

TAMAHERE

MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL

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Teacher Only Day on Monday

Just a reminder of our Teacher Only day is this Monday. The school is completely closed and teachers will not be on site. After School Care will also not be operating. This is a special Ministry of Education day achieved by the Union in recent negotiations. We are sorry for any inconvenience that this may cause you, as you rearrange your family for one day. We have added it to a weekend to make it slightly easier for you.



Dangerous Behaviour

Over a couple of weekends, different community members have noticed young people, both children and teenagers, running across school roofs. This is extremely dangerous and concerning. Please if you do see this behaviour, contact the Police for the children's safety.

Upcoming Dates:

November	
Monday 16th	TEACHER ONLY DAY
Tuesday 17th	Maungatautari Athletics
Wednesday 18th	Pirongia Athletics
	Puberty Evening
Thursday 19th	Taupiri Athletics
Friday 20 th	Sports Themed MUFTI DAY
December	
Friday 4th	GOLF DAY
Thursday 17th	Last day of Term
February	
Tuesday 2nd	First day of Term 1 2021

Introducing Our New Board Members

As shared last week, we are delighted to welcome three new faces to our Board of Trustees, David Palmer, Liz Donovan and Jim Mercer. Please see the bio's below for David and Liz. We will share Jim Mercer's bio in next week's newsletter. I am sure you can see that they will be great assets to our Board. Thank you for putting yourselves forward for this commitment. We really appreciate the support and look forward to working with you!

David Palmer



My oldest daughter Bella is in her last year at Tamahere, my son Winston is entering his third year, with the youngest one, Jecca, at Lil Pumpkins and starting primary next year. We moved to Tamahere 4 years ago from Remuera, simply to give the kids what we deemed would be a better upbringing, and it is!

I sell commercial real estate for Colliers International in Hamilton, having previously been with both Colliers and Barfoot and Thompson in Auckland.

Free time...there isn't much these days, pottering around the section and playing whatever sport Winnie wants to is enough to fill the weekend. As I write this my back is aching from a bowling session yesterday.

My wife Jamie runs the cutter on the home front, and we both feel very lucky to live in Tamahere

and have the school as a very central part of a lovely and welcoming community.

Liz Donovan



Kia Ora my name is Liz Donovan, I have a background in graphic design and the creative art field, however my most important role over the years has been as a full-time parent to our children. My husband Jason and I have 4 children; Elijah and Estelle who are currently in the middle and junior syndicates, Ethan and Amelia who have both completed their primary school years through Tamahere School and are currently in year 9 and year 10 at high school. We have loved being part of this school community for 8 years, since we moved to the Waikato in 2012, and have been able to help at many school events and volunteer in the class, trips and camps.

In our spare time our family enjoys wakeboarding and water-skiing in summer and of course supporting and transporting our family to a myriad of their sports and activities. I care about our local school and our families within it and look forward to serving in this new role. I am dedicated to helping support our school and children, and to help them strive to do their best in whatever area they are passionate about, whether it be the arts, sports, or academics.

GOLF DAY

Get in quick to organise your team. We have only two spaces left for the 18-hole teams and three left for the nine hole teams.

Raffles will be going home next Friday, 20th November.

Can you help us with:

- Sponsors for the day
- Prizes for the players.

If you have any prizes to offer. E.g. vouchers, drink bottles, sports gear, food & drink items, please contact Lee Boyd lboyd@tamahere.school.nz

If you are keen to showcase your business, contact us to become a sponsor. Sponsorship ranges from \$250-\$500/hole.

Please contact Howard Baker to enter a team or offer your support. (ph:0272 109 303 or email Howard.Baker@jennian.co.nz)



Maungatautari Production

It was with great enthusiasm that after two terms of planning and rehearsing the Maungatautari students took to the stage last week to perform 'The Amazing Adventures of Super Stan'. The students demonstrated talents in acting, dancing, singing and the media artworks. The on-stage cast was made up of over 60 students and were supported by the remaining students who delivered a strong dance and singing performance beside the audience.

