

TAMAHERE

MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL

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Week 8 Happenings:

What a fantastic Camp we have had with the Te Akatarere Pod - Pukatea 14 and Miro 13 senior students.

The weather was fabulous and our students shone showing our *kia mai, kia manaaki and kia kotahi* vision so well - we were all so very proud of them. From tramping and swimming in a river, tenting and cooking their own dinner, to jumping out of kayaks, the 57 students were amazing.

Huge thank you go to all of the parents helpers and to our teacher organisers, Mrs Hawthorn and Mr Ross.



Upcoming Dates:

APRIL	
Thursday 1st	City Cluster Swimming Sports at TMCS
Friday 2nd	GOOD FRIDAY
Monday 5th	EASTER MONDAY
Tuesday 6th	EASTER TUESDAY BREAK
Wednesday 7th	Student Learning Conferences
Thursday 8th	Student Learning Conferences
Tuesday 13th	PTA Meeting BOT Meeting
Friday 16th	Last Day of Term 1
MAY	
Monday 2nd	1st Day of Term 2
Wednesday 5th	TEACHER ONLY LAST HOUR - school day ends at 12.30pm

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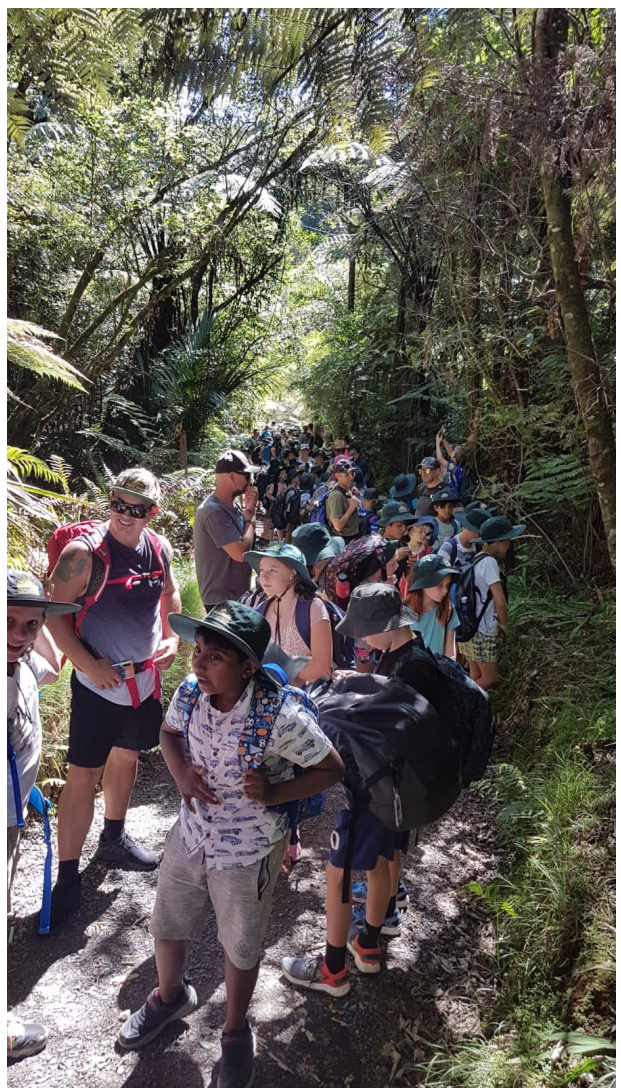
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PUKEATUA POD ventured over to Waihi Beach this week, with a huge camp of 90 students! Here are some pictures of their adventures so far. We will share more in next week's newsletter.



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Opening of our Senior Playground Renovations:

We were very pleased to have been able to open the new renovations and development of our senior Playground on Monday. We held an opening ceremony between camps, so that all of our seniors could be present. We now have two flying foxes, a further three climbing walls, a cargo net and another monkey bar, as well as other bars to play on. Our seniors and school did a great job with both karakia and waiata at our opening ceremony and blessing. This is one of our playground developments we have been waiting to achieve, with more parts on their way. Thanks to all the fundraising that is happening to help us achieve our goal.



