



TUAKAU COLLEGE

Pal rawa atu i nga mea katoa . The very best in all things

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WISHING YOU ALL A
Merry Christmas + Happy New Year
with love from the Staff at Tuakau College!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Kaupapa ka whai ake

Student Centre, Reception
and Accounts Office Open -
Thursday 23 January, 2025

New Students Day -
Friday 31 January, 2025

Whole School starts -
Monday 3 February, 2025

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TERM 1 2025 CALENDAR**



**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).

Koorero a te Tumuaki

The Principal speaks:

Tēnā koutou katoa!

We have made it to the end of 2024! A huge thank you to all the students that have worked hard and diligently over the year, the staff who have worked tirelessly to teach and support our students and all the parents/caregivers and family members who have encouraged students throughout the year! You all deserve a well earned festive break!

Included in this e-Bulletin is some important information about 2025 start dates. The last page of this e-Bulletin has an indicative calendar for Term 1, 2025. On this calendar it has the 'days' for our 6x6 timetable printed. I suggest that you print this calendar off and have it handy somewhere in your home/residence to refer to - both for yourself and your child(ren). Students timetables will be published for them to view at the start of 2025, once the timetable has been finalised.

In January 2025 an e-Bulletin will be published that will include further key information about our kura (such as reporting absences, communication with the school, etc.)

At the end of this term we celebrated the academic successes of your Junior College and Middle College students. It was a great day and we are proud of all your achievements. Well done to all the prizewinners!

Have a great Christmas and New Year, keep safe and healthy, and I look forward to seeing you all after the break! Meri Kirihimete! Ka kite ano!



Mr Chris Betty



2024

Junior College Prizegiving

We held our Junior College Prizegiving on Tuesday 10 December. A special congratulations to our special award winners (see images of some of these recipients below). An Honours Award for Sport (Athletics) was awarded to Braxton Fletcher. To see all photos visit the Tuakau College Facebook page.

The 2025 Junior College Leaders are Lara Arnold, Rhys Campbell-Cox, Braxton Fletcher, Isabella Hawkes, Isabelle Lapwood, Charlotte Mowbray, Ethan Norris, Lexi Pope, Gus Barlow-Rhind and Madam Semau.



Betty Family Cup
Top Year 7&8
Academic student

Denith
Ukwatta



Paton Family Cup
Top All Round
Year 7&8 Student

Eila
Weren



Mary Nelson Cup
For outstanding
citizenship and
embodying the
school values

Eithan
Langi



Wolfsbauer Attitude Award
For Excellence in
Attitude

Taan
Kanimako



Rowan Hucker Cup
For the top Year 7&8
student in PE

Ethan
Isaacs

2024

Middle College Prizegiving

We held our Junior College Prizegiving on Tuesday 10 December. A special congratulations to our special award winners (see images of some of these recipients below). An Honours Award for Sport (Equestrian) was awarded to Charli Sabine. To see all photos visit the Tuakau College Facebook page.

The 2025 Middle College Leaders are Melanie Douglas, Amorey Coetzee, Caity McGrath, Cameron Stacey, Liam Goodhand, Lucas Astadan, Hollie Mahoney, Saranya Chitturi, Trent Harlick and MJ Holroyd.



The Principal's Cup
Top Year 9&10 student
for overall Academic
Excellence

Arviah Stewart



Chris Betty Cup
Top All Round
Year 9&10 student
across the four kete

Oli Goodhand



The Hema Cup
For reflecting the
school motto across
the four school values

Paige Powell



The Tim Foy Cup
For a Year 10 student
for industry, co-
operation and service

Oli Goodhand



The Douglas Hughes Memorial Trophy
For Whaanau loyalty

Natasha Butler



2025 Staff Updates 2025 Nga Whakahou Kaimahi

To our staff leaving; on behalf of the Tuakau College community, staff, students and parents/caregivers we wish you the best on the new challenges and journey you are about to undertake. Thank you for all the work with our students and the influences you have had on their lives and their futures. Haere ra to Mrs Hucker, Mr Chidamabaram, Mrs Van Kan, Mrs Burton, Miss Blackwood, Mr Van Rensburg, Mrs Van Rensburg, Mr McEwing, Mrs Yeo, Miss Muir, Mrs Dunchie-Coley, Mrs Pritchard, Mrs Fransch-Jonathan and Mrs Lata! We wish you all the best!

