

## UPCOMING events

### Take Waaheke

Monday 30 March -  
Term 1 ends

Tuesday 14 April - Term  
2 starts with online  
learning until Level 4  
COVID-19 is lifted

Friday 15 May - Cross  
Country

Wednesday 10 June -  
Junior College Speech  
Finals

Wednesday 17 June -  
Year 7 Immunisations

**PLEASE SEE THE  
BACK PAGE FOR  
INFORMATION ON  
TERM 2.**

**There is an update  
regarding COVID-19  
inside this issue!**



**Tangaroa  
Blue House**

Tangaroa is the 'god of the sea.'  
Māori believe that water is an  
energy, with many moods. It  
can be calm and life-giving, or  
dangerous and destructive. This  
energy is called Tangaroa – 'god  
of the sea.'



## Koorero a te Tumuaki The Principal speaks:

Kia ora koutou katoa,

The last week has certainly been a roller coaster ride with the COVID-19 pandemic taking hold of every country in the world. This has led to all schools being closed and the whole of New Zealand locked down for at least a month.

This means that the school holidays begin on Monday 30th March and will go for two weeks. This will allow the students and staff to have a deserved break. This will also allow all families to re-organise their lives, because the country has been told to self-isolate for a month.

It may seem a novelty to start with, but by the end of the month it will be very hard for everyone. The students are supposed to be on holiday - a holiday at home.

On Tuesday 14th April school will begin again and the staff will provide online learning for most of the students. We are working with the Ministry on providing online platforms to all our students, BUT, we need to know who cannot access the internet and who does not have a device.

Please contact Mr Jacobs (Deputy Principal) on A.jacobs@tukaucollege.com if this applies to you. We cannot promise anything, but we do want to have the students doing schoolwork from the 14th April for at least two weeks.

We have no idea when the Level 4 alert (lockdown) will be lifted, so keep watching our Facebook page, website and the school app for updated information. At the end of the lockdown all students will be glad to get back to school.

You can be assured we are working very hard to ensure that this lockdown and COVID-19 has minimal impact on your child's education. It will depend on how long it takes to halt the virus, but as a country we are doing our very best to stop and eliminate the effects on us as a community.

We have been fortunate to have a government and a Ministry who have given us a clear direction. Keep safe, keep well and we will see you all again on the other side of the lockdown. *Chris Betty*



Stay home



Be kind. Check-in  
on the elderly  
or vulnerable



Washing and  
drying your hands  
kills the virus

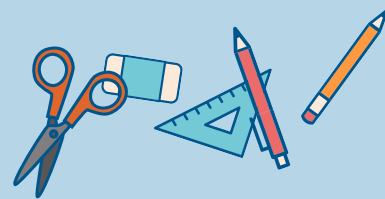


Cough or sneeze  
into your elbow

*Year 7 and 8 Feature*  
**Tau 7 me te 8 raru**

**See inside for more information!**

## A word from Preeti Walia (Head of Year 7&8):



**A warm welcome to all our new students and a big welcome back to our Year 8 students too!**

This term has been an emotional rollercoaster for some of our Year 7 newbies. High school expectations and new school systems have been a challenging experience.

Our students have had to settle and adjust themselves to fit into a new school, a fresh bunch of friends, a new bell system, a new uniform and a completely new way of doing things.

However, they have managed to cope and adjust to these higher expectations! While many of our tamariki have made this transition seamlessly, we would like the continued support and awhi from you all, our wider whānau.

If you have any issues or concerns regarding your child, please feel free to contact me, or Ms Clarke (Dean of Year 7 and 8). We are always happy to help! Thanks, **Mrs Preeti Walia**



### Junior Ambassadors *Nga Kaipupuri Matua*

(Not in order): Abbi McKay, Takaiho Haunui Tamehana, Tiare Asafo, Charmaine Hazell, Tamsin Coburn, Janet Saravanua, Samara Tocker, Simione Toafa, Oscar Jackson, Kaiah Hammond. (Not all present in this photograph)

**At Tuakau College, a Junior Ambassadors role is to make sure people feel invited and know the school values.** Ambassador Abbi McKay, says "it's our job to make sure Year 7's are comfortable with the transition of moving into intermediate and that they are comfortable in their new surroundings." Oscar Jackson adds "it means to be leaders and role models for the Year 7's to look up to."

