

TAMAHERE

MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL

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

Week 1 Happenings:

Haere mai, welcome back everyone. I hope you had a very happy holiday with your children and were able to enjoy some of the lovely sunny days outside.

It is always great to have the classrooms filled with smiling faces, curious questions and our playgrounds filled with childrens' shouts and laughter again. Everyone is looking so refreshed and ready to get back into the mahi.

As you will see, there have been a lot of property projects undertaken over the holidays, which thanks to the Ministry's support will make a tremendous difference for our school going forward. The complete replacement of our six septic tanks with new chambers and pipes linking to our current system, is a significant one for us. Over the next holiday break the outside filtering and processing part is hoped to be installed, when the ground is a bit drier.

We have also had new joinery installed into most of our junior classes, which has made a dramatic difference to the natural light coming into those rooms and eliminating the drafts. The new roofing verandahs erected outside After School Care - Koromiko Suite and from Nikau One to Kawakawa Three look very smart but we still need to add the flashing for water tightness.

Upcoming Dates:

JULY	
THURSDAY 29th	Ag Day Committee Meeting at 7.30pm in Rimu 7
AUGUST	
FRIDAY 6th	ASSEMBLY AT 1.30pm - Virtue Awards & Pirongia Year 4 Camp Sharing
WEDNESDAY 11th	Learning Conferences - Teaching day ends at 2.00pm
	Year 6 Berkley Information Evening 6.00 - 7.30pm at Berkley
THURSDAY 12th	Learning Conferences
TUESDAY 17th	Sport Photo Day

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HUGE THANKS go to Steve Cambie, who spray painted all the roof trusses for us, before the new long run iron went back down. This was massively appreciated and it has saved Dad's Army lots of time and effort.



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Unfortunately not all our projects were completed due to various issues, so there will be workers on site completing the finer details for all three projects.

With heavy trucks, lots of rain and soft ground we now have some very muddy parts of our school so unfortunately **Gate 1** by the swimming pool will be locked until the area is re-grassed and able to be walked on again. We are sorry for the inconvenience. **Gate 2** by our new classroom block is now open for access, but again we ask that everyone stays off the grass/mud areas.



It is wonderful to now have Horopito 20 and Horoeke 21 in operation for our youngest students. We now have 33 young students in this lovely new learning environment. The staff are also enjoying their sunny and spacious new staffroom. We are still awaiting new furniture for some areas but having more space to operate in is fantastic.



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Harakeke 18 will become our music room for Mrs Weston's music lessons for all of our Pirongia and Maungatautari students, a place that our choir can use for practice and for the Chess Club to meet in. Puriri 5 will be used for the drums, withdrawal groups and for some of our Kids Clubs to operate from e.g French Lessons and Bricks4Kids.

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Learning Conferences in Week 3

We look forward to hosting our **LEARNING CONFERENCES** (Student, Parent and Teacher learning conversations) which will be held on **Wednesday 11th August** and **Thursday 12th August**.

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

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.

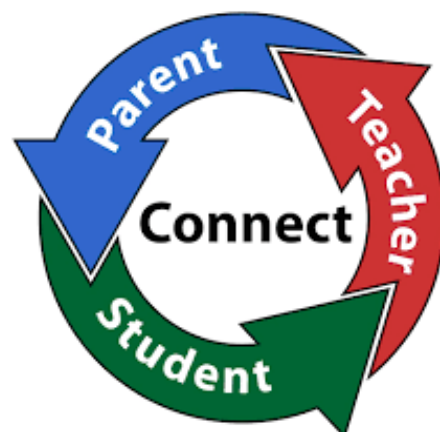
Normal school hours will resume on **Thursday 12th August** with our learning day concluding at the usual time of 2:30 pm. Conferences will start after this. We apologise for any inconvenience caused by our early conclusion of learning on Wednesday, however with our students involved in leading and discussing their own learning journeys and celebrations we want to finish at a reasonable time.

As already shared earlier this week, the bookings for our upcoming Learning Conferences are open, with bookings operating on a first in first served basis.

Please follow the following links to make your online booking:

[TAUPIRI & PIRONGIA Learning Conferences Booking Link](#)

[MAUNGATAUTARI Learning Conference Booking Link](#)



All students will receive a **Mid Year Report** which will be sent home this week, in advance of the conferences. The Student, Parent, Teacher Conferences will be looking at learning goals and further steps forward. This is a wonderful time for everyone to come together and really look at each child's learning journey and ask any questions you may have.

One Conference per child: So that each child can celebrate their learning journey with the ones they love and get all caregivers on the same page with the support required, we ask that all parents join together for this occasion to support your child and enable teachers to have the time needed for all conferences. There are not enough spaces for our split family parents to have an appointment each. We appreciate your support in this matter.

We look forward to meeting with you and your child to discuss their progress and achievements.

