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MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL

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

Week 2 Happenings:

What a lovely start to the year we are having. Thank you all for setting your children up so well for a positive year of learning - having all the stationery, uniform and equipment they need for success along with bright, enthusiastic kia mia attitudes for learning. Having two short weeks to settle us in has really helped. Everyone gets tired from the early mornings, new routines and so much new information to take on board.

We are looking forward to seeing you at Meet the Teacher evening tonight, held in the children's classrooms. The general meeting in the Tamahere Community Centre (TCC) starts at 5.45pm, for everyone to join in. We apologise to our Maungatautari - only families who will have a wait time. The three different Syndicate times are designed to allow for all parents to catch up with their new teachers across the year levels. Please see further information below.

Our Year 6 student leaders have got off to a great start, with their whānau speeches. The courage shown and high level of presentation shown was impressive. Their next opportunity to shine will be at our Whānau Tabloids on Friday.

Waveney Parker
Principal

Upcoming Dates:


February	
Thursday 11th	Meet The Teacher Evening
Friday 12th	Whānau Tabloids
Monday 15th	Triathlon
March	
Saturday 13th	Pumpkin Night
April	
Friday 2nd	Easter Friday
Monday 5th	Easter Monday
Tuesday 6th	Easter Tuesday Break
Friday 16th	Last day of Term 1

PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning

As a school we have embarked on a journey of professional learning around enriching our vision. Part of this has been furthering our school wide approach in supporting a positive behaviour for learning environment. Through this training we are now identified as a Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) school.

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Positive Behaviour for Learning
VISION STATEMENT




Through nurturing relationships, we show respect and support one another to foster a positive learning environment, reflecting our vision.



Our PB4L professional learning began at the beginning of 2020 - and is a longitudinal development identified to take at least 5 years to fully embed. We are very excited about the learning and discussions this training has provided and look forward to the journey ahead.

PB4L develops a common language for students, staff and the community, as well as presents increased clarity around what this looks like at Tamahere Model Country School for all. Part of this language is reflected through vision statements that we have grown through consultation with staff,

students and community. Each week the teachers focus on a vision statement, unpacking with the students what this looks like in various settings around the school. These are also reflected in our class, playground and Principal Awards. Last week the focus was "I am kind and inclusive" and the teachers selected one student from their class to receive the Principal Award this week, with this focus in mind.

Our T.M.C.S. Learning		
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<p style="text-align: center;">Kia Manaaki 'Honour Be Your Guide' <i>We have respect for ourselves, others, property and the environment.</i></p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Citizen / Kirirau</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ I am culturally respectful. ★ I value others and the environment. ★ I make good choices. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Kia Kotahi 'Together as One' <i>We learn and work together, supporting and caring for each other.</i></p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Team Player / Ruruku</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ I am kind and inclusive. ★ I am reliable and trustworthy. ★ I listen, share and contribute. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Kia Maia 'Confident Can Do Kids' <i>We strive to do our best with a positive 'can do' attitude.</i></p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Explorer / Kaihoopara</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ I am enthusiastic, curious and ask questions ★ I try my best even when things are hard. ★ I am a responsible risk-taker.

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Below is a photo of the Principal Award receivers for Week 1 Term 2 - what a stunning looking bunch. Good luck to the lucky receivers of next week's Principal Award.



NIKAU 1	Blake F
KAURI 2	Sam O
KOWHAI 4	Grace H
PURIRI 5	Mason S
TITOKI 6	Sam C
POHUTUKAWA 8	Madelyn C
RATA 9	Hannah D
TOTARA 10	Lucas P
MATAI 11	Kathlyn D
TANEKAHA 12	Estelle D
MIRO 13	Hunter M
PUKATEA 14	Oliver C
KARAKA 15	Felicity B
MANUKA 16	Liam J
MAHOE 17	Sarina T
HARAKEKE 18	Tamara D
TAWA 19	Greta C

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Meet The Teacher Evening Tonight

We welcome all parents, whānau and caregivers to our Meet the Teacher evening tonight.

