

# TAMAHERE

## MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL

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### Week 5 Happenings:

Level 2 this week has kept us busy with all the swimming heats and finals but in a quiet way, without having parents involved. We hope you have been able to enjoy the videos we were able to put up. We managed to achieve all our swimming heats and finals in readiness for our **Country Cluster Interschool Swimming Sports** on Monday. We plan to go ahead with this, whether it is Level 1 or 2. If it is **Level 1**, everyone in our team can compete and parents and supporters are very welcome. 😊  
If it is **Level 2**, we will hold the 9 and 10 year old races on Monday without spectators but with 3 helpers per school and the 7 & 8 year old races will be held on Thursday, with the four schools separated. Twice the work - but this way will hopefully allow all children who achieved the standard to be able to compete. We may not be able to video each race however, as there will be children from other schools involved.

**Getting ready for Camp:** Our seniors in Maungatautari Syndicate have started their preparations for heading to Waihi Beach for camp, in either Week's 7 or 8. One of the ways we prepare for this camp is to provide all of our seniors with some Kayak training and experience turning over and being able to breathe the air trapped under a kayak, before they actually arrive at camp. Our Kia maia students have been very enthusiastic and courageous with this. Please see the photo's on the next page.

### Upcoming Dates:

March	
Monday 8th	Country Cluster Swimming Sports at TMCS
Tuesday 9th	Taupiri Swimming Sports -Year 1 Demo -Year 2 Races
Wednesday 10th	Maungatautari Camp Meeting at at 5.15pm
Thursday 11th	POSTPONEMENT DAY - Taupiri Swimming Sports
Saturday 13th	<b>PUMPKIN NIGHT</b>



**Pumpkin Night:** Let's hope we can hold this happy event this year. We have a dedicated team of parents working behind the scenes to make our Pumpkin Night very special for 2021. Thank you to you everyone. There are lots of creations and fun competitions to enter into before the big day, with further information included later in the newsletter.

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## Sabbatical Leave - Lee Boyd

*Congratulations go to Lee Boyd, who has been awarded a one term sabbatical from our school, to complete a report around helping to support students with Autism and Dyslexia in schools. This research will help us with the way we support our students in the future. Please see Lee's more detailed information is below.*

I am writing to share some news that many of you may already be aware of. I have been successful in being awarded a fully paid sabbatical for a term in 2021. The Ministry of Education awards 50 of these sabbaticals per year, so I am very pleased to be a recipient.

The focus of my research during this time is special needs and in particular, how other schools in our area cater to the needs of their students. More specifically, Dyslexia and Autism are the areas I am most interested in. I have decided that rather than taking a whole term away from school, I am planning to split the time up in blocks. The ultimate goal is to glean ideas from others schools in order to modify or strengthen our current schoolwide practices. I will be writing a report to share with the Ministry and other schools at the conclusion of my sabbatical. The timetable below is the planned schedule when I will not be on site, during the next three terms:

<b><u>Term One</u></b>	<b><u>Three Weeks In Term One</u></b> 1. Week 5 2. Week 6 3. Week 8
<b><u>Term Two</u></b>	<b><u>Four Weeks in Term Two</u></b> 4. Week 2 5. Week 4 6. Week 6 7. Week 10
<b><u>Term Three</u></b>	<b><u>Three Weeks in Term Three</u></b> 8. Week 2 9. Week 4 10. Week 6

I will still be responding to emails and messages while I am away.

Lee Boyd  
Deputy Principal

## Assembly Photo's Year 1-3

Please see the photos below of a selection of our Taupiri children, who received their Triathlon Certificates at the last Assembly.



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## Property News

The Board property team have had a busy few weeks getting projects completed. The latest improvements to the school are not so noticeable, yet they are important.

- Each bathroom has had warm water installed. This is something that we have wanted to instigate for some time and now the project is completed.
- At the same time, each of the older distribution boards around the school have been replaced or refurbished.
- Our next projects are going to be more visible. We have a few areas where paving will be replaced for health and safety, as well as aesthetic reasons. The concrete and paved area by Karaka 15 will be levelled to remove the tripping hazards that are currently present.
- The paved area behind Puriri 5 will be relaid to accommodate the growing Totara tree.
- And finally, the area outside the Library will feature a newly paved area to incorporate a new flag pole.