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Berkley Normal Middle School – Information Evening

You may have noticed on the TMCS calendar that the Berkley Normal Middle School Information Evening is being held on **Wednesday 11th August, from 6.00pm – 7.30pm** at Berkley. This is unfortunately scheduled for the same Week as our upcoming Learning Conferences. If any Year 6 families have an issue with the timing, please discuss with your class teacher.



This is an evening structured for prospective parents and students to be informed about the extensive range of programmes on offer at Berkley.

Wheels for Adam Muir's Wheels!

What an amazing way to mark the last day of Term 2, with everyone getting in the spirit and dressing up.



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We raised a whopping \$3,500.00 of which \$1,100.00 was solely from the sale of eggs!!! Thank you to the Heyden Farms for their generous support to help Adam towards his goal of raising \$15,000.00, to achieve his goal of having an Omeo Mobility scooter.

You still have the opportunity to support Adam by donating directly to the Give A Little Page [by clicking on this link.](#)



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Thanks Dad's Army

Huge thanks go to the Dad's Army team who came in over the holidays and helped Allan to build a magnificent fence at the end of our new staff room and dig holes for the climbing poles. Thank you

Dads! We really appreciate your support and free labour! 😊

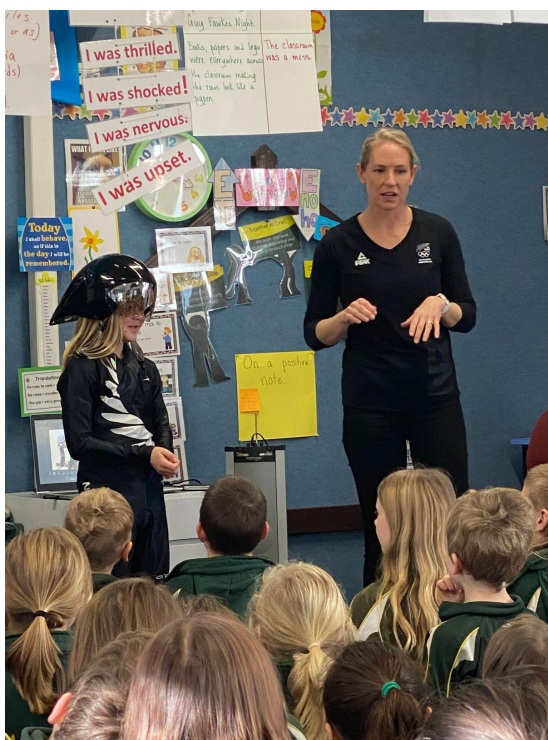
We hope you had fun catching up together as well!



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Olympian Visit

Pirongia Syndicate were treated to a special visit from Olympian 1085, Ali Shanks, this week. We feel very fortunate to have had an Olympian visit, especially during the actual Olympics! Ali shared her journey with the children, showed us her bike and kit, and spoke about the importance of having goals and working hard to achieve them. We wish Ali's husband, Craig Palmer, and all the NZ cycling team all the best in Tokyo. Thank you for giving up your time to come and speak with us, Ali!



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DROP-IN SESSION TODAY!!!!!!: Options For Making The Tamahere Interchange Safer.

Please come in and have your say. This is a real opportunity to show that our community want's safe access across to the other side of the expressway, especially for our children to be able to move around the district safely on the great cycle ways and paths.



1 Tamahere Interchange drop-in session

We're looking at options to make the State Highway 1 Tamahere Interchange safer for everyone, especially walkers and cyclists, and we want to hear your thoughts.

Come along to the **Tamahere Community Centre** on **Thursday 29 July** from **2.30 to 7pm** when members of the project team will be available to talk through the work done so far and the options we're looking at.

If you have any questions about this project you can contact us at **Waikato.Projects@nzta.govt.nz**

 **WAKA KOTAHI**
NEW ZEALAND TRANSPORT AGENCY

New Zealand Government

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Fun Run/Walkathon 2021

Friday September 10th- 1:00-2:30pm

Mark the date on your calendar! We are having a school FUN RUN/WALKATHON.

- To set a challenge for fitness, health and wellbeing.
- For our children to be involved in and contribute to,
the magnificent fundraising efforts our PTA and parents have achieved towards
improving the playgrounds across our school.

How it works...

- all students, staff and all supporters will run or walk or skip around the course as many times as they wish to
- laps will be one kilometre each
- each child will set a goal of how far they would like to run or walk
- along the way there will be pit stops
- rain or shine
- come dressed for the weather but the children can come dressed up in crazy colours and costumes to run in
- supporters can join the students to enjoy an afternoon of exercise



Key Dates

- **Week one, term three** - sponsorship packs will be sent home with every child
- Over the next few weeks, gather sponsors
- Sponsors can give a donation or an amount for each lap completed
- PractiSe and gather sponsors **Weeks one-seven, Term Three**
- Big event in **week seven Friday 10th September 1:00-2:30**
- Collect money in and return to school **Week Eight (Friday September 17th)**

There will be prizes for...

