

TAMAHERE MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL

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Thanks Dad's Army!

Huge thanks to the volunteers from Dad's Army who put in their time on Saturday morning to work on the "boat" playground located close to After School Care. As you will see from the photo below, they worked very hard, making the wooden surround to contain the woodchip and a stepping block wall to contain a small sand pit. This great creation designed by our students is really coming to life.

Thank you so much for your great work!



Fun Festive MUFTI DAY - Tuesday

Our Senior students suggested that we hold a fun MUFTI DAY to round off the year and to celebrate the fun festive season. This will be held next [Tuesday 8th December](#). Everyone is welcome to come along dressed in fun mufti if they want to, but there is no pressure and we will not be collecting money. We just want everyone to have fun dressing up if they want to!

Upcoming Dates:

December	
Friday 4th	GOLF DAY
	Whanau Relays at 9.45am
	Christmas Show - 1.50pm to 2.20pm
Monday 7 th	Maungatautari Big Day Out
Tuesday 8 th	Christmas Festive Fun Mufti Day
Wednesday 9 th	St Stephens Choir
	Pirongia Big Day In
Thursday 10 th	Taupiri Big Day In
	Year 6 Graduation Evening 6.00pm
Friday 11 th	Road Patrol Funday
Monday 14 th	Helpers Thank You Morning Tea
Wednesday 16 th	Prize Giving Assembly 11.00am to 1.00pm
Thursday 17th	Last day of Term. School day ends at 12.20pm
February	
Tuesday 2nd	First day of Term 1 2021

Board of Trustees News

At our last meeting on November 24th, the Board of Trustees moved to Co-opt Sharon Calvert onto the Board. Sharon comes with many skills that will enhance our Board team. Since COVID, Sharon has more time available and is keen to contribute and give back to our school.

Welcome to Sharon Calvert, who we have co-opted onto the Board.



My name is Sharon Calvert. I am the mother of Ewan and Olivia Calvert who are in grades 3 and 4. Along with my husband Mike, we have lived in New Zealand for the last five years, previous to that we lived in Sydney, but we are originally from the UK. I currently work at the University of Waikato as Director, International and look after all of our international students, international partnerships, and our offshore campus in China. I have been working in tertiary education for the past 20 years. I sit on the University's Senior Executive Committee and I have current and past experience of sitting on and chairing a number of national and international Committees and Boards.

I have an undergraduate degree in marketing as well as a master's degree in public relations. I am passionate about Education, particularly diversity and building children's confidence, appreciation and ability to interact, live, learn and play with people from different cultures. I am frequently involved in work with the Division of Education at the University of Waikato and this has expanded my knowledge across all levels of education.

I am very excited to have been co-opted onto the Board of Trustees to support the leadership and operation of this great school.

MĀORI REPRESENTATIVE ON THE BOARD

A few years ago the Board co-opted Kate Searancke onto our Board as a Māori representative to give us a more balanced perspective. Since then Kate became an elected Board member after the last election. We thank Kate for her service to our Board and the contributions she has made with tikanga and te reo Māori and also on the personnel and legal committees. Due to work commitments, Kate has decided to resign from the Board and shared this at our Tamahere Whānau Hui on the 12th November.

Following our Hui, Andrea Dunseath has stepped up and the Board has moved to select Andrea into the elected Board position that Kate held. Welcome Andrea! We now have more than a full Board contingent as we move into an exciting 2021 year with new classroom buildings and developments about to begin.



Tēnā Kōutou Katoa

Ko Te Pohue tōku Maunga

Ko Koukourarata tōku awa

Ko Makawhiu, Ko Uruao tōku waka

Ko Ngai Tahu tōku Iwi

Ko Ngati Huikai tōku Hāpu

Ko Andrea Dunseath tōku Ingoa

Nō reira,

Tēnā Kōutou tēnā kōutou tēnā kōutou katoa

My name is Andrea Dunseath and with my husband Mark, (also of Ngai Tahu descent, Kati Huirapa/Ngai Te Ruahikihiki) and our children Hannah (year 6), Finn (year 5) and Elle (year 2), we are proud to be part of the Tamahere school community.

It is an honour and privilege to be involved in the Board as a Māori representative and to be able to carry on Kate's good work in this important role. I acknowledge I have a lot to learn about our school whānau, tikanga and te Reo but I am encouraged to give this a go with your support.

A little bit about us. Mark and I have lived in the Waikato since returning from Canada in 2004. We moved to Tamahere in 2012 and live on a lifestyle block with 20 beefie cows, 2 lambs, 5 chickens, 1 dog and 2 goldfish. We are an active family who loves skiing, camping and mountain biking. I enjoy learning new things (with my pilots' licence and guitar lessons on my bucket list). I work fulltime as an Employment Relations Specialist. My job requires me to always look to understand different perspectives and to find solutions.

