

TAMAHERE

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

Week 3 Happenings:

*How proud are we all after today! What a fantastic day we had with our annual **Triathlon!** The level of *kia maia* - positive 'can do' effort shown in every race was impressive and our *Taura Taataariki* (Student Leaders) did a wonderful job supporting our Junior athletes. Well done everyone!!*

The weather was perfect and to be in Level One with lots of supporters to keep everyone going, was very exciting. This three sport event is a special opportunity to help children manage themselves from one activity to the next and organise their clothing and equipment, as well as be involved in an event, where there is a lot of physical variety.

We really appreciate the effort that parents go to as well, in sorting the bikes and having everything ready for the day. Thank you to those families and children who have shared their bikes and equipment to ensure everyone could participate.

Thank you very much to our organisers Mrs Copponi and Mrs Metcalfe, along with all the staff who contributed to making this day such a success.

The Triathlon results and photographs of this special day will be shared in next week's newsletter.

Upcoming Dates:

February	
Sunday 21st	Weetbix Tryathlon - CANCELLED
March	
Monday 1st	Pirongia - 7 & 8 year old Swimming Heats
Tuesday 2nd	Maungatautari - 9 & 10 year old Swimming Heats
Wednesday 3rd	POSTPONEMENT DAY - Swimming Heats
Thursday 4th	Swimming Sports Finals Day
Friday 5th	POSTPONEMENT DAY - Swimming Sport Finals
Monday 8th	Country Cluster Swimming Sports
Tuesday 9th	Taupiri Swimming Sports -Year 1 Demo -Year 2 Races
Thursday 11th	POSTPONEMENT DAY - Taupiri Swimming Sports
Saturday 13th	Pumpkin Night

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Road Safety - Road Patrol Crossing:

Please use our Road Patrol Crossing! We had a very scary incident last Friday, when a parent and children nearly got hit by a courier van near our crossing. Another incident happened earlier this week with parents crossing with children closer to Little Pumpkins. Cars that have already stopped for the Road Patrol are not expecting more pedestrians and are often accelerating at this point. **Please use our Road Patrol Crossing** if you are needing to cross the road at any point on Devine Road on our Northern side. We want to keep everyone safe and ask that parents also set a good example for our children.

COVID Preparedness Survey for 2021 - Just in case!

If you haven't already completed our **SURVEY**, to help us prepare for any future COVID 19 restrictions, can you please [click here](#).

PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning

Last week our PB4L vision focus was 'I am culturally respectful' and the teachers selected one student from their class to receive the Principal Award this week, with this focus in mind.



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Our Principal Award recipients for Week 2 Term 2 were:

NIKAU 1	Amélie R
KAURI 2	Monica C
KOWHAI 4	Hannah P
PURIRI 5	Eva O
TITOKI 6	Ayla H
POHUTUKAWA 8	Emma J
RATA 9	<i>Teacher absent</i>
TOTARA 10	<i>Teacher absent</i>
MATAI 11	Winston P
TANEKAHA 12	Nikau C
MIRO 13	Lyra R
PUKATEA 14	Levi M
KARAKA 15	Imogen C
MANUKA 16	Elise P
MAHOE 17	Beth E
HARAKEKE 18	Michael F
TAWA 19	Claudia F

2021 Student Leaders - Taura Taataariki

We are delighted to announce our main student leaders for 2021. All of our Year 6 students will get opportunities to take on other leadership roles, including Swing, Lunch, Recycling and TCC Monitors.

Our main Taura Taataariki have been selected through Whānau Speeches, Tabloid Sports leadership and showing leadership in class. Once again we were spoilt for choice with many students showing their abilities to be wonderful senior leaders. It is hard when we have to reduce down to fit the number of roles we need.

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Congratulations and well done to all of our Year 6 students who stepped up to the challenge of taking on these roles.

