

UPCOMING EVENTS

Kaupapa ka whai ake

Orientation Day -
Thursday 6 August

Open Evening -
Wednesday 12 August

Snow Camp -
*Monday 10 August to
 Friday 14 August*

In Zone Enrolment
 Applications due -
Friday 21 August

Out of Zone Enrolment
 Applications due -
Friday 28 August

Board Meeting -
Tuesday 25 August

Tournament Week -
*Monday 31 August to
 Friday 4 September*

Out of Zone ballot -
Friday 4 September

Term 3 Ends -
Friday 25 September

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 AN INDICATIVE TERM 3
 CALENDAR FOR 2026**



**Tāwhirimātea
 Yellow House**

**In Māori mythology,
 Tāwhirimātea is the god of
 weather, including
 thunder and lightning,
 wind, clouds and storms.**



Matariki Celebration Evening

Photos inside!

Koorero a te Tumuaki The Principal speaks:

Kia ora koutou katoa. Nau mai haere mai ki tenei panui marama! Term 3 has started and we are well underway with things already! Term 3 is a very busy term and an important one because it is a term of hard work to ensure students achieve their academic goals by the end of the year. For Year 11, 12 and 13 students it is time to plan for success in their NCEA examinations and for the Junior and Middle College students it is about achieving to ensure they get their Diploma with the endorsement they deserve.

Attendance is a key aspect of achievement. There is a strong correlation between attendance and achievement. Low attendance indicates low achievement. There is information about student attendance inside this e-Bulletin which is important. Please ensure that your child attends school as much as possible.

The school value this term is 'perseverance' and we ask students to focus on ensuring they do not give up and continue to apply themselves to their studies when times get tough. Apart from their whaanau, there are whaanau teachers, subject teachers, Deans, their peers and friends that can all assist them. Many of our students are excellent at supporting each other when they have to as well. Giving up when something gets hard is the easy option and the most taken option but if you persevere it is rewarding and hard work pays off in the end.

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'THE PRINCIPAL SPEAKS' CONTINUED. . .

. . . It has been great to watch our students represent our school with pride recently at events such as the Junior College Speech Finals and the Te Kauwhata Exchange!

I would like to give a special mention to all of our staff members - those that have been here for a long period of time and those that haven't - who work endlessly for our tamariki. I would also like to give a special mention to all our support staff! It takes a village to raise a child, and support staff are one of the many valuable "pieces" of our education system "jigsaw" that make children feel safe in their environment and help them reach their highest potential, as well as keep the school office running smoothly.

PhotoLife orders have now been delivered to the school and handed out to students. If you have any queries about these please contact s.pearson@tuakaucollege.com

Nгаа mihi whaanau. *Whaea Donna (Principal)*



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In Term Three we focus on 'Ū Tonutanga - Perseverance.'

Perseverance is key to achieving and although it requires a lot of determination and hard work, it pays off!

Perseverance is continuing to do something in spite of obstacles or difficulties. It is one of the best qualities to have because with perseverance success in your endeavours is almost guaranteed.

To persevere we need to have faith that we can succeed.

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FMG Junior Young Farmer of the Year finals for Cayden

Ko ngā whiringa toa o te whakataetae FMG Junior Young Farmer of the Year mō Cayden

Well done to Cayden Taylor (Year 12 student) who participated in the FMG Junior Young Farmer of the Year Finals in Taranaki at the end of Term 2. Cayden and his team mate Andrew from St Peters Cambridge competed in 4 sections: the exam, speech, 7 modules and the Farmlet section. They finished 9th overall, and they won the Farmlet section. This section was the practical section – building a fence, a tape gate, piping up a trough, assembling a calf feeder, planting trees, understanding how to shear a sheep, creating a cheeseboard and naming the cheeses. Great work Cayden!



