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**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.'

### Ka korero te Tumuaki The Principal speaks:

Kia ora koutou katoa!

I would like to pay tribute to our kaumatua Te Kiwa (Miki) Kereama (Graham) who passed away at the beginning of October. He touched the lives of many and it is with sadness that we have lost someone so dear to the Tuakau College community.

Kua hinga te Tōtara o te wao nui a Tāne - The Tōtara in the great forest of Tāne has fallen.

He was our cultural advisor, our rangatira, our friend, and a significant Māori leader. We will miss him dearly.

Tino pouri te ngākau i te matenga o taua rangatira a Miki moe mai moe mai ra. Ki te whānau pani e mihi arohanui tenei Arohanui, arohanui kia kaha ngā hoa ma Kei konei matou hei tautoko ia koutou Noreira kia kaha kia mīa, kia manawanui.



Miki has been associated with the College for many years. His daughter, Michelle, attended Tuakau College in the 1980's. He married into the Clarke whānau and was a loving husband to Ngaire. He was a koro to many of the tamariki in his whānau and schools he was the kaumatua for. His mokopuna will miss him.

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## Ka haere tonu te korero a te Tumuaki

### The Principal speaks continued:

He was a staunch advocate for sport and the learning of Te Reo Māori. He was one of the rangatira for the Kohanga Reo movement. Miki and Ngaire ran the Ngā Tai E Rua kohanga reo for many years. He was a JP and marriage celebrant and has had a huge influence on many of our tamariki's lives over the years. He was completely community focused. He was a likeable character and always shared a joke. With every overseas tour he would bless the group before we embarked on our travels across the ocean. Every trip he gave us his treasured tokotoko (walking stick) as a taonga to protect and guide us on the journey we were to embark on. Every time the tokotoko would return safely, as the group returned after a experience of a lifetime.

We are very lucky to have had Miki Graham in our lives and the richness he has given to us all can never be underestimated. He will never be forgotten. Thank you e hoa. Haere haere haere moe ma ra.

We are at the end of October and the COVID-19 virus has hit us hard. The disruption it has created for us at Tuakau College is huge. The College has been working hard with many of the students to ensure they are coping with the disruption, online learning continues and to make sure that the health of the school community is paramount.

To the school community; thank you for your ongoing support with the decisions the Board has made. Thank you for your perseverance and humility as we work to see the school year come to a close. It cannot come quick enough so we can reset and start the new 2022 year afresh. The success of our students this year has been the effort of not just the College, but also you as parents and caregivers. I am so proud to be in a community that gives aroha (love), awhi (to embrace) and tautoko (support) to us as we make many hard decisions that affect us all. Ngā mihi nui!

Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi. Engari he toa takitini. Success is not the work of one but the work of many

As a school we have been given a lot of advice and with the requirements of all education sector workers having to be one dose vaccinated by Monday 15 November and fully vaccinated by Saturday 1 January, this has certainly given the Board a few headaches as we work through the 'mind field' of employment law.

Public Health has also advised the risk of infection is low at school. The greater risk for transmission will come from travel to and from school, including from any bad behaviours that might creep in off-site such as students congregating outside school on their way to and from home and students ignoring the health measures we all need to follow in our region. When school returns on Monday 8 November for all senior students, they will have to wear masks, keep their distance from each other and the school will implement a number of measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

As mentioned in my letter and email to the school community, we do have COVID-19 in the community and do have some of our families as close contacts. As a school community we want to wish the whānau involved in this breakout all the best in recovering from the virus. As mentioned before, the evidence is overwhelming that vaccination makes a difference. So, as a College, we want to encourage as many of our students aged 12 and over (and their whānau) to get vaccinated. This decision is totally up to individuals and their whānau but we as a school must collect information around vaccination of the student population. It is outlined in the health order. You can be assured that this information is totally confidential and individual information will not be shared with anyone. Thank you to all the whānau that have already shared this information with the College.

We have to also limit the number of visitors into the College. All consultations and discussions with staff will need to be completed via ZOOM (huitopa) or telephone. Parents that leave their cars must wear a mask and must observe the 1.5 metre rule. There are signs all around the school instructing parents/caregivers and students on what to do.