Final Congratulations go to our new Taura Taataariki:

WHANAU LEADERS:			
TAKAHE	HOIHO	KOTUKU	KAKAPO
Milo W	Luke D	Sam W	Henry D
Kobe J	Tokusho L	George F	Charlie B
Christian C	Jake W	Cooper H	Dylan M
Campbell R	Hayley H	Mila W	Caterina H
Mahina K	Isabelle A	Poppy L	Lily P
Piper A	India M	Emily C	Maddie H
Imogen C			
KAIAWHINA:			
Jack B	Olive B	Beth E	Hanna L
Ariane H	Sam W	Zara H	Wilson B
Reid F	Dylan M	Sofia L	Mila W
Oliver E	Mahina K	Abby F	Taylor D
Sienna H	Heidi K	Olive L	Emmi E
Billie A			

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PEER MEDIATORS:

Liam L	Chelsy H	Isha R	Amelia R
Hanna L	Dylan M	Heidi K	Liam J
Caleb L	Oliver C		

AMBASSADORS:

Alexandria H	Josh R	Liam L	Zara H
Eliza B	Hunter M	Olive L	Oliver C

LIBRARIANS:

Cohen M	Koralea V	Holly E	Oliver H
Eliza B	Emma D	Isha R	Chloe D
Millie J	Amelia R	Kobe J	Sophie W
Christian C	Cooper H	Kara I	Freya Y
Tokusho L	Campbell R	Henry D	Maddie H
Kaiden H	Kate H		

BUS MONITORS:

Heidi K	Hayley H	Abby F	Mia W
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SOUND TECH:

Ariane H	Maddie H	Kobe J	Piper A
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AFTER SCHOOL CARE MONITORS:

Sofia L	Chloe D	Hunter O	Edward P
Eli C	Emma D	Isabelle A	

PHOTOGRAPHERS:

Jack B	Milo W	Finn D	Kaya H
Zahra S	Caleb L		

ENVIRO MONITORS:

Holly E	Chelsy H	Mia W	Kate H
Meredani T	Isabelle A	Jake W	

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ROAD PATROL:

Asher M	Sophie W	Alex v	Kara I
Mia W	Lily P	Hunter M	Campbell R
Poppy L	Liam J	India M	Oliver C
Reid F	Caterina H	Charlie B	Imogen C
Kate H	Connor D	Millie J	Isabelle A
Olive L	Wilson B	Dylan M	

Meet The Teacher Evening - General Information Shared if you missed it.

It was lovely to have so many parents join us last Thursday evening. We value this special evening as it provides an excellent opportunity for teachers and parents to connect and become familiar with new class routines and environments.

At Meet the Teacher this year, we held a brief meeting in the T.C.C. between class presentations. Here are some of the highlights if you were unable to attend:

When should we come to School?

Teachers are keen to prepare before 8.00am. Around 8.15 -8.20am is a good time to come to school. With our School starting at 8.30am, our teachers need to be preparing before and after school. Before 8.00am, no students should be left unattended on our site. Anyone who arrives before 8.00am must join in with Before School Care in the Koromiko Suite for their safety. The cost of this is a standard \$10.

This is the same after school, as teachers have many meetings to attend and are not able to supervise students after 2.45pm. Any child left on site at this time needs to go to After School Care to ensure their safety. It is a good idea to arrange a standard meeting place for your children. We have labelled gates at the school. Make a plan with your family and decide which gate number will be your regular pick up spot.

Communication Channels:

Concerns and Worries: If you are worried at any time please come and talk with us. We are concerned for all students and families well being. If we don't know there is a problem, we can't try to fix it. Please start with your classroom teacher first and if they can't help, then it may need to be taken up with the Syndicate Leader. If needed, it may be referred to myself (Miss Parker), Annette Howard, our Assistant Principal or Lee Boyd, our Deputy Principal. Lee will be coordinating the Special Needs area again this year, for those needing specific support with this area.

Kawakawa 3:

This is a space where students, who have extra support needs, can go with a Teacher Aide, if they need some time away from their classroom environment. We are so pleased to be able to offer this opportunity to our students and families. There are sensory tools available, that aid with helping students who are feeling overwhelmed and anxious. If you have a rebounder or a weighted blanket that is not being used currently, please let Lee Boyd know by emailing lboyd@tamahere.school.nz

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School Website and Skool Loop App

You will find our most up to date information in the weekly newsletter on our website. We are hoping to make this an easily navigable one-stop shop, with paying facilities on the site as well. Annette Howard also shared how to use the new app. This information will be shared in each week's newsletter.

