

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### ***Kaupapa ka whai ake***

Orientation Day -  
*Thursday 7 August, 2022*

Parent Teacher Interviews -  
*Tuesday 9 August and  
 Thursday 11 August  
 (2:40pm - 7pm both days)*

Open Evening -  
*Thursday 18 August*

Teacher Only Day  
 (Restorative Practices PLD) -  
*Friday 19 August*

Teacher Only Day  
 (NCEA PLD) -  
*Monday 22 August*

In Zone enrolment  
 applications due -  
*Friday 26 August*

Out of Zone enrolment  
 applications due -  
*Friday 2 September*

Term 3 Ends -  
*Friday 30 September, 2022*

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 THE SCHEDULED TERM 3  
 CALENDAR FOR 2022**



**Tāwhirimātea  
 Yellow House**

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



### **Netball Competition Winners! (Page 11)**

## **Koorero a te Tumuaki** **The Principal speaks:**

Kia ora koutou katoa! Nau mai hoki mai kit e wāhanga tuatoru.

A warm welcome back to Term 3! I hope that as a family you all had a relaxing holiday and that the weather did not stop your plans from doing something different. Having whānau time is so important for you and your child.

For us at school this term is an important term because it is a term of hard work to ensure the 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. We have been very lucky so far with COVID-19 and the flu, not having us roster home students too often. A frightening fact is that our Senior students only have 13 school weeks left before they head off to their examinations.

Attendance is a key aspect of achievement. There is a strong correlation between attendance and achievement. Low attendance indicates low achievement. Please ensure that your child attends school as much as possible.

School reports were issued on Thursday 28 July. During Week 3 of this term we have Parent Teacher interviews. (More information about this can be found on Page INSERT). I encourage all parents and caregivers to attend these interviews to collaborate with the teachers, to give your student assistance with improving in the subject. Staff really enjoy these evenings because it enables them to work with you, to discuss your child's progress and to put together a plan for improvement.

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## 'THE PRINCIPAL SPEAKS' CONTINUED. . .

The school value this term is 'perseverance' and I have asked the students to focus on ensuring they do not give up and continue to apply themselves to their studies when times get tough, and we are under no illusion that times have been tough for some of our families. At assembly on Monday I reminded the students that there are many people within the school that can help them and support them through tough times. Apart from their whānau, there are whānau teachers, subject teachers, Deans, their peers and friends that can all assist them. They need to communicate that they are finding things tough and that they want support. Many of our students are excellent at supporting each other when they have too.

The Administration Block is finally finished and opened for use! The Senior Leadership Team, Accounts, Payroll, Health Centre and Property can be found in this area. The Student Centre and Deans remain located at the end of B-Block as you enter the Elizabeth Street entrance. All student enquiries should be directed here. We are still finding our feet in the new spaces and it will take some weeks before we are fully functional.

Matariki (celebrating Māori student achievement) was held on July 7, 2022 at Ngā Tai E Rua marae and was a very successful evening. Congratulations to all the winners, especially Awhinatia Ngataki who won the Supreme Award. A function like this cannot be as successful without support from the school community and the organisers - Whaea Joidene and LeeAnne.

COVID-19 is going to be with us for sometime now. Thank you for supporting the drive to keep our tamariki safe by getting your students to wear masks and to continue to follow the health guidelines around washing hands, hand sanitiser use, not sharing food, etc. It has been a good start to the term.

At assembly I also reiterated what our standards are around vaping at school and the use of bad language. All the students were warned about the possible consequences.

The triennial Board Elections are coming up in September. Have you considered going onto the Board? The Tuakau College Board meets monthly (last Tuesday of each month). There are three committees that meet regularly as well: 'Finance,' 'Property' and 'Policy.' Other committees meet when they are needed, like 'Personnel.' If you want to know more about the functioning of the Board please contact the Board chair, Sean Hyland-Mills, on [boardchair@class.tuakaucollege.com](mailto:boardchair@class.tuakaucollege.com). If you have any queries about the election process please contact the Returning Officer, Jess Paton, on [j.paton@tuakaucollege.com](mailto:j.paton@tuakaucollege.com). If you wish to attend a Board meeting before making a decision then please let me know by emailing [principal@tuakaucollege.com](mailto:principal@tuakaucollege.com). At present we are still holding ZOOM meetings and I can send the link if you wish to attend. The next meeting is Tuesday 30 August at 6:00pm.

