

TAMAHERE

MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL

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Week 11 Happenings:

We have had both an exciting and challenging Week 11, starting with the arrival of our new classroom & staffroom block very early on Tuesday morning. The technology in the amazing transporting truck was incredible to see and the speed of work being achieved is impressive.



Upcoming Dates:

MAY	
Monday 3rd	1st Day of Term 2
	Welcome Whakatau at 11.30am
Wednesday 5th	TEACHER ONLY LAST HOUR - school day ends at 12.30pm
Tuesday 11th	Taupiri Syndicate - Marae Visit
Wednesday 19th	Lit Quiz - 6.30 to 9.00pm
Thursday 20th	PINK SHIRT DAY AT TMCS
	PINK SHIRT DAY DISCO'S
Saturday 29th	QUIZ NIGHT

Mark your calendars for our FUNDRAISING BALL on Saturday 3rd July

The event of the year is coming up! Get ready to get your glad rags on and dance the night away, all in the aid of fundraising for our new playground.



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Unfortunately our contractors have encountered some unexpected challenges, which as you will be aware resulted in the water supply to the school being impacted. This resulted in the difficult decision to try and limit the numbers of students on school grounds for health & safety considerations, as we had been without water for much of Thursday and we had no water to clean the impacted toilet areas before students arrived.

The contractors have worked so hard to sort the challenges, one of which includes finding concrete in unexpected areas underground. Now half of our building has been moved again, to ensure piles are placed on stable ground.

Thank you to everyone who helped today with reducing student numbers on site and allowing us to sort other areas. We understand other families needed students to come to school and that was fine also. One classroom did flood when the water came back on and Allan Wickens has been working on this all day.

I am sure we will see significant progress over the holidays with our new block. We are looking forward to having this wonderful new facility, which will benefit students and staff.

Happy Holidays

We wish all of our families a safe and happy holiday break. Whether you are snuggling in around home, wrapping up warmly to enjoy the beautiful outdoors or venturing further afield - keep safe and be happy together. We look forward to seeing you all refreshed and ready for another term on Monday 3rd May.

Whakatau - Monday 3rd May

We look forward to seeing you all back to school on the first day of Term 2 on Monday 3rd May. We will be welcoming 15 new students to our school. Everyone is warmly invited to come along to our Whakatau to welcome our new enrolments and their families to our school in a special assembly. This will be held at 11:30am in the Tamahere Community Centre (TCC). All new families please come to the carpeted - foyer end - to be welcomed as manuhiri. All existing families can join us in the hall as Tangata Whenua. Everyone is welcome!!

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Wednesday 3rd May - REMINDER of our Teacher - Only Last Hour

To enable our whole staff to fit in a four hour First Aid Refresher Course, we are needing to take an hour of learning from the school day to be able to fit in the training. We hope this is the least inconvenient way we can achieve this. We will have a longer middle learning block and ask **families to pick up children at 12:30pm on Wednesday 5th May**. We do apologise for any inconvenience this may cause you in **Week One of Term 2**.

After School Care will be available from 12:30pm on this day, for those that need it on a pre booking basis. Children who are booked into ASC from 12.30pm on this day will need to bring their usual packed lunches.

Board of Trustees Message

Recently we had an unfortunate situation with alcohol being consumed by a small group of parents at a school camp. As a Board we have reviewed this and would like to provide the following update to our Whanau.

Firstly, we would like to thank all our staff, and parents for the enormous effort that is put into preparing for, and supporting our camps.

Secondly, we fully support the action that was taken by Waveney, and the teaching staff on camp to minimise the chance of potential consequences, once the issue was identified. Dealing with a situation such as this creates unnecessary stress, for all involved, and we would like to acknowledge the professionalism, and care that you have shown.

We are also conscious of the effect this has had on parents at camp who were not involved. As a Board we join in your disappointment that this occurred, and thank you for your support.