Gail Weston - Music Lessons and Music Classes

This year we are fortunate to have Gail Weston, one of our part time teachers, to come and work with our students to teach music. This will be for all classes on a rostered basis.

Also, we have a number of music tutors that come to school to teach music during the school day. Information on these lessons is found on our website. There are a range of options for parents to choose from. These are user pays.

Health & Safety

Allergies-

Peanuts & nut products can cause anaphylaxis for a number of our students, so we ask that peanut butter, etc. is kept at home to keep everyone safe.

Disability car parks - we have a few of these located by the bus bay and near the front gate. Please be aware of our disabled parents and grandparents, leaving these spaces clear for these families.

Pumpkin Night - Saturday 13th March

The Night of the year is coming up soon - **PUMPKIN NIGHT!** Saturday 13th March from 3.00-8.00pm.

The best way to meet new people is to volunteer and Pumpkin Night is a perfect chance to connect.

Each class needs a parent representative who will help organise the stalls assigned to their class. Let your class teacher know if you would like to be this person. The rep. is the person that communicates information to the class and helps rally support for the evening. They are not required to operate the stalls on their own, but they help set these up and get them organised for the event.

The stall sign-up sheets are with your classroom teacher, so please pop along to add your name - if everyone volunteers an hour of their time, all stalls will be covered.

THANKS SO MUCH EVERYONE!

A brief overview of Pumpkin Night:

Pumpkin Night is an annual event for the Tamahere Community. It is focused on FUN and bringing the community together. We do raise funds and the event has lots of food and drinks to buy, along with activities for the family. It runs from 3.00-8.00pm. Families are asked to come along and support the event by volunteering their time. This is also a great way to get to know other families in the community.

There is a central stage, where we have a band who play along with kids performing their talents for the audience. There is a variety of kids rides to choose from - bouncy castles, horse rides, gumboot throwing and even a Nerf Gun 'war'. Food is in abundance, with many options to choose from. We need all families to contribute in some way by volunteering to help run a stall, provide lollies, drinks, fudge to sell and so much more.

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This week we are starting to gather items from home for the event. Here is the list of what we are asking for:

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- 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 Mackintosh'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.

The children can start dropping these off in classes.

Jeremy Waters - Board Chairperson:

The Board is tasked to raise Student Achievement through quality Governance. This incorporates Financial and Asset Management.

Donations / activity fees

As a Decile 10 school, we get the least funding possible, and are always trying to make ends meet and fundraise to achieve quality outcomes for our students. Thankfully we have an amazing school community who help us to achieve incredible things, like the Vela Pool. The money from our school donations are essential to keep our budget afloat and to provide some of the extra things that our students would otherwise have to go without. We encourage everyone to contribute if you are able. There is a 33% tax refund available for all donations.

Some families like to start a direct credit that operates all year and covers activity fees and camp costs. This can really help to spread the load and Lisa Boyd in the school office can help you with this. We have not increased our school donations for many years.

After School Care price is \$7.00 per hour. One child per week is capped at \$70; Two children per week is capped at \$140.00 and three children per week is capped at \$190.00. And Before School Care is a \$10.00 fee for the convenience of parents using it occasionally. One child per week is capped at \$40.00. Family is capped at \$100.00.

Any profit we make from After School/Before School Care goes straight back into the school.

New Property Developments

We are excited to share with you that the Ministry is currently building two new collaborative classrooms which will be situated on the old pool site. They are also providing a new Staff Room which will be warmly welcomed by all, as our current area is too small to fit our staff at any one time. We also have plans to renovate the current Staff Room, so it can be made into a better First Aid area, along with meeting rooms for specialists who come in and out to meet and support students and their families.

Playgrounds

After a number of fundraisers have taken place, we are now in the position of being able to start adding to and renovating our playgrounds. You may notice the basketball hoops are almost ready to be used outside the

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Senior area. Furthermore, we are almost ready to start the additions and alterations to the Senior playground, then to follow, the Junior areas.