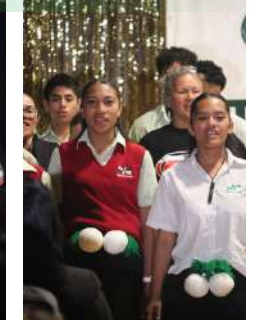
Matariki Celebration Evening 2026

Te ahiahi whakanui i a Matariki 2026



On Thursday 2 July we held our Matariki Celebration Evening to celebrate Maaori tamariki achievement! Congratulations to all our prizewinners – it was an awesome evening celebrating you all! The 2026 Matariki Awards major prizewinners were as follows:

- Tupu-aa-nuku Award (Year 7 and 8) – Vipaanshi Prakash
- Tupu-aa-rangi Award (Year 9 and 10) – Tatijanna Chauhan
- Hiwa-i-te-rangi Award (Year 11-13) – Kiritaahanga Hira
- Year 7 – Nga Tai E Rua Marae – David Marshall
- Year 8 – Te Awamaarahi Marae – Pippa Missen
- Year 9 – Te Kotahitanga Marae – Noah Cussey
- Year 10 – Tikirahi Marae – Daetyn Simon
- Year 11 – Tauranganui Marae – Isabelle Wilds
- 2025 NCEA Level 1 Achivement – Ooraeroa Marae – Arviah Stewart
- 2025 NCEA Level 2 Achievement – Weraroa Marae – Sean Taka
- Year 12 Aspiring Leader – Nga Hau e Wha Marae – Kingdom Taane
- Outstanding Year 13 Leader Award – Pukerewa Marae – Taliyah-Kuini Heta
- Te Puaha O Waikato Supreme Award – Kahungunu Aubrey-Lindsay



ENROL NOW FOR 2027**TUAKAU COLLEGE**

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Thursday 6 August from 9am - 3pm

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Wednesday 12 August from 4 - 7pm

Enrolments due:
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Online enrolments at
www.tuakaucollege.com/enrolment

Any queries please email
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Attendance

Te taenga atu



One of the things we are continuing to focus on is student attendance. If a student misses one day of school every two weeks, they miss more than a whole year of school by 16 years of age. As a parent or caregiver, you, alongside our school, play a key role in building strong habits of regular school attendance.

All students are legally required to attend school every day and it is a shared responsibility to make sure students attend and engage in learning from when they first start school.

You must let the school know if your child is going to be absent or intends to be absent for a portion of the school term for whatever reason, like a tangi or medical procedure. Family holidays or taking time off for extracurricular activities (not organised by school) are not acceptable reasons for being absent.

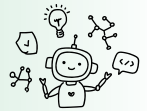
We know that winter has certainly brought its crisp mornings and this brings with it all its chills, bugs and colds. Knowing if your child is well enough to go to school can be tricky at times. Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora have refreshed their guidance for schools and parents to use to help make that call. Check out their website for more info!

If you're struggling at home with getting your child to school, talk to us! Our school is committed to supporting your child to attend school and building a culture that fosters excellent attendance by having:

- School staff who have strong relationships with students and whaanau.
- A school culture that recognises your child and your family for who they are, where they come from and who they want to be.
- A school community that takes all practical steps to make sure your child is at school and progressing in their learning.

Epro8 Round 1 Competition

Whakataetae Epro8 - Wāhanga Tuatahi



Well done to our students who recently participated in the Epro8 competition! There were 2 groups of Year 13 students who came second and third! They have been selected for semi finals which will happen soon! Epro8 involves Robotics in which they have to solve step by step challenges to gain marks. The student performed remarkably well by showing great problem solving, collaboration and intellectual skills. They competed against 12 teams and will be now competing for a place in the finals. Well done to Cate Harvey, Max Thomas, Zac Bull, Nathan Haliday, Nicholas Mouton, Ruan Botha and Aryan Singh!



Orientation Day

Te Raa Whakataki

Our Orientation Day for potential new students in 2027 is coming up on Thursday 6 August 2026 from 9am - 3:15pm. All students attending the Orientation Day are to meet at the Gym at the start of the day. Students are to wear their current school uniform (if applicable). Students need to bring a packed lunch, and food can also be purchased at the school canteen. If students are not from a contributing school (Te Paina School, Mangatawhiri School, Pukekawa School, Pokeno School, Harrisville School or Tuakau Primary) please register by emailing t.potts@tuakaucollege.com

Te Kauwhata Exchange 2026

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On Wednesday 29 July we had the Te Kauwhata Exchange, with Tuakau College retaining the shield! It was fantastic to see this long-standing tradition return after its pause during the COVID years! Tuakau College was proudly represented by 8 teams competing across Rippa Rugby, Football, Netball, Hockey, Volleyball, and Basketball. We retained the trophy, winning six of the eight competitions! Congratulations to all of our students, staff, officials and coaches who represented the college with pride and sportsmanship!



