

TAMAHERE

MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL

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

Week 1 Happenings:

It is wonderful to have everyone back with us smiling, happy and looking healthy and rested. We are looking forward to a busy learning term with a variety of learning activities, along with the Pirongia Camp and Outdoor Education Week. Winter sports are starting this weekend for most families, so that will help to fill up your weekends as well.



Happy Term 2!

Whakatau:

On Monday morning, we welcomed our 15 new enrolments to our school with our special Whakatau. Our Kapa Haka Ropu performed our Tamahere Haka and the school followed with waiata and mihi.



Upcoming Dates:

MAY	
Tuesday 11th	Taupiri Syndicate - Marae Visit 9.00am to midday
Tuesday 18th	Yr 4 Camp Parents Meeting at 5.00pm
Wednesday 19th	Lit Quiz - 6.30 to 9.00pm
Thursday 20th	PINK SHIRT DAY AT TMCS
	PINK SHIRT DAY DISCO'S
Saturday 22nd	QUIZ NIGHT

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

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

Staff First Aid Refresher Course:

Thank you to all our school families for making it possible for our staff to attend a group First Aid Refresher course on Wednesday afternoon. The Revalidation First Aid course is completed every 2 years and refreshes the first aid knowledge and practical skills of our staff.



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Te Iti o Hauaa Marae

Yesterday, our teaching staff had a very special evening, as we were welcomed onto Te Iti o Hauaa Marae, and spent time learning more about Ngaati Hauaa histories with Matua Fred and a group of kuia. This opportunity has given us all a chance to learn about and experience the Marae and build relationships before each syndicate travels there during the course of the year. We are hoping to develop this relationship further and learn waiata and chants of Ngaati Hauaa, the people of our whenua.

Two Teacher Only Days - giving you a long mid-term weekend break over Fieldays Friday

We have joined our two Teacher Only Days together this term, to hopefully cause you less disruption and inconvenience. These days should also help you to avoid Fieldays peak traffic times. Our school will be closed for tuition on **Thursday 17th and Friday 18th June**. On Thursday our staff will be looking at assessments and moderation in preparation for our mid-year reports and on the Friday we will be joining with all of our Kahui Ako Schools (Hillcrest High School, Berkley Normal Middle School, Hillcrest Normal School, Silverdale Normal School, Newstead Model Country School, Tauwhare School and Matangi School), for a day of learning about our local history and tikanga with Ngaati Hauaa.



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Building Progress and Access:

Our new modular build is developing well, with foundations achieved, services being linked in and decking being attached. Next week work will commence on the pathways. We apologise for any inconvenience you experience over the next few weeks. **Gate 2** is no longer accessible & **Gate 3**, closest to our office, will be open around drop off and pick up times but frequently will be closed for truck access during the rest of the day. Please use the front carpark and come across in front of the library, if you do want to access the office during the middle of the day. Thank you for your help.



NZ Sign Language Week:

New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL) Week is celebrated every year during May and is happening next week from 10th to the 16th May. It is organised by Deaf Aotearoa to raise awareness of the language and culture of New Zealand's Deaf community. We will be celebrating this important language week throughout our school.



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Science Roadshow:

We have a group of Maungatautari children participating in the Science Roadshow next Monday, which is being hosted by Cambridge Middle School. The Science Roadshow is a fun, exciting and interactive science learning experience. It includes live shows and hands-on exhibits that broaden students' knowledge of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Thank you to the parents who are making this valuable experience possible.

Taupiri Syndicate Marae Visit:

An important part of our curriculum learning every year includes New Zealand History and te reo Maori and on Tuesday we have our Junior classes visiting our local Te Iti o Hauā Marae in Tauwhare.

Over the course of this year, our children in Pirongia and Maungatautari Syndicates will also get the opportunity to visit the Marae. Children will experience the protocols of visiting and being on a Marae, including a traditional powhiri, learning about tikanga and culture. They will also get the opportunity to explore the Marae buildings and learn it's history and the Marae's connection to Tamahere.

We thank all the Parent helpers who have volunteered to assist us make this wonderful experience possible.

Work Done Over The Holidays:

Our disruptive end of term with water challenges, was nothing compared to the further challenges faced by the Builtsmart team, as they tried to put down the foundations for our new classrooms. Unfortunately for them, blue concrete was discovered much lower and further away from our old pool than was expected.

The staff room end of the new build had to be picked up again and moved for further excavation to occur. What was discovered was that Tamahere School has had three swimming pools over it's 137 year history! One situated closer to the current office, being about 1.2 yards deep x 8 yards x 4 yards). This must have been filled, in preparation for construction of the 2nd pool (17 ½ yards x 11 yards), with half above and below ground, as they did in the 1950's era. You can see below the old pool location.



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As well as Builtsmart on site we also had Ground Cover Landscaping transforming our cobbled area surrounding the Golden Totara between Puriri 5 and Kowhai 4. This area now is smooth and safe, rather than having the many dangerous humps and hollows created by the extensive root system. They have also created our new flag pole area in the centre of our school, so that we can celebrate special and memorable events with space and giving the dignity that is needed.

We would like to thank a generous donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, for helping us to achieve this special place in our school. We are hoping to open our new flag pole area and ship playground next week, once we get our original school crest up into position and finish the final painting to our boat.

Another project over the holidays was to sort out the flooding in Tanekaha 12, after a tap had been left on accidentally while the water had been off. Thank you Mr Wickens for all your work here. We now have lovely new carpet in T12 again.



Year 1 & 2 Netball Skills Sessions

If you filled in a registration form for Year 1 or 2 Netball Skills, the training sessions are as follows:

Year 1: Wednesday afternoon 2.45pm on Netball Courts - beginning in Week 2

Year 2: Friday Lunchtimes on the netball Courts

Reminder - please ensure that your child brings along sensible footwear and a drink bottle.