We are so proud of all of our students. They shone with confidence and pride and worked together as a team to produce top performances throughout the week.

As always with such a big event there is a team behind the scenes: Allan Wickens, Stu Doran and Christine Woolley - we are very grateful for your help with prop building and stage construction. Megan Malcolm, we appreciate your sewing skills and your willingness to help us yet again, with costumes. Our lovely office staff, thank you for selling our tickets and making our dinners last week. Miss Parker, thanks for coming to both night shows to support us. To all our parents, thank you for supporting your child in creating their own costumes for the show, we loved the creativity in superhero costumes.

From the Maungatautari teachers



Dress up as a Book Character Day

A huge thank you to the students, parents and teachers that made such an amazing effort to dress up.



City Cluster Tee Ball Tournament

On Friday 6th of November 28 children from the Maungatautari syndicate went to Tauwhare School for the city cluster T-ball tournament. These 28 students were chosen from trials held for this tournament. There were two teams, the Tigers and the Tarantulas. Both teams did really well but the Tigers did outstandingly well and won the tournament by winning all their games. Another team also won all of their games, but our team hit more home runs, so we won overall. Both teams had so much fun, and they enjoyed it a lot.

Lucy J & Tia G



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Year 4 Camp

We came! We saw! We conquered! It was an absolute pleasure to take 68 of our Year 4 students and 25 parents to Finlay Park on Sunday for 24 hours of camping fun.

We were extremely fortunate to have this opportunity after Covid-19 impacted on our Term 2 plans. Even though a bit of rain came our way on Monday, we all embraced the challenges and had a fantastic time. We thoroughly enjoyed hunting each other down on Skull Island, zooming down the flying fox, challenging ourselves on the confidence course, whizzing down the black slide, climbing to new heights at rock climbing, playing at the park, and eating, eating, and more eating!

Our Tamahere students were exemplary in their behaviour and attitude - true Tamahere Learners. Sincere thanks must go to Joe and the team at Finlay Park and to all our outstanding adult helpers - we appreciate you!



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On Sunday afternoon we travelled to Camp. On Monday we had a blast at Finlay Park with 4 amazing teachers and lots of parents. We went to Skull Island where we competed in the ooey gooey mud to stay alive! We climbed high up in the indoor rock climbing. We slid really fast down the water slide and we crawled through a dark tunnel to compete against each other on the confidence course. We had spaghetti bolognese for dinner and self saucing pudding - it was DELICIOUS AND MOUTH WATERING! We had lots of fun at Finlay Park! By Felicity and Sarina

On Monday we went to the Zoo. When we saw the monkeys it was like an adventure. The peacocks were going on the roof. We learnt lots about NZ history and the stuffing of animals. In the classroom, we learnt that when the tigers are sleeping, they hide the meat around. The giraffes like tricks! The giraffe also did a poo right in front of us. The monkeys were high fiving!

By Molly, Lauren and Lulu

Year 3 Zoo Trip

We had really been looking forward to our Zoo Trip, after an earlier postponement. Our Year 3 students did not let the showers of rain deter them, showing great enthusiasm for learning about wildlife, as you will see from the gallery of photos below.

A huge thank you to the parents who assisted with transport and supervision to make this such an awesome experience.



Pirongia Tent Day

To finish off our EOTC activities, the whole syndicate got together on Tuesday to put up the tents and have fun in them. The children brought along soft toys and enjoyed colouring and hanging out with their tent group. Miss Parker shared her knowledge and lots of information about Search and Rescue with the children and they learnt how to stay safe in the bush - her vest had a lot of pockets! To finish off, ice blocks were enjoyed as a special treat. This was a great experience for the children and prepared the Year 4's for the Maungatautari camp in 2021.

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Wheels Fun Day

Yesterday the sun shone on our Fun Wheels Day. Everyone had a great time, scooting and skating, as you can clearly see from the photo's below.