Franklin Year 7&8 Hockey Tournament

Whakataetae Hōkī o Franklin mō ngā Tau 7 me te 8

Our Tuakau College AIMS Year 7&8 hockey team (made up predominantly of Year 7 students) proudly represented the college at the Franklin Year 7&8 Tournament held in Pukekohe recently. This group has been challenging themselves all season by competing in the Senior Counties 5-a-side Mixed Hockey Competition as the only Year 7&8 team in the competition. Playing against older and more experienced teams has seen them grow from strength to strength, developing their confidence, teamwork, and skills with every game.

The tournament showcased everything this team has worked hard for. Their unity, determination, and skill saw them finish top of their pool and advance to the semi-finals against St Ignatius! After an exciting match ended in a draw, the finalist was decided on total points scored throughout the tournament. Tuakau College earned their place in the final with a strong overall performance!

Facing Waiau Pa in the final, our players gave everything they had. With only one substitute and after already playing four demanding matches, maintaining energy levels was always going to be a challenge. Despite their incredible effort, the team finished as tournament runners-up—an outstanding achievement to be proud of!

Congratulations to all of our players for representing Tuakau College with pride, resilience, and excellent sportsmanship! We are incredibly proud of what this young team has achieved and are excited to see them continue their journey as they prepare for the AIMS Games 2026!

Junior College Speech Finals 2026

Whiringa Whakamutunga Whaikōrero o te Kāreti Taumata Raro 2026

On Wednesday 29 July we had our Junior College Speech Finals! It was an awesome evening and well done to all the students that presented their speeches! Congratulations to Matias Bonilla who won first place in the Year 7 category with his speech about 'Why Coca-Cola is the King of Drinks.' Second place went to Sylvie Weren, third place went to Sahib Singh and Commendation went to Benajmain MacNab. Congratulations to Keenan Jacobs who won first place in the Year 8 category with his speech about 'Time for a Change.' Second place went to Sammy Kull, third place went to Noah McDowell and Commendation went to Dayton Pritchard.



Franklin Junior Speech Finals

Te Whakamutunga Whaikorero Teina a Franklin



Well done to Matias Bonilla (7N) and Sammy Kull (8N) who represented Tuakau College at the Franklin Speech Finals at the end of June! They both delivered their speeches with confidence and clarity in front of a large audience, making us proud. We achieved third place. Matias has also been invited to present his speech at the Lions Club dinner in August. Well done!



Titration skills at Waikato University

Ngā pūkenga ine matū (titration) i Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato

Last month our Year 12 Chemistry students had the opportunity to put their newly developed titration skills to the test during an advanced practical session at the University of Waikato, following the completion of their AS91910 internal assessment! Our students were outstanding ambassadors for Tuakau College. They demonstrated exceptional precision, accuracy, and confidence in the laboratory, earning numerous compliments from the university staff for their excellent practical skills, professionalism, and positive attitude!

It was fantastic to see them applying their learning in a real university laboratory and experiencing what tertiary science has to offer. We are incredibly proud of the way they represented our school. A huge thank you to the University of Waikato for hosting such an engaging and valuable learning experience.



Cake Off competition for Anika

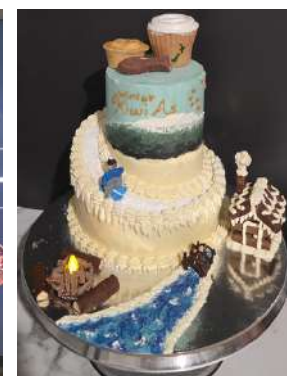
Whakataetae tunu keke mā Anika



Well done to Anika Murphy (Year 10 student) who recently competed in the Cake Off competition for the Auckland Food Show 2026. Anika was selected to submit her cake which had a theme of Winter.

Following being selected she worked hard designing, then baking, and decorating her cake with a theme of 'Winter Kiwi As.'

After completing her cake last Wednesday it had to be delivered to the Auckland showgrounds by 5pm. Everything on the cake was created by Anika - outstanding for a self taught 14 year old chasing her dream! Great work Anika!



Cultural Dress Home Clothes Day

Te Rā o ngā Kākahu Ahurea me ngā Kākahu o te Kāinga

On Thursday 30 July we had a Home Clothes Day with a theme of 'cultural dress' and it was awesome to see our tamariki embrace their culture!



Australian Mathematics Competition success for Benjamin

I angitu a Benjamin i te Whakataetae Pāngarau o Ahitereiria

We are proud to celebrate the achievement of our Year 7 student, Benjamin MacNab. Benjamin has been awarded a Distinction in the Computational and Algorithmic Thinking – Australian Mathematics Competition 2026.

