

UPCOMING EVENTS

Kaupapa ka whai ake

Teacher Only Day -
 Friday 2 December,
 2022

Junior and Middle
 College Prizegiving's -
 Thursday 8 December,
 2022

Student Centre and
 Accounts Office Open -
 Tuesday 24 January,
 2023

New Students Day -
 Friday 3 February, 2023

Whole School starts
 Term 1 -
 Tuesday 7 February,
 2023

Official Timetable
 begins -
 Wednesday 8 February,
 2023

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 FOR A TERM 4 2022
 CALENDAR**



**Tāwhirimātea
 Yellow House**

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



Senior Prizegiving 2022
See Page 5 for more information!

**2022
 Dux -
 Rhianna
 Barker**

Koorero a te Tumuaki The Principal speaks:

Kia ora koutou katoa!

It is the end of November and coming soon is the end of the 2022 school year. A year where COVID-19 has been mostly 'kicked to the curb' and some kind of normality is trying to be reached.

Nelson Mandela once said:

"Education is the most powerful weapon which we can use to change the world."

So, the simple advice is; we have to embrace change and make it work for our students because they are the ones that are going to change the world. Over the next few years Tuakau College has had to respond to the changes occurring in society and in our community.

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'THE PRINCIPAL SPEAKS' CONTINUED. . .

More and more, we are getting challenged as a school for the things that we do. So, we are going to ensure the school community is fully informed and aware of our expectations and processes.

The school community is diverse, with many diverse perspectives from parents on how their child should be educated and treated at school. Our systems and procedures do cater for diversity through applying laws of natural justice, ensuring we take everything into account when making decisions and how we can cater for so many different students with diverse interests and backgrounds.

Schools are really excellent at doing this and Tuakau College is no different. We use restorative approaches, punitive approaches and others that work for the child but, at the end of the day, we must deal with serious breaches of behaviour especially when it affects other students.

Next year we have a few changes that are going to occur which the community need to be informed about. These changes are in separate articles in this e-Bulletin. The areas I want to highlight in this e-Bulletin are:

1. Cellphone use by students
2. The new 6 X 6 timetable

Let's all keep working hard until the end of the year! *Mr Chris Betty*

Junior and Middle College Prizegivings



MIDDLE COLLEGE PRIZEGIVING

starts at 9:30am.

All students to be in school uniform and go to Whānau Class at 9:00am.

JUNIOR COLLEGE PRIZEGIVING

starts at 12:30pm.

All students to be in school uniform and go to Whānau Class at 12:00pm.

Thursday 8 December, 2022 in the Tuakau College Gym

Students are to leave their school bags locked in their Whānau Class - no school bags in the Gym.

School buses will not be running on this day.



In 2024 we will celebrate our Golden Jubilee - 50 years of Tuakau College! To start planning for this we have made a Facebook group for ex students, staff and teachers to join! 😊

Please request to join this group if you are an ex-student/staff member/teacher! The group can be found under the 'Tuakau College' Facebook page (About > Groups) and is called 'Tuakau College Golden Jubilee.'

Please head over and join the group - we would love to see you all again at our Golden Jubilee!



CELLPHONE USE IN 2023

Mobile phones are banned from Tuakau College in 2023.

From 2023 mobile phone use at Tuakau College will not be permitted by students. A major impact of COVID-19 on our students has been the increased amount of time they are now spending on devices such as mobile phones. Over the last two years, inadvertently, we have encouraged students to engage and spend more time on devices because they had to be able to learn from home. **The fallout is our students are more hooked on devices than ever.**

What goes 'hand in hand' with increased screen time is the increased misuse of the devices. We have experienced a huge increase in the misuse of mobile phones over the last two years. We have experienced things such as:

- more online bullying, which is blatant and nasty
- more disruption to learning as students are distracted by their phone in and out of class
- more teacher abuse because students believe it is 'their right' to have and use their phone at any time of the day and when confronted with this they become disobedient and eventually verbally abuse the staff
- students are viewing pornographic photos, watching it, as well as creating nude photos of themselves and sharing it with friends who then share it on
- students saying things to others that they would never say to them face-to-face, encouraging others to misbehave, inciting violence, etc
- students are taking unsolicited photos/videos of other students and staff who do not want their photo taken and publishing these without permission
- students are taking photos of others in toilet blocks, PE changing rooms, etc, and the list goes on.