Charmaine Hazell said "I am looking forward to interacting and meeting the new Year 7 and 8 students and also the teachers. Many goals have been set this year for me, such as keeping my gold endorsement."

She knows there will be challenges and bumps along the way, but she looks forward to overcoming them as an ambassador, student council member, role model, friend and supporter.

Oscar Jackson says he is looking forward to the challenges along the road that he may face. "I have many goals and expectations for myself, like a gold endorsement and coming up soon, cross country, but right now I just want to push myself and be the best I can so I can achieve those goals," he said.

Also aiming for the gold endorsement is Kaiah Hammond, who aims to get high grades. "I am looking forward to getting all different types of opportunities this year. I am also looking forward to all the school upcoming events."

Samara Tocker is looking forward to joining into new school activities that she didn't have the chance to do last year, as well as achieving a Gold endorsement.



## Meet the Year 7 and 8 Teachers *Tutaki ki nga kaiako Tau 7 me 8*

**Preeti Walia**

*Head of Junior College + 8N  
Homeroom Teacher*



Mrs Walia has been teaching at Tuakau for the past 15 years. She is a committed and passionate teacher who loves to excel students learning. As the Head of Junior College, Mrs Walia is the person who ensures things are running well in the Junior area. She enjoys Bollywood dancing and shopping in her free time.

**Heather Clarke**

*7O Teacher and  
Junior Dean*



Ms Clarke is a friendly teacher who is also known as Year 7 and 8 Pastoral Dean. She has had 15 years of working at Tuakau College and 6 years of being a Dean. Ms Clarke also has the privilege of leading Year 7 Camp and catering for each Year 8 Camp. She has taught many classes such as Science, Food Tech, Gateway, etc. She loves to have a good chat with her students and has taught most of our family lines! Ms Clarke is part of Tāwhirimātea and loves to meet new students!

**Ursula Aitken**

*7 Reo Rua Teacher*



Whaea Ursh has recently returned after a year of Study Leave. She is happy to be teaching at Tuakau College, which is the only school she has taught at! She has taught here for ten years now. Whaea Ursh is a proud Tangaroa member, Pumanawa BUA whānau teacher and excited to get to know everyone!

**Michelle Van der Byl**

*7N Homeroom Teacher*



Mrs Van der Byl is teaching her second year at Tuakau College and not only is she a teacher of 7N, but she also teaches Te Whariki students. She is in the mighty Tāne Mahuta house and takes Tāne Mahuta Pumanawa class. Mrs Van der Byl is loving her new classes this year.

**LeeAnne Shaw**

*8 Reo Rua Teacher*



Whaea Lee has taught at Tuakau since 2002 and has always taught Year 7 and 8. She is also part of the Kapa Haka group. Whaea Lee is dedicated and loves our kura and her Tāwhirimātea whānau.

**Shirley Scott**

*8O Homeroom Teacher*



Mrs Scott is one of our new teachers. She has taught in many different places, such as England, as well as local places around us. So far she is loving our kura and being part of Tāne Mahuta.

**Kavita Kavita**

*7P Homeroom Teacher*



Miss Kavita has started her first year at Tuakau College. She is loving our school and her new students. She feels very welcomed and looks forward to teaching here in the future years and taking her mighty Tangaroa whānau.

**Sarah Welch**

*8P Homeroom Teacher*



Mrs Welch is a proud member of Rūaumoko whānau and enjoys teaching 8P. She has been teaching for 13 years, 5 of which have been at Tuakau College. She teaches Year 8, Middle college and Senior college. In her spare time, apart from looking after her family, she enjoys reading and crochet.