Mike Calvert- P.T.A. Chairperson:

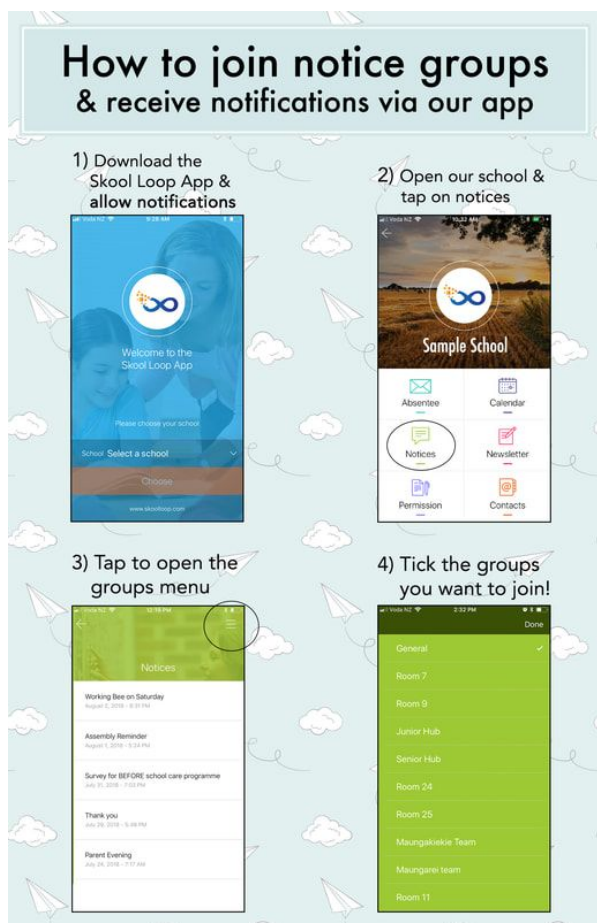
PTA

Mike shared with everyone that the P.T.A. is a great way to meet new people and to support the school. The P.T.A. meet every month on a Tuesday evening for a brief meeting - all are welcome! There are many ways to get involved:

- Being a P.T.A. class rep.
- Pumpkin Night
- The Dad's Army (Mums welcome too)
- The Golf Day team

Currently the P.T.A. are planning a School Ball (for the parents) and a guest speaker evening. Watch out for these events in the newsletter.

Have you downloaded the Skool Loop App yet?



We are thrilled with the number of school families who have chosen to download the Skool Loop App with already 174 downloads!

Skool Loop is a free download in the Play Store or App Store. Search Skool Loop NZ, once installed to your phone you then follow the steps for selecting Tamahere Model Country School and then the app will prompt you on what to do next.

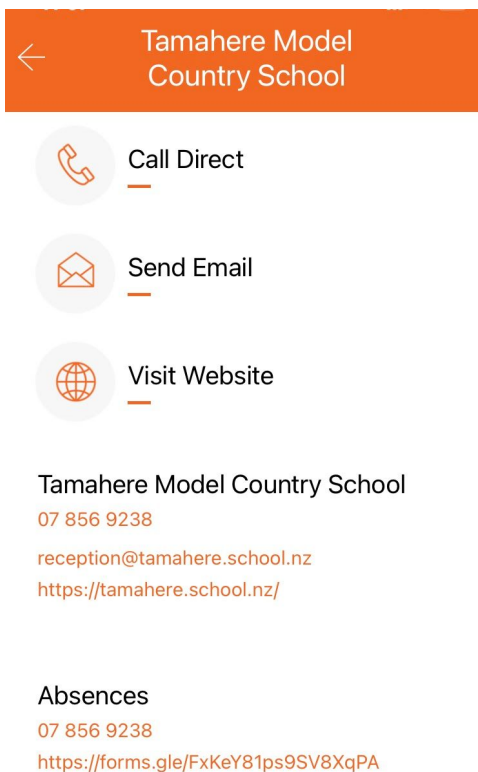
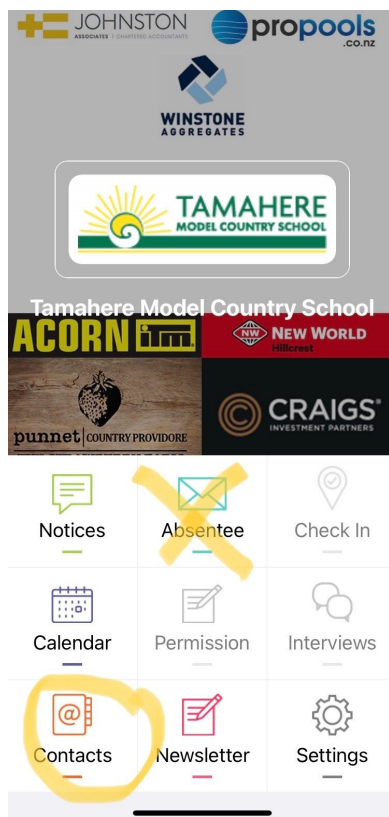
You will be asked if you want to subscribe to groups. A list of a range of sporting and year group options are available. We do recommend that you select your groups, as this will give you access to push notifications with information pertaining to these groups. If you don't select groups you may miss content you are interested in.