Some students have lost their sense of morality and common sense. Most of the time the school is asked to fix the problem even though much of this occurs out of school hours. We are spending a disproportionate amount of time unravelling these situations but, as a school, we do not own the problem.

To all our parents: the problem belongs to you as a parent/caregiver. Do you know what your student is doing on their phone?

Before mobile phones, students could get away from the hustle and bustle of school and the bullies. Their bedroom at home was a safe haven to hide in. Today their bedrooms have become de-privatized because they take all these issues with them to their rooms through their phones and/or other devices. They do not get a break from it. This is a contributing factor in a student's low resilience and the many mental health issues we deal with and facing on a daily basis.

As parents what can you do? Firstly, who owns the phone? Who is paying for the data? Your child's safety from the 'darknet' is paramount and we have to take action. Here are some suggestions:

- Turn the WiFi off at home.
- If they misuse their phone - take it off them!
- Limit the use of their phone during the day and night. Do not allow them to take their phone to their room
- Review what they put on their Facebook, Instagram pages, etc. Parental locks and notifications may assist with this
- Do you know who their friends are on these Apps?
- Support them if they are a victim of the abuse. Get the student to not engage with the students causing the issue. Do not respond to the abuser as you may escalate the issue
- Get them to turn their phone off, or defriend, or remove the app
- Go to the Netsafe website to gain further knowledge as to what you can do
- Report issues to the Police instead of the school





CELLPHONE USE IN 2023 CONTINUED...

After consultation the Board has decided that from February 2023 student mobile phone use at school between the hours of 9:00am to 3:30pm will be banned.

Students do not need to have their phones at school because any internet use will be provided through school devices and any emergency the student has will be dealt with through the school. Mobile phones/ear pods/earbuds will not be allowed.

We have done this to improve a number of things:

- To increase the face-to-face interactions with our students
- Reduce and prevent the taking of unsolicited photos/videos, etc at school
- More time will be spent on educating the students instead of dealing with the issues of mobile phones misuse
- Improve relationships between students and students as well as students and staff
- Allows for a decreased time in front of a screen. Although we will be using laptops and Chromebooks, at least at interval and lunchtime the students will not have their faces glued to a phone or screen.
- It will reduce the raru raru (issues) between staff and students.

This is going to be a major change for the staff and students but many schools are heading down this road.

When you take away the drug from the drug addict there will be withdrawal period. We will expect this and will be ready for it.

We have researched the impact of banning phones and found that similar schools to ours, like Waiuku College and Te Puke High, have banned them and they have found a huge positive impact on the climate of the school.

What will happen if the student has their mobile phone out at school during this time?

- 1.They will be warned and asked to put it away
- 2.It will be confiscated from the student and securely kept at the Student Centre for pick up at the end of the day.
- 3.Continual misuse - the student's phone will be confiscated and securely kept at the Student Centre and will need to be collected by the parent at the end of the day.
- 4.Continued misuse means that the phone is not the issue, it is the continued floating of the school rules, which may lead to punitive measures such as Stand-down and Suspension.



2022 Senior Prizegiving

Congratulations to all the prizewinners at our 2022 Senior Prizegiving this year! A special congratulations to Rhianna Barker, the 2022 Dux, and Lilia Horlacher, the 2022 Proxime Accessit!

A special mention also to Samantha Smith (recipient of the Rangipokaia Shield), Sarah Muller (recipient of The Wild Cup for academic excellence at Year 12) and Jai Harvey (recipient of The Gwen Barnaby Memorial Cup for academic excellence at Year 11).

Well done to Wil Ryan, Caitlin Lees, Sarah Muller and Devon Brown who were named as the 2023 Head Students! The winner of the PTA Shield Champion House for 2022 is Tangaroa!