- Most laps completed
- Most enthusiastic participants
- Biggest effort
- Spot prizes
- Most sponsors gathered
- Most money collected
- Best dressed participants

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- Whanau points
- Random draw- once the sponsorship forms are in, draw out names. The more you raise the more times you get entered in the draw.

The organising committee (the leadership team and sports team)

Disability Parking Message

Please don't park in the mobility park at any time, unless you are displaying a mobility card. Please ensure that the mobility car parks are used only for the purpose they were designed.

Thank you to everyone who is following the rules!



French Lessons

French lessons

Would you be interested in French lessons for your child in your school?

We are opening group sessions for Year 5 and 6 every Wednesday from 12:30 to 1:00.

For more details or to enroll, please contact me on 021332657 or pryorsandrine@gmail.com

Au revoir!



SANDRINE PRYOR

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Honey for Sale

We still have Wairere Artisan Honey for sale in the office. We are selling the 500gm jars for just \$20.00 each or 3 for \$50.00.

Once again a huge **THANK YOU** to the Tan family, for their very generous donation. 100% of proceeds go towards supporting our school.

The honey is for sale at the school office. Don't miss out, as we anticipate that these will sell out very quickly. 🍯



SAVE THE DATE

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AN AFTERNOON WITH
SIR GRAHAM HENRY

JOINED BY SPECIAL GUESTS

FRIDAY 8TH OCT 2021

A fantastic opportunity to hear from one of the most successful rugby coaches of all time - right here in Hamilton.
Further event information & details will be announced in Term 3 when tickets go on sale, but for now: be sure to mark this date in your calendar- and your clients! - as you won't want to miss this very special event.

All proceeds raised to support Tamahere Model Country School

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Ag Day 2021 - Thursday 21st October

Our Ag Day Committee is holding their **FIRST MEETING TONIGHT** at 7:30pm in Rimu 7. Anyone interested in assisting with Ag Day is welcome to attend. Please email agday@tamahere.school.nz or just turn up 😊

Further details about this exciting event and the learning opportunities it provides for our children will be shared in the Newsletter and on the school website.

If you are new to Ag Day, welcome! On this day our school is open to our community, family and friends to celebrate our children's achievements, our rural identity and our agricultural heritage.



Agricultural Day is a learning opportunity for the whole school. All students will have the opportunity to bring an animal to school, which they will have raised and cared for, to participate in the various judged events. For our students who choose not to bring an animal, they will take part in the many exciting 'Horticultural Happenings' activities the teachers will have on offer.

This year our Animal Judging Categories will include **Lambs, Calves, Goats, Chickens, Ponies, Caged Pets** (a caged pet is an animal, who is happy to be caged, no dogs or cats sorry) - Further details on the Entrant criteria and Judging categories will be available on the school website.

This year we will also be running the **Vege Garden Competition** again, which will start on Saturday 28th August 2021. Gardens must be started on or after this date, and can run until judging, which will occur during the first two weeks of October 2021.



In the mean time, there are a number of **resources and information leaflets** available on how to raise your

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animals, that can be found under the links below, or you can pick them up from our school reception, or your local vets.

ANIMAL INFORMATION SHEETS:

[Please click here](#) for rearing LAMBS

[Please click here](#) for rearing CALVES

[Please click here](#) for rearing KIDS

[Please click here](#) for rearing CHICKENS

We will be holding an **Animal Demo and Judges Visit day on Friday 17th Sept between 12.20pm -1.15pm** outside the Tamahere Community Centre, to give advice on how to look after the animals and prepare for Ag Day. All children with animals should attend and parents are also very welcome.

Ag Day would not be possible without the amazing support of parents. Whether you want to join the Ag Day Committee, sponsor or donate prizes, or simply offer your time to help set up or pack up on the day, all offers of assistance are gratefully accepted.

If you would like to become involved or have any initial questions about Ag Day, please email agday@tamahere.school.nz

Thanks!
Frances & the Ag Day Committee



Ag Day Lambs and Kids Available

If you are looking for Lambs or Kids for Ag Day, we have received an offer for children to be able to borrow a lamb for their Ag Day pet - these will be perfect for children who want to care for a lamb but are limited by location and don't have the space to keep sheep after Ag Day. There are also kids (goats) available but they will not be taken back.


Please call Brooke on 021 488 854, if you are interested.