We have two Teacher Only Days this term. The first one is on Friday 19 August where the staff will be completing professional development around Positive Behaviour for Learning and de-escalation techniques. The second Teacher Only Day is on Monday 22 August, where the staff will continue to plan for the implementation of the NCEA Level 1 changes as well as the new Literacy and Numeracy standards. I really appreciate you as a community supporting these days by keeping your kids at home because having the ability to work uninterrupted and to plan only leads to better achievement by our students.

Ngā mihi whānau. *Mr Chris Betty*

**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 atu, He tangata he tangata he tangata.  
He tangata, what is the greatest thing? It is people, it is people, it is people.

## PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

**Tuesday 9 August and Thursday 11 August**  
**2:40 pm - 7:00 pm in the Tuakau College Gym**

School will finish at 1pm on these days. School Buses will run from 1pm. We will run Periods 1 - 4 each day.

Staff will be located alphabetically around the Gym. There are no appointment times so if the teacher is free then sit down and discuss. If they are busy then you will need to wait until they are free. If you cannot make these interviews then please you can make an appointment to see your son/daughters teacher at another time, by emailing the teacher directly. Teachers email addresses can be found on our website.





# Matariki

## CELEBRATION EVENING

***Recognising Māori student achievement***

**On Thursday 7 July, we held our Matariki Awards evening at Ngā Tai E Rua Pā (marae) in Tuakau.** It was a lovely evening and a big congratulations to all the award winners. We were fortunate to have Taane Te Koi speak to our students and those that attended the evening.

### WHAANAU PUUMANAWA TAONGA

Tupu-aa-nuku Award - Taiarangi Hira-Thompson

Tupu-aa-rangi Award - Cordell Hawkins

Hiwa-i-te-rangi Award - Michayla van der Byl

### YEAR 7 TO YEAR 11 AWARDS

Year 7 (Ngāa Tai E Rua Marae) - Millie Calder

Year 8 (Te Awamaarahi Marae) - Knesian Oti-Kihi

Year 9 (Te Kotahitanga Marae) - Phoenix Manning

Year 10 (Tikirahi Marae) - Hemi McGrath

Year 11 (Tauranganui Marae) - Whitiri Preston

### NCEA AWARDS

NCEA Level 1 Winner (Ooraeroa Marae) - Naya Aislabie

NCEA Level 2 Winner (Weraroa Marae) - Emma Lang

### LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Year 12 Aspiring Leader (Ngāa Hau e Whāa Marae) - Mica Matthews

Outstanding Year 13 Leader (Pukerewa Marae) - Te Aomarama Heta

Te Puuaha O Waikato Supreme Award (Huakina Development Trust) - Awhinatia Ngataki

**For full photos of the evening please see the Tuakau College Facebook page.**





## School Ball 2022 Poi Kura 2022

Our Senior students enjoyed their evening at the School Ball on Sunday 10 July, held at the Markovina Vineyard Estate in Kumeu. The King of the Ball for 2022 was Zachary Blundell and the Queen of the Ball for 2022 was Maya Curtis. To see all photos of the event please visit [https://www.whitedoor.co.nz/gallery-collection/Tuakau-College-Ball-2022/C0000ktb\\_kr9P2gE](https://www.whitedoor.co.nz/gallery-collection/Tuakau-College-Ball-2022/C0000ktb_kr9P2gE)





# ENGLISH FEATURE

*Ingarihi Āhuahira*

## Meet the English Teachers

*Tutaki ki nga Kaiako Ingarihi*



### Ms J. Lawson

Head of English



I am now in my ninth year as Head of English at Tuakau College. In that time, we have grown our team and we now include Media Studies as one of our senior subjects.