The Bale Trophy was awarded to Charlotte Hyland-Mills, the Andrew Cooling Memorial Cup was awarded to Michayla van der Byl, the Spirit of Community Trophy was awarded to Samantha Smith, the Tuakau College Special Award was awarded to Emma Lang, the Simon Vare Trophy was awarded to Danielle Hepburn and the Ann Linacre Award was awarded to Siannah Bell!

We are so proud of all of our prize winners! It's great to see you all doing the very best in all things!

To see all photos of the evening, please visit the Tuakau College Facebook page.





2023 STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM



Head Student
Wil Ryan



Head Student
Caitlin Lees



Head Student
Sarah Muller



Head Student
Devon Brown

PREFECTS: Kullen Montgomery, Mitchell Sparrow, Evanza Waretini, Naya Aislabie, Ethan Peddie, Jordyn O'Meara, Brendon Zuze, Bree Evans, Jan Louis Venter, Ofa Latu'ila and Keegan Twist.



Congratulations to Tangaroa (Blue House) for winning the 2022 PTA Shield for the being the Champion House for 2022!

Well done to the mighty waves of Tangaroa!





'6X6' TIMETABLE IN 2023

In 2023 Tuakau College will be moving to a 6 Day Timetable.

What does this mean?

We will no longer have Monday, Tuesday, etc. but instead we will be using days (eg. Day 1, Day 2, etc.)

The benefits of this change include:

- Students will no longer miss the same subjects due to Public Holidays, sports days, etc. falling on Mondays/Fridays
- Trades/Gateway students who are out one or two days a week will no longer miss the same subjects each week
- Friday last period will no longer be the same subject each week
- Wednesday afternoon sport means students are often away for part or all of Period 6 on Wednesday and this change means they will no longer miss the same subject each week
- We have been able to move back to our senior students having six subjects/lines in the timetable

What are the concerns?

- We know that some students will take time to adjust to the change. We will be doing our best to make sure that students are fully aware of the 'days.' Feedback received from schools with this kind of timetable was positive and they said that students adjusted well.
- We will be spending time with the students during Whaanau Class at the start of next year, going through this with them.



'6X6' TIMETABLE IN 2023 CONTINUED...

Start and finish times will be the same every day.
School will start at 9:00am and finish at 3:30am.

Assemblies will occur when needed.

**An example of what a Year 11-13 students timetable
could look like is below:**

| | Day 1 | Day 2 | Day 3 | Day 4 | Day 5 | Day 6 |
|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------|---------|
| Period 1 | Maths | PE | Hort | DVC | Geo | English |
| Period 2 | English | Maths | PE | Hort | DVC | Geo |
| Period 3 | English | Maths | PE | Hort | DVC | Geo |
| Period 4 | Geo | English | Maths | PE | Hort | DVC |
| Period 5 | DVC | Geo | English | Maths | PE | Hort |
| Period 6 | Hort | DVC | Geo | English | Maths | PE |

*Any queries regarding the 6 Day Timetable can be directed to Mrs Fletcher,
Deputy Principal, on a.fletcher@tuakaucollege.com*

TECHNOLOGY FEATURE

A word from Mr. Kippen (Head of Technology Department):

Kia ora whaanau! It's been another busy year for us in the Technology Area. We lost a considerable amount of practical time with COVID-19, which affected many of our students. Let's hope that this is the last of the disruptions to our programmes!

I would like to acknowledge staff and students who persevered through these trying times and thank the community of parents/caregivers for supporting our students through this difficult time, because without your encouragement and manaaki for our tamariki it would have been much more difficult.

I would like to wish all staff, students and their whaanau a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. *Mr Kippen*

Meet the Technology Department Teachers *Tutaki ki nga Kaiako o te Tari Hangarau*

Mr Kippen



Mr de Boer



Mr King



Mrs Herbert



Ms Zarah



Mrs Withers-Lauer



Mrs Cooper-Lang



Mr Taylor



Mr Chidambaram



Miss Sharan



Mr Courtney



Mrs Clarke



Technology students at work *Ko nga akonga hangarau i te mahi*



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? Maku e ki koe.
My greatest love? I am people.
What is the greatest thing? It is people. I am people.

UPCOMING

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE ON THE SCHOOL BOARD BY-ELECTION

The elected Student Representative on the Board has resigned, which means a by-election has to be held. This will be held at the start of 2023.

