

TAMAHERE MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL

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Kia ora Koutou, Nau mai, hoki mai Welcome back Everyone!

It is lovely to have all our tamariki back with us looking healthy and tanned ready for a new year of learning. The laughter and chatter in the playground is refreshing after working in silence for a while. I hope you have all had a very happy and relaxing holiday break with your children and that you have been able to enjoy the great New Zealand outdoors over a mainly sun-filled summer. What a wonderful country New Zealand is. We are so lucky to be living a normal happy life in our great space. I hope you were able to enjoy a number of family adventures and experiences. I know the teachers are re-energised and well prepared after a relaxing break, a few Teacher Only Days and planning sessions.

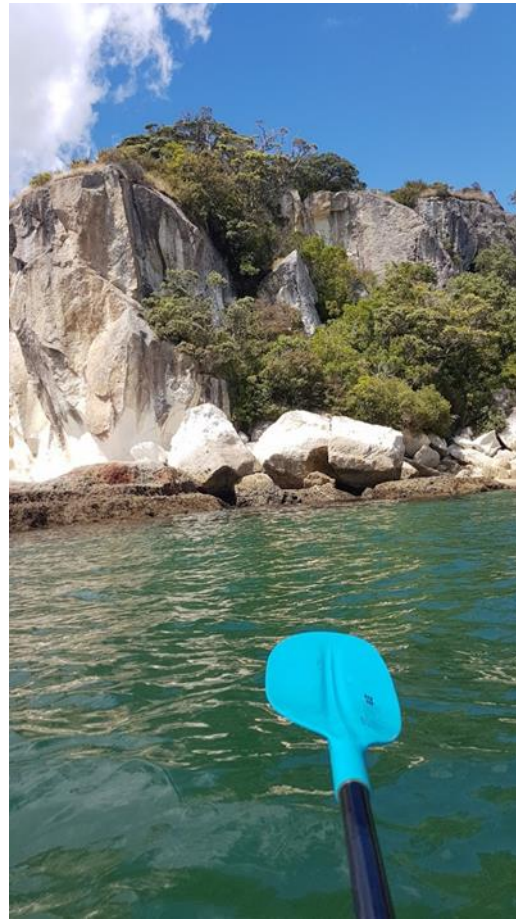
Let's hope that we can all enjoy a wonderful 2021 with no interruptions and COVID challenges - Yeah Right!

We realise this hope is probably not going to be a reality when we look around the world and the devastation and impacts of the COVID 19 virus. As a school we are going to keep on paddling our waka and enjoy the ride.

The journey will be savoured and celebrated along the way but we are also going to be prepared and aware that things may change rapidly. We understand that another lockdown could occur and will be following Government Guidelines.

We are starting straight away with our hand sanitising as we go into classrooms and washing hands thoroughly on the way out before we eat. By keeping ourselves healthy we can achieve more learning & teaching time for everyone. In line with Government requirements - Stay home when you are sick - and get tested if you have COVID symptoms. We ask that you please keep your children at home if they are feeling unwell.

Another system that worked well last year was the introduction of numbered gates. If you do not already have a specific family gate meeting point, can you please discuss this with your children and start to establish a routine of meeting at this gate, so if we do have to go back up the levels your children are relaxed and used to where they have to go by themselves.



Just a few reminders to keep us all paddling together harmoniously:

After School:

No child should leave the school grounds without a parent/guardian with them unless they are walking home using the road patrol crossing or are a senior, who is old enough to be biking. At 2.45pm if children are still on site, every student needs to go to After School Care to keep everyone safe. Here they will be given sandwiches and fruit and have buddies to play with.

When should we arrive in the morning?

Between 8.15am to 8.20am is a good time to come to school and we ask that children not go on the playgrounds before school. With our school day commencing from 8.30am, our teachers need to spend time before and after school preparing. We have teachers on duty from 8.00am, however before this time no students should be left unattended on our school site. We find that less time in the playground before school creates a smoother transition into learning.

