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# KŌRERO

**TAAHIKO PAANUI • KAUPAPA 9 • MAHURU 2023  
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## Upcoming events

### Take Waaheke

Term 4 Starts -  
Monday 9 October

Sports Awards -  
Wednesday 18 October

Labour Day  
(Public Holiday) -  
Monday 23 October

Senior Prizegiving -  
Thursday 26 October

Year 13 Breakfast -  
Friday 27 October

Middle College  
Exam Week -  
Monday 30 October to  
Friday 3 November

Junior and Middle  
College Prizegiving -  
Wednesday 13 December

Term 4 Ends -  
Wednesday 13 December

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FULL CALENDAR OF  
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!**

**Tug of War photos and results - Page 3**



## Koorero a te Tumuaki The Principal speaks:

Kia ora koutou katoa!

We have finished Term 3 and look forwards to Term 4 after the school holidays! Where has the time gone?! 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 two 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!

Tournament Week this year was a challenge for our UNISS Team but we are proud of their efforts and perseverance. There is a write up for this further on in this e-Bulletin. We are proud of their efforts! We also had a number of Year 7&8 students represent our school at the 2023 AIMS Games in Tauranga and they did an awesome job.

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## Koorero a te Tumuaki Haere tonu. . . The Principal speaks continued. . .

. . . At the end of Term 3 we farewelled our school Nurse, Ms Robertson, after 10 years of working at Tuakau College. We are thankful for all her work with our students over her time at our kura. We wish her all the best for the future! At the start of Term 4 we will welcome Mrs Bonghanoy as our new full time school Nurse. We will also welcome Mrs Evans as our new part time school Nurse.

At the end of Term 3 we had voting for the Student Representative on the Board. We had a large number of candidates this year. The new Student Representative on the Board is A'lyze Walker. A big thank you to Jessika Roberts for her work during her time as Student Representative on the Board. The full results of the Student Representative election can be seen below.

We now move on to our mid-term parent elections. Nominations for these are now open and all parents/caregivers have received an email about this, with a nomination form attached. Nominations are open for the election of 3 parent representatives to the school Board. Nominations close on Wednesday 11 October, 2023. It is encouraged that any nominees provide a signed candidate statement and photograph with their nomination.

On a slightly disappointing note; towards the end of Term 3 the rubbish/litter around the school was appalling. It is really disappointing to walk around the school and see our fields dotted with rubbish, school lunches dropped and splattered everywhere from being thrown and rubbish on the ground only a few metres away from a rubbish bin. Tuakau College is our kura and students should be taking pride in that. It is not hard to put your rubbish in a bin as you walk past. Let's work together to make sure we keep our school a clean and respectable environment. We expect a big improvement in Term 4.

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! Next term we will publish information about start dates for 2024.

I wish you all a safe school holidays. Please travel safely if you are travelling and lets hope for some better weather soon! See you all next term!

*Mr Chris Betty*

<p><b>VISION:</b></p> <p>Ka whakarite kareti o Tuakau i ngā ākonga kia whai tāna e tōmina nei, kia kōunga tonu tana kete mātauranga.</p> <p>Tuakau College prepares students for life through a quality education promoting excellence in all things.</p> <p>TUAKAU COLLEGE</p>	<p><b>STRATEGIC GOALS - TUAKAU COLLEGE WILL:</b></p>	<p><b>Whakawhānui i ngā whai wāhitanga te angitūtanga o ngā ākonga.</b></p> <p>Maximise opportunities for student achievement.</p>	<p><b>Me ārahi i ngā whanaketanga o te rohe o te Ao hurihuri.</b></p> <p>Lead local developments in a continuously changing world.</p>	<p><b>Kia noho hei manawa o te hapori kia hiahia te katoa.</b></p> <p>Be the heart of the community where everyone wants to be.</p>	<p><b>MANAAKI, AROHA + WHAKAUTE</b> CARING, LOVE + RESPECT</p> <p>He aha te mea nui o te Ao? He tāngata, he tāngata, he tāngata.</p> <p>What is the most important thing in the world? It is people, it is people, it is people.</p>	<p><b>NGĀKAU TAPATAHI</b> INTEGRITY</p> <p>Kaua e takahia te mana o te tāngata. Do not trample on the mana of the people.</p>	<p><b>Ū TONUTANGA</b> PERSEVERANCE</p> <p>Kaua e mate wheke mate mangōpare. Don't give up like an octopus but fight like a hammerhead shark.</p>	<p><b>TINO PAI RAWA</b> EXCELLENCE</p> <p>Pai rawa atu i ngā mes katoa. The very best in all things.</p> <p>TUAKAU COLLEGE</p>
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## SCHOOL BOARD STUDENT ELECTION RESULTS DECLARATION 2023