My drive to be a teacher of English can be located in an enjoyment both of helping others understand texts, and exploring the wonders of writing. I am also one of the Across Schools' leaders with Kaahui Ako, where I work with our feed schools to support student transitions.

I moved to New Zealand from England in 2008, and am a mother to one boy, who is a student at our school.

I have been at Tuakau College for two years now and have really enjoyed my time teaching at the college. I returned to teaching after working for several years at Hockey New Zealand. It has been exciting this year starting Media Studies at the school and I look forward to seeing this subject grow in future years and seeing some of the awesome films that our students are going to produce.

This year has also been a new challenge for me as the Year 7 Dean. I have loved getting to know our new students and working with the future of the school as they grow into outstanding young people.

Outside of work my passion is sports and in particular hockey, a sport that I have played since I was four years old. I currently play for the University of Waikato Premier Hockey Team.

I look forward to continuing to work with our outstanding English team as we take our department to even greater heights and grow a love of language within the college.

### Mr M. Williams

Assistant Head of English



### Mrs N. Blake

English Teacher



I started as a teacher in South Africa and moved to New Zealand in 2019. I first taught at Pukekohe Intermediate School before transferring to Tuakau College.

Teaching abroad captures what international exchange is all about. It's people from very different cultures coming together, learning from one another, and making positive connections.

As well as being a teacher and Year 9 Dean at Tuakau College, I am also a wife and a mum to Luke and Emily.



**Meet the English Teachers continued. . .**  
***Tutaki ki nga Kaiako Ingarihi haere tonu. . .***

**Mrs S. Welch**

English Teacher



I have been teaching at Tuakau College the last three years, with this being my first in the English Department. I have taught across the Franklin district over my almost twenty years in the profession. I have gained great knowledge from teaching all levels in the primary school sector up through to College level.

This is not my first time teaching at Tuakau College, which helped build my philosophy as it stands today - 'aroha mai, aroha atu; do what is expected of you but do not forget to be kind to yourself while doing it.'

Beyond school, family keeps me busy as they grow and look to move into their own lives and my spare time is spent at the beach or with yarn and a hook in hand.

I look forward to the coming teaching and learning in the English department and getting to know you all a little better.

I began my journey as a teacher of English on the beautiful isle of Jamaica. I later moved on to teach English in the Bahamas and the Turks and Caicos Islands. During my tenure in the Turks and Caicos Islands, I developed empathy for migrant students who did not speak English, so I made it my duty to cater to the needs of second language learners of English.

On arrival in New Zealand in 2013, I began teaching English to second language learners of English and native speakers alike. I have gained a wealth of knowledge and experiences and am looking forward to the opportunity to grow in the English department at Tuakau College.

**Mrs D. Dunchie-Coley**

English Teacher



**Mrs R. Venter**

English Teacher



I arrived in New Zealand in June this year and started teaching at Tuakau College a few days later. Before arriving in New Zealand, I taught in South Africa at several Cambridge curriculum based schools.

In my younger days, I taught ESL, both in South Africa and South Korea.

My teaching philosophy is that all students deserve the opportunity to explore their potential in a secure environment and to learn skills (academic and otherwise) that can aid them in living full lives.

In my free time I enjoy reading, writing, travelling with husband and spending lazy afternoons with my cat.



*"Never stop learning, because life never stops teaching."*

- Anon





## Middle College Speech Finals 2022

### Whakamutunga Korero o te Kaareti Waenganui 2022



The final week of Term Two saw one of the highlights of the English calendar when the Middle College speech finals were held. It was outstanding to see some incredibly powerful and personal speeches be delivered by our students. The topics were wide ranging from "The Theory of Hitler's Death" to "Why we should change the way our factories work". It was fantastic to be able to celebrate the wonderful effort and achievements of our Middle College students.

