

TAMAHERE

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Kia atawhai aa mua - Kia tipu ngatahi

Week 2 Happenings:

Still being COVID Careful:

It is great that we are still living ordinary lives and can now travel to a few places, but as we know, things can change quickly. Last year apart from the lockdowns, we had the best attendance and highest levels of health across our students and staff, due to the COVID measures we implemented.

This term we will continue to sanitise entering classrooms and wash our hands as we leave. If any child is unwell please keep them at home.



Coming Up Next Week:

We have another exciting week coming up, with a group of Year 5 & 6 students competing alongside other Primary and Intermediate school teams at the annual **Lit Quiz** competition on Wednesday night. We wish them well! Thanks Mrs Kewish for all the tutoring and support.

On Thursday we are celebrating **Pink Shirt Day**, with a pink-themed shirt day, followed by the Year 3-6 discos that evening.

Upcoming Dates:

MAY	
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 - Gold Coin Donation
	PINK SHIRT DAY DISCO'S
SATURDAY 22nd	QUIZ NIGHT
JUNE	
MONDAY 6th	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY
WEDNESDAY 16th	Class & Portrait Photographs
THURSDAY 17th	TEACHER ONLY DAY
FRIDAY 18th	TEACHER ONLY DAY
JULY	
SATURDAY 3rd	ROARING 20'S FUNDRAISING GALA BALL

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Science Roadshow

On Monday a group of keen Year 5 & 6 Scientists attended the *Science Roadshow*. The show itself and the hands-on exhibits were both informative and entertaining, broadening the students' knowledge of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The students had the opportunity to explore various science and technology concepts by 'touch and feel'.



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Each year the Science Roadshow themes and exhibits change, so there's always something new for students to learn and engage with. This year the show's theme was Taiwhanga Rere – Flight Lab.

Thank you to the wonderful parents who assisted with transport, making this valuable experience possible.

Annette Howard

Te Iti o Hauā Marae Trip - Taupiri Syndicate

From the eyes of five year olds...scribed by Shelley Howse

On Tuesday 11th of May, the Taupiri Syndicate were very fortunate to visit our local Marae Te Iti o Hauā. We started off from school in three buses. The parents went in their own cars and met us at the Marae.



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We were ready for the Powhiri, which meant we were being welcomed onto the Marae. We walked calmly and peacefully toward the wharenui, as the karanga was called. The men and boys were on the side and the girls were in the middle. We tried not to walk too fast.



We had to take our shoes off before we went into the wharenui. Matua Fred welcomed us into the wharenui (meeting house). We both sang songs to each other and thanked Matua Fred and his whaanau for having us. We gave them a koha.

We walked around the whole Marae and then enjoyed a delicious shared Morning tea. Thanks to all the parents for sending such yummy kai to share.



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After that, we had some time to do the booklets that our teachers had made for us. We learnt about the parts of the Marae and some other things too.



At the end of our visit, we said goodbye and thanked Matua Fred for having us. We sang a waiata to finish.



Here we are at the Marae.

We were very proud of the children and how respectful they were of this special place. A huge thank you to all the parents also for a beautiful morning tea. And especially those parents who were part of our learning and experience, who came as parent helpers. Thank you. The teachers and myself were very pleased to have you with us. A huge thank you to Te Iti o Hauā Marae, Matua Fred, Whaea Raylene and the other Kuia for the manaakitanga shown to us, which made us feel very welcome.

Shelley Howse and the Taupiri Syndicate teachers

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PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning

Last week our PB4L vision focus was '*I am kind and inclusive*' 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 1 Term 2 were:

Students of Week 1 'I am kind and inclusive'	
NIKAU 1	Luca B
KAURI 2	Isaac S
KOWHAI 4	Xin Yuan Z
PURIRI 5	Riley H
TITOKI 6	Finlay C
RIMU 7	Tom S
POHUTUKAWA 8	George D
RATA 9	Lucas C
TOTARA 10	Diya O
MATAI 11	Stella H
TANEKAHA 12	Connor H
MIRO 13	Toku L
PUKATEA 14	Jack B
KARAKA 15	Hayley H
MANUKA 16	Sam W
MAHOE 17	Maxx G
HARAKEKE 18	James L
TAWA 19	Emily Mc

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Ship Playground & Flag Pole Opening

We will be holding our assembly outside on Friday afternoon, so that we can officially open our wonderful Ship Playground and the new Flag Pole Area. Everyone as always, is very welcome to join us at 1:40pm.

In Week 3 on Friday 21st May, our seniors will be sharing an item at the next Assembly about their recent Camp Experiences.