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MATIFIC

Congratulations to the following students who are at the top of the MATIFIC points table for the past month for their year group:

Year 3	Zoe S	113 stars
Year 4	Olivia Q	182 stars
Year 5	Sam W	204 stars
Year 6	Hannah D	14 stars
Junior	Samuel C	214 stars

They will each receive a special prize from the prize box this week in assembly. Keep on working on Matific at home and see if you can be the best star scorer in your year.



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Scholastic Book Fair

A fantastic 3 days was had in the library and many, many books went home in the eager hands of our students. It was so great to see the excitement and buzz all about books. Thanks to all the wonderful parents purchasing books, the library has ending up with an amazing amount to spend on new books for the library. I feel privileged to work in a school and community that understands, supports and values the importance of reading for our children.

Mrs Theresa Kewish

Dogs at School

Just a gentle reminder that although we are a dog friendly school, please ensure that dogs are kept on a leash and under control at all times while on school property. Thank you for your cooperation.



Squad Swimming - Does our community want this?

We would like to gather feedback from any school families that may be interested in squad swimming with Hamilton Aquatics, to be held at the Tamahere Vela School Pool. We are wanting to establish what the level of interest is for squad swimming. If you are interested, [please click here](#) to complete our survey.

Thank you for your assistance.



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ROUND THE BRIDGES 2020 - This Sunday

Not long now until the ROUND THE BRIDGES 2020. I hope you have all received the information needed to get you all sorted for the race day. I will be there at around 8:00 a.m. Could you please get your children to wear the school t-shirt so we can be seen and recognised as a team. If you registered before 31st October, your race bibs will have been sent to the school.

Please remember that you will need to supervise your children and be responsible for their care. I will be there for support and lots of cheering on the team! Please ensure that you bring any medication required. There is water and a banana on the finish line along with a medal.

For those older students choosing to run or walk the 6 kms., you will need an assigned adult to run/walk with you. You will need to be lining up by 9:30 a.m. I will be there to see you start the race and on the finish line.

Have fun!

See you all there on Sunday on Collingwood Street.

Lee Boyd

Deputy Principal

RACE DAY SCHEDULE

Time	Event	Location
7:30am	Registration Opens	HCC Reception Lounge, Garden Place
7:30am	Gear/Bag Storage Opens	Garden Place
8:00am	Kids Registration Closes	HCC Reception Lounge, Garden Place
8.25am	Kids Challenge	Victoria Street
9.00am	Kids Fun Zone Opens	Garden Place
9.00am	Food Vendors Open	Garden Place
9.30am	Kids Racing FINISHES	Victoria Street
9.30am	Registration Closes	HCC Reception Lounge, Garden Place
9.30am	Participants line up in Start Zones	Victoria Street
10.00am	12km Fun Run & Walk and 6km Fun Run & Walk Events START in Waves	Victoria Street
10.35am	Kids Challenge Prizegiving	Garden Place
12.30pm	Prizegiving	Garden Place
1.00pm	Gear Storage Closes	Garden Place

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There are two options for the Grassroots Trust Kids Challenge: 1km (for 7 year olds only) and 2km (for 8-13 year olds).

The kids assemble in Collingwood Street for a fun warm up with Team Energize. They are ushered out for a nice and easy run of Victoria Street, starting from Garden Place. The runners head towards the Fairfield Bridge and back along Victoria Street. One loop of this course is the 1km Grassroots Trust Kids Challenge, two loops is the 2km Grassroots Trust Kids Challenge.

Note: Kids under 7 years old on race day cannot enter the Grassroots Trust Kids Challenge.

Get your Grassroots Trust Kids Challenge Training Guide [HERE](#).

[Click Here to Enlarge Map](#)



START TIMES & ZONES



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The 6km / 12km events begin at 10am. All participants are required to line up at 9.30am in the start zone (indicated by the coloured flags) which matches the coloured sticker on your race number.
Note: All participants with a stroller will be required to start in the pink zone (irrelevant of estimated finish time).
Elite runners and runners will be required to enter their start zone from Victoria Street via Garden Place. All other 6km / 12km participants will be required to enter their start zone from Collingwood Street via Alexandra Street.