We also ask that families dropping off and picking up students, especially those with pre-schoolers, try to avoid distracting classes at either end of the day. Playing in sandpits, etc is very distracting for a student who wants to be outside.

Any students that arrive before 8.00am must go to Before School Care (BSC) in the Koromiko Suite for their safety. They must be signed in by their parent or caregiver and you will be invoiced. The fee structure for BSC is set at \$10.00 per day, per child, capped at \$40.00 per week, with the fee for a family capped at \$100.00 per week.

We have a number of disability car parks available and we ask that you leave them free at all times for those who need them.

We all want to be together, paddling our waka happily in the same direction to clear waters and success!

Tragic Loss

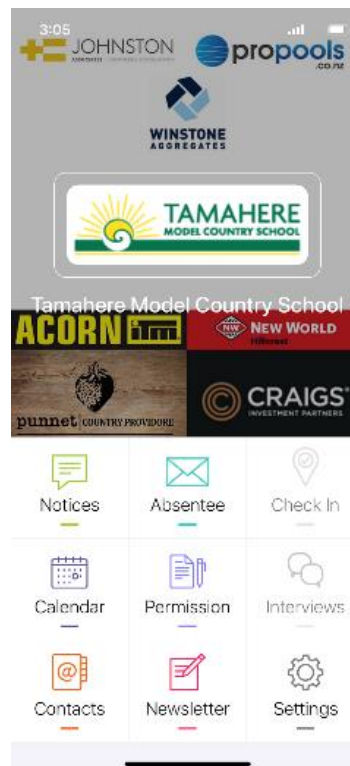
It is with huge sadness that we share with you the passing of a young and bright star from our wider school family. Hugo Colin Shaw, son of our wonderful reliever Hayley Shaw, passed away towards the end of the holidays, when his bicycle and a rubbish truck collided at Papamoa. Hugo attended St Peters School and was a keen and able sportsman and academic. He was also a kind and humble student who strived to do his best in all areas. Our hearts go out to Hayley and her family and to Hugo's many friends. A terrible tragedy - a life cut way too short. Aroha nui. Kia kaha.

Upcoming Dates:

February	
Monday 8th	WATANGI DAY Observation
Tuesday 9 th	Whānau Elections (please wear you're your Whānau shirts)
	PTA Meeting at 7.00pm
Thursday 11th	Meet The Teachers Evening 5.00 to 7.30pm
Friday 12 th	Whānau Tabloids 8.45 to 10.30am
Monday 15 th	Triathlon
Wednesday 17 th	Triathlon Postponement Day
Sunday 21 st	Weetbix Tryathlon

Tamahere Model Country School App

We are happy to announce the arrival of our new school app for mobile phones. This does not replace the website, but instead adds to our options. Our website will still exist with its usual features that you can refer to. The purpose of the app is to provide an 'in the moment' connection portal to keep you posted with current happenings. The features of this app include: weekly newsletter, daily notices, contact information of how to reach the school office and a link to absentees (found under the contacts section).



How to load the app:

The app can be located through the app store under, 'skool loop'. Once you have downloaded the app to your phone you then follow the steps for selecting your school. All you need to do is type in Tamahere Model Country School inside the app and then the app will prompt you on what to do next. You will be asked if you want to subscribe to groups. A list of a range of sporting and year group options are available. We advise that you select your groups as this will give you access to push notifications with information pertaining to these groups. If you don't select groups you may miss content you are interested in.