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Vela Pool Closing from 2nd April:

Since the storm damaged our pool covers, along with some silly vandals jumping on them, we have found it increasingly difficult to keep the big pool up to temperature in recent weeks. These cold mornings have certainly dropped the pool temperatures for the start of the day. With a drop off of numbers also by Community swimmers, we will be closing the School Vela Pool from 2nd April, following the last of the Hamilton Aquatics swim lessons and the South East Hamilton Inter School Swimming Competition held the day before. Our pools will not be open over Easter weekend. Therefore the weekend of 27th & 28th March will be our last weekend open to the public.

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Junior South East Hamilton Country Cluster Schools' Tabloids:

We hosted around 355 five & six year olds at our annual Junior Tabloids event this morning. This event brought all of the Junior classes from our fellow Country Schools together for a morning of fun. We will be sharing photo's in next week's Newsletter.

REMINDER of our 'Teacher Only Last Hour' on Wednesday 5th May:

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PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning

Last week our PB4L vision focus was **"I make good choices"** 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 7 Term 1 were:

Students of Week 7 "I make good choices"	
NIKAU 1	Millen M
KAURI 2	Ewan C
KOWHAI 4	Bowen Z
PURIRI 5	Lachlan Y
TITOKI 6	Emma B
POHUTUKAWA 8	Isabelle F
RATA 9	Tamara J
TOTARA 10	Mia H
MATAI 11	Lulu M
TANEKAHA 12	Kereama R
MIRO 13	Hunter O-S
PUKATEA 14	Piper A
KARAKA 15	Caitlin O
MANUKA 16	Henry D
MAHOE 17	Kara I
HARAKEKE 18	Indie J-M
TAWA 19	Meeli M

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Tamahere School NZTA Survey

'Waka Kotahi The NZ Transport Agency have heard the feedback of the Tamahere community around pedestrian and cycling safety at the Tamahere interchange. We are doing a study looking at walking and cycling improvements in and around the interchange. Students and parents of the Tamahere School are important users in this area so we have developed a quick survey to gather information to help us come up with ways to improve the interchange. Please share your travel patterns and experiences to help us get this right by completing this survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Tamahereschool>'

Year 4 Camp



All Year 4 students took home information about their upcoming camp last Friday.

Please see your child's teacher urgently, if you have not received this. Please return all Student Information sheets and Parent Volunteer forms by **Wednesday 31st March**.

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Basketball

Basketball registration information will be shared next week.



Term 2 Basketball Dates:

- Wednesday 12th May – Friday 2 July (8 weeks)

Nights of Play:

- Wednesday – Yr 3 & 4
- Friday – Yr 5 & 6

Venues:

- YMCA – Pembroke St, Hamilton
- PEAK – Kimbrae Drive, Rototuna North and/or Fraser High

Learning Conferences - Wednesday 7th & Thursday 8th April



Research shows that for students to get the best out of their schooling years, a strong partnership between school and home is very important. We are so lucky at our school to have such strong partnerships and we look forward to hosting our Learning Conferences on the Wednesday and Thursday of Week 10.

Our Learning Conferences (Parent Teacher Interviews) will run from 2.20pm through to 7.00pm on Wednesday 7th April and from 2.30pm until 5.00pm on Thursday 8th April.

Please note: On Wednesday we will be having a shortened lunch hour and the school day will finish at the earlier time of 2.00 pm. The bus will be running half an hour earlier and After School Care will also start half an hour earlier.

Normal school hours will resume on Thursday 8th April with our learning day concluding at the usual time of 2.30pm. Conferences will start after this.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused by our early conclusion of learning on Wednesday 7th April. Our Maungatautari & Pirongia Syndicate students will be returning to school to participate in their 3 Way Conferences and Taupiri Syndicate students may be involved if parents wish. Our Mid Year interviews will involve all of our students.

One Conference per child: So that each child can celebrate their learning journey with the ones they love and get all caregivers on the same page with the support required, we ask that all parents join together for this

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occasion, to support your child and enable teachers to have the time needed for all conferences. There are not enough spaces for our split family parents to have an appointment each. We appreciate your support in this matter.

For Interviews:

Bookings for our upcoming Learning Conferences to be held on Wednesday 7th & Thursday 8th April are now open. Bookings operate on a first in first served basis.

Please book your Learning Conference times by clicking on the links provided below.