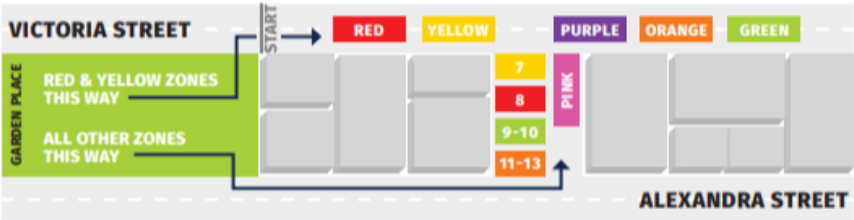
cbd 6KM & Hamilton City Council 12KM FUN RUN & WALK

START ZONES	EXPECTED FINISH TIMES	
	6KM	HAMILTON CITY COUNCIL 12KM
COMPETITIVE RUNNERS	Less than 30mins	Less than 1hr
RUNNERS	30mins - 35mins	1hr - 1hr 10mins
JOGGERS	35mins - 45mins	1hr 10mins - 1hr 30mins
POWER WALKERS	45mins - 55mins	1hr 30mins - 1hr 45mins
WALKERS	55mins - 1hr 5mins	1hr 45mins - 2hrs 30mins
STROLLERS / PRAMS	Longer than 1hr	Longer than 2hrs 30mins

grassroots KIDS CHALLENGE

START ZONES	LINE UP	START TIME
AGE 7 (1KM)	8:00am	8:25am
AGE 8 (2KM)	8:10am	8:35am
AGES 9 - 10 (2KM)	8:30am	8:50am
AGES 11 - 13 (2KM)	8:50am	9:10am

WHERE TO START



Maungatautari & Pirongia Syndicate Athletics Days

[All children who turned nine years of age, before the 12th October 2020](#), will participate and compete in the Maungatautari Syndicate Athletics Day next week, on Tuesday 17th November, starting at 9.00am.

For [all remaining Pirongia Syndicate children](#), your Athletics Day will be held on Wednesday 18th November starting at 10.30am.

The students have been working hard trying to develop their athletic skills and techniques and are looking forward to competing in their age groups.

Please ensure your child is prepared for the day by wearing appropriate sports shorts, school hat, sunblock and their Whanau Shirt. Remember to pack plenty of food and drink.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Puberty Evening Reminder - Next Wednesday evening

We are holding our annual 'Girls Night Out Puberty Evening' next [Wednesday 18th November at 6.00pm](#) for Year 6 Girls, and Year 5 Girls, where parents feel it is appropriate. The girls are expected to bring their Mum or a trusted female caregiver with them on this evening. The night is run by our Life Education Teacher - Nicky Wise, who the children know well, with the support of Maungatautari teachers and Waveney Parker.

The purpose of the evening is to provide a safe and friendly environment to discuss and share age-appropriate information about pubertal changes that are in line with the Health and Physical Education Curriculum. We would like to make it very clear that the focus of this evening is to provide the children with knowledge, understanding and skills to develop positive attitudes toward the changes they will experience during puberty. This is purely a pubertal change discussion.

After the talk there will be an opportunity for parents and the girls to ask Nicky questions and socialise over a light supper.

Paula Dunton

Taupiri Athletics Day - Thursday 19th November

When: [Thursday the 19th November, from 8:45am - 10:30 am.](#)

Children will participate in eight events, which they have been practising at school this term. Each event will last about ten minutes before moving to the next event. Our focus is on all children participating and enjoying themselves on the day and having their own personal success by being 'Confident Can Do' kids. We will be having our morning tea at the end of the athletics rotations and whanau are invited to join the children for this.

Children will need to wear: shorts, whanau shirts, school hats and sunscreen. Please ensure they have their 'Can Do' attitude and a water bottle (we will carry these around with us). We suggest you keep an eye on the weather and pack a jumper if necessary.

We welcome whanau to come and support our tamariki on the day and enjoy another exciting experience where all students get a chance to shine and demonstrate their learning.