We look forward to seeing these improvements and no doubt you will too.

Lee Boyd  
Property Team

## PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning

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

Our Principal Award recipients for Week 4 Term 1 were:

<b>Students of Week 4</b>	
NIKAU 1	Teacher absent
KAURI 2	Molly C
KOWHAI 4	Maya H
PURIRI 5	Charlee M
TITOKI 6	Etain B
POHUTUKAWA 8	Gideon A
RATA 9	Maddie R
TOTARA 10	Kate D
MATAI 11	India D
TANEKAHA 12	Leah A
MIRO 13	Luca H
PUKATEA 14	Sophie A
KARAKA 15	Josh R
MANUKA 16	Millie B

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MAHOE 17	Meredani T
HARAKEKE 18	Peter T
TAWA 19	Archie A



## Pirongia & Maungatautari Swimming Sports

We had such a wonderful morning on Monday watching our 7 - 10 year old swimming heats. We then held Finals for our 7 - 10 year olds yesterday. The high level of skill and passion shown by our students was magnificent to see. Kia Maia/Confident Can Do Attitudes shone out and the Kia Kotahi support and cheering was at times deafening. Well done everyone.

If you missed the wonderful action-packed video's of both days, [please click here.](#)



We will share with you all the placings and record breaking times in next week's newsletter.

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## Taupiri Swimming Celebration

Next Tuesday we will celebrate our current swimming learning, and the growing abilities of all Taupiri students.

Our swimming celebration will begin with the **Year One classes (P8, T6, H18 & P5) from 8.45am** followed by the **Year Two classes (T19, T10 & R9) from 9.45am**.

All children will be involved in a variety of non-competitive swimming races showcasing the skills they are proud of. The purpose of our swimming celebration is to not only share and showcase our students developing abilities but to model our swimming celebration off the middle and senior syndicate swimming sports. This is to support our juniors in preparation for moving up within the school.

On Tuesday please ensure your child has their swimming togs, rash shirt, towel, cap and goggles. We ask that you please ensure your child applies sunscreen before school.

Please note our swimming celebration will only go ahead with parent viewing if we are operating at Level One.

Many thanks,

*Taupiri Teachers*



## Invitation Kapa Haka Uniform Hui

We would like to invite anyone who may be interested in joining us in creating a **Kapa Haka Uniform Fundraising Committee**.

It is an important vision and goal for both the school and our Tamahere Whanau to be able to provide uniforms for our performing Ropu group.

If you would like to be a part of this committee to help with fundraising efforts or have any ideas we would love you to [join us for a hui this coming Tuesday 9th March at 1.30pm in the school staffroom](#).

Please feel free to contact Lisa Murray via email [lmurray@tamahere.school.nz](mailto:lmurray@tamahere.school.nz), if you have any questions or ideas.

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## SH21 Underpass Project

We are excited to let you know that Downer has notified the school that they will commence construction of the new underpass on State Highway 21 (Airport Road) in mid-March.

The underpass is part of the Te Awa River Ride, and will take approximately six months to complete.

As they need to excavate the existing road area to install the underpass structure, the road area will be widened to ensure that there are two lanes of traffic (one in each direction) at all times. There will however be a reduced speed limit through the site, along with barriers and cones, so please take care when driving through the site.

Downer will keep the community updated through a number of channels, and you can sign up to receiving weekly updates by emailing their Stakeholder Manager, Matt Kofoed, on [matt.kofoed@downer.co.nz](mailto:matt.kofoed@downer.co.nz). Matt can also be contacted on 027 540 9752.

More information on this project can be found on the Tamahere Forum or at <https://nzta.govt.nz/projects/te-awa-cambridge-to-hamilton-shared-path>.



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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.

Thank you for all the amazing donations so far. The supplies are growing by the day.

### Pumpkin Night Reminders:

Hi everyone.

One week to go! We are crossing fingers and toes that we are able to have PUMPKIN NIGHT 2021. The children are excited and we are almost ready to go. We need your help with...