More details about this will be published at the start of 2023. If you in Year 9-13 and considering applying for this role, please make sure you are keeping an eye on our social media pages and daily School Notices.

Calendar

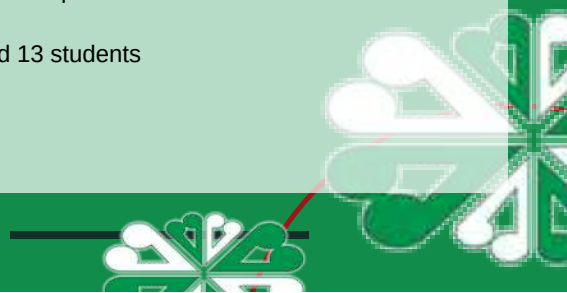
Maaramataka for Term 4, 2022

| MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT | SUN |
|--|--|--|---|--|-----|-----|
| 17 OCT Term 4 starts School Assembly (Period 1) | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 Senior Exam Briefing (Period 4) | 22 | 23 |
| 24 Labour Day (Public Holiday) | 25 Junior Touch Rugby Board Meeting | 26 Sports Awards | 27 Manaaki Marae | 28 Levels Assembly (Period 4) Manaaki Marae | 29 | 30 |
| 31 | 1 NOV Prizegiving Practice Year 7&8 Touch | 2 Senior Prizegiving | 3 Year 13 Breakfast Middle College Exams | 4 Middle College Exams | 5 | 6 |
| 7 NCEA Exams | 8 NCEA Exams | 9 NCEA Exams | 10 NCEA Exams | 11 Whare Assembly (Period 5) NCEA Exams | 12 | 13 |
| 14 Year 10 Food Tech Trip NCEA Exams | 15 Year 10 Food Tech Trip Year 9 Pinnacles Tramp NCEA Exams | 16 Year 9 Pinnacles Tramp NCEA Exams | 17 NCEA Exams | 18 NCEA Exams | 19 | 20 |
| 21 Teacher Only Day NCEA Exams | 22 NCEA Exams | 23 NCEA Exams | 24 NCEA Exams | 25 NCEA Exams | 26 | 27 |
| 28 Year 10 Camp NCEA Exams | 29 Board Meeting Year 10 Camp NCEA Exams | 30 Year 7 Trip Year 8 Camp Year 10 Camp Leavers Dinner NCEA Exams | 1 DEC Year 8 Camp NCEA Exams | 2 Teacher Only Day Year 8 Camp NCEA Exams | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 Junior and Middle College Prizegiving | 9 | 10 | 11 |

2023 Start Dates

**Please be aware that these are indicative and could change*
Further information about start dates will be shared closer to the time.

Tuesday 24 January: Student Centre and Accounts Office open
Monday 30 January: Auckland Anniversary
Thursday 2 February: Course confirmation for Year 12 and 13 students
Friday 3 February: New students day
Tuesday 7 February: Whole school starts
Wednesday 8 February: Timetable starts



Calendar

Maaramataka for Term 1, 2023

| MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT | SUN |
|--|--|--|---|---------------------------------------|-------|-----|
| 30 JAN Auckland Anniversary (Public Holiday) | 31 | 1 FEB | 2 Course Confirmation for Senior students | 3 New Students Day | 4 | 5 |
| 6 Waitangi Day (Public Holiday) | 7 All Students start school | 8 School timetable officially begins | 9 | 10 Swimming Tabloids | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 Swimming Championships | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 School Photo Day | 23 | 24 Athletics Day | 25 | 26 |
| 27 Year 7 Camp | 28 Board Meeting Year 7 Camp | 1 MAR Year 7 Camp | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 Y12 OUT Risk Management Camp | 16 Y12 OUT Risk Management Camp | 17 Y12 OUT Risk Management Camp | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 Attitude Talks (Year 7 - 10) Board Meeting | 29 Y13 OUT Survival Tramp | 30 Attitude Talks (Year 11 - 13) Y13 OUT Survival Tramp | 31 Y13 OUT Survival Tramp | 1 APR | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 Term 1 Ends | 8 | 9 |

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