This exceptional result reflects Benjamin's dedication, perseverance, and outstanding computational and mathematical thinking. His success is a wonderful achievement for both himself and our koura.

Congratulations Benjamin - we are proud of you!



BASKETBALL



Senior Green:

Strathallan Social Rebounders vs Tuakau College Senior Green: 56-25 to Tuakau College
KingsGate Senior Basketball vs Tuakau College Senior Green: 44-28 to Tuakau College

Junior Boys Red:

Waiuku Maroon Junior vs Tuakau College Junior Boys Red: 41-36 to Tuakau College
Strathallan Impact vs Tuakau College Junior Boys Red: 41-40 to Tuakau College

Junior Boys Green:

PHS Jnr Red vs Tuakau College Junior Boys Green: 50-23 to PHS Jnr Red
St Ignatius Junior Boys vs Tuakau College Junior Boys Green: 49-38 to St Ignatius

MIXED 11'S HOCKEY

Tuakau College:

Waiuku College vs Tuakau College: 1-1 draw
Alfriston College vs Tuakau College: 9-1 to Tuakau College

FOOTBALL

Junior Boys Team:

Papatoetoe High School vs Tuakau College Junior Boys: 5-0 to Papatoetoe High School

Junior Girls Team:

Macleans A Girls vs Tuakau College Junior Girls: 2-2 draw
Sancta Maria College vs Tuakau College Junior Girls: 5-1 to Tuakau College



NETBALL

Tuakau College Premier (Section A):

Pukekohe High School Premier A vs Tuakau College Premier: 25-24 to Tuakau College
 Otahuhu College Yr 9 Takahe vs Tuakau College Premier: 32-21 to Tuakau College
 Te Haikura a Kiwa vs Tuakau College Premier: 32-32 draw

Tuakau College Red:

Rosehill College Senior A vs Tuakau College Red: 36-16 to Tuakau College
 Alfriston College Senior Kakapo vs Tuakau College Red: 31-16 to Tuakau College
 Pukekohe High School Senior B vs Tuakau College Red: 41-19 to Tuakau College

Tuakau College Year 10 Green:

Otahuhu College Y10 Black vs Tuakau College Year 10 Green: 39-12 to Otahuhu College
 Te Haikura a Kiwa Puutake Purple vs Tuakau College Year 10 Green: 15-4 to Tuakau College
 Sir Edmund Hillary Collegiate Senior School Junior A vs Tuakau College Year 10 Green: 20-20 draw

Tuakau College Year 10 Red (Section A):

Te Haikura a Kiwa Purple vs Tuakau College Year 10 Red: 45-4 to Tuakau College
 Pukekohe High School Year 10 C vs Tuakau College Year 10 Red: 42-12 to Tuakau College
 ACG Strathallan 10B vs Tuakau College Year 10 Red: 59-6 to Tuakau College

Tuakau College Year 9 Green:

Papakura High School Y9B vs Tuakau College Year 9 Green: 15-9 to Tuakau College
 Alfriston College Yr 9 Takahe vs Tuakau College Year 9 Green: 29-15 to Alfriston College
 Pukekohe High School Year 9 C vs Tuakau College Year 9 Green: 28-17 to Tuakau College

Tuakau College Year 9 White:

ACG Strathallan 9 White vs Tuakau College Year 9 White: 27-20 to ACG Strathallan
 Papakura High School Y9D vs Tuakau College Year 9 White: 18-11 to Tuakau College

Tuakau College AIMS:

St Ignatius Gold vs Tuakau College AIMS: 24-19 to Tuakau College
 St Ignatius Magis vs Tuakau College AIMS: 28-12 to St Ignatius
 Bomaby School AIMS vs Tuakau College AIMS: 13-10 to Bombay School

Tuakau College Year 7&8 Red:

Tuakau College Year 7&8 Green vs Tuakau College Year 7&8 Red: 11-2 to Tuakau College Year 7&8 Red
 ACG Strathallan Bolts vs Tuakau College Year 7&8 Red: 16-11 to ACG Strathallan

Tuakau College Y7&8 Green:

Tuakau College Year 7&8 Red vs Tuakau College Year 7&8 Green: 11-2 to Tuakau College Year 7&8 Red
 ACG Strathallan Diamonds vs Tuakau College Year 7&8 Green: 7-2 to Tuakau College

Tuakau College Mixed Red:

Aorere College Mixed A vs Tuakau College Mixed Red: 49-20 to Aorere College
 Rosehill College Mixed vs Tuakau College Mixed Red: 32-27 to Tuakau College

RUGBY

2nd XV Team:

Rosehill College 2nd XV vs Tuakau College/OAS: 21-0 to Tuakau College

Year 10 Team:

Papakura High School Year 10 vs Tuakau College/OAS: 62-29 to Papakura High School

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Ex-Student Profile

Whakaahuatanga o te tauira o mua

Alex Green, ex-student and Student Leader at Tuakau College was recently profiled in the Leaving School magazine.