We suggest you allow gaps between your different children's interviews to allow time to get from room to room.

Please follow the following links:

MAUNGATAUTARI Learning Conference [link](#):

TAUPIRI & PIRONGIA Learning Conference [link](#):

Book the time that you require with your child's teacher. If you do not have access to the internet or if you require any assistance with your booking, please contact Lisa at the school office on 856 9238.

Junior Syndicate Parents Dinner Invitation



The graphic is a rectangular invitation with a light green border. On the left side, there is the logo for Tamahere Model Country School, featuring a stylized sun and the text 'TAMAHERE MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL' and 'Nurturing Our Future - Growing Together'. Below the logo is a small illustration of three people (two men and one woman) standing and waving, with the word 'WELCOME' written in large, light green letters above them. The main text of the invitation is on the right side, in a light green font. It includes the title 'Junior Syndicate Parents Dinner', the description 'An invitation for all Taupiri parents of Year 0, 1 & 2 children, to a fun gathering, making new friends and enjoying a relaxed night out!', the date and time 'When: Thursday 15th April 7pm', and the venue 'Venue: The Boundary Restaurant + Bar, 65 Devine Road Tamahere'. Below this, it asks for RSVP by email by Friday 26th March to Frances McKenzie (francesmcknz@gmail.com) and Maura Hodgson (hodgsonmaura@gmail.com). There are two short paragraphs of text: 'The head chef is preparing a set menu for us, which will be forwarded prior to the event and pre-payment will be arranged.' and 'Thanks so much and we look forward to seeing you there!'. At the bottom right, the logo for 'THE BOUNDARY RESTAURANT + BAR' is displayed.

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When: Thursday 15th April 7pm
Venue: The Boundary Restaurant + Bar, 65 Devine Road Tamahere

Please RSVP by email by Fri 26th March to:
Frances McKenzie : francesmcknz@gmail.com
Maura Hodgson : hodgsonmaura@gmail.com

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Thanks so much and we look forward to seeing you there!

P.S. we understand family pressures and babysitting costs, so please don't feel that both parents need to attend, for those who miss out this time there are lots of other fun social events the PTA have coming up!

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RESTAURANT + BAR

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Honshu Butterflies - Enviroschools Community Meeting on Tuesday

Waikato District Council, Manaaki Whenua - Landcare Research, Waikato Regional Council and Enviroschools, are embarking on a bio-control education programme with Tamahere Model Country School. Students will be raising Honshu butterflies and releasing them as bio-control agents for Japanese Honeysuckle.



Please join Hugh Gourlay, a Research Technician from Manaaki Whenua/ Landcare Research and Hamish Hodgson, the Pest Plans Biosecurity Officer with the Waikato Regional Council for a talk on Biological Control and some exciting initiatives happening in our Tamahere community.

Hugh is a specialist in the biological control of weeds and expert in insect rearing. Hugh will be teaching students about bio-control and has offered to share some of his knowledge to the local community.

Hamish will discuss WRC's role regionally and nationally in regard to biocontrol, and also how individuals can get involved.

The meeting will take place at **Tamahere School on Tuesday 30th March from 7.00 to 8.30pm.**

Please [register here](#).

Everyone is welcome!

School Donations

Just a reminder if you wish to make a tax claim on your school donation, it needs to be paid prior to the 31st March. If you require a receipt, please email accounts@tamahere.school.nz. Thank you.

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Cambridge Netball Club - Fundraiser Quiz Night



LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

CAMBRIDGE NETBALL CENTRE FUNDRAISER QUIZ NIGHT

FORM GROUP OF UP TO 8 PEOPLE

April 6 | Start at 7:00PM
Five Stags Leamington

Register a team by following the link or
emailing cambridgenetball@gmail.com

<https://bit.ly/3cB2Y9t>

ENTRY \$10 PER PERSON
WAITER & BAR STAFF AVAILABLE

REGISTER YOUR QUIZ TEAM HERE: <https://bit.ly/3cB2Y9t>

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AIR TRACK TUMBLE CLASS TAMAHERE SCHOOL

*Beginner and advanced classes for all school years
Plus optional Tumbling Championships event this term!*



Term
2

Monday 12:30-1:15pm. in hall
3rd May - 28th June

For 8 weeks with graded certificate

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