1. **CLASS STALLS:** We would like to have every spot filled for each of the stalls, so that everyone can have a good time helping for a while, then enjoying time with their children. Let your class teacher know what time slot you will volunteer.
2. **RAFFLE PRIZES:** We are fortunate to have received a raffle item from EVO CYCLES - a huge thanks to Sam and Alesha Fletcher!!! They have generously donated a ladies Reid Classic vintage bike, which comes in 11 colours. Raffle tickets will be sent home next week.



3. **HAY BALES:** We no longer need hay bales, as Captain Compost has very generously offered to help us out!!
4. **FOUR SQUARE:** Thank you to Tamahere Four Square who have donated the ice blocks for Pumpkin Night.
5. **HELPERS FOR SET UP ON SATURDAY:** If you can help, please fill in this doc so we know who will be there for set up at 9:00am on Saturday morning.
  - **PUMPKIN NIGHT HELPERS DOC** alternatively you can email [julie.koekemoer82@gmail.com](mailto:julie.koekemoer82@gmail.com) to let us know how you would like to help.
6. We need **CHOCCY BARS** and **FIZZY DRINKS OR WATER**. If you are able to donate some, please send along to your child's class.

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# Pumpkin Night Competitions



- **Entries are to be dropped off on Saturday morning.**
- **Place your entry in the area for your syndicate (there will be signs)**

1. **Pumpkins on Parade** - Any pumpkin creation, either carved or decorated with embellishments, (e.g., Lego, toys, hair, ...). Let your imagination run wild kids!
2. **Pumpkins and Pals** – Pumpkins and/or other Vegetable friends, carved or decorated as you wish. You may use any other veggies you like, e.g., marrows, carrots, radishes...
3. **Heaviest Pumpkin** – The big weigh-in for all those children who have been cultivating and watering all summer.
4. **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.
5. **Family Scarecrow** - This is an all-new category. Let your creativity run rampant! Feel free to add props to your creation (not too large please).
6. **Gumboot Decoration**- Get creative and decorate an old gumboot.  
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7. **Pumpkin Drawing Competition** – This will be distributed at school a couple of weeks before pumpkin night for those children that want to enter. Entries are to be put in the boxes in the Office before Pumpkin Night.



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

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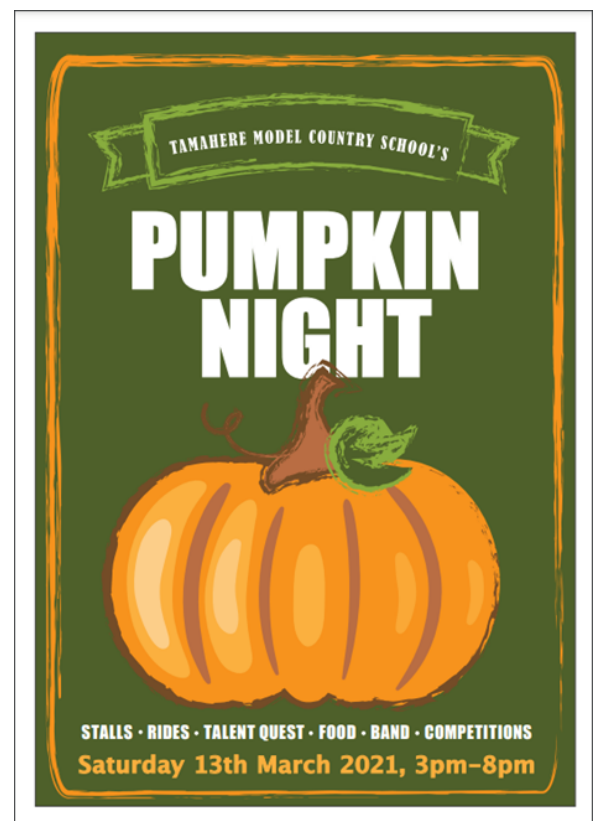


### WE ARE COLLECTING...

- 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 Mackintosh 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.

*The Pumpkin Night Team 2021*



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## Ice Block Fridays - POSTPONED THIS WEEK

Unfortunately we are unable to hold our Ice Block Friday this week, due to the current Level 2 restrictions.

## Year 4 Camp

Just a reminder to any caregivers who would like to be considered as an adult helper on the Year 4 camp, please get your Police Vetting completed ASAP. Camp is 26th-28th May.