PINK SHIRT DAY - Next Thursday 20th May

A reminder that 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 next Thursday.

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.

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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 - Next Thursday 20th May

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

Tickets will go on sale next week, 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.

WANTED

I am wanting to have a Lego Club operating in the school library 2 lunchtimes a week. This will be a safe, quiet zone for those creators. Please see the link below, to see the benefits of Lego Clubs.

<https://www.childrenswellnesscentre.co.uk/10-incredible-benefits-of-playing-with-lego-2/>



So if your family or your business would like to donate some Lego for this project, please contact me at tkewish@tamahere.school.nz, or I am in the school library Monday-Thursday from 7.30am-3.00pm. If you would just like to drop some off to the library, that would be great too.

Regards,

Theresa Kewish
Tamahere School Librarian

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Pirongia EOTC Week - 2nd - 4th June

Year 3:

All Year 3 students received information last week about their EOTC events. Thank you to all the parents who have offered assistance, we will let you know shortly if you are required. Miss Grant and Mr Stephenson have an exciting three days planned for the students, including:

- **Wednesday:** Trip day to Extreme Edge and Claudelands Park
- **Thursday:** Tent and Team-Building day
- **Friday:** Firewise day

Please remember that there is a \$30 cost for all Year 3 students to cover these exciting opportunities.

Year 4:

The countdown is on until our Year 4 students head away to Camp Raglan for 2 nights. All camp parents have been notified and there is an important meeting for them on **Tuesday 18th May at 5.00pm** - please let Leah Mills (lmills@tamahere.school.nz) know if you haven't received an email about this.

All students should be starting to get their gear ready, especially all those thermals and winter woollies! We have asked all students to provide a container of either home-baked biscuits or slice, and for those who can, we would love donations of apples, oranges and/or pears - thanks in advance!

If you have any questions regarding any of the Pirongia EOTC events, please see your child's teacher.

PTA Friday Afternoon Biscuit Sales in Terms 2 & 3

Just letting everyone know that the PTA will be selling biscuits kindly provided by Hillcrest New World every Friday after school during Terms 2 and 3 for \$1 each.

This is a fantastic fundraiser for the PTA and we would like to thank our very generous local retailers Hillcrest New World for the biscuits and Tamahere Four Square for the iceblocks that they have been providing us during the summer terms. Their support has allowed us to continue this wonderful fundraising initiative.

Thanks from the PTA!



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TAMAHERE PTA QUIZ NIGHT - Saturday 22nd May

Keen to come to Quiz night, but don't have a team yet? Need a few more players to make up your team?

Please let the PTA know, by emailing us on the email: pta@tamahere.school.nz – and we will help to connect

people together to form teams 😊

The table / team cost is \$160 for up to 8 people.

Feel free to extend the invite to anyone who wants to come and join in the fun ie. friends, family, workmates – everyone is welcome!



Saturday 22 May 2021

**TAMAHERE PTA
QUIZ NIGHT**

Doors Open at TCC 6.00pm	Quiz starts at 7.00pm	Team of 8 \$160
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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

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Roaring 20's Fundraising Gala Ball



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SH21 Underpass Project Update from Downer's Matt Kofoed

Hi everyone,

We have continued to progress with our work on the northern side of SH21 over the past week. You will now see that a section of the new footpath has been poured, and at the eastern (Regal Haulage) end of this section we are continuing with the alignment and fence construction.

The service providers are working away at the service relocations, and you will continue to see teams working in the road shoulder to complete these works.

Next week we will be completing tree felling outside the Tamahere Country Club, where two trees need to be removed to make space for the underpass construction. This will take place on Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th May, and during the work hours of 9am – 3pm we will need to close the road for up to 5 minutes at a time, when specific branches are being removed. We'll keep any disruption to a minimum, and have ensured this work takes place outside peak traffic periods. Prior to the work taking place we will be inspecting the trees for any bats that may be roosting at the time, to ensure these are not disturbed by our work.

As well as this work continuing we are working away on other activities that can be completed prior to Fieldays, and we will communicate these as they take shape over the next few weeks.

As always, if you have any questions please do let me know.

Kind regards,

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REMINDER: 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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A promotional graphic for the Skool Loop app. The top half shows a smartphone on a wooden desk, displaying the app's home screen with icons for Events, Cancellations, Notices, Newsletters, Permission Slips, Instant notifications, and Absentees. Next to the phone are a cup of coffee, a pencil, and a notebook. The bottom half is an orange banner with the text "Our School App" and a list of features. At the bottom left is the Skool Loop logo, and at the bottom right is the download instructions.

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