TAMAHERE

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Nurturing Our Future - Growing Together Kia atawhai aa mua - Kia tipu ngatahi

Strep. Throat - COVID 19 Level 1 - Vomiting & Diarrhoea Bug

Just to let you know there have been cases of Strep. Throat at school, linked to some pre-schoolers also. Parents have been fantastic with keeping children away from school and getting COVID tested through to seeing the doctors to gain antibiotics for Strep throat.

Strep throat is very contagious and can lead to other serious health conditions that can affect the heart if not treated quickly.

Unlike most of the rest of the world we have had a very healthy year. We don't want to have a lot of sick children, families and teachers heading to the summer break. Everyone is getting very tired and more susceptible to bugs.

We have also had a number of children sent home with a vomiting & diarrhoea bug. Please keep children home until they are completely well again - at least 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting.

Please, if your child is showing cold like symptoms keep them home from school and get them tested. Hand washing, hand washing, and more hand washing is also so important to keep emphasising. Thank you all for your support with this. Keep healthy.

Upcoming Dates:

November			
	Sports -Themed		
Friday 20 th	MUFTI DAY & \$1.00		
	Bake Sale		
	Year 7 & 8 Athletics		
	Postponement Day		
December			
Friday 4th	GOLF DAY		
Thursday 17th Last day of Term			
February			
Tuesday 2nd	First day of Term 1		
Tuesday 2nd	2021		

Sports Themed Mufti Day & \$1 Bake Sale - TOMORROW!!

A reminder that our Year 6 leavers are raising funds to give a 'leaving' gift to our school, by holding a Sports themed Mufti Day tomorrow, Friday 20th November.

Come dressed in your sporty gear or as a sports celebrity. Please bring a gold coin donation.

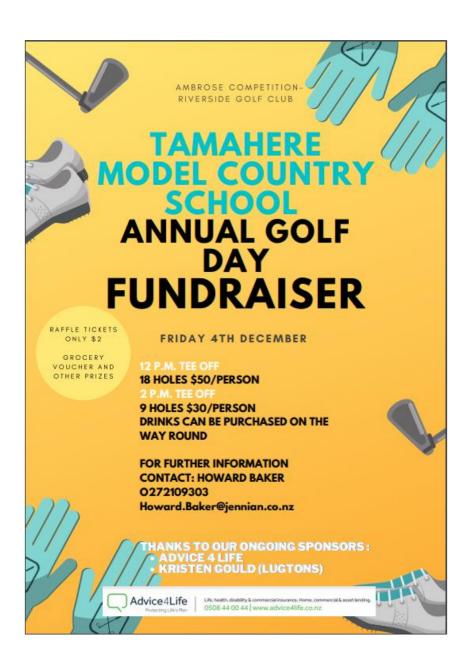
There will also be a bake sale happening with each item \$1.00, so bring along some extra money to buy something yummy to eat.
Thanks so much everyone.

GOLF DAY

On 4th December we are holding our annual GOLF DAY. This is the school's main fundraiser for the year (due to COVID 19). The proceeds will enable us to continue to upgrade the playgrounds.

We are sending home 10 raffle tickets to every school family tomorrow for you to sell. You may wish to purchase them yourself or sell them to others. There are some amazing prizes to be won. You will notice that there are two types of tickets-one set is \$2/ticket and the second set is \$5/ticket.

Please return sold or unsold tickets to the school office by Tuesday 1st December. Thank you- from the Golf Committee



Pirongia Athletics (7 & 8 Year olds) Postponement Day TOMORROW

Due to the wet weather we experienced yesterday, our 7 & 8 year old Pirongia students were unable to complete the full programme of events, so we will finish tomorrow morning, as set out in the table below. What a wonderful day we had on Tuesday for Maungatautari Athletics Day and today's Taupiri Athletic sports. Results and photographs for all Syndicates will be shared next week.

	Session 1 8.45-9.15am	Session 2 9.15-9.45am	Session 3 9.45-10.15am	Session 4 10.15-10.45am
7 Year Old Girls	Long Jump	Sprints	Shot Put	
7 Year Old Boys	Shot Put	Long Jump	Vortex	
8 Year Old Girls	Vortex	Shot Put	Sprints	Long Jump
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Thanks so much everyone.

Good Luck to our Jump Jammer's for this Saturday!