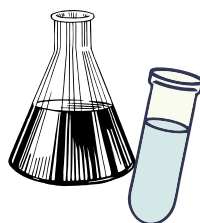
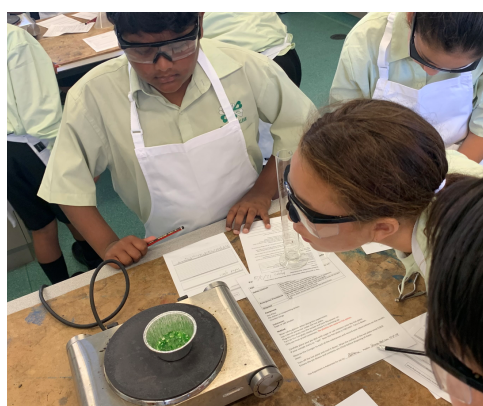
## YEAR 7 AND 8 *Students at work* Nga akonga i te mahi

### 7O and 7P Science in the Lab

Both 7O and 7P recently visited Lab 6 as part of their Science studies.

After suiting up in the Science Departments brand new lab coats and putting their safety glasses on, the students were excited to do an experiment.

They mixed different elements together and after heating it they formed crystals! They then had to observe and write down notes about the experiment!



### 7N Acrostic Poems

#### Tuakau College

*By Cate Harvey, Rachel Maguire and Hayden Doran*

**T**he very best in all things  
**U**nstoppable students reaching higher  
**A**stonishing option classes  
**K**amar platform to mark attendance  
**A**marzing students  
**U**seful knowledge for your future

**C**ool extra curricular classes  
**O**utstanding teachers  
**L**ooooooooooooong lunch breaks. . .  
**L**eadership roles for all year levels  
**E**ducation made awesomely fun  
**G**uidance through school life  
**E**xcellent ambassadors throughout the year levels

#### Tuakau College

*By Poppy, Paige, Hazel, Charlotte and Taliyah*

**T**errific teachers teaching  
**U**nbelievable, hard-working children  
**A**marzing college  
**K**amar's exclusizve system  
**A**stonishing staff members  
**U**pbeat within the school's motto

**C**ool, calm and relaxed environment  
**O**pportunities everywhere  
**L**ots of languages to be learned  
**L**ove towards students  
**E**ngaged towards learning  
**G**ive it a go attitude  
**E**ducation beyond compare

#### Tuakau College

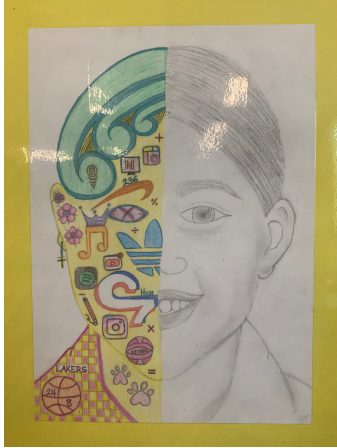
*Unknown*

**T**he very best in all things  
**U**seful knowledge for your life ahead  
**A**iming for our goals  
**K**amar passwords are annoying and hard to remember  
**A**marzing and helpful staff  
**U**nder the refreshing shade of the tree

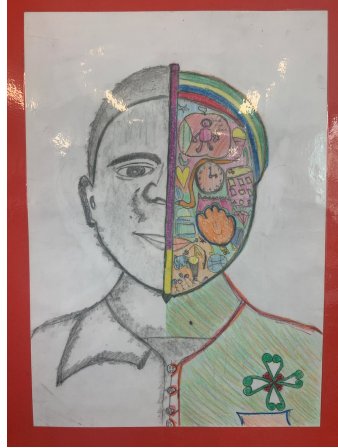
**C**aring and friendly teachers  
**O**verdue homework can be stressful  
**L**ogical educational worksheets  
**L**ong and boring break times  
**E**ducation Perfect is cool and fun  
**G**reat friendships are made  
**E**xcellence is a perfect grade



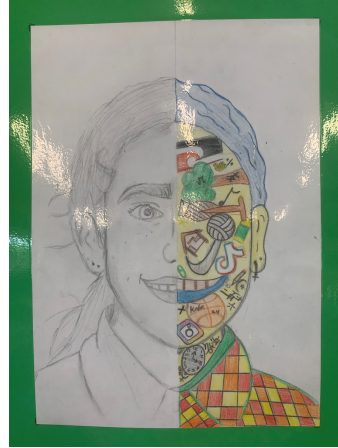
## 8R Reo Rua Personal Profiles



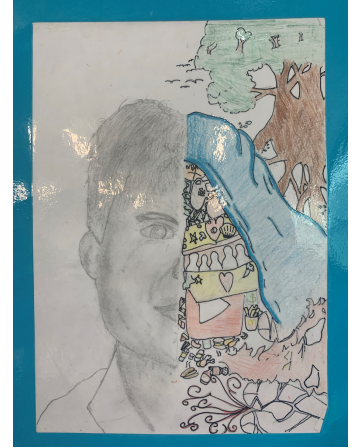
He kōtiro ahau. He kōtiro kaha ahau. He kōtiro Māori ahau. He kōtiro tāroaroa ahau. Ko Tawhirimatea tōku whare i te kura. He uri nō Te Kotahitanga ahau. Ko Chelsea ahau.