I'm looking forward to sharing my experiences as I work with Waveney and the Board and to having opportunities to meet more of our Tamahere whānau in the coming year.

*He aha te mea nui o te ao?
He tangata, he tangata, he tangata*

*Mauri ora
Andrea me whānau*

TMCS Board of Trustees - Casual vacancy for an Elected Trustee

A casual vacancy has occurred on the Board of Trustees for a parent representative who will enable the board to reflect the ethnic diversity of the student body of our school. This casual vacancy is as a result of the recent resignation of Kate Searancke.

The board has resolved to fill the vacancy by selection and propose to appoint Andrea Dunseath, to this position.

If ten percent or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the board to hold a by-election should write to:

*Chairperson
Board of Trustees
Tamahere Model Country School
37 Devine Road
RD3
Tamahere
Hamilton 3283*

Celebrating Nicky Platje!

Last Friday we held a Special Assembly to celebrate Nicky Platje having completed 20 dedicated years of service as a teacher at our great Tamahere Model Country School. We were delighted to be able to have members of Nicky's whanau join us to share this very special occasion. Somehow the entire school and her family managed to keep the assembly a total secret from Nicky, until the moment she walked into the hall, to the rousing haka from our Kapa Haka Roopu.

Nicky is such an inspiration and has touched the lives of so many children and their families who have passed through the school, as well as her colleagues. A number of her past students prepared personal video messages congratulating Nicky on this achievement, sharing how she had a huge impact on their time at Tamahere. Nicky was presented with a special taonga, a Korowai, made up of hundreds of paper feathers specially decorated by all our students with messages on the inside.



Inter-City Athletics Success

We had another fantastic day competing in the 2020 Intercity Athletics at Hillcrest High School last Friday. We were very proud of how all 48 athletes competed in their events, with the team showing our vision of kia maia, kia kotahi and kia manaaki. They also had a significant amount of success on the day.

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Congratulations to all the students who were selected for the 2020 team:

Quinn J	Josiah B	Kaye H	George F
Lauren W	Luca H	Jessica M	Luca M
Carolee N	Cooper T	Ariane H	Harry T
Liadan B-S	Mahina K	Mei C	Briana M-R
Eva M	Zoe S	Maia G	Willow W
Jessie H	India M	Sophie M	Tia G
Elise P	Kate H	Bella P	Ryan W
Daniel E	Cooper H	Poppy L	Danika B
Braxton P	Cadel H	Riley P	Dahn S
Winston P	Reid F	Cohen McL	Taira L
Timmy C	Luke D	Charlie B	James P
Paxton M	Liam F	Jaxon M	Will R



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Last Friday we took a bus to Hillcrest High to compete in the Interschool athletics. It was a sunny day which was great after 3 days of rain. It was really fun to be there and watch and cheer others on as well as compete in our own events too. We did so well! Most of us got placings and we ended up winning the school sprint relays at the end. Lots of us also made new friends that we would be going to Intermediate with. Overall it was a really exciting experience and we had a great time.

Taira L



Once again Tamahere was victorious in the final sprint relay. The team consisted of Eva M, Timmy C, India M, Cooper T, Riley P, Taira L, Jaxon M & Poppy L.



We would like to say a special thank you to all the parents who came to support students throughout the day, cheering on our Tamahere team!

Last of all, a BIG SPECIAL THANK YOU to Ann-Marie Copponi for all your organisation to make events like this possible to attend!

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St Stephen's Dressing of the Tree

Every year students, teachers and parents walk down to St Stephen's church for a 'Dressing of the Tree'. This has been a special community tradition between our school and St Stephens for many years. Thank you to all the helpers, parents & grandparents who supported us this week.



Attention Year 6 students - Leavers' Legacy Books 2020

Would you like to donate a book to the school library? If your child is leaving Tamahere School this year and would like to purchase a book to donate to our library collection, please see Mrs Kewish.

Books have been selected from our library wish-list and classic replacements list. You can view the list in the library, selecting a book from the list or you are welcome to email tkewish@tamahere.school.nz. Alternatively, you can recommend a book that our library doesn't have and donate that book instead.

A special dedication bookplate is added inside the book to show future readers who donated the book. After the book has been chosen from the list the cost can be paid at the school office.

Regards
Mrs Kewish

Library News: Summer Holiday Reading

As shared in last week's newsletter our Library is currently closed for Stocktaking and will reopen in Week 10 for students (Year 2, 3, 4 and 5) to issue up to 12 early chapter or senior fiction books for reading over the summer holidays. Children must bring a signed permission form and a bag to put their holiday books into. The permission slips are available from the library. Students are advised to bring a cloth bag if they can.

I will be available to help choose books and give advice on what books your child/children might like to read. Research shows how dramatically students' academic achievement can be impacted by not reading over summer. Summer reading is important to prevent this summer slide.