Our aim is to provide a portal that allows you to be further connected with our school through a simplified and streamlined process

Year 6 Student Leadership Programme 2021

The goal of our student leadership programme at Tamahere Model Country School is to give our senior students the opportunity to develop their leadership skills as they prepare themselves for their intermediate years and beyond. The student leadership programme for 2021 will consist of the following roles:

- Bus Monitor
- After School Care Monitor
- Photographer
- Librarian
- Enviro Monitor
- Kaiawhina
- Peer Mediator
- Ambassador
- Sound tech monitor
- Whānau Leader - All Year 6 students applying for this role will do a short presentation to their whānau on Tuesday 9th February. Teacher observations will also be taken into account during our annual whānau tabloids, held on February 12th. Whānau leaders will be decided for each whānau and announced at assembly on Tuesday 16th February. Students may apply for and hold any of the above positions, as well as whānau leader.

All Students were required to fill out an application form for the leadership role/s they wish to be considered for. These were handed out to all Year 6 students on Tuesday 2nd February. Application forms had to be signed by both students and their parents and handed into the school office by Friday 5th February. Please note Road Patrol monitors and the Sound/Tech Team were selected in 2020 due to the need to be trained and ready for the end of 2020 and the start of the 2021 school year.

Our Tamahere Vision will be used as criteria to help select our student leaders for 2021. Any questions, please contact Mrs Dunton in Manuka 16.

Meet The Teacher Evening – Thursday 11th February

We welcome all parents and caregivers to our Meet the Teacher evening next Thursday.

This is an opportunity for parents to come along and meet your children's new teacher and learn about routines and expectations in the different classes. There will also be some general information that will be shared in the TCC at a time we hope everyone can attend.

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This evening is an adult occasion. All parents are very welcome but one parent will be sufficient if you are short on babysitting options. Having adults only will allow everyone to concentrate on what we are trying to achieve. For health and safety reasons we ask that children are not left outside unsupervised.

Please go straight to your child's classroom. We will be trying hard to run to time so all families can enjoy being part of each Syndicate.

Times are as follows:

Taupiri - Year 1 & 2 - 5.00 - 5.40pm

Main Meeting - Everyone - 5.45 - 6.05pm

Pirongia - Year 3 & 4 - 6.10 - 6.50pm

Maungatautari - Year 5 & 6 - 6.55 - 7.35pm

Whānau Tabloids - Friday 12th February

Due to our Grad students now starting next week we rescheduled the Whānau Tabloids to next Friday 12th February, so that we have enough staff to run lots of fun activities. Our Year 6 students will be showing their leadership abilities as they manage and lead teams of students from classes across all ages of the school. All supporters are welcome to come along and support this annual event next week focusing on teamwork and fun. A reminder that children need to wear their whānau shirts for this event.

Triathlon – Monday 15th February

Just a reminder that our annual Triathlon is happening on Monday 15th February.

Children will need: Whanau shirt, running shoes, togs and towel, swimming cap, bike and helmet. Please make sure all belongings are named. Please also ensure your child has plenty of food and water. If you do not have these things please see your class teacher and they will help to organise the appropriate gear for your child. Sunblock will be available. However, students will be asked to wear sunblock to school and to reapply during the day.

Bikes and helmets are to be placed in the following designated areas on Monday morning.

Maungatautari = on the Reserve

Pirongia = on the tennis courts

Taupiri = on the grass area outside Rimu 7 and Titoki 6

If you have any questions please email jmetcalfe@tamahere.school.nz

Outline of the day and races:

(Please note that all times are approximate)

