorero a te Tumuaki Haere tonu The Principal speaks continued:

... Winter will be upon us shortly. Tuakau College is a uniform school so please ensure your child has the correct uniform when attending school. Non-uniform items will be confiscated. Please re-read the uniform policy on our website if you are unsure. Our uniform looks smart when it is worn correctly and we often get compliments from other schools, members of the community, etc. about how good our students look in their uniforms. Be proud of your school and wear your uniform correctly with pride. It is a good habit to get into, to prepare you for the workforce where you may be required to have a certain uniform.

All the best to the winter sports teams that are kicking off their seasons shortly! We wish all our students representing the school the very best! A friendly reminder about school sports conduct and how we expect our students and spectators to behave and fair play. Students are representing our school in school uniform kit and therefore we expect a good behaviour and sportsmanship in every aspect of the sport - whether it be games, trainings, travelling to trainings, etc.

Another friendly reminder that when games are held on school grounds the school rules still apply to everyone on the grounds and therefore this means no smoking/vaping, no dogs or animals on site, etc. We love to see whaanau there supporting our students and encouraging them and we know it means the world to your children when you are there watching them. They are however, only children, and so we ask that spectators are considerate of this and kind and respectful.

We say a massive thank you to all those who volunteer as referees/umpires for sports as we know that games cannot go ahead without them and we ask that students and spectators alike are respectful of them also. Thank you also to the parents/caregivers/members of community that step up and dedicate their time for our students as coaches, managers, etc. Thank you so much for this as it couldn't happen without you!

We look forward to another busy term. It is 9 weeks but packed with lots of activities and hard work. Students should be building on their work from Term 1 and ensuring they have a sound homework program in place. We look forward to seeing everyone at our Report Evenings, coming up next week! Ka kite ano!

Mr Chris Betty (Principal)



NGĀKAU TAPATAHI INTEGRITY

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

In Term Two we focus on 'Ngākau Tapatahi - Integrity.'

Having integrity means that you live in accordance to your deepest values, you're honest with everyone, and you always keep your word.

Integrity is a highly valued trait, especially in good leaders.

Integrity often means refraining from sharing secrets with others, avoiding gossiping about others, following through on promises you make and admitting when you are wrong.

Let's all do our best to show integrity in everything we do this term!

VISION:

Ka whakarite kareti o Tuakau i ngā ākonga kia whai tōna e tōminā 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 moho 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

ANZAC Day 2025

Ra ANZAC 2025



Our Head Students, along with other students from our school, represented our school at the Tuakau ANZAC Day Parade on Friday 25 April, 2025. They represented our school with pride and Leo Brooker (Head Student) did a fantastic job speaking on behalf of the school. *We remember them, we will remember them. Lest we forget.*



Leo Brooker's ANZAC speech:

"Kia ora koutou, My name is Leo Brooker, and I'm one of the Head Students at Tuakau College. Today, I feel truly honoured to be speaking to you not just as a student, but as a young person in this community, reflecting on what ANZAC Day means to me and why it still matters today.

ANZAC Day is about remembering the brave soldiers from New Zealand and Australia who fought and died in wars, especially at Gallipoli in 1915. But for me, ANZAC Day goes beyond remembering battles or reading names on a memorial. It's a day that makes me pause and really think about how those sacrifices shaped the life I live today. As a teenager, life can sometimes feel like it's all about deadlines, decisions, and dreams for the future. But ANZAC Day reminds me that the freedom to have those dreams, to go to school, speak my mind, and live safely was earned through courage and sacrifice. Many of the soldiers we honour were only a few years older than I am now. That's a powerful thing to think about.

It makes me ask myself: what does bravery look like today? Maybe it's not fighting in a war, but standing up for what's right, showing compassion, and supporting others through tough times just like the ANZAC's stood by one another on the battlefield.

And finally, ANZAC Day challenges me to value peace. Remembering war helps me appreciate the peaceful life we have here – something we should never take for granted. It's a reminder to be grateful, and to use our voices and choices to build a better, kinder future.

So for me, ANZAC Day is not just about the past. It's about honouring the legacy of those who came before us by living with purpose, with courage, and with compassion. Thank you, Lest we forget."

Equestrian team compete at Pegasus Cup

Ka whakataetae te kapa hoiho ki te Ipu Pegasus



Tuakau College Equestrian team had a great two days competing in jumping at Takapoto Estate, for the Pegasus Cup. We are very proud of all of our four riders who represented us well, over three classes of tough competition. Charli Sabine (Year 10 student) won the Equitation, which was completed over two rounds. Many thanks to the organisers, judges and sponsors of a very well run competition. The Equestrian team riders were:

- Amellia Biggs (Year 10 student) and Mr Darcy
- Ellie Entwisle (Year 10 student) and He Picked Me
- Sarah Martin (Year 11 student) and Benjamin Dragon
- Charli Sabine (Year 10 student) and Banbury Oreo



School Ball 2025

Paoro Kura 2025



The 2025 School Ball Committee has organised the 2025 School Ball to occur on Saturday 7 June at The Verandah - Hamilton Lake. More information, including permission slips, has been sent out to senior students. Please note that completed forms and payments are due by Friday 9 May, 2025.