Mrs Kewish
Librarian

Parent Morning Tea Thank you - Monday 14th December

Thank you to the many wonderful parents, caregivers and friends who have stepped forward to help us in so many ways during the school year.

From sports coaches and managers, trip helpers, PTA, book helpers, classroom assistants, and many more... we want you to know that your assistance is invaluable to us and our school simply wouldn't function the same without your help!

As a token of our sincere appreciation for all of your assistance throughout the year, we warmly invite you to attend a special morning tea to be held in your honour:

When: [Monday 14th December](#)

Time: [10:30 - 11:00 am](#)

Where: [Tamahere Community Centre foyer](#)

We look forward to sharing this occasion with you.

Prize Giving Assembly

We look forward to seeing you at our Prize Giving on [Wednesday 16th December at 11:00am](#).

This is a formal assembly where all students, except our Year Six Graduates, wear their school uniform (not their whanau shirt) and we celebrate achievements of students across the school. Year Six Graduates are to wear smart casual clothing.

We do hope you'll be able to join us on this very special occasion.

Police Vetting Reminder for Term 1 School Camps

If you would like to be a camp parent in Term 1, you will need to get a Police Check completed, which are then valid for 3 years. You are welcome to complete the Vetting form at the school office. Please bring with you 2 forms of ID - one needs to be a photo ID (Drivers Licence or Passport) and the processing fee of \$10.00.

Before & After School Care

Please see below for the last day of operation of our Before & After School Care Programmes:

- Final [After School Care](#) for this year will be on [Wednesday 16th December](#)
- Final [Before School Care](#) for this year will be on [Thursday 17th December](#).

Last Bus

We are pleased to be able to advise that the last day for the School Bus run this year is also our final day of school. School finishes on [Thursday 17th December](#) at 12.20pm. The bus will depart at the earlier time of 12.30pm on our final day.

Can you help to keep Subway Fridays going in 2021?

Unfortunately, our Subway lunches will have to be discontinued at the end of this term, unless we can find volunteers who are able to collect the orders from Cambridge and deliver them to school by no later than midday on a Friday, starting from Term 1 next year.

If you are able to assist, please call the school office on 856 9238 or email hwilson@tamahere.school.nz.

Thank you.

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Cyber safety these school holidays

Christmas is just around the corner and we all know what's on every student's wish list - devices and gaming consoles. Giving these devices to kids can be a big decision for families & whānau, so how can they be sure their child will be safe online and will manage their screen time responsibly?

A community approach to online safety will benefit students at school, as well as at home this Christmas. [Please click here](#) to go to Family Zones parent resources to help keep any new devices in the home protected from online harm.

As previously shared, as part of our ongoing commitment to ensure students' safety and well-being, we have introduced cyber safety programs and technologies in partnership with Family Zone. Family Zone helps us to ensure our students are safe and on task during school time and offers parents a range of options for monitoring and supporting their children's online journey.

We are committed to creating a cyber safe environment for our school and are taking a holistic and long term view. The program includes these key initiatives:

1. Cyber Safety Hub: [The Hub](#) is an online resource which has been developed to keep our community safe across the School's cyber safety program and provides the latest on cyber safety topics and issues. It also includes information on Family Zone and how it can benefit your family.
2. Monitoring and Filtering: To ensure student use of technology at school is compliant, we have installed Family Zone technology into the school network, student accounts and on all student learning devices.
3. Parental Monitoring Tools: To support parents we will be providing you with access to a monitoring tool called [Family Zone Insights](#). You can use this account with your child's school and personal devices.

We have increased the settings so that our school Google accounts will still be covered in your home, if someone signs in through the Chrome Browser.

It is entirely up to your family as to what safety management systems you want at your home. If you would like to create a Family Zone Account, please go to our school's [Cyber Safety Hub](#) to create a [Family Zone Insights](#) account. With this account you can:

- Monitor your child's internet use outside of school hours;
- Disable school policy for your child's school holidays or sick days; and
- Optionally install Family Zone onto your children's personal devices.

If you have any worries about cyber safety at school, please discuss your concerns/challenges with your classroom teachers.



Nurturing our Future - Growing Together
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Thank you to all the GOLF DAY SPONSORS and those who donated prizes and attended Golf Day 2020.



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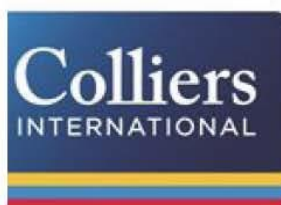


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Hamilton Aquatics 'Learn To Swim' - Term 1 2021



Start: February 2 2021

Levels: One - Five

Lesson days: Tues | Wed | Thurs

Potential: To do 2 lessons twice a week

Duration: 9 weeks

Price: \$144 per child

Location: Vela Pool Tamahere

Its@hamiltonaquatics.nz
www.hamiltonaquatics.nz



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.

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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.



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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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