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.

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 (Yr 1 & 2)	5.00 - 5.40pm
Main Meeting for Everyone in the TCC	5.45 - 6.05pm
Pirongia (Yr 3 & 4)	6.10 - 6.50pm
Maungatautari (Yr 5 & 6)	6.55 - 7.35pm

Whānau Tabloids - this Friday 12th February

A reminder that our Whānau Tabloids are happening this Friday morning from 8.45 to 10.30am, with lots of fun activities. Everyone is welcome to come along and support this annual event., which focuses on teamwork and fun.

A reminder that children need to wear their whānau shirts for this event.

Get ready for our Triathlon on Monday

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

Children will need: Whānau 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

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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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Skool Loop App

As we shared in last week's newsletter, 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).

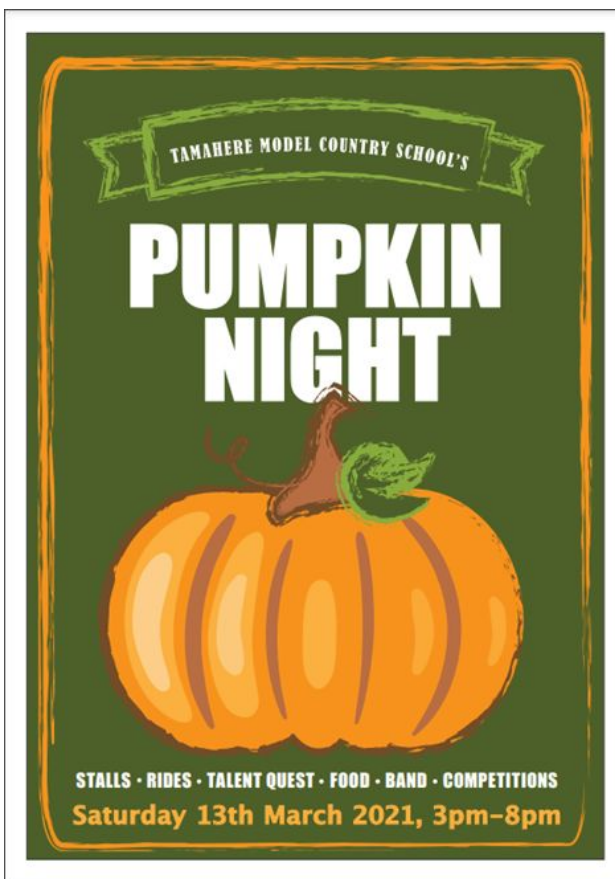


How to load the app:

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.

PUMPKIN NIGHT 2021



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 & 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.

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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
- 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 Macintosh Toffees.
- CHOCOLATE BARS: Small bars of chocolate (NO NUTS PLEASE).

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- 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:

- o Making lolly necklaces
- o Making fudge, coconut ice or brownies
- o Helping set up on Saturday morning from 10.00am.
- o Helping pack down on Saturday night at 8.00p.m.
- o Lending a trailer
- o Lending a chiller/small freezer
- o Joining the team (we meet weekly for an hour or so in the afternoon/evening).
- o 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 email Julie Koekemoer on julie.koekemoer82@gmail.com

The Pumpkin Night Team 2021

Family Zone

A community approach to online safety benefits students at school, as well as at home. 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:

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.

1. **Monitoring and Filtering:** To ensure student use of technology at school is compliant, we

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have installed Family Zone technology into the school network, student accounts and on all student learning devices.

2. **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.

Have you Checked out 'Your Lunch Box'?

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

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First Credit Union School Banking 2021

The First Credit Union school banking team will be back starting from next week. The First Credit Union wants to start the school banking year off with an awesome giveaway, so they are giving the kids the chance to WIN 1 of 3 bikes! Every deposit made through the First Credit Union school banking programme between 16th February and 9th April 2021 puts you in the draw! The prizes will be drawn on Monday 12th April.



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