Please remember that attending the School Ball is a privilege, not an entitlement. As such, students must meet specific criteria to be eligible for attendance:

- Students must be in Year 11, 12 or 13
- Students must have no more than 5% unjustified absences
- Students must have no outstanding school fees
- Students must adhere to the Student Activities Code of Conduct/Policy

A friendly reminder that as we are all aware, the cost of living has risen and, regrettably, this has affected the expenses associated with organising the School Ball. Despite these challenges, the committee has worked tirelessly to secure the best possible deal.

Kiribati Group at Polyfest 2025

Kiribati Roopu i Polyfest 2025



This year a few of our Kiribati students combined with Pukekohe High School to participate in the 2025 Polyfest. These students were Liu-Makuli Kalele-Liapanekke (Year 9), Lupe Poila (Year 9), Areti Terarikinnang (Year 9), Meereta Itibounataake (Year 11) and Joyce Bakabane (Year 11). Well done girls!



Collecting students from school during the day

Te kohikohi i nga akonga mai i te kura i te ra



A friendly reminder that if parents/caregivers want to collect their child/children from school during a break time we are usually unable to locate them during the break time, due to them not being in a timetabled classroom at that time. If you need to collect your child/children from school during a break time please phone the school to notify us of that prior to the break time starting. That way we can get a message sent to your child/children about this before they leave their classroom and they know when to come to the Student Centre to be collected. We appreciate your understanding.

Calendar

Maaramataka for Term 2 2025

***PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THESE ARE INDICATIVE AND COULD CHANGE**
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 5 28 APRIL Term 2 Starts	Day 6 29 Board Meeting	Day 1 30	Day 2 1 MAY Whare Assembly Drama Theatre Trip	Day 3 2 Cross Country	3	4
Day 4 5 Year 8 Immunisations 11OUT Mountain Bike Trip	Day 5 6 11OUT Mountain Bike Trip Report Evening	Day 6 7	Day 1 8 Clay Target Shooting Trip Report Evening	Day 2 9 School Ball forms and payment due	10	11
Day 3 12 Business Studies Trip	Day 4 13 11OUT Mountain Bike Trip	Day 5 14 11OUT Mountain Bike Trip	Day 6 15 World Vision Assembly	Day 1 16	17	18
Day 2 19 Co Req Exams African Lang. Week	Day 3 20 Friends of Tuakau College Meeting Co Req Exams African Lang. Week	Day 4 21 13OUT Rotorua Tramp Co Req Exams African Lang. Week	Day 5 22 13OUT Rotorua Tramp African Lang. Week	Day 6 23 13OUT Rotorua Tramp African Lang. Week	24	25
Day 1 26 Samoan Lang. Week	Day 2 27 13OUT Rotorua Tramp Samoan Lang. Week Board Meeting	Day 3 28 13OUT Rotorua Tramp Samoan Lang. Week	Day 4 29 13OUT Rotorua Tramp Samoan Lang. Week Whare Assembly	Day 5 30 Samoan Lang. Week	31	1 JUNE
2 Kings Birthday (Public Holiday)	Day 6 3 12OUT Tramp	Day 1 4 12OUT Tramp	Day 2 5 School Assembly	Day 3 6	7 School Ball	8
Day 4 9 Year 7 Immunisations 12OUT Tramp Filipino Lang. Week	Day 5 10 12OUT Tramp Filipino Lang. Week	Day 6 11 Filipino Lang. Week	Day 1 12 Te Kauwhata Exchange Filipino Lang. Week	Day 2 13 Tough Guy Tough Gal Filipino Lang. Week	14	15
Day 3 16	Day 4 17 Team/Group Photos Friends of Tuakau College Meeting	Day 5 18 11OUT Rockclimbing Trip	Day 6 19 Clay Target Shooting Trip 11OUT Rockclimbing Trip	20 Matariki (Public Holiday)	21	22
23 Staff Only Day	Day 1 24 Board Meeting	Day 2 25	Day 3 26 Matariki Celebration Evening	Day 4 27 Term 2 Ends	28	29

TERM 3 STARTS ON MONDAY 14 JULY
TERM 3 ENDS ON FRIDAY 19 SEPTEMBER