Ko Wanakore ahau. He tama ahau. He tama huumarie, he tama kaha, he tama uaua hoki ahau. He tama Maaori ahau. He uri Noo te Puuaha o Waikato ahau. Ko Rauamoko tooku whare i te kura. He tauira ahau i te Kura Tuarua O Tuakau.



Ko Kowhai ahau. He kōtiro ahau. He kōtiro Māori ahau. He kōtiro whakatoi ahau. Ko Tane Mahuta tōku whare i te kura. He kōtiro poto ahau. He kirimangu tooku kiri. He uri nō Tutereinga ahau.



Ko kawa tooku ingoa. He tama Maaori ahau. He tama huumarie ahau. He tama torotika ahau. He tama momona ahau engari he tama uaua ahau. He uri Noo te Puuaha O Waikato. Ko Tangaroa tooku whare i te kura. He tauira ahau i te kura tuarua o Tuakau.

## A Scorching, Sandy Summer

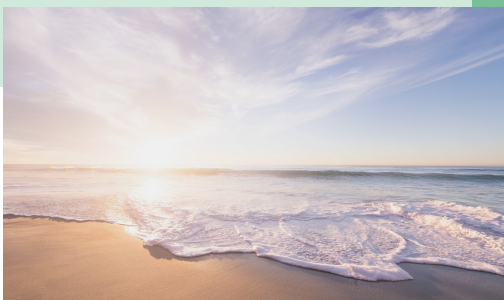
*By Danielle Butler - 8N student*

### Remember,

Hot sand beneath your feet,  
burning your toes.  
Running to the ocean in a hurry,  
to stop the pain.  
You immediately dive into the water,  
not even thinking about how cold it is.  
You feel burns beneath your eyes,  
Ouch! The sun left something behind.  
**That was summer.**

### Remember,

A black sky,  
many twinkling stars placed in it.  
Struggling to close your eyes,  
and rest peacefully.  
Kicking off layers of sheets and blankets,  
leaving you weak, tired, and helpless.  
"Rest, close your eyes," you would tell yourself,  
The mornings are not as bad as the nights.  
**That was summer.**



**"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."**

**-Eleanor Roosevelt**

## Topics coming up in Term 2:

**Year 7:** English - Persuasive Text and Speeches, Social Studies - Leadership, Science - Patterns in the Environment, Mathematics - Algebra/Measurement

**Year 8:** English - Persuasive Text and Speeches, Social Studies - Leadership, Science - Electricity, Mathematics - Algebra/Statistics



**A staircase to SUCCESS**

**In 2015 Tuakau College began assessing its Year Seven and Eight students using a Junior College Diploma. The following information explains how the system works!**

At the end of Year Eight the students will be awarded a Junior College Diploma based on their academic performance at the curriculum level that they are working on. Students will be assessed using the Key Competencies in each subject that they are studying.

Each term, the subjects that the student is studying will have twenty points on offer. The exception is their whanau report which only offers ten points. The first two Key Competencies relate to the Knowledge and Skills of the subject, Using Language, Symbols and Text (or Practical Skills if it is Art or PE) and Thinking and adds up to 10 points.

The last three Key Competencies relate to the self-management skills of the student and fall into the following categories; Relating to Others, Managing Self and Participating and contributes 10 points. Each subject area will have decided on the self- management skills that are important for success.

At the end of the term all the points that the student has gained will be added up and students will receive a points update, which will show how well the student is achieving using a grade point average. In order to achieve a Silver grade, students need a grade point average of at least 75 and for Gold, a grade average of 85 or higher. Students achieving Bronze will need a grade point average of 50 to 74.

