

TAMAHERE

MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL

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Nurturing Our Future - Growing Together
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Week 4 Happenings:

NAMSA (Normal And Model Country Schools Association) Conference

Our school is a **Model Country School**, a term used to describe schools, including Normal schools, that have a close working relationship with the University Faculty of Education.

We value this role and the additional benefits it brings to our school and students.

Being a Model Country School means that in addition to providing and meeting the learning needs of our students, we play a vital role in the pre-service and in-service training of teachers. In order to do this, TMCS and Waikato University staff work closely together. As a Model Country School, we are required to provide a model of sound, current, effective teaching practice. Our teachers are experienced in leading the development of student teachers, as they complete the teaching experience part of their training.

A number of our staff will be attending workshops and talks during the 3 day NAMSA Conference that is happening in Cambridge, from Wednesday to Friday this week. This is a great professional development opportunity for our teachers to attend.

We anticipate that we will have a number of visitors to our school from NAMSA attendees. We look forward to welcoming them to our school!

Upcoming Dates:

MAY	
Monday 31st	X Man visiting Taupiri Syndicate in Week 5
JUNE	
Wednesday 2nd	Year 4's Raglan Camp starts
Thursday 3rd	Year 3 Trip Day
Friday 4th	Year 3 Tent Day
	Year 3 Firewise Day
	Year 4's return from Raglan Camp
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

QUIZ NIGHT - What a great success!

What a great night everyone had on Saturday evening, with 15 Quiz teams transforming the TCC.



Special thanks go to **Sharlene Woolston** and **Kelly Martyn**, who were brilliant Quiz Masters and made it a super fun night!

We also want to thank our school community for their generous donations towards our prizes and raffle items, which raised \$4,000, which will contribute greatly towards achieving our new playground project.



Huge thanks to the amazing 2021 Quiz Committee - **Leah, Alice, Tamsin, Vanessa, Kate and Katrina**, all the sponsors and of course the teams, who turned up looking amazing and got into the spirit for a great night!

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BEST COSTUME - The Quizzers Among Us
BEST TABLE - Frazzled Teachers on Duty
FIRST PLACE - Spanish Inquisition



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PINK SHIRT DAY DISCO THANKS!

Thank you to Julie Koekemoer and her team, along with the teachers that put together a wonderful night for our Pirongia and Maungatautari students. The children thoroughly enjoyed the evening!!



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PINK SHIRT DAY:

Here are some more photo's from last Thursday.



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FIRST CREDIT UNION VISIT



We had First Credit Union visit our Assembly on Friday, talking about their school banking programme, making it easier to teach children about saving and to encourage good saving habits early in life.

First Credit Union has launched a new Super Saver rewards programme. To make things easier, children are given a tracker sheet so they can track their deposits. And for every five deposits made through the school banking programme, they will get to choose a reward!

You can open an account just by picking up an application form from the school office or check out www.firstcreditunion.co.nz

WEEK 5 HAPPENINGS:

We have X Man visiting **Taupiri Syndicate** in Week 5. We look forward to sharing photo's in next week's newsletter.

Our **Pirongia Syndicate** children will be taking part in a camping experience from Wednesday to Friday, next week. Our Year 4's will be in Raglan, while the Year 3's take part in three days of exciting and varied activities.

Lit Quiz 2021

This year was the 30th anniversary of Lit Quiz, with 54 teams competing against each other. The Lit Quiz covered 10 children's literature categories. The teams did not know the categories beforehand.

The two teams, as well as Oliver C trained one lunchtime a week. They also prepared by reading as widely as they could, focusing on the classics. They competed very well and got 3rd and 6th out of the Year 5/6 teams. Congratulations!!!



Team 1 & 2: Isabella, Henry, Liadan, Sarina, Sam, Imogen, Millie, Valentina and Oliver (Reserve)

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Year 4 Camp



Camp is only a few days away! A final information letter will be coming home with your child on Friday. Please note the following organisational points:

- All children are to be at school by 8.30am on Wednesday 2nd June.
- We will be back at school at 2.00pm on Friday 4th June.
- We will all be assembling in the TCC on Wednesday morning.

Please help your child to put their luggage and baking and fresh fruit out the front of the TCC (there will be boxes for the food). Children must keep their day bag with them.

We are excited about the adventure ahead! Please see your child's teacher if you have any questions.

PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning

Last week our PB4L vision focus was '***I am enthusiastic, curious, and ask questions***' 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 3 Term 2 were:

Students of Week 3 'I am reliable and trustworthy'	
NIKAU 1	Nico V
KAURI 2	Emma C
KOWHAI 4	Kodi H
PURIRI 5	Phoebe C
TITOKI 6	Riley D
RIMU 7	Summer L
POHUTUKAWA 8	Teacher Absent
RATA 9	Benji v d H
TOTARA 10	Donay Z
MATAI 11	Sienna Y
TANEKAHA 12	Ruby C
MIRO 13	Mia W
PUKATEA 14	Holly C
KARAKA 15	India M
MANUKA 16	Teacher Absent
MAHOE 17	Cooper T
HARAKEKE 18	Michael F
TAWA 19	Victoria T

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Can You Help Us?



Does anyone in our school community have good quality office furniture items that they no longer want and would be willing to donate to the school, or know of other businesses who may?

We are interested in chairs, tables, shelving, cupboards, filing cabinets, and even benches etc, that we could utilise as we develop our new staff room and office areas.