Calder, Alyssa	59
Dorotich, Sophie	28
Dunn, Haley	49
Fah, Courtenay	23
Hazell, Charmaine	24
Jamieson, Chloe	35
Morrow, Charlotte	22
Munce, Payton	27
Pearson, Tahlia	20
Rowell, Lauren	38
Taupo O'Connor, Peyton	37
Walker, Aliz'e	61
Invalid Votes	42

I hereby declare Aliz'e Walker duly elected.

Jess Paton,  
Returning Officer



## Tug of War 2023 *Tohanga whawhai 2023*

On Friday 22 September we had our Tug of War house competition and as always is 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 Tane Mahuta and Tangaroa who were first equal this year, both with 138 points! Second place went to Tawhirimatea with 111 points and third place went to Ruaumoko with 100 points! Great to see our students out there giving it a go and representing their houses with pride! A great way to end Term 3! To see more photos of the event please visit the Tuakau College Facebook page.







## HEALTH CENTRE *Tari Hauora*

During Term 3 the Student Health Council ran a **SADD (Students Against Dangerous Driving) event during lunchtime**. This included a sausage sizzle where if you gave one health fact you got a free sausage in bread, local Police with a crashed car on display for students to look at and a 'drunk goggles' activity.

SADD is a student-led charity with the collective goal of preventing loss on New Zealand roads. The SADD team provide guidance and support using best practice, evidence based, road safety education approaches to influence their peers and wider community to positively promote safe road user behaviours. Road trauma is the greatest cause of harm for 16 to 24 year olds in NZ and has long lasting effects in our communities. The most common crash factors are distractions, alcohol and speed.

- The most dangerous time for young drivers is the initial six months after they get their restricted licence and are driving solo
- Drivers on restricted licence are 7x more likely to be involved in a fatal or serious injury crash than other drivers.
- Young drivers make up only 7% of drivers, but 14% of crashes
- 78% of young drivers in fatal crashes are male

There are some photos of this event below.

Friday 22 September was my last day as the school Nurse at Tuakau College, after working here for 10 years. I have enjoyed working with your students, parents/caregivers and whaanau. I shall miss you all and wish you all the best for the future. There will be two new School Nurses starting next term in the Health Centre!

*Alison Robertson (School Nurse)*

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## Manaaki Marae

Well done to the students that were part of the Term 3 Manaaki Marae group! A special thanks also to Whaea Joidene for taking the time to run this course and Fi for helping.



## Victoria University of Wellington Graduate *Te Whare Wananga o Wikitoria o Te Whanganui-a-Tara Paetahi*



We are delighted to share that a former student of Tuakau College, Teagan Hansen, has graduated from Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington between June 2022 and May 2023. She has graduated with a PGDSCI - PGDip in Science with a Major in Chemistry.

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## UNISS enjoy their time at the 2023 competition *He harikoa a UNISS ki te whakataetae 2023*

**Congratulations to our Tuakau College UNISS Netball team on their efforts last term at the 2023 UNISS Netball Competition!** The team ploughed through the extremely tough competition that A Grade had to offer and it was an eye-opening experience. The team's goal was to try and maintain their position in A Grade for 2023, however unfortunately this was not to be. Next year, the team will be seeded in the Top 5 of B Grade with the hopes to further play some competitive netball.

The week started off with a game against Howick College, who went on to be the winners of A Grade this year. Although the team lost 49-19 to Howick College they were really pleased with their score of 19 goals, as their goal was set for 20! The girls showed some great tenacity and awesome individual performances throughout the week, despite the losses they were suffering. Team morale definitely went on a journey of ups and downs, but by the end of the week feelings weren't so heavy and the girls were able to have some laughs, display some courage and fight in their last few games playing the sport they enjoy! Their final game of the week, against Massey, they won 28-26 and it was a thrilling game in which the team was really proud of their battle to the bitter end to secure the win - the first win of the week!