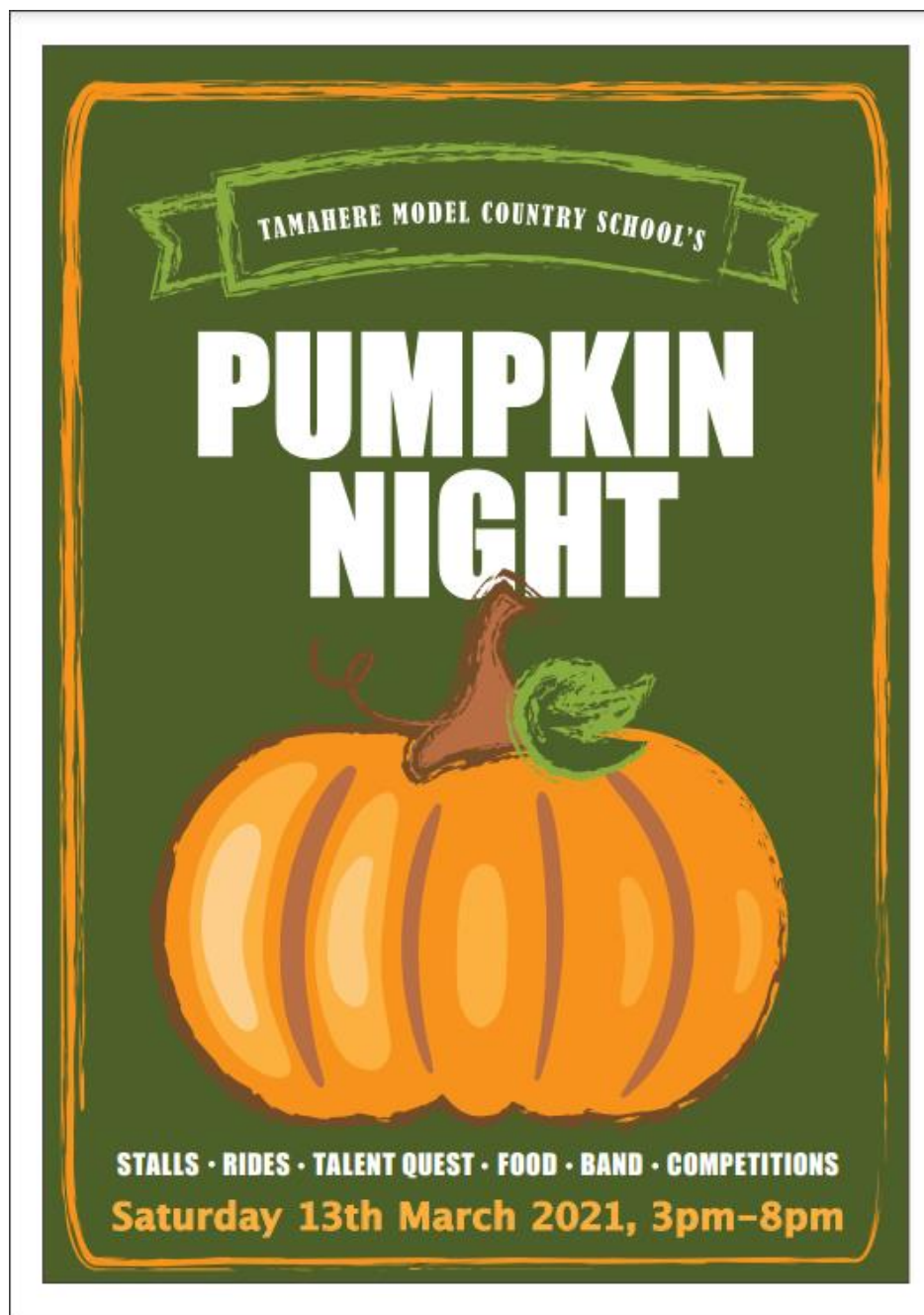
- 8.45am - Welcome
- 9.00am - Races begin with Maungatautari
- Year 6 Girls individual
 - Year 6 Boys individual
 - Year 5 Girls individual
 - Year 5 Boys individual
- 10.00am - Morning tea (flexible timing - when finished)
- 10.15am - Races continue with Pirongia
- Year 4 Girls individual
 - Year 4 Boys individual
 - Year 3 Girls individual
 - Year 3 Boys individual
- 11.30am - Races continue with Taupiri
- Year 2 Girls individual
 - Year 2 Boys individual
 - Year 1 Girls individual
 - Year 1 Boys individual

Weetbix Tryathlon – Sunday 21st February

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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PUMPKIN NIGHT – the night of the year for our families is on Saturday 13th March from 3.00 to 8.00pm. The night is filled with fun for the kids and adults alike with food stalls, kid’s activities, things to buy, pumpkin competitions, a performance stage. This year we will be enjoying the tunes of PAST PUPILS who are now talented musicians in a band. The school shed is where all the Pumpkin Night competitions will be displayed.