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Bricks4kidz Afterschool Program in Term 3

Bricks4kidz are back in Term 3, offering 2 classes. If you would like to enrol please go to <https://form.jotform.com/211797525670867> to register.




bricks 4 kidz
AFTER SCHOOL
ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

Tamahere Model Country School




**Motorised
MODEL BUILDING**

Experience the fun of hands-on model building to develop problem solving skills
Every Friday 2:45– 3:45PM
Location: Puriri 5
Cost: \$25 / 60minutes/week
\$225 for 10 weeks (First week FREE for whole term booking)




**JUNIOR
ROBOTICS**

Combines model building and WeDo “drag and drop” coding to spark interest in STEAM
Wednesday 2:45-4:15PM
Location: Puriri 5
Cost: \$35 / 90 minute / week
\$315 for 10 weeks (First week FREE for whole term booking)



Contact us:
Casual Booking Available



Scan to enrol

Find your school at:
www.bricks4kidz.co.nz/hamilton-north/after-school-classes
Email: hamilton-north@bricks4kidz.com Phone: 021-346-661

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ART COMPETITION

HILLCREST & TAMAHERE MEDICAL CENTRES

would like to invite the Tamariki / Youth from your school to take part in an

ART COMPETITION!



We would love to see drawings / paintings / collages / photographs (wherever their artistic flair leads!) of what **GOOD HEALTH LOOKS LIKE** to them. Older children / youth may like to depict **GOOD MENTAL HEALTH**.

Winning entries will be displayed at Hillcrest and Tamahere Medical Centres (all artworks will be displayed depending on the number of entries).

Not only will this get our young people thinking about good health, but they are in to

win **PRIZES!**

1st prize: \$200

2nd prize: \$100

3rd prize: \$50

For each age group:

5-9yrs

10-13yrs

14-18yrs

The small print:

Entries close 13th of August 2021. These can be hand delivered to Hillcrest or Tamahere Medical Centres or posted to us at: Attn: Kaylie. Hillcrest Medical Centre, Cnr Masters Ave and Cambridge Roads, Hillcrest, Hamilton 3216.

Please nothing larger than A4 size.

Please ensure that the child's name, age, class, and school is clearly written on entries. (First name and age on the front, and full name, school, and class on the back). Please also indicate if consent is given to display entry on our Facebook / Instagram pages (school and child's age may be shown, but personal details will be withheld).

We would appreciate your feedback on whether prizes should be in the form of cash or vouchers (to local activities / Prezzi Cards etc)

Please contact Kaylie at admin@hillcrestmedical.co.nz or 07 856 5087 with any questions.

Judge's decision will be final.

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SH21 Underpass Project Update from Downer's Matt Kofoed

Hi everyone,

Our super weekend of work to complete the underpass construction has almost gone to plan, with the only outstanding item being the final seal layer on the road. Unfortunately the overnight rain prevented us from being able to apply this, and we are now planning to complete this as soon as the conditions allow us to. Until this point in time we will monitor the existing surface, to ensure that any potholes are repaired quickly. During this time we do ask that you drive to the temporary speed limit of 50km/h; please note that this may be reduced to 30km/h if the surface does start to deteriorate.

In the end the excavation of the area was completed quickly due to the sandy material, and the placing of the underpass sections progressed well. The backfilling of the material around the underpass sections was time-consuming, however in the end the team were able to complete this yesterday. Even with the rain that arrived yesterday afternoon we were able to work through and successfully completed the vast majority of the tasks required.

We thank you for your patience over the weekend, as there were a few delays driving past the site at peak times. It was great to see the interest from passers-by, either on the new footpath by Tamahere Park, or those up on the 'hill' in the Tamahere Country Club. I even brought along a couple of potential next generation Downer employees for a visit!

The project team have earned a couple of days rest, however we will have crews disestablishing the area after the weekend, and then we will be focusing on the construction of the wider underpass area. Also coming up in the near future are more power pole removals from Waipa Networks, in the Church grounds and on Tamahere Drive.

As always, if you have any questions, either about the weekend just gone or the project overall, feel free to get in touch.
Kind regards,

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Community Music School - Saturday Morning Music Classes

Enrolments are now open for Term Three 2021 at the Waikato Community School of Music. The first session is on Saturday 31st July. The school caters for all ages (3 to retired) and ability levels, offering group-format and one-to-one music tuition in a range of instruments. Group-format class fees range from \$39 to \$105 per term (9 lessons in Term 3) depending on student age and instrument. The enrolment fee for an instrument class includes participation in as many of our ensembles as the student wishes. One-to-one classes can aid in preparing for exams and earning NCEA credits.

We also offer:

- Free music theory classes
- Viola classes
- Adult singing
- Music Makers programme for children from age 3

Class times are between 8am and 2:00pm on Saturdays during primary school terms. WCSM is located on the University of Waikato campus in Hillcrest.

Contact us via our website [WCSM](https://www.waikato.ac.nz/music) or on 07 838 4611



WAIKATO COMMUNITY SCHOOL OF MUSIC
TE KURA WAIATA O TE HAPORI O WAIKATO

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