As a Board we are charged with ensuring the Health and Safety of everyone connected with the school, whether on or off site. As part of preparations for camp, parents attending are required to sign an agreement, prior to involvement in camp, that is part of our Health & Safety procedure. In this agreement it is clearly stated that no alcohol is to be bought to, or consumed during camp. The reason for this is that parents are responsible for the children who are on camp and need to be able to act if required to evacuate in the event of a fire, tsunami, earthquake or other natural disaster. There is also a risk of alcohol impairment increasing the risk of an accident occurring during camp, or while driving the next day.

Given the seriousness of the matter, the Board has agreed, in addition to immediate actions taken at camp, to enforce the banning of any person found with, or consuming alcohol at this and any future School Camps, from any future involvement in our School Camps. In this instance, this is disappointing for the children of the families involved, but we believe it is necessary to take a 'no tolerance' approach.

The Board will always actively encourage parent involvement in school activities, We will also continue to support appropriate plans, and actions, that ensure we maintain a best practise approach, and follow Health and Safety policies and guidelines, at all times. As a School we are fortunate to receive large numbers of applications for involvement in school camps, and other activities, and it is always a difficult decision to decide who is involved. If you are offered the opportunity, please be respectful of the school's requirements,

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respectful to staff and other parents, and most of all enjoy the experience, in the environment we should all be creating for our children.

We have a busy Term 2 ahead with outdoor education experiences on offer, including camp activities for our Year 3 students and the first overnight camps for our very excited Year 4's. Hopefully we can all learn from this, and move on so that we continue to get the most out of these experiences for our children, and our parent helpers.

Finally, the Board would like to wish everyone a good break. Stay safe and we look forward to seeing everyone refreshed, and rearing to go at the start of Term 2.

Jeremy Waters (Presiding Member) & the Board of Trustees

Remembrance Assembly - *Lest We Forget*

We had a very special Assembly yesterday to acknowledge the passing of Prince Philip and ANZAC Day. Thanks to Ewen C. and Grace H. we celebrated Prince Philip's services to the Commonwealth over more than seven decades and looked at his challenging life as a young person growing up and his accomplishments in the war as a Naval officer and his flying achievements. Our flag has been hanging at half mast all week. We also held our own ANZAC service, as ANZAC Day falls during the school holidays. Two of our Junior classes - Pohutukawa 8 and Titoki 6 shared their artwork and learning from the book ANZAC Ted and Seniors from Pukatea 14, shared amazing ANZAC poems and beautiful silhouette artwork, remembering all those involved in the wars, who lost their lives and were affected by the wars. We also had the Flanders Field poem read beautifully by Campbell R.



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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.

Our Principal Award recipients for Week 10 Term 1 were:

Students of Week 10 'I am culturally respectful'	
NIKAU 1	Addi H
KAURI 2	Charlotte C
KOWHAI 4	Elle D
PURIRI 5	Olivia L
TITOKI 6	Lulu C
POHUTUKAWA 8	Isabelle S
RATA 9	Gabz Hi
TOTARA 10	Orien C
MATAI 11	Skip t B

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TANEKAHA 12	Ivanka N
MIRO 13	Sienna L
PUKATEA 14	Koralea V
KARAKA 15	Mikayla B
MANUKA 16	Alex v d H
MAHOE 17	Evelyn B
HARAKEKE 18	Ollie H
TAWA 19	Sebastian C



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Daffodil Planting

On Wednesday morning students from Harakeke 18 and Kauri 2 had the privilege of planting in excess of 1500 daffodil bulbs as part of a community project in the Tamahere Reserve. We planted alongside parents, TCC committee members, Tamahere Lions Club members and other community volunteers. It was a great morning accompanied by some light drizzle, plenty of dirt, mud and digging and finished off with a daffodil stomp to ensure the bulbs were well covered and compacted by soil. We are now looking forward to seeing the gorgeous display of daffodils come Spring. Many thanks to the Waikato District Council for supplying the daffodils and providing this exciting opportunity for our students.