REPAIRING AND SERVICING THE BIG MACHINES EARTH-MOVING ENGINEERING

writer **PETER WHITE** // photographer **ZACH STARK**

"I like being outdoors and hands-on. I love what I do. It just widens the horizons having a good trade behind you," says ALEX GREEN.

Alex (24) is a field service technician with Komatsu, based in East Tāmaki in Auckland. He recently completed his New Zealand Certificate in Heavy Automotive Engineering (Level 3 and 4), with a strand in Plant and Equipment.

The qualification teaches practical skills required for repairing and servicing heavy plant and equipment, including construction, off-road and earth-moving machinery.

With his future career options firmly in mind, Alex this year began studying for a New Zealand Certificate in Automotive Electrical Engineering (Level 4).

"We can't fully step aside from the hydraulics side of things, but I just think the way things are going with the future equipment, the electrical side of things is playing more of a role in day-to-day workings and day-to-day troubleshooting.

"It is definitely handy to have. At the moment, I love being on the tools and love being on the road dealing with people but progression-wise, I would love to get into the technical support side of things."

Before applying for an apprenticeship with Komatsu four years ago, Alex worked as a fleet manager, co-ordinating and carrying out all routine service, checks and repairs on small machinery and light vehicles.

"When we had an open day at Komatsu, I liked the look of the facilities, and the team was very friendly and accommodating. I thought about what I wanted to focus on for a career path.

"I really liked the mechanical side of things, maintaining the gear, figuring out problems and resolving them, so Komatsu was the ideal place to go."

Alex has no hesitation in recommending school leavers consider an apprenticeship with Komatsu.

"The Komatsu training within the industry is definitely a cut above the rest, in pumps, hydraulic systems, engines and components, and even a business management certificate."

Now he is qualified, Alex enjoys giving back by mentoring the younger workers.

"There is new technology coming on all the time so having some new faces around you learning the new stuff is awesome."

Alex has done both his apprenticeships through industry training organisation MITO.

"The whole process has been seamless and is so user-friendly for apprentices. I did like how I could have my phone and laptop all synched up."

In Year 13 at Tuakau College, near Pukekohe, Alex took Physics, Statistics, English, Manufacturing and Product Design, and PE. He considered doing engineering at the University of Waikato but after committing himself fully to his final year at school – coaching a hockey team and being deputy head boy – he did not fancy four more years of academic study.

Alex has zero regrets about his career choice.

"Every day is different, never a dull moment. I think one of the things I am most grateful for is consistent growth opportunities within the company or through an external training program.

"So when I no longer want to be on the tools, I will be prepared with the skills required to either go into management, leadership or technical support"

KOMATSU



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ALEX GREEN



Calendar

Maaramataka for Term 3 2026

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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.

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Day 4 17 Tongan Language Week	Day 5 18 Franklin Zone Cross Country Tongan Language Week	Day 6 19 Senior Drama Trip Tongan Language Week	Day 1 20 Tongan Language Week	Day 2 21 In Zone Enrolments due Tongan Language Week	22	23
Day 3 24 Filipino Language Week	Day 4 25 Board Meeting Filipino Language Week	Day 5 26 Filipino Language Week	Day 6 27 Filipino Language Week	Day 1 28 Out of Zone Enrolments due Filipino Language Week	29	30
Day 2 31 Winter Tourn. Week	Day 3 1 SEP Winter Tourn. Week	Day 4 2 Winter Tourn. Week	Day 5 3 Winter Tourn. Week	Day 6 4 Koroneihana Winter Tourn. Week	5 AIMS Games	6 AIMS Games
Day 1 7 AIMS Games	Day 2 8 AIMS Games	Day 3 9 Co Req Exams AIMS Games	Day 4 10 Co Req Exams AIMS Games	Day 5 11 Co Req Exams AIMS Games	12	13
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