Whanau reports will reward students with points for their extra-curricular activities and willingness to help others in whanau as well as house competitions. Wearing the correct uniform will also be a way of gaining quality points. Two full school reports and two progress reports will be issued during the year.

The full reports will be issued in Week 10, Term 2 and Week 10, Term 4. Progress reports will be issued at the end of Term 1 and on the last day of Term 3. Students will receive a table of criteria on how to get the points for each subject and this will be placed in a part of their workbooks or booklets that are easily accessible and where teachers will be able to explain to the students what they need to do to be successful.

#### **In Summary:**

- 20 points awarded in each subject each term
- Whanau reports will award 10 points each term
- Students will receive two full reports and two progress reports
- Each student will have a rubric for each subject they are studying in the term based on the Key Competencies
- Students must achieve two thirds of the credits available
- Bronze GPA 50-74
- Silver GPA 75-84
- Gold GPA 85-100

## STUDENT VOICE

**We asked our Year 7 and 8 students what were some positives about starting at Tuakau College this year. These were some of their replies:**

"Canteen and food choices"

"Teacher support is spectacular"

"Meeting new people"

"Option classes - getting to make stuff"

"More opportunities"

"New teachers"

"New challenges and learning"

"Science lessons"

"Set uniform"

"Massive fields and more sports"

"Getting to try different options"

"WIFI and devices at break times"

"Teachers treat us our age/mature"

"Having new friends"



## REO RUA 2020

### 7R, 8R and 9R

Reo Rua have 3 year level classes; 7R, 8R and 9R. We are extremely lucky in Reo Rua because our kaiako speak to us in both Te Reo Maaori and Te Reo Paakeha. We not only learn things in Te Reo Maaori and Te Reo Paakeha but also learn in the other option classes too.

All of our teachers are very excited and happy to teach new tamariki that would like to be a part of the Reo Rua classes. Many tamariki in these classes enjoy learning Te Reo Maaori, new waiata and haka. We have the privilege to poowhiri our exchange students to our kura and through our whare Te Atarua.

**"Kia maakoha, kia humaarika hoki,"** (To be kind and courteous) is one of our many kiiwaha we use in our Reo Rua classes.

*Written by Tiare Asafo and Takaiho Haunui-Tamehana in 8R*

### Student Council Members 2020:

Brianna Welch, Brooke Wilson, Rose Salani, Courtney Tipene, Rachel Maguire, Katelyn Yeager, Payton Munce, Rose Harwood, Charlotte Beeby, Anica Dutt, Jorja Parmentier, Caleb Scanlon, Mere Taaka-Te Kaute, Ilaisaane Maea, Hayden Doran, Chelsea Tregurtha, Geordie Wilson, Bree Evans, Tuterangi Taua, Emma Evans, Emma Schwass, Daniel Jensen, Sophie Maclean, Adele Hira-Tautuaa, Aina Pomare, Vrinda Charan, Char Hazell, Robert Davies, Sarah Muller, Natasha Kihi-Marshall, Carlin Lee, Bradley Hartigan, Chloe Judge, Alfred Lapwood, Raina Tainui, Mary-Louise Booth, Ryan Narayan, Mattias Tafto, Oscar Jackson, Lily McInnarney, Calissa Johannesen, Maia James and Kyra Lucas-Symonds.

### Student Council Accomplishments and Goals 2020:

In 2020, the Student Council has come up with an environmentally friendly idea for the years project. They are going to provide the school with recycling bins.

This is not only good for the environment but the school saves a lot of money by doing it, as it costs lots to have all the rubbish bins we have.

Also, by saving money, we will be able to do more cool things, for example, the up and coming playground, events around school and many more future projects - *Oscar Jackson*

## Useful Websites

### Paetukutuku whaihua

- <https://www.khanacademy.org>

Khan Academy is an organisation on a mission. This is a non-profit website with the goal of changing education for the better by providing a free world-class education for anyone anywhere. All of the site's resources are available to anyone. Khan Academy's materials and resources are available for all the subjects to you completely free of charge.

- <https://nzmaths.co.nz/families-and-wh-nau>

In the nzmaths Families section there are lots of resources for helping your child learn about numbers – this will help them with the maths they do at school.