Next year, due to roll growth and staff leaving, we have a number of new teachers starting:

- Mrs Carter (Mathematics Teacher)
- Ms Cooper (Transition/Modules Teacher)
- Mrs De Bruin (English Teacher)
- Miss Dean (Technology Teacher)
- Mrs Hari (Head of Te Whare Ako/SENCO)
- Mrs Kaur (Teaching Assistant)
- Ms Lacaze (Science Teacher)
- Miss Land (Teaching Assistant)
- Ms Lata (Technology Teacher)
- Mr Lennox (Social Sciences Teacher)
- Mrs Rivin (English Teacher)
- Mr Russ (Technology Teacher)
- Mr Russell (Outdoor Education Teacher)
- Mr Scholes (Mathematics Teacher)
- Ms Seager (Physical Education/Health Teacher)
- Mrs Caitlin Taylor (Head of Transition/Careers)



Next year we also welcome back some staff members:

- Mr Walia (Head of Mathematics) returns from Sabbatical/Refreshment Leave
- Mrs Walia (Head of Year 7&8) returns from Refreshment Leave
- Mrs Hyde (Guidance Counsellor) returns from Maternity Leave
- Mrs Neilson (Science Teacher) returns from Maternity Leave
- Mrs Aitken (Te Reo Maori) returns from Maternity Leave

To our staff - we are always thankful for your efforts with our students and your dedication in helping them to be the very best in all things. This school wouldn't be the way it is without you, so thank you!

<p>VISION: Ka whakarite kareti o Tuakau i nga ākonga kia whai tāna e tōmina nei, kia kōunga tonu tana kete mātauranga. Tuakau College prepares students for life through a quality education promoting excellence in all things.</p> <p>TUAKAU COLLEGE</p>	<p>STRATEGIC GOALS - TUAKAU COLLEGE WILL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 noho hei manawa o te hapori kia hiahia te katoa. Be the heart of the community where everyone wants to be. 	<p>MANAAKI, AROHA + WHAKAUTE CARING, LOVE + RESPECT</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>NGĀKĀU TAPATAHI INTEGRITY</p> <p>Kaua e takahia te mana o te tāngata. Do not trample on the mana of the people.</p>	<p>Ū TONUTANGA PERSEVERANCE</p> <p>Kaua e mate wheke mate mangōpare. Don't give up like an octopus but fight like a hammerhead shark.</p>	<p>TINO PAI RAWA EXCELLENCE</p> <p>Pai rawa atu i ngā mea katoa. The very best in all things.</p> <p>TUAKAU COLLEGE</p>
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2024 Leavers Dinner
2024 Kai Whakarerea



On Thursday 5 December we had our Leavers Dinner where we officially farewelled our Year 13 students. It was a lovely evening and great to see our students receiving certificates for completing 13 years of schooling. We wish them all the best for the future and the very best in all things!

A special thank you to Caitlin Drabble (ex-student) who was our guest speaker for the evening and gave our students an inspiring message and some great advice!



SG EQUIPMENT LTD | Yale

Well done to two of our Year 13 students who featured in SG Equipment Ltd's newsletter this month!

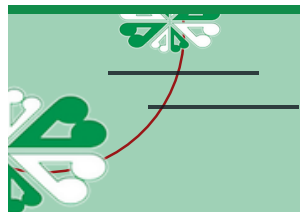
NEW STAFF : JHETT DAVIES
ROLE: Trainee Apprentice

Jhett Davies is one of our new trainees doing work experience until the new year starts. She finished her last year at Tuakau College this year and has recently received a Top of her Class award at MIT! Say hi to Jhett when you see her around.



NEW STAFF : ADAM EL MAGHOUSSEI
Role: Trainee Apprentice

Adam El Maghoussi is from Durban, South Africa and moved here with his family a few years ago. He also just completed his last year at Tuakau College and is super passionate about mechanical engineering. Please say hi to Adam and make him feel welcome!



Tuakau College 2025 Start Dates

Thursday 23 January	Student Centre, Reception and Accounts Office open.
Monday 27 January	Auckland Anniversary (Public Holiday)
Tuesday 28 January	Course Confirmation for Year 12 and Year 13 students will occur from 10:30am - 3:30pm in the English breakout space in B Block. Please be patient during this time.
Friday 31 January	Course Confirmation for Year 11 students will occur from 10:30am - 3:30pm in the English breakout space in B Block. Please be patient during this time.
Friday 31 January	New Students Pōwhiri/Orientation. New students pōwhiri and orientation from 9am - 1pm. Arrive to school at 9am and go to D Block. All students to be in correct uniform. Year 12 and Year 13 students to meet in the gym at 9am. Day finishes at 1pm. Parents/caregivers are welcome at the Pōwhiri at 9am and the BBQ lunch at 1pm. School bus service starts.
Monday 3 February	Whole school starts. All students arrive at school at 8:50am for a 9am whole school assembly. All students to be in correct uniform and to bring a pen - no other stationery required. Please ensure you have your PE uniform, <u>hat, sunscreen and water bottle</u> for the Whaanau House Rounders competition in the afternoon.
Tuesday 4 February	Timetable starts. Stationery is required.
Thursday 6 February	Waitangi Day (Public Holiday)

All other Key Information for 2025 (including Tools For Learning Lists, Fees Schedule and more) can be found on the Tuakau College website (www.tuakaucollege.com) under the 'Key Information' tab.

We look forward to seeing you!