If you have items you think may be suitable, can you please email reception@tamahere.school.nz

Thank you for your assistance.

Yummy Stickers

Just a reminder that the Yummy school sticker promotion is on again for this year.

Earn whanau points by collecting the Yummy stickers from your apples or the cut-outs from the bags. There are sheets available from the office in your whanau colour and full sheets will be collected at the end of Term 3 and sent away to be redeemed for sports equipment.



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Payment Reminder Sports Subs

Have you registered your child for any of these sports?

- Football
- Rugby
- Basketball (Term 2)
- Hockey
- Netball



Please see the payment options that were listed on your registration form:

Pay at the office after registering using Cash/Eftpos/Cheque
Pay online with the relevant sport as a reference - 12-3152-0070140-00
Pay using automatic payment arrangement already in place
Waiting to be invoiced through your school account will incur a \$5 administration fee

Invoices will be issued shortly for any Sports subs that have not been paid, along with the \$5 admin fee.

Thank you for your assistance.

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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ROARING 20s FUNDRAISING GALA - 3rd JULY

THE night of the year is fast approaching - it's Golden Ball time! Gather your friends, channel your inner Gatsby and dance the night away at The Narrows Landing - all in aid of fundraising for our new playground equipment. Live band, auction items, dinner and cash bar.

Tickets on sale at the School Office - strictly limited numbers, so don't miss out on this fabulous night of fun.

Themed costume not required (but feel free to go all out if you want to!)



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The Skool Loop App

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Thanks to the below businesses for sponsoring our school app:



If you would like to advertise on the Tamahere Model Country School Skool Loop App please email Content@skoolloop.com



To download our app: In Google Play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose Tamahere Model Country School once installed.

So far we have 330 users signed up to the Skool Loop App. The purpose of the app is to provide an 'in the moment' connection portal to keep our school families up to date with current happenings. The features of the app include: weekly newsletter, daily notices, contact information of how to reach the school office and a link to absentees (found under the contacts section).

Our aim is to provide a portal that allows you to be further connected with our school through a simplified and streamlined process.

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HOW TO LOAD THE SKOOL LOOP APP:

Downloading the Skool Loop app - a step by step guide

Once you have downloaded the Skool Loop App, via either your Google Play or App store, please follow the below instructions to select your school -

- Open the Skool Loop App - you will land on a welcome page.
- Click the 'Select your schools' this will bring you to a menu you can either search your school or follow the country/region prompts.
- Once you reach your school, select it with the tick on the righthand side.
- Tap the 'select schools' button in the top right corner.
- Tap the big orange choose button. This will load your school and bring you to the settings page.
- Subscribe to the groups that are relevant to you, then click the 'go back' button on your phone, which will bring you to the main screen of your schools app.



Have your say by 31st May!!!

From 2022 onwards, Aotearoa New Zealand's histories will be taught in all schools and kura. The draft curriculum content embraces the histories of all the people who live in Aotearoa New Zealand and encourages schools and kura to develop local curriculum and marau ā-kura that reflect the histories of their communities.

The draft proposes seven themes; the arrival of Māori to New Zealand, first encounters and early colonial history, Te Tiriti o Waitangi, immigration and colonisation of New Zealand and the New Zealand Wars, national identity in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, New Zealand's role in the Pacific and Aotearoa New Zealand in the late 20th century and the evolution of a national identity with cultural plurality.

The draft histories curriculum sets out three big ideas about our histories, three contexts in which our histories have happened, and three inquiry skills that students will learn from studying our histories.



The Draft curriculum content for Aotearoa New Zealand's histories is now available for public feedback, seeking feedback from as many people as possible. The online survey is open until 31 May 2021. Please read more about the draft curriculum survey and how to take part in the Aotearoa New Zealand's Histories survey [by clicking here.](#)

As a school we are also looking at this initial draft and giving feedback, as well as starting to embed ideas

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within our programmes.

SH21 Underpass Project Update from Downer's Matt Kofoed

Hi everyone,

I hope you had a good weekend.

Last week our removal of the trees next to the Country Club was very successful, and we will be removing the stumps this week. We appreciate your patience as we did have to close the road for a few short periods of time to ensure a safe fall zone.

This week sees a number of service providers on site, and our goal is to have the vast majority of the service installations complete by the end of the week. There will be times during the week where traffic is stopped for brief periods, when we need to remove power poles or complete work within the road corridor. These periods will occur outside peak hours to minimise the impact on road users.

As part of the service work there will be work completed overnight on Thursday night, to allow Chorus to relocate their cables.

Once the service related work is complete we will be re-aligning the two lanes on State Highway 21, to provide more room for us to work on the southern (Country Club) side. This will allow us to commence working on the future underpass area on this side of the road.

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

Kind regards,

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Gwynne Shield Rugby Trials This Sunday

Under 57kg Gwynne Shield representative rugby is back in 2021 to celebrate 100 years of Waikato Rugby. This is a great opportunity for players to represent Hamilton East in a tournament coming up in the Term 2 Holidays.

TRIAL/MUSTER: [This Sunday 30th May](#), 9.30am at Swarbrick Park, Frankton.

TOURNAMENT DATES: Sunday 11th July to Sunday 18th July, Memorial Park Cambridge.

*Students DO NOT have to play rugby for a club, they are welcome from any sporting background.

*Boys and girls welcome. Teams will be mixed gender.

*Players must be 57kg or under this Sunday. Dieting is strongly not encouraged.

*Students must be Under 13 years of age as of 1st January 2021

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