

TAMAHERE

MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL

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

Week 7 Happenings:

It is lovely to be back to semi-normal and have your beautiful children running around, laughing and learning with us again!
Thank you all so very much for such a seamless transition back to school. I am sure it was probably challenging in some homes this morning. We really appreciate everyone having organised your gate drop-off's and children knowing exactly what to do.

At this stage under Delta Level 2 and with the weather forecast for the next few days, dates and decisions have not been made around events, such as Cross Country and the Fun Run. Once we know more and other schools communicate with us, we can share updated information with you next week.

Just a reminder, at this stage, due to restricting visitors to our site, there is no coaching or sports practices for our sports teams. Sadly we already know that Friday Night Hockey, Basketball and Rugby have been cancelled for the remainder of the season. Saturday Hockey is resuming from Saturday 18th September.

For our first two days back, classes are settling back into routines and creating a happy and relaxed atmosphere under the Delta Level 2 guidelines. We hope that your children have had a very happy first day back!

HELPING MR WICKENS TOMORROW!!

It would be wonderful if any of