In the Year 10 category, first place was awarded to Skye Jenkins for her speech on 'Theory of Hitler's death.' Commendations went to Annabelle Beeby's speech on 'Women's rights' and Alex Gummer's speech on 'LGBTQ!.'

In the Year 9 category, first place was awarded to Chloe Jamieson for her speech titled 'I'm only human.' Commendations went to Caleb Quinlan for his speech on 'The power of sound,' and Peyton Van de Westerlo for her speech on 'Body Image.'



## Mazbou Q visits Music Department students

### Ka toro atu a Mazbou Q ki nga tauira o te Tari Waiata



Students from our Music Department were lucky to have a whole day music workshop with Mazbou Q on Thursday 28 July.

Mazbou Q is a UK-born, Tāmaki Makaurau (Auckland) based Nigerian artist, producer, content creator and educator.





# FRANKLIN SCHOOLS' CAREER EXPO 2022



On Thursday 30 June some of our students, along with the public, went to the Franklin Schools' Career Expo - a free event held at the Pukekohe Indian Association Event Centre. It was a great night with lots of potential career options showcased and over 900 people attending! Make sure you keep an eye out for next years event!



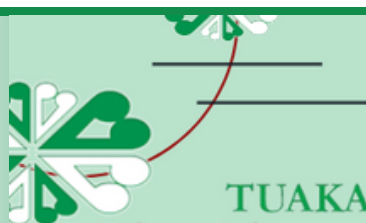
## HEALTH CENTRE Tari Hauora

Hope everyone had happy holidays! The holidays give us a circuit breaker from all the current bugs that are around so hopefully you are all rested, relaxed and rejuvenated for Term 3!

*Alison Robertson (School Nurse)*

Phone: 09 236 8521 ext 119





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# ORIENTATION DAY

FOR POTENTIAL NEW STUDENTS IN 2023

**Thursday 4 August, 2022**

From 9 am to 3:15 pm

All students to meet at the gym at the start of the day. Students to wear their current school uniform (if applicable). Students can use the school bus network if they need.

## Please remember to wear masks!

Students need to bring a packed lunch. Food can also be purchased at the school canteen.

Further information on how to enrol will be provided at the end of the day.

If you are not from a contributing school (Mercer School, Mangatawhiri School, Pukekawa School, Pokeno School, Harrisville School or Tuakau Primary), please register by emailing [t.potts@tuakaucollege.com](mailto:t.potts@tuakaucollege.com)



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# OPEN EVENING

**THURSDAY 18 AUGUST**

**FROM 4PM TO 7PM**

Please remember to wear masks!

**AT THE ELIZABETH STREET ENTRANCE**

- **No appointments necessary - just arrive anytime!**
- Opportunity to be taken on school tours by students
- Opportunity to speak to Senior Leaders and Year 7, 8 and 9 Year Level Deans for 2023





# WINTER SPORT

FULL PHOTOS OF WINTER SPORT ON FACEBOOK



## RUGBY



### 1st XV Team:

Pukekohe High School 2nd XV vs Tuakau College: 46-3 to Tuakau College

### U15's Team:

Papakura High School vs Tuakau College: 48-0 to Papakura High School

## NETBALL



**Our Netball teams played their finals on Wednesday 27 July and performed amazingly!**

Congratulations to our UNISS Netball team who won Premier A Grade after their game against Waiuku College and won Gold medals! The game went into extra time, with the final score 34-31 to Tuakau College UNISS. A special congratulations to Samantha Smith who was named as a Premier Grade (Section 1) Talent Identified Player - voted by teams and officials!

Congratulations also to our Senior B team who won their game against Papatoetoe High School and received Gold medals. Our Year 9 Premier team were runners up to Aorere College, placing them second overall. Congratulations to our AIMS team who won against Ormiston Y7&8 team and won Gold medals! Our Whero team placed third overall and our Kakariki team placed sixth overall.

Well done to all our netball students on a fabulous season, representing our school with pride!