We need your help to make this night go off. Here's a few details to keep on your fridge:

PUMPKIN NIGHT COMPETITIONS- to be delivered to the shed on PUMPKIN NIGHT

Pumpkins on Parade - Any pumpkin creation either carved or decorated with embellishments, (e.g., Lego, toys, hair, ...). Let your imagination run wild kids!

Pumpkins and Pals - Pumpkins and/or other Vegetable friends, carved or decorated as you wish. You may use any other veges you like, e.g., marrows, carrots, radishes...

Heaviest Pumpkin - The big weigh in for all those children who have been cultivating and watering all summer.

Family Jack-o-Lantern - One for the whole family to do together. Carve your most amazing, jolly, or scary jack-o-lantern for us to light up on pumpkin night.

Colouring-in Competition - This will be distributed at school a couple of weeks before pumpkin night for those children that want to enter.

FAMILY SCARECROW COMPETITION - Let your creativity run rampant! Feel free to add props to your creation (not too large please).

There will be a range of exciting prizes for each category so get creating!



CAN YOU HELP?

We need people to join the team. Who can come along to a few after school meetings and help organise the event? The more the merrier! It's a great way to meet people and get involved.

- Making fudge, coconut ice and brownies
- Making lolly necklaces
- Class reps. to organise the stalls with the class parents

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- Parents & kids to run stalls- will be done through the classes so watch out for sign-up sheets
- Any former students who would like to help, run a stall, do a range of jobs, please let us know.
- Team of Dads for set up and pack down
- Do you have access to a chiller?
- Hay bales (to be returned after 13th March).

WE WILL BE SELLING RAFFLE TICKETS

These will be coming home with each family. The prize will be grocery vouchers and other items.

WE WILL BE COLLECTING...

- DRINKS: 500 ml bottles or standard sized cans of fizzy drink, water, juice drinks. Low or zero sugar is also wanted.
- WRAPPED LOLLIES: Must be wrapped in wax paper, e.g., Fruit Bursts, Minties or McIntosh's Toffees.
- CHOCOLATE BARS: Small bars of chocolate (NO NUTS PLEASE).
- CLOTHING: Good quality label secondhand clothing and accessories. This all must be washed and ready to sell.
- KIDS BOOKS: Good quality children's books – no adult books needed this year as we have many left from last year's donations.

As soon as you are ready to deliver items to school, please drop off to your child's classroom and label with your Whānau for points to be awarded.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP:

- Making lolly necklaces
- Making fudge, coconut ice or brownies
- Helping set up on Saturday morning from 10.00am.
- Helping pack down on Saturday night at 8.00p.m.
- Lending a trailer
- Lending a chiller/small freezer
- Joining the team (we meet weekly for an hour or so in the afternoon/evening).
- Helping with the Recycled clothing stall and book stall

Please [click here](#) to complete the GOOGLE FORM to let us know how you can help and we will be in touch soon. Alternatively you can email to let us know how you would like to help.

If you are able to assist with any or all of these jobs, please e mail: Julie Koekemoer

julie.koekemoer82@gmail.com

The Pumpkin Night Team 2021

Can You Help?

We are on the lookout for a rebounder trampoline for our sensory special needs students. If you have one that you would be happy to donate, please email Lee Boyd on boyd@tamahere.school.nz or phone the school office on 07 856 9238

Your Lunch Box Is Back !!!!!