- <http://maths.nayland.school.nz/index.html>

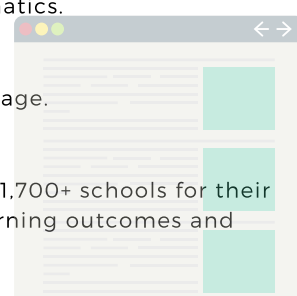
This website is packed with many useful websites and resources to support students in Mathematics.

- <http://www.spellingcity.com/>

An award-winning free game-based learning website for vocabulary, spelling, writing and language.

- <https://www.educationperfect.com/app/#/login>

Education Perfect is the ultimate online learning platform used by over 780,000 students from 1,700+ schools for their learning and revision. We're driven by a collective desire to see technology improve student learning outcomes and magnify the value of a teacher in the classroom.





## HEALTH CENTRE *Tari Hauora*

### COVID-19 UPDATE

Following the information you have already received, either by email, Facebook or the website, here is an update on COVID-19. Tuakau College has and will be doing a number of things to prevent the spread of Covid-19 such as:

- Constant reminders about hand washing and social distancing of at least a metre. Students not to share food or drink.
- We have ensured that surfaces where students have worked were sanitised after each period.
- Please encourage your child to wash their hands thoroughly and correctly. Soap and water for 20 seconds minimum is best. Hands must be dried completely. Students are supposed to keep a distance of 1.5 m away from each other. As this is impractical in a school, students just need to be aware of distances between themselves and others. Students should refrain from handshakes, hongi, kissing, etc as part of this strategy.



## IMPORTANT NOTICE

To our school community: Kia kaha! Be strong through these trying times. Be assured that Tuakau College will try to make these times as smooth as possible with the education of your children.

Some key information for you all:

- **School holidays have been brought forward and will run from 30th March to 14th April 2020. From the 14th April lessons will be provided through distance learning.**
- Teachers will contact students through Google Classroom, student G-mail, family emails and or by post. Teachers will provide two weeks work from the 14th April until further notice.
- School will reopen when we are instructed to by the Government
- Any queries or issues please contact the child's teacher. Emails are available on the website and on the School App.
- If students do not have internet access or a device at home, please contact A. Jacobs on 092368521 Ext 106. Leave a message.
- The main sporting bodies that control summer sports' week, which include the Maadi Cup and Waka Ama, have made the decision to cancel the sports' week. Our teams will not be attending the Waka Ama Nationals.

We will keep you updated via the following sources: Tuakau College Facebook page, school website, Tuakau College App and via email.



**This is not a time to panic.  
It is a time to be sensible,  
cautious, selfless and considerate.  
It may feel impossible to see the  
sunshine right now, but it will  
return soon. None of this is easy,  
Be kind to yourself and be kind  
to others. Check in on your  
friends and keep each others  
hearts full.**



*Thank you*  
to our

Medical workers  
Civil Service Employees  
Delivery people  
First Responders  
Sanitary workers  
Bank workers  
Journalists  
Farmers

Pharmacy workers  
Factory workers  
Grocery workers  
Mail carriers  
Truckers  
Utility workers  
Military Personnel  
Teachers

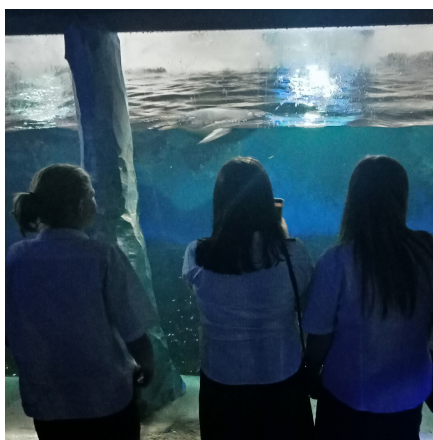
**and everyone who is working to keep things  
going in these trying times.**

**Remember, a smile or a thank you goes a long  
way!**

## **Year 11/12/13 Fabrics Trip Te Tau 11/12/13 Te haerenga o te papanga**

**Recently our Year 11, 12 and 13 Fabrics students visited Kelly Tarlton's as part of their studies.**  
The students were there to get inspiration for their projects.