If parents are available to help, that would be greatly appreciated.
Thank you.

Nicky Platje

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PINK SHIRT DAY - Thursday 20th May

We are holding a Pink Shirt Day again this year to support the Mental Health Foundation's Pink Shirt - anti bullying movement. A gold coin donation please for anyone wearing pink instead of their uniform on Thursday 20th May.

Staff and students are all encouraged to dress or accessorize in **pink** in support of the Mental Health Foundation's Pink Shirt Day. **Pink Shirt Day** is a day where New Zealand celebrates diversity and where everyone feels safe, valued and respected at work, school or in their community.

This fits in with our School Vision's Kia kotahi, where we strive to create an environment where we learn and work together, supporting and caring for each other.



Donations raised through **Pink Shirt Day** go directly into growing the Pink Shirt Day movement. The official Pink Shirt Day is held the following day, on Friday 21st May. Thank you for your support.

PINK SHIRT DAY DISCO'S - Thursday 20th May

Our Pirongia and Maungatautari children are very much looking forward to their **Pink Shirt Day Disco's**, happening in Week 3 on **Thursday 20th May**. Children can choose to wear pink or whatever colours they like.

Tickets will go on sale on Tuesday 11th, with orders to be made with the classroom teacher - disco tickets are \$5.00, which includes a bag of popcorn and pizza slices are \$1.00 per slice. Payment must be made to the classroom teacher in cash.



We ask that children bring along a full water bottle, which they can refill.

There will also be a stall offering treats for sale on the night, so feel free to bring some pocket money along.

Pirongia Disco is on from 5:10 pm - 6:30pm

Maungatautari Disco from 6:55 pm - 8:15pm.

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TAMAHERE PTA QUIZ NIGHT - Saturday 22nd May

A colorful, abstract background poster for a quiz night event. The text is arranged in several white and colored boxes. At the top, a white box contains the date. Below it, a larger white box with a black border contains the event title. A horizontal bar with three colored segments (red, blue, green) provides event details. A larger white box at the bottom contains details about fancy dress, refreshments, prizes, and registration information.

Saturday 22 May 2021

**TAMAHERE PTA
QUIZ NIGHT**

Doors Open at
TCC 6.00pm

Quiz starts at
7.00pm

Team of 8
\$160

FANCY DRESS
BYO Refreshments and Nibbles
Cheat Sheets and Raffle Tickets for sale

PRIZES:
Best Dressed TABLE
Best Dressed TEAM
WINNING TEAM

Register your team –
pta@tamahere.school.nz

After School Care Programme

We ask that parents please ensure that they inform After School Care if they give permission for someone other than themselves to collect children.

With the start of winter sport practises, we ask that parents update us with practise times for their children after school.

You can update our ASC Programme by email
asc@tamahere.school.nz or txt 022 140 3689.

Thank you for your assistance.



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PTA Survey

Hello from the Tamahere PTA

The PTA's aim is to assist the School in providing an environment where children can grow and learn, by supporting the teachers, helping out and fundraising.

Please click the link below or Scan the QR code and answer a few questions - it will only take 3 minutes!

We really appreciate any time you can give.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5YBM8WP>



Tamahere School PTA

Contact: pta@tamahere.school.nz

Have you downloaded the Skool Loop App yet?

An advertisement for the Skool Loop app. The top part shows a smartphone on a wooden desk with a cup of coffee, a pencil, and a brown folder. The phone screen displays the app's interface with icons for Absentees, Calendar, Notices, Newsletter, Permissions, and Contacts. Below the image is an orange banner with the text 'Our School App' and a list of features: Events, Cancellations, Notices, Newsletters, Permission Slips, Instant notifications, and Absentees. At the bottom, it says 'Simple free download: In Google play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose our school once installed.' and includes the Skool Loop logo.

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Bricks 4 Kidz

You may have seen the Bricks 4 Kidz team this week handing out flyers letting everyone know that they are back starting next week.

If you missed out please go to <https://www.bricks4kidz.co.nz/hamilton-after-school-classes/> for more information and to register.

bricks 4 kidz
AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME
Tamahere School



Motorised Model Building

Experience the fun of hands-on model building to develop problem solving skills (Years 0-6)

Every Wednesday 2:45 – 3:45 PM

Location: Kawakawa 3

Cost: \$25 / 60 minute session

Scan to enrol



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INSPIRES GROWTH MINDSET THROUGH DESIGN & CRITICAL THINKING

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THEY THINK IT'S FUN, YOU KNOW IT'S EDUCATIONAL

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SH21 Underpass Project Update from Downer's Matt Kofoed

Hi everyone,

We have continued to make progress on the northern side of the road, and as the attached photos show we now have services being installed. The green duct will house the new fibre line on this side of the road.

Over the coming weeks more services will be installed in this area and across the site as a whole. We are also completing the concrete pour today, as mentioned in last week's update. Staining of the timber fenceposts is being undertaken to protect the posts against the elements.

You will continue to see work in the same areas over the next few weeks, as we continue to install services and provide the new footpath for use in the near future. As always, if you have any questions please let me know.

Kind regards,

Matt Kofoed
Stakeholder Manager
New Zealand



Ruben the Road Safety Bear is recruiting

Ruben the Road Safety Bear is recruiting for two people to join his team of enthusiastic presenters having fun sharing road safety tips.

To be successful in this role team members need to enjoy working with tamariki in a way that is fun, informative and memorable. No two days are the same so being organised and reliable is important. The role is casual and part time with hours predominantly during school term time. A full drivers licence and some te reo Māori is preferred.

If you know someone who might wish to grasp this opportunity they can find out more information from Jenny on 07 8590517 or apply at www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/careers. Applications close 9 May 2021.

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