We have a few projects at school that have been delayed because of COVID-19 Alert Levels. The revamp of the Administration block has been rescheduled and will commence on Wednesday 1 December. When this begins, there will be new temporary places for the staff that work in the Administration area. All the Senior Leadership team will move into resource areas around the school. The Accounts Office has shifted to the English resource area (access via iHub quad). Enrolments will be in the new Student Centre area and the Staffroom will be located in the Year 13 Common Room. We will create a new map and send it out to the school community. The second part of the Adventure Confidence Course has been delayed and we are hoping this will be up and running early in Term 1, 2022.

As COVID-19 disrupts our lives we have had to think of different ways to deliver regular events that we have held in the College gymnasium. Sports Awards and Senior Prizegiving will be delivered online. More information about this will be sent to the community soon.

It has been a long time out of school. Once again I want to reiterate that if you or your child is struggling please let us know as we may be able to help. Please contact the Guidance team an/or Paul Heta on p.heta@tuakaucollege.com. We look forward to having the students back as soon as we can.

Kia kaha, kia manawanui, kia hauora - Be strong, be patient, be healthy. *Mr Chris Betty*

## School Camps Cancelled *Kua whakakorehia nga puni kura*

**All end of year School Camps (Year 7, 8, 9 and 10) are regrettably cancelled due to COVID-19 Alert Level restrictions.** The school will be contacting all parents/students that have paid, to arrange refunds. Please understand there are a lot of students to work through so your refund may take some time. We appreciate your patience and cooperation.



## Tuakau College Pātaka Kai

**The Tuakau College Pātaka Kai (located at the Elizabeth Street entrance) was created by a collaboration of various areas in the school.** This Pātaka Kai is a food pantry for the Tuakau community to share and is a gift from Tuakau College.

The photos below are from the last couple of weeks! Some of the produce donated by the college includes lettuce, kale, radishes, cauliflower, cabbages, silverbeet, beans and parsley. There has also been some grocery items and plants.

Make sure you check it out and help yourself to anything inside the Pātaka!



## Careers Department Photo Competition *Whakataetae whakaahua a te Tari Mahi*

The Careers Department are running a competition at the moment that requires students to capture (using home resources or those accessible under lockdown rules) a photo that depicts a possible future career. Get permission if you use people in your photo or resources not your own. Do not use photos from the internet!

Then upload it using the Google form that was sent to students school email addresses and think of a caption to accompany it which does not just name the career. The photo should already make that obvious.

There will be prizes for each category (Junior, Intermediate, Senior and Staff). Make sure you enter for your chance to win! Entries need to be in by Monday 15 November, 2021.



# UNDERSTANDING NCEA IN 2021

## EASY REFERENCE GUIDE

### LEARNING RECOGNITION CREDITS

Learning Recognition credits are awarded in recognition of the difficulty completing assessments through remote online learning. For every 4 credits a student gains in 2020 or 2021, they will be awarded 1 extra Learning Recognition (LR) credit. NZQA will automatically add these credits to students results in January 2022.



### NZQA REQUIREMENTS

To gain Level 1 students need a minimum of:

- 10 Numeracy credits
- 10 Literacy credits
- 64 credits earned in total
- 16 Learning Recognition credits (added in Jan 2022)

To gain Level 2 students need a minimum of:

- 20 Level 1 credits
- 48 Level 2 credits
- 12 Learning Recognition credits (added in Jan 2022)

To gain Level 3 students need a minimum of:

- 20 Level 2 credits
- 48 Level 3 credits
- 12 Learning Recognition credits (added in Jan 2022)

### CERTIFICATE ENDORSEMENT

To gain Certificate Endorsement at Level 1, Level 2 or Level 3 with Excellence students need a minimum of 44 Excellence credits.

To gain Certificate Endorsement at Level 1, Level 2 or Level 3 endorsed with Merit students need a minimum of 44 Merit or Excellence credits.



### COURSE ENDORSEMENT

To gain a Course Endorsement at Level 1, Level 2 or Level 3 students need to achieve a minimum of 12 credits at Achieved, Merit and Excellence within that course to be endorsed to each respective level.

Most courses also require a minimum of 3 of those credits to be from externals and 3 from internals.



### UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE (LEVEL 3 ONLY)

The minimum requirements to gain the qualification of 'University Entrance' are:

- Level 1 Numeracy (10 credits)
- Level 2 Literacy (5 Reading + 5 Writing credits)
- Level 3
- 3 University Approved subjects, with 12 credits in each