2025 TIMETABLE INFORMATION

In 2025 school will start at 9am each day, except for Wednesdays when it will start at 9:10am. This will help to cater for the bus students using the public bus to get to school.

The 10 minute Whaanau time at the beginning of the day will be moved to after Period 2 and before interval. On Wednesday there will be no Whaanau time.

Assemblies and extended Whaanau time will occur during Period 4 on a Thursday, as per this year, and these will be published in the notices ahead of time.

In 2025 school will finish at 3:15pm each day.

All teaching periods remain at 50 minutes each.
Interval is 25 minutes each day and lunch is 40 minutes each day.

Class	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday	Wednesday
Period 1	9:00am to 9:50am (50 mins)	9:10am to 10:00am (50 mins)
Period 2	9:50am to 10:40am (50 mins)	10:00am to 10:50am (50 mins)
Whaanau	10:40am to 10:50am (10 mins)	<i>No Whaanau</i>
Interval	10:50am to 11:15am (25 mins)	
Period 3	11:15am to 12:05pm (50 mins)	
Period 4	12:05pm to 12:55pm (50 mins)	
Lunch	12:55pm to 1:35pm (40 mins)	
Period 5	1:35pm to 2:25pm (50 mins)	
Period 6	2:25pm to 3:15pm (50 mins)	

Please note we will still run a '6 Day' timetable. Instead of just referring to weekdays as Monday, Tuesday, etc. we use days (eg. Day 1, Day 2, etc.) as per the timetable.

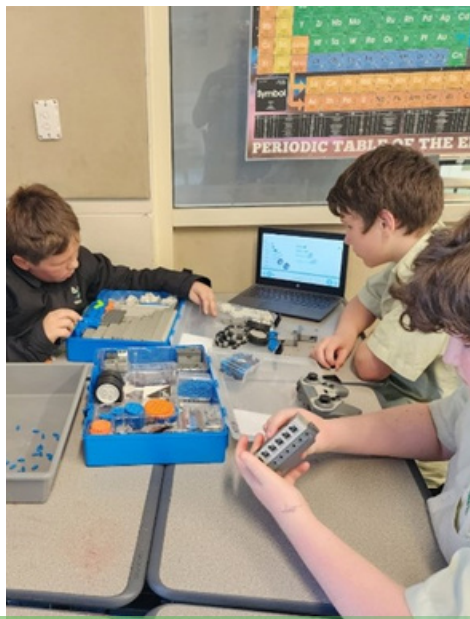


Kiwibots program one to watch

Kiwibots hōtaka tetahi ki te matakitaki

The introduction of 'Kiwibots' into our Junior school has provided a unique opportunity to explore educational aspects related to technology, engineering and problem solving! Our Science department has found that 'Kiwibots' serve as a fantastic example of how robotics can help improve problem solving skills of students. 'Kiwibots' provides a modern and engaging tool to bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application, offering students an exciting glimpse into the future of technology!

In 2025 the Science department plans to introduce 'Kiwibots' to a group of Year 9 students. The programme aims to inspire interest in STEMM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Maatauranga Maaori) subjects, integrated within the existing Science teaching programme. Next year a team will be entered into 'Kiwibots' competitions, giving participants a tangible objective to work towards and allow them to showcase their skills on a larger stage.



HOLIDAY CODING ACTIVITIES



- Learn coding languages online with help from expert live tutors.
- Ages 9 to 10, 11 & 12, 13 to 15, 16+
- 1 hour online at either 4pm, 5pm or 6pm. Sessions available between Jan 6 & Feb 9 2025.



Sign up for free at
codingnz.com/freeactivity

Calendar

Maaramataka

for Term 1 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
27 JAN Auckland Anniversary (Public Holiday)	28 Course Confirmation for Year 12 and 13	29 Staff Only Day	30 Staff Only Day	31 New Students Day Course Confirmation for Year 11	1 FEB	2
3 Whole school starts Rounders Competition	4 Timetable starts	5	6 Waitangi Day (Public Holiday)	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Levels Assembly	14 Swimming Champs	15	16
17 Year 7 Camp	18 Year 7 Camp	19 Year 7 Camp	20 Whare Assembly	21 Tabloid Swimming	22	23
24	25 PhotoLife ID Photos Board Meeting	26	27 Extended Whaanau	28 Athletics Day	1 MAR	2
3	4	5	6 School Assembly 11OUT Trip	7 11OUT Trip	8	9
10	11	12	13 Levels Assembly 12OUT Tramp	14 12OUT Tramp	15	16
17	18 12OUT Tramp	19 12OUT Tramp	20 Extended Whaanau Franklin Schools Careers Expo	21	22	23
24	25 13OUT Trip Board Meeting	26	27 13OUT Trip School Assembly	28	29	30
31	1 APR	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 School Assembly	11 Term 1 Ends		

Because these are whole school events this is not counted as a timetable 'Day'