They focused on looking at shape, colour and texture, plus the environmental aspects, of Kelly Tarlton's work with the Sealife Trust around conservation of our oceans and creatures.



### **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.  
Maka e ki atu.  
He tangata he tangata.  
What is the greatest thing?  
It is people, it is people, it is people.

## Newly Refurbished Gym and Music Area

### *Hou whare whakapaipai me te rohe puoro*

On Monday 2 March we had a blessing of the newly refurbished school gym and music area! We look forward to our students using these spaces! The following Wednesday we had our first school assembly in the gym. Once fully completed, the gym will have basketball hoops that will fold down from the ceiling, screens on the walls and a sound system.



### House Leaders 2020:

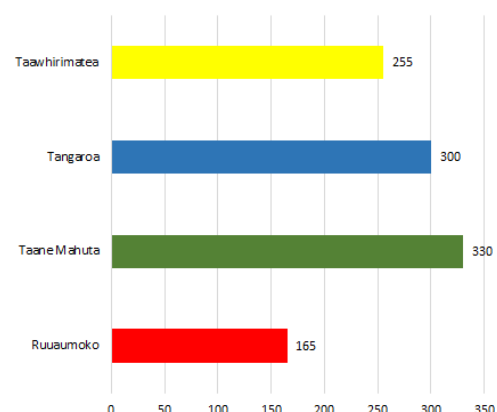
**Tāne Mahuta:** Alfred Lapwood, Raina Tainui, Mary-Louise Booth and Ryan Narayan

**Tangaroa:** Sophie Maclean, Adele Hira-Tautuaa, Aina Pomare and Chloe Law

**Rūaumoko:** Jorja Parmentier, Caleb Scanlon, Mere Taaka-Te Kaute and Ilaisaane Maea

**Tāwhirimātea:** Brianna Welch, Brooke Wilson, Rose Salani and Courtney Tipene

House Points Update



## NZ Rugby Filming Session

On Tuesday 17 March, some of our students were lucky to be involved in the filming of a New Zealand Rugby coaching video. The video was based around safe scrums in rugby and our students loved being part of it. Huge thank you to Shaun Atamu, Secondary School Rugby Development Office at Counties Manukau Rugby and Football Union, and NZ Rugby for organising the day and donating a bag of T-shirts to Tuakau College, along with \$300 to go towards the sports department!





## Outdoor Education *Kei Te Akoranga o-waho*

### 12 OUTDOOR EDUCATION

On the 11th and 12th of March the students from Year 12 Outdoor Education went on an overnight sea kayaking trip in the Mahurangi Harbour. We were blessed with mostly good weather and a beautiful location. The focus of the trip was on risk management and camping skills. The students had to analyse risks that could occur while kayaking and demonstrate risk management strategies. The students had to carry all their gear in the kayaks, including their cooking gear and tents. They paddled to Te Muri Beach where they set up their campsites and cooked a range of meals on gas cookers. On day two, the sea became slight, which provided a safe challenge and some fun for many of the students.



### 13 OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Recently, students from the Year 13 Outdoor Education class went on a four day adventure camp at the top of the Coromandel Peninsula. The class looked at risks and safety management issues that might occur from the time they left school to the time they returned. They went on an overnight tramp from Fletcher Bay to Stony Bay, as well as swimming, kayaking and mountain biking. The students learnt how to manage a variety of emergencies that could occur in the outdoors and the issues that might occur being in a remote location. They also developed their navigation skills and camping skills.



Please note this is only a scenario!





# Calendar *Maaramataka* for Term 2, 2020

Due to COVID-19, all school assemblies, extra-curricular and curricular trips were cancelled in Term 1.

As we are currently in lockdown, and when we will come out of lockdown is an unknown, we cannot bring you an accurate calendar for Term 2.

**Term 2 begins on Tuesday 14 April** and students will be learning online for the two weeks following that, as per the Governments guidelines.

We hope to bring you a Term 2 calendar in the next issue.

## NCEA *Endorsement Assembly* 2020

Our NCEA Endorsement Assembly unfortunately had to be cancelled, so on Thursday 19 March, the recipients met together in the iHub for a small presentation Congratulations to all the students on a great effort in NCEA 2019!

