



# TANGAROA COLLEGE

July 2022

Dear Tangaroa College Community,



On behalf of the Tangaroa College Board of Trustees, I sadly and respectfully announce the departure of our Tumuaki, our Principal Davida Suasua. Davida is taking up the position of Principal at Rosehill College in Papakura. She officially leaves Tangaroa College this Friday the 8th of July. Miss Christine Pili has been appointed Acting Principal until the new Principal is appointed.

Davida's inspirational leadership has shaped each student's education at Tangaroa College. Her guidance has created an environment in which students and teachers have been able to grow, especially navigating through the pandemic.

When Davida arrived at Tangaroa College over 28 years ago, she brought with her a world class attitude and a professional elegance of love for education and the strive for student excellence. During her time at Tangaroa she excelled her leadership career which saw her become a physical education teacher, to a senior leadership position, to appointment of Principal in 2017.

Davida's innovative ideas about creating stress-free learning environments were well-received and quickly implemented. The result has been a consistent improvement in student achievement with the help of her team and the amazing number of teachers implementing and delivering the educational learning.

Davida has been able to shape the physical appearance of Tangaroa College, with the changes to the school and front entrance of Tangaroa becoming a welcoming site for visitors, community, and ex-students of the school. She was present at sporting events, wearing Tangaroa College proudly and cheering on the teams. She was an important member of the board and contributed to the meetings.

Thank you, Davida Suasua, for your compassionate, hands-on leadership. We wish you the best as you venture on to a new space in your career journey. You will stay in our hearts as we continue to honour your leadership.

Sincerely,

Karl Tusini-Rex

Tangaroa College  
Board of Trustees  
Presiding Member

## Upcoming events

- Monday 25 July - *Teacher Only Day*
- Tuesday 26 July - *First day of term 3 for ALL students*
- Wednesday 27 July - *BOT Meeting*
- Sunday 31 July - 6 August - *Cook Island Language week*
- Friday 5 August - *School Board of Trustees Nominations close*
- Friday 19 August - *School "Whare-thon" (Marathon)*
- Monday 22 to Wednesday 24 August - *Mock Exams*
- Thursday 25 August - *Whanau NCEA information evening / Year 9 Literacy & Numeracy info*
- Thursday 25 - Friday 26 August - *Whanau & Teacher Interviews*
- Wednesday 31 August - *BOT Meeting*
- Sunday 11 to 17 September - *Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori*
- Tuesday 13 September - *MCAT*
- Monday 19 - Friday 23 September - *LIT/ NUM Pilot Year 9 assessment*
- Wednesday 28 September - *BOT meeting*
- Friday 30 September - *Last day Term 3*
- Saturday 1 October - *School Ball Ellerslie Convention Centre*

## School Board Parent Election 2022 - Nomination Round

Our school will be undertaking a parent election for 5 School Board vacancies. This process will start with the issuing of nomination papers to our caregiver community by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

We have employed CES to undertake the election process on our behalf. This year with legislative change, our nomination form and full instruction on how to place your nomination into our own School's Election website will be emailed to you if we have your email address in our database or you will receive it by post if we don't have your email in our database.

Nomination papers will also be available at the school office. The school will send those on to CES for processing upon receipt from candidates.

Nominations close on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August at 12 noon.

We look forward to your participation in this process.

Wayne Jamieson  
Returning Officer

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## Attendance

Previous research has established that there is a strong relationship between attendance and student attainment. (2019 Ministry of Education) If there is a reason why your child cannot be present, please contact the school office. Attendance does affect learning and achievement and we would like to support your child/whanau to re-engage with learning onsite. Online learning is available through Google Classroom when circumstances make it necessary, 092745764 and our lovely office staff will put you through to the right person.

### Late to Gate - Strive to be on time

- Students at Tangaroa College learn best when they are on time to all their lessons.
- All students must be at school by 9:00am. That's when our lessons start.
- After 9:00am, the gate will be shut and late students will be sent home.

If you have a good reason for being late, then the whānau or caregivers can:

- Come with the student to the front office and inform our office staff of the reason for the lateness to school; or
- Ring the school office ph 274 5764, explain the reason and arrange for the student to be let through the gate.