Sports Themed Mufti Day - Next Friday

Our Year 6 leavers are raising funds to give a 'leaving' gift to our school. They are holding a Sports themed Mufti Day next [Friday 20th November](#). Come dressed in your sporty gear or as a sports celebrity.

Please bring a gold coin donation.

There will also be a bake sale happening next Friday. So bring along some extra money to buy something yummy to eat.

Thanks so much everyone.

MUFTI DAY

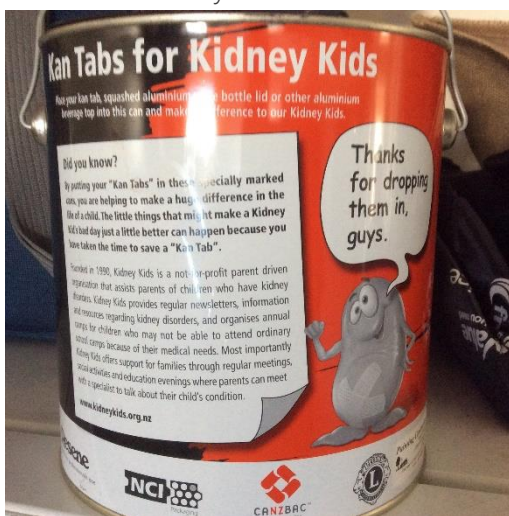
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Kan Tabs for Kidney Kids

Kan tabs are bringing in thousands of dollars to help kids suffering from Kidney disorders and they need our help to collect more.

It would be great if all children and their families could start collecting ring top tabs off soft drinks and canned foods and bring them into school. There is a special collection tin in the office at the children's entrance.

The tabs are sold to a recycler and the funds raised are passed on to the Kidney Kids Support Group. At the moment there are about 1250 children who require dialysis treatment or additional support from Kidney Kids. Kidney Kids is a not-for-profit parent driven organisation that assists parents of children who have kidney disorders.



Calendar, Card and Diary Orders – Closing this Wednesday!

Production is underway for the orders that have already been placed. The website is still open for late or second orders for anyone that has missed the first closing date and this will close on [Wednesday 18th November](#), so get in quick if you have forgotten to order.

If you have mislaid your slip with your code, please email hwilson@tamahere.school.nz.

Turn your children's artwork into an amazing calendar or diary for 2021.



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Ez Covers

Ez Covers is a Kiwi company that has created an easier and cheaper way to cover school exercise books. Not only that, when you place an order, choosing Tamahere Model Country School from the school list at the online checkout and enter the Promo Code EZ15, the school will receive 15 cents per cover. Please [click here](#) to go to the Ez Covers website.

The poster features the Ez Covers logo at the top with the tagline 'make it lemon squeezy!'. Below the logo, it says 'Support your school' and '15 cents per cover is donated to your school, simply use the code EZ15 at checkout!'. A grid of 15 book covers is displayed, each with a unique pattern and labeled: Camo, Cats and Dogs, Tropicana, Arrows, Emojis, Matrix, Bang Pow, Paint Splatters, Geometrica, Space, Feathers, Diggers, Cubes, Zebra Pink, and Stripes. To the left, a section titled 'ABOUT EZ COVERS' explains that the covers are made in New Zealand and are non-toxic, PVC free, and can be reused. To the right, a section titled 'ECO FRIENDLY' states that the covers are reusable, recyclable, and really easy to use. Below this, a section titled 'SUPPORTING SCHOOLS' explains that users can choose their school from an online list and use the code EZ15 to receive a 15-cent donation per cover. At the bottom, there is a 'MADE IN NZ' logo, a 'ORDER ONLINE' button with the website 'ezcovers.com/nz', and social media links for contact, secure browsing, and joining the Ez Covers Facebook club.

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Weetbix Tryathlon 2021

This coming year, the WEETBIX TRYATHLON is happening in Hamilton on [Sunday 21st February](#). We have a school team all set up and ready for you to enter. Join the team! Each year we have a large group of students who participate in this event and everyone LOVES IT! Nearer to the time I will send out further information to help you on the day. Click on [this link](#) to register:

Lee Boyd



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