## Maungatautari Parent Helper Camp Meeting - Wednesday 10th March

Just a reminder for all our parents coming on the Senior camps in Weeks 7 & 8, that we are holding a Parent helper camp meeting next **Wednesday 10th March at 5.15pm in Manuka 16**. Please let your class teacher know if for some reason you are unable to make this meeting.

We look forward to seeing everyone there!

## 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](mailto:cwallace@orcon.net.nz) or phone Catherine on 021 101 1447.

## 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](http://www.yourlunchbox.co.nz) or look us up on Facebook

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## Beginner Ukulele & Guitar Groups at TMCS



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# BEGINNER UKULELE AND GUITAR GROUPS

WE HAVE SENIOR STUDENTS WAITING FOR THESE  
GROUPS TO START - ARE THERE ANY OTHER  
STUDENTS WANTING TO JOIN?

Lessons every Thursday at Tamahere School with  
Mitch Walker - \$15 per week

admin@exciteacademy.com  
Phone 07 444 5047

Contact us, we'd love to hear from you

## Have you downloaded the Skool Loop App yet?

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.

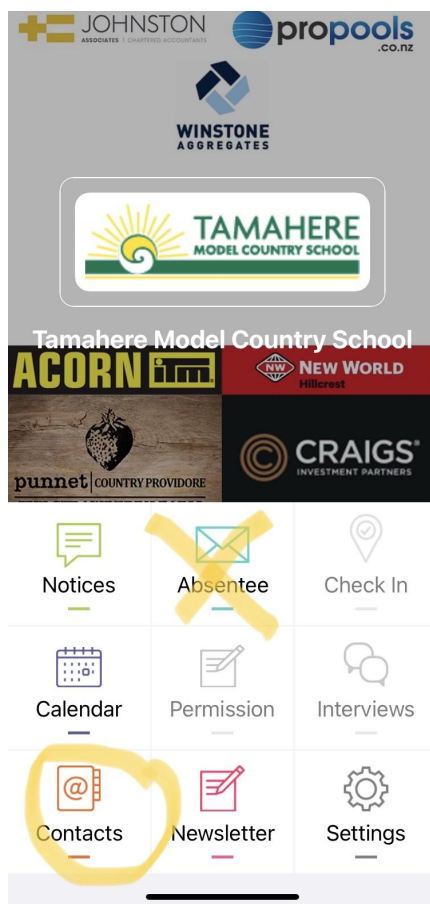
You can use the Skool Loop app to view our school calendar, current newsletter, permissions, notices and push notifications. It will also be our immediate go to in the event of an emergency to contact parents.




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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.



-  Call Direct
-  Send Email
-  Visit Website

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07 856 9238

[reception@tamahere.school.nz](mailto:reception@tamahere.school.nz)

<https://tamahere.school.nz/>

Absences

07 856 9238

<https://forms.gle/FxKeY81ps9SV8XqPA>

## Friday Subway



In case you missed the news, Subway lunches on a Friday, have resumed, with orders needing to be in on a Wednesday evening by 10.00pm, for a Friday lunchtime delivery. Please be aware, if you order after this cut-off time, your order will automatically be transferred to the following week.

To order a subway lunch please go to [www.subwayexpress.co.nz](http://www.subwayexpress.co.nz), selecting 'school lunch programme'. Please login or create a login with your details and select Tamahere Model Country School, which will automatically default to the Silverdale Road store.

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## POSTPONED: Cambridge Netball Taster Day - NOW Friday 12th March

The Future Ferns Taster Day, that was to have been held on Wednesday 3rd March has been postponed to **Friday 12th March**, with the current alert levels.

The Taster Day is open to both boys and girls from Year 0-8 who have not played netball before. They will be running some skills sessions for each age group during the afternoon to give the players a taste of netball.

# Calling all Future Ferns!



Cambridge Netball Centre  
Future Ferns  
Netball 'Taster' Day  
**FREE!**



When: Friday 12th March 2021  
4.00pm to 5.00pm.  
Where: Cambridge Netball Centre, Scott St,  
Leamington.

## Have a go at netball!



Year 0-2



Year 3 & 4



Year 5 & 6



Year 7 & 8

Players to wear active clothing, closed toe shoes & bring your drink bottle!

### Interested in umpiring?

Come along to find out more

If you are new to netball or umpiring, come give it a try!

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