Want the hassle taken out of school lunches? Struggle to think of something new for the kids to have everyday? Well say no more, 'Your Lunch Box' is here to help! Delivering delicious and nutritious lunchboxes filled with fresh local ingredients direct to school everyday.



We offer different sizes for different appetites and ordering is easy peasy. Simply order before 8.00pm the night before you would like the lunchbox delivered and we'll take care of the rest! Visit us at www.yourlunchbox.co.nz or look us up on Facebook



Subway Lunches

We have had no-one offer to pick up the lunches from Cambridge and deliver them back to school on Friday's, so unfortunately we are unable to continue with these lunches for now.

Ice Block Fridays are back for Term 1

When: Every Friday during Term 1

Where: Outside Titoki 6 (Junior School) and Karaka 15 (Senior School)

Time: 2:30pm

Cost: \$1 per Ice block (Flavours: Lemonade, Traffic Lights and Splash - subject to availability)

Note: If there are any parents who would be happy to offer a small amount of time to support the PTA and help sell the ice blocks in the junior school (between 2.20pm - 2.45pm on one or more Fridays this term), please contact Sandra Reynolds - 0274 155 535.

Thank you for supporting this PTA Fundraiser.

Kelly Sports

The Kelly Sports after school sports programme starts next Thursday. The programme runs weekly on a Thursday afternoon from 11th February to 25th of March from 2.40pm to 3.40pm and the children meet the coach at the Tamahere Community Centre (TCC). For more information and to BOOK ONLINE please go to www.kellysports.co.nz or email: waikato@kellysports.co.nz or telephone 07 839 9017.



**FUN, FUN, FUN!! It's time for the
SUPER SUMMER SPORTS! After School Programme**

Thursdays 11 February to 25 March 2021
2.40 -3.40pm at Tamahere School

We aim to develop and enhance sports skills - catching, kicking and throwing while improving strength, flexibility, hand/eye coordination and spatial awareness.

Come and try Cricket, Athletics, TBall/Scatterball and Ultimate Frisbee this term.


YEAR LEVEL: 0 - 4 (Age 5 - 8) **COST:** \$75.00
(discount for earlybird)




For more information and to **BOOK ONLINE**
go to www.kellysports.co.nz
Email: waikato@kellysports.co.nz Tel: 07 839 9017

Tennis Lessons

Tennis lessons for Term 1 are starting from next Friday 12th February. If you would like to enrol your children, please go to <https://www.kiwitennis.co.nz/schools/tamahere-school/>.

Tamahere School- Term 1 Tennis 2021
Starts Friday 12th February for 8 Weeks



Red Kiwis	Orange Kiwis	Green Kiwis
Children use 25% compression red balls that bounce lower, slower and are much easier to hit! Children play on 3m or 6m wide courts. Recommended racquet size is 21 - 23 inches.	Children use 50% compression orange balls and play on regular courts with reduced length and width. Recommended racquet size 23 - 25 inches.	Children play on full sized courts using 75% compression green balls. Recommended racquet size is 25 - 27 inches.
 AGE 5-8	 AGE 8-10	 AGE 9-12
Friday: 2.45pm-3.30pm Cost: \$90 for 8 week block of lessons Note: All equipment provided. Ages: 5-7 year olds	Wednesday: 3.30pm-4.30pm Cost: \$110 for 8 week block of lessons Note: All equipment provided. Ages: 8-10 year olds	Wednesday: 4.30pm-5.30pm Cost: \$110 for 8 week block of lessons Note: All equipment provided. Ages: 9-12 year olds

To register or for more information please contact Pete Hoyland on pete@kiwitennis.co.nz or visit www.kiwitennis.co.nz

Guitar & Ukulele Lessons

GUITAR & UKULELE LESSONS

EVERY THURSDAY @ TAMAHERE SCHOOL

Tutor: Mitch Walker

Learn in groups \$12; pairs \$15; or individually \$30 per 30 min lesson
Starting 11th February

For more info and bookings contact
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