**Get to the Gate! ..... Don't be late!**

## Uniform

We are now heading into the colder months of the year and it's great to see that the majority of our students still manage to turn up dressed in the correct school uniform. We greatly appreciate parent support in this matter, checking that your child/ren leave home wearing the official school uniform (see our school website). All items are available from the NZ Uniforms store at 16 Bishop Dunn Place, Botany.

### Notice from the PE Department

There has been a consistent issue with junior students not bringing gear to PE and not being able to participate in classes. This is affecting their ability to learn content and gain credits through assessment.

Please note, they cannot participate in class unless they have a full change of clothes, however any sports clothing is acceptable for our classes. Please make sure your children have a change of clothes on the days they have PE class.



## Leaving school during school hours

If a student needs to leave school during the day, they must bring a note from their parent/guardian. Their year level dean will then issue the student with a pass.

## Lunch programme

We are very fortunate to have “Libelle” providing our students with healthy and nutritious kai. Every day at 11.05am, students and teachers stop their lessons and after the karakia mo te kai, everyone in need of sustenance is able to enjoy whatever has been provided for that day’s menu. The menu has been carefully planned and students and staff are able to give feedback to “Libelle”, who then adjust accordingly. Nga mihi nui, Libelle.



## Health Career Experiences

During Term 1, Health Science Academy joined forces with their Kimiora Health Team (Kaya, Faye, and Graham) to provide students with 5 weeks of both insightful and hands-on experiences to widen their scope into the health field.

Students had a look into the range of job and career opportunities we had within our school’s Kimi Ora team consisting of Nurses, Social workers, and Counsellors. At the end of 5 weeks, they were motivated and encouraged to stay focused on academics.

We are planning further opportunities where students will have real-life experience through scenario-based learning and partaking in practicals with the potential to shadow their daily work schedule.



## Whare Wars June 2022



The annual Whare Competition is divided into four terms with the Whare Shield being awarded each term. In Term 1, we awarded Whare Points for the attendance rates in each Whare. Meanwhile, the Whare Wars tabloids day was postponed to early Term 2.

We also awarded points for junior students who engaged in the Social Studies lessons while they were at home, and for Tutor Classes that showed the greatest improvement in attendance. Wheke managed to build a bit of a lead by the end of Term 1. In Week 2 of this term, each Whare met in their assemblies to learn their Whare chants. It always seems like chaos when we practice, but somehow they turn out awesome on the day.

The Whare Wars is made up of five events. We kicked off with the Grand March of the Four Whare. This is when each Whare competes for the best Whare Chant. It seemed to be a tough call between Whai and Wheke, but the judges thought Wheke's hand claps gave them the edge.

After the chants, each Whare divides into their year groups and rotate through four activities: Tug-o-War, B-Ball Shootouts, Tag and of course the TikTok dances. The great thing about TC's Whare Wars is that everyone gets to have a go. The TikTok dances are always the most popular and some new TikTok stars were born. Mako started to catchup to Wheke, with six first places across all the events. Meanwhile, Whai and Tuna traded blows, each beating the other several times. Perhaps the biggest factor was that Wheke had more students on the day.



At the end of the day, we all gather back at HQ while the scorers add up the points. That was a great chance to enjoy a few more dance-offs. Some of those teachers have got some cool moves. So, the first award of the Whare Shield for 2022 went to Wheke Whare.

Many thanks go to our fabulous Prefects for helping all day, and to all the teachers and staff who make the whole day lots of fun. Looking ahead, we hope to run the Wharethon (cross-country run) late in Term 3, so everyone is encouraged to have a go. The Whare with the most runners and with the highest placings will win the Shield. Good luck to everyone.

Martin Wright

## Samoan Language Week

Just thought you might like to see some photos from our incredible Samoan Assembly ran by our 12SE students! They did a fantastic job and made their teachers very proud! Big shout out to Lucy who put it together and inspired us all. Lovely to have some families to watch and support as well!



## Maths

Just wanted to send a very quick update on how the Maths competition we hosted went. All of our students represented T.C. so very very well - from our 16 competing students, to those who came to watch/support and our Prefects who helped run the event. It was a fantastic event that not only showcased how fun Math can be, but what an awesome school T.C. is.

While our Year 9's may have missed out this time, we're extremely excited to let you all know that one of our Year 10 teams took out the top spot in their competition. This is our first ever WIN in the maths competitions so if you see Valencia, Monty, Isaac or John L please congratulate them! A massive thank you to everyone who helped pull this off - it was for sure a big team effort.

