

# TAMAHERE

## MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL

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

### Week 8 Happenings:

We hope everyone enjoyed their extra long weekend break. Thank you for supporting our two Teacher Only Days last week. Having professional learning opportunities like this are extremely valuable for our staff.

On Thursday, our staff looked at assessments and moderation, in preparation for our mid-year reports and on Friday, we joined with all of our Kahui Ako Schools, for a day of learning about our local history and tikanga with Ngaati Hauaa Iwi which was a significant day.

This week we are all busy learning about Keeping Ourselves Safe, a Police based education programme. We expect you are having interesting discussions at home around the dinner table about different aspects of this programme. Education Officer, Constable Thomas is supporting us with many classes over the next two weeks.

### BEING CAREFUL with COVID:

Following on from our email yesterday. The spread of the highly contagious Delta variant of COVID-19 is incredible. The improved tracking that we now have operating has highlighted many in our community, who were in areas of Wellington at the same time as the Sydney traveller. We now have families and itinerant staff isolating at home to keep the virus at bay.

### Upcoming Dates:

JUNE	
TUESDAY 29th	BOT Meeting
WEDNESDAY 30th	Maungatautari Syndicate - Winter Sports Day
JULY	
SATURDAY 3rd	ROARING 20'S FUNDRAISING GALA BALL
FRIDAY 9th	End of Term 2
MONDAY 26th	Start of Term 3
AUGUST	
WEDNESDAY 11th	Learning Conferences
THURSDAY 12th	Learning Conferences

Unite  
against  
COVID-19

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A reminder to keep us all safe - if you were in Wellington over the weekend or have unexpectedly become 'casual contacts' through airport use etc, the MOH advice is that you must follow the Level 2 guidelines and please do keep us informed.

We all need to be aware and be vigilant with hand washing, tracking and mask wearing if required. To be ready as a school; a reminder again please, to reinforce which Gate your family is going to use, should our Level's change (remembering that Gate 2 is still not able to be used, due to work continuing in the area)

Keeping our school environment and community as bug free and healthy as possible is our aim. Any children who are unwell and could be spreading illness to others, will be asked to remain at home.

As a school, we will be continuing to keep up our hygiene levels and try to keep everyone as healthy and safe as possible. Hand sanitising and extra hand washing practices will continue, along with more frequent cleaning of hard surfaces used by many hands. We understand the airborne transmission is incredibly difficult to contain without wearing masks.

If your family does need to self Isolate for immune compromised reasons, please let us know so we can support you as best we can.

### **GRAND OPENING OF OUR NEW MODULAR BLOCK**

We were very lucky to have a sunny but cold morning for the official ceremony to open our New Modular Block, incorporating new classrooms - Horopito 20, Horopito Iti and Horoeka 21 and our staff room, Te Rito Atawhai.

We were very honoured to have Jared Kwok from the Ministry of Education, Matua Fred, Whaea Rayleen and a number of other Kaumaatua and Kuia from Ngaati Hauaa Iwi, join us along with parents from our community and members of the Board of Trustees.

We started by standing for the National Anthem, followed by Cadel H and Shyla J, leading our school Karakia.



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Matua Fred led the blessing of the new building.



We then had student representatives from all 3 Syndicates come forward to cut the ribbon:

- Xin Ning Z and Asher J from Taupiri Syndicate
- Hazel H and Adriano S from Pirongia Syndicate
- Christian C and Felicity C from Maungatautari Syndicate



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Beginning with a karanga by the Ngaati Hauaa Kuia, the Kaumatua walked through the new building performing a warea (chant).



We then we sang He Honore, followed by a karakia and our Kapa Haka Roopu performed our school haka with lots of mana to make us all proud.

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Thank you to everyone that came along to our Blessing. We look forward to relocating our Harakeke 18 and Puriri 5 students into their new classrooms, from the beginning of next Term.

### COMING UP IN TERM 3:

We look forward to hosting our **LEARNING CELEBRATIONS** on Wednesday and Thursday of Week Three next Term.

This is a wonderful time for everyone to come together and really look at each child's learning journey.

Our Learning Celebrations (Parent Teacher Interviews) will be held on **Wednesday 11th August** and **Thursday 12th August**. On **Wednesday 11th August** we will be having a shortened lunch hour and the school day will finish at the earlier time of 2.00pm. 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 12th August** with our learning day concluding at the usual time of 2:30 pm. Conferences will start after this. We apologise for any inconvenience caused by our early conclusion of learning on Wednesday, however with our students involved in leading and discussing their own learning journeys and celebrations we want to finish at a reasonable time.

More details and links to the online interview booking system will be shared in the first week of Term 3.



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## ICAS Exams - Year 4-6

If your child has been identified as achieving above or well above we invite you to consider entering your child into ICAS this year. The assessments are suitable for students wishing to extend themselves academically and take up the personal challenge of competing in an international assessment. Your child will be presented with high-quality, expert-developed questions, allowing them to apply their learning without the need for prior study or revision.



UNSW Global  
AUSTRALIA

This year, the exams include Writing, Science, Digital Technologies, English, Spelling and Mathematics. To confirm your child's participation, simply complete the google form by clicking here: [ICAS ASSESSMENTS LINK](#) and make payment no later than Wednesday 28th July 2021.

## PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning

Last week our PB4L vision focus was 'I am a responsible risk-taker' 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 2 were:

<b>Students of Week 7 'I am a responsible risk-taker'</b>	
NIKAU 1	Dakota D L
KAURI 2	Cohen C
KOWHAI 4	Logan R
PURIRI 5	George R
TITOKI 6	Quinn B
RIMU 7	Teacher Absent
POHUTUKAWA 8	Amelia J
RATA 9	Kent H
TOTARA 10	Elin H
MATAI 11	Ethan B
TANEKAHA 12	Kalia H
MIRO 13	Charlotte S
PUKATEA 14	Adam R
KARAKA 15	Olivia C
MANUKA 16	Isha R
MAHOE 17	Liadan B-S

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HARAKEKE 18	Poppy M
TAWA 19	Jacob C

The following student was a recipient of the Principal Award for Week 6, but did not receive their Certificate last week:

<b>Students of Week 6</b> <b>'I listen, share and contribute'</b>	
KARAKA 15	Dylan M



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## Tamahere New Entrant Enrolment Tracking

All families with pre-schoolers and anyone expecting to enrol a child at Tamahere Model Country School for 2022, can you please ensure that you have added their names to our cradle roll, which greatly assists us with planning for next year.

Please email the school office on [reception@tamahere.school.nz](mailto:reception@tamahere.school.nz)

Thank you for your assistance.



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## ROARING 20s FUNDRAISING GALA - 3rd JULY

With only a week to go before THE night of the year, tickets to this must attend event are selling out fast!!! Tickets are on sale at the School Office - strictly limited numbers, so don't miss out on this fabulous night of fun.

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.

Themed costume is not required (but feel free to go all out if you want to!). Check out our Facebook Events page by clicking here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/795835401058628/?ti=ls>



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## ASSESSMENT & REPORTING

*If you missed last week's newsletter, we wanted to draw your attention to the information we shared about our Mid Year Reports for 2021.....*

Assessment and reporting on learning are core practices at Tamahere Model Country School. We have a well-planned teaching and learning model as well as a carefully scheduled assessment plan. Throughout the year students are assessed in many ways. Some of these ways are informal including observations of classroom interactions and conversations during the learning process. Other methods are more formal and include tests that are standardised and norm-referenced. The process of deciding where a student is working in relation to the N.Z. curriculum is made with the support of colleagues and a moderation process that is shared with all staff members. Assessments are used along with teacher judgement to determine where a child is working *independently and most of the time*.

After the July holiday break, we will be sharing with you the mid-year reports for 2021. In early Term Three, we will be inviting families into school for a parent/student conference and this is a time to unpack the reports in more detail. The report is a snapshot of where the students are working independently in the **middle of the year**.

Students have two more terms of learning to go before we report on their end of year results. In December you will receive an end of year report that will show where your child is working after a full year of learning. There is still a great deal of teaching and learning to take place between now and December.

Below is a further explanation of the process of reporting to the Board and parents.

*Lee Boyd  
Deputy Principal*

### Mid Year Reports 2021

**In July (Term Two), 2021, all teachers will provide every parent with a written report outlining their child's progress in relation to the N.Z. Curriculum.**

**The report provides parents with:**

- Information on their child's progress in Reading, Writing and Maths and the other curriculum areas. This report will show where each student is achieving in relation to the end of year expectations for Years 1-6.
- The curriculum expectations can be expressed as curriculum levels. These are as follows:
  - At the end of Year One **(Early Level One)**
  - At the end of Year Two **(At Level One)**
  - At the end of Year Three **(Early Level Two)**
  - At the end of Year Four **(At Level Two)**
  - At the end of Year Five **(Early Level Three)**
  - At the end of Year Six **(At Level Three)**

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## Friday Night Hockey-Year 3/4

If your child wants to play Friday Night hockey, please email [acopponi@tamahere.school.nz](mailto:acopponi@tamahere.school.nz).

These games are played at St Peter's School on Friday nights.



## School Holiday Programmes

If you are interested in your children attending a Holiday Programme, please check out the information fliers located under 'Community Notices' on our website or by [clicking here](#).



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## AIR TRACK TUMBLE CLASS TAMAHERE SCHOOL

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## SH21 Underpass Project Update from Downer's Matt Kofoed

Hi everyone,

I hope you had a good weekend, and that everyone who visited Fieldays had a great time.

While we have been off State Highway 21 for the past few weeks, we have been working in the future shared path area between State Highway 21 and Tamahere Drive, and this is now taking shape. We have also continued with our work on the new footpath alignment on the northern (Tamahere Park) side of the road.

We will now be moving back onto the State Highway, and starting to prepare for the weekend work that is coming up in a few weeks time. Since we first advertised this a fortnight ago we have revised our intended traffic management plan, and instead of utilising stop/go we will detour south-westbound (Airport bound) traffic down Tamahere Drive, Day Road and Pencarrow Road. Traffic heading north-east (towards State Highway 1) will use State Highway 21 as normal.

This change will minimise traffic delays by keeping everyone moving, and will ensure that any potential queues at intersections are minimised.

As always, if you have any questions regarding the project please feel free to get in touch directly.

Kind regards,

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