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Taupiri Parents Dinner

Thanks to all the parents who were able to make it to our Taupiri parents dinner last night. We were so pleased to be able to use the new local venue to enjoy a fun night out together!

Congratulations to Table 12 for winning the people bingo game and Table 7 for getting the most names on your card at the end of the night - there was tough competition, we were very impressed with everyone's enthusiasm and determination! 🎉

'The Boundary' will be making up vouchers, which we will get to the winning team members once school is back next term.

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Given that the restaurant is not officially open yet - the manager has asked for any feedback- so please feel free to email this through to her (Tajeet) on manager@theboundary.co.nz

Thanks and hope everyone has a great school holiday!

Frances and Maura



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EXCITING NEWS - Bricks 4 Kidz ARE back from Term 2!!!



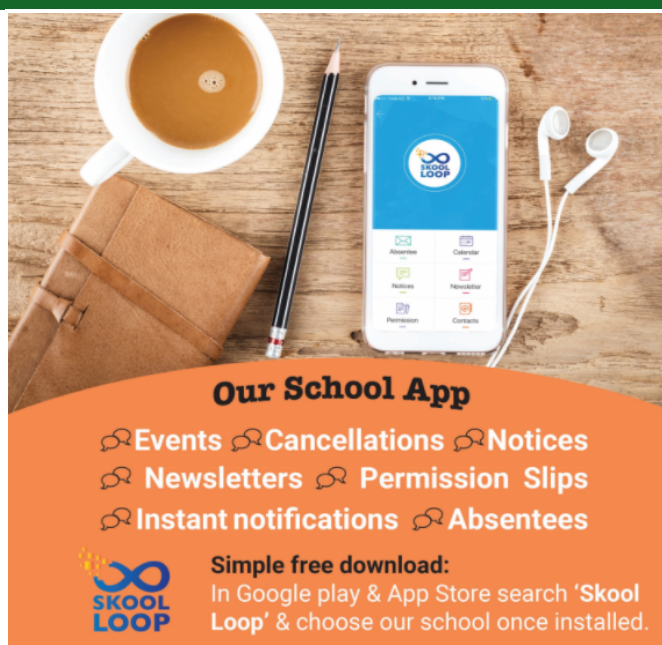
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SH21 Underpass Project Update from Downer's Matt Kofoed

Hi everyone,

We continue to work through our planning and preparation, with service location taking place across the site to confirm that underground services are in the expected location.

We have also commenced with excavating the footpath alignment on the northern side, and will continue with this during this week. We have also successfully completed some minor tree pruning and removals.

In the near future you will start to see service-related works commencing, as this forms a lot of our initial works, in preparation for the underpass construction.

We thank you for your consideration of the 50km temporary speed limit, which helps ensure the safety of our team on site.

As always, if you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Matt Kofoed

Stakeholder Manager

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Help Prevent A Screen-time Blowout During The School Holidays with Screen-time Survival Tips From Family Zone



School holidays often bring increased opportunities for learning away from school and for connecting and socialising with others.

For families and whānau, not fully understanding how and where their children interact online can be a barrier when it comes to providing support. Managing time spent online can also be a challenge without the routines of school time. To

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help ensure our community has information and advice at their fingertips to help start online safety conversations with their children, The Family Zone team have compiled resources to support you in managing your children's holiday screen time, which can be accessed by [clicking here](#).

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Easter Special - Toblerone & Cadbury!

Two beautiful boys - Toblerone (AKA Toby) and Cadbury (AKA Charlie Boy) are in need of a new happy and safe home, where they can be looked after and chat with you daily. 14 month old Alpacas. Born on Miss Parker's place and needing a new home due to land development. \$500 for the pair ono. Beautiful fibre, quality sires. Please email me on wparker@tamahere.school.nz.



Cambridge Cycling Festival - ANZAC Day

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