All 3 teams have earned their places in the National Finals in Tauranga this weekend. We wish them all the very best. Kia Maia! Kia Kotahi! Kia Manaaki! We are so proud of you all. To have three teams competing in the Jump Jam Nationals 2020 is incredibly impressive. So much hard work has gone into these performances. A massive thank you to our committed staff who have led these teams. We look forward to seeing how you get on. Enjoy!

Introducing another new BOT Member, Jim Mercer



Kia ora

My name is Jim Mercer, and I'm delighted to be joining the Board of Trustees. I moved up to the beautiful Waikato from Wellington two years ago with my wife Louise, and our two children – Jack and Tommy. Jack is currently in Year One at Tamahere, and Tommy attends the Pentagon Early Childhood Centre, but is excited to be starting school in Term 2 next year. As a family we enjoy living an active outdoor life, whether that's looking after the sheep and chooks on our lifestyle block, or out cycling and exploring the great beaches around the Waikato.

My work background is in finance and commercial roles in private and public sectors, initially working for Deloitte in the UK and Wellington. I've also spent several years working in the Tertiary education sector – firstly at Victoria University of Wellington, and for the past two years as Chief Operating Officer at the University of Waikato. I'm passionate about the value education provides to our children and wider society, and I'm excited to be able to make a positive contribution to our school and the local community.

Ngā mihi

Jim

Whanau o Tamahere Hui

It was wonderful to have so many of our Maori & Pasifika whanau join us last Wednesday at our Whanau o Tamahere Hui, so passionate about the education of your tamariki. Kia ora for all for the huia kaimana, feedback and special input and ideas you gave to us, to help in our journey.

We really value your input and perspective. We are keen to hear from everyone, so if you missed this opportunity and would like to have a korero please pop in, phone or email Miss Parker or one of our teachers.

Pirongia Syndicate e-Learning Parent Meeting - Thursday 26th

We are hosting an e-Learning Parents Meeting for our Pirongia Syndicate families next Thursday, where we will be providing an update on e-Learning and optional devices.

We welcome all Pirongia families to join us in the Tamahere Community Centre (TCC) at 2.00pm next Thursday 26th November. If the meeting continues beyond 2:45pm, students may attend After School Care for free. Pre-schoolers are also welcome to join their parents at the meeting. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Dad's Army Working Bee

Our next Dad's Army working bee will be held on Saturday 28th November.

The aim is to finish the "boat" playground by After School Care, including making a wooden surround to contain the woodchip and a stepping block wall to contain a small sand pit.

We anticipate 4 hours of work, starting at 8.00 am. BBQ and drinks afterwards as usual. Everyone is welcome!

A reminder that Dad's Army updates are posted on a dedicated Facebook Group which you can find here: https://www.facebook.com/groups/188635875112592

Mike Calvert



Anō te pai! Fantastic!

Congratulations go out to our Kapa Haka Rōpu who performed magnificently on Wednesday morning, performing with huge mana, pride and strength displayed by all of our students. Huge thanks go to Matua Sean for his support and organisation of the Rōpu!





Round The Bridges

On Sunday November 15th, a group of keen runners from Tamahere Model Country School entered Round the Bridges 2020. This was the 75th annual race. Students chose from a variety of distances from 1km, 2km, or 6km. Well done to all who took part.

Eva M	Ollie S	Poppy L	Jackson S
Sophia M	Paige S	Evan R-J	Maxx G
Cali S	Logan L	Sam O	Millar G
Luca M	Kea W	Christian C	Luke W
Stella H	Harry A	Josiah B	Wilson B
Ruby C	Daniel E	Connor H	Jordan C
Jake W	Henry D	Josh R	Ava L
Evelyn B	Gracie D	Lola D	

Here are some photos from the day.















WANTED! WANTED! WANTED! Donations of Children's and young adult books for 'Kids In Need Waikato'

Kids in Need was founded to support both foster children and their caregivers. Graeme and Linda Roil began fostering in 2014, focusing mainly on the support of newborns and emergency and respite care for older children. They were deeply concerned with the level of support for both foster children and also their caregivers. They began engaging with the community for donations and providing care packs to kids in need. This included children placed into foster care and grandparents raising grandchildren.

I am now collecting good quality new and used children and young adult books to deliver to the charity to put into their gift packs for Waikato children in need. Please leave books in the boxes in the school foyer. Please do this before Thursday 10th December.

Check out the link below for information on the charity.

If you have any questions come and see me in the school library or email me tkewish@tamahere.school.nz

Thank you for your support

Theresa Kewish
Tamahere School Librarian



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.



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