With a total of 10 games each and 40 minutes long for all teams, UNISS is a showcase of players' mental and physical toughness, fitness, skill, athleticism, pride and a chance for us to see future Silver Ferns in the making.

Well done to everyone involved with the team this year and a huge thanks to all who supported the girls in person, at school and from home.

Appreciation and thanks must also go out to Bethany Mahoney (Year 12 student) for going last week to umpire. All umpires are assigned 2 games a day plus they have to be on stand-by if there is illness or injury to other umpires. Umpires are not responsible for umpiring their own school team. Bethany did a fantastic job and even secured herself a C Grade semi-final game. Ka mau te wehi Bethany!



## AIMS Games 2023 *Aims Games 2023*

**Earlier this month we had some of our Year 7&8 students represent our school at the AIMS Games in Tauranga.** The AIMS Games is an annual sporting event and is the biggest sporting event for 11 to 13 years old in New Zealand.

We had a Football team, Netball team and Rugby 7's team compete at the event.

It was a big week of sports for our students and we had many tired sore bodies return to school at the end of the week but we managed to get through the week with only one injury that happened on the very last day!

Well done to all the students that competed - great effort!



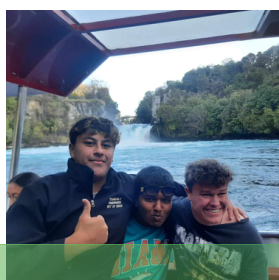


## Snow Camp 2023

### *Te puni Hukarere 2023*

Our senior students loved the Snow Camp with year, with lots of snow and learning about the alpine conditions whilst they were there!

Thank you to the parents/caregivers and staff who helped out and made it an awesome week!





# Calendar Maaramataka for Term 4 2023

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
9 OCT Day 3 Term 4 begins School Assembly (Period 1) Year 13 Spirit Week	10 Day 4 Year 13 Spirit Week	11 Day 5 Year 13 Spirit Week	12 Day 6 Junior Social Year 13 Spirit Week	13 Day 1 Year 13 Spirit Week	14	15
16 Day 2	17 Day 3 Year 8 Immunisations Levels Assembly (Period 4)	18 Day 4 SPORTS AWARDS	19 Day 5 Year 7&8 Touch	20 Day 6	21	22
23 Labour Day (Public Holiday)	24 Day 1	25 Day 2 Year 7&8 Basketball Auckland	26 Day 3 <b>SENIOR PRIZEGIVING</b>	27 Day 4 Year 13 Breakfast	28	29
30 Day 5 Literacy/Numeracy Exams	31 Day 6 Literacy/Numeracy Exams Board Meeting	1 NOV Day 1 Literacy/Numeracy Exams Year 7 Camp	2 Day 2 Year 9&10 Exams Year 7 Camp	3 Day 3 Year 9&10 Exams Year 7 Camp	4	5
6 Day 4 Manaaki Marae NZQA Exams start	7 Day 5 Manaaki Marae PTA Meeting	8 Day 6 Manaaki Marae	9 Day 1 Year 8 Immunisations Whare Assembly (Period 4) Year 10 Work Experience	10 Day 2 Year 10 Work Experience	11	12
13 Day 3	14 Day 4	15 Day 5	16 Day 6 Year 7&8 Franklin Athletics Levels Assembly (Period 4)	17 Teacher Only Day	18	19
20 Day 1	21 Day 2	22 Day 3 Year 9 Camp	23 Day 4 Year 9 Camp	24 Day 5 Year 9 Camp	25	26
27 Day 6 Year 8 Camp Year 7 Trip	28 Day 1 Year 8 Camp Board Meeting	29 Day 2 Year 8 Camp Year 10 Camp	30 Day 3 Year 7&8 Auckland Athletics Champs Year 10 Camp	1 DEC Day 4 Year 10 Camp	2	3
4 Day 5	5 Day 6 NZQA Exams end Graduation Dinner PTA Meeting	6 Day 1	7 Day 2 School Assembly (Period 4)	8 Day 3	9	10
11 Day 4	12 Day 5	13 Day 6 <b>JUNIOR AND MIDDLE COLLEGE PRIZEGIVINGS</b> Term 4 Ends	14	15	16	17

**\*PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THESE ARE INDICATIVE AND COULD CHANGE  
TERM 3 STARTS ON MONDAY 17 JULY, 2023**