# WINTER SPORT

FULL PHOTOS OF WINTER SPORT ON FACEBOOK



## BASKETBALL



### Junior Boys Red:

Waiuku College Junior Gold vs Tuakau College Junior Boys Red: 57-45 to Tuakau College Junior Boys Red  
PHS Junior Boys Res vs Tuakau College Junior Boys Red: 38-36 to PHS Junior Boys Res

### Junior Boys Green:

Waiuku College Junior Boys Maroon vs Tuakau College Junior Boys Green: 35-23 to Tuakau College Junior Boys Green  
Strathallan Under 15 B vs Tuakau College Junior Boys Green: win went to Strathallan Under 15 B

### Mixed Girls:

Waiuku College Senior Girls vs Tuakau College Girls: 70-14 to Waiuku College Senior Girls  
PHS Girls vs Tuakau College Girls: win went to PHS Girls



## Bethany and Brya Mahoney Basketball Refereeing Success *Ko Bethany raua ko Brya Mahoney te Kaiwawao Poitūkohu Angitu*

During the school holidays Bethany and Brya Mahoney refereed the BBNZ AOM U17 National Championships and also the U15 National Championships, after being selected by Basketball New Zealand.

Bethany had a phenomenal time and due to her hard work and excellence, was awarded the bronze medal match at U15 Nationals. An amazing achievement given Bethany is only 15 herself! This now ranks Bethany as one of the top age group referees in New Zealand! Well done girls!



## Tipene Thompson Māori Rugby League U14's

Well done to Tipene Thompson who made the Māori Rugby League U14's team. He competed for the Counties Manukau Māori Rugby League team, who made the finals but unfortunately lost to the Hokianga Storm! Well done Tipene!



# Calendar

## Maaramataka

### for Term 3, 2022

Please note that events on this calendar are subject to change due to COVID-19 restrictions/Traffic Light System

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
25 JULY Term 3 starts	26 Board Meeting	27 Extended Whaanau (Period 3)	28	29	30	31
1 AUG Year 10 OUT Tramp Year 13 OUT Tramp	2	3 Year 13 OUT Tramp	4 Orientation Day	5 Whare Assembly (Period 4) Year 13 OUT Tramp	6	7
8 Maths Week	9 Maths Week Parent Teacher Interviews	10 Extended Whaanau (Period 2) Maths Week	11 Maths Week Netball Tournament Parent Teacher Interviews	12 Year 12 OUT Rockclimbing Maths Week	13	14
15 Small Engines Course Year 11 PE Rock Climbing	16 Levels Assembly (Period 2)	17	18 Rā Kaakahu Kainga (Home Clothes Day) Open Evening	19 Teacher Only Day (Restorative Practices PLD)	20	21
22 Teacher Only Day (NCEA PLD)	23	24 Auckland Year 9/10 Mathex Competition	25 School Assembly (Period 4) Auckland Year 7/8 Mathex Competition	26 2023 In Zone Enrolment Applications Due	27	28
29 Tournament Week	30 Board Meeting Tournament Week	31 Tournament Week	1 SEP Whare Assembly (Period 3) Junior Social Tournament Week	2 2023 Out of Zone Enrolment Applications Due Tournament Week	3	4
5 FYFOD AIMS Games	6 FYFOD AIMS Games	7 FYFOD AIMS Games	8 FYFOD AIMS Games	9 School Assembly (Period 1) FYFOD AIMS Games	10 2023 Out of Zone Ballot	11
12 Māori Language Week Mock Exam Week	13 Māori Language Week Mock Exam Week	14 Māori Language Week Mock Exam Week	15 Entrance Testing MCAT Level 1 Exam Māori Language Week Mock Exam Week	16 Māori Language Week Mock Exam Week	17	18
19 Levels Assembly (Period 4) Snow Camp	20 Snow Camp	21 Snow Camp	22 Snow Camp	23 Snow Camp	24	25
26	27 Board Meeting	28	29 School Assembly (Period 5)	30 Term 3 ends		Term 4 starts on Mon 17 October. Term 4 finishes on Thurs 8 December.