You can use the Skool Loop app to view our school calendar, current newsletter, permissions, notices and push notifications. It will also be our immediate go to in the event of an emergency to contact parents.

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Recording Absentees on the Skool Loop:

You can also use the Skool Loop App to advise absences, however you will need to click on the **'Contacts'** button, which will take you to the Absences form.



Year 4 Camp

If you are interested in volunteering to come on the Year 4 camp as a parent helper, please ensure you have completed a **Police Vetting** form available from the Office. Camp dates are: Wednesday 26th - Friday 28th May.

Friendly Reminder about ASC

Can parents and caregivers **please book their children into After School Care (ASC)**, so that we can ensure that we have sufficient staff and food, rather than just having children sign in that afternoon. We also ask that you **keep ASC informed about arrangements** for children attending sports practices or activities, such as Kelly Sports, Tennis or Swimming lessons.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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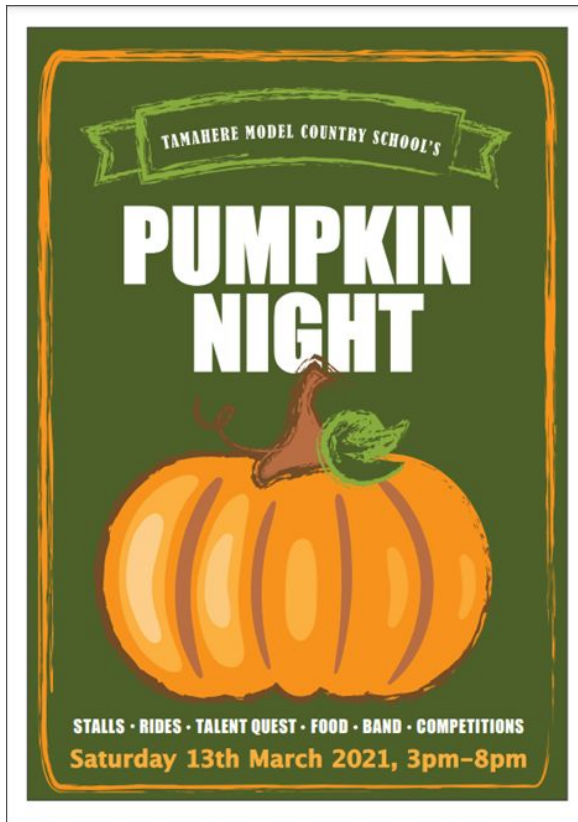
Whānau Tabloids

Last Friday we had our annual Whānau Tabloid sports. We headed out early to avoid the heat of the sun. We had a wonderful morning with our students showing our Vision with *Kia Kotahi* - encouraging each other in their teams, *Kia Mai* - taking on new challenges and *Kia Manaaki* - showing respect for everyone. Our Year 6 Taura Taataariki (Student Leaders) did an excellent job of leading their teams and supporting all age levels. Congratulations everyone. Special thanks to Mrs Copponi for her overall organisation.



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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.

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!



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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).
- 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

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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

Learn to play a woodwind instrument!



Flute, clarinet, sax, recorder, music theory & ear test tuition is available from a friendly, experienced and qualified teacher at school or in my home studio in Pukete, Hamilton. All enquiries from children and adults are welcome.

Please contact cwallace@orcon.net.nz or phone Catherine on 021 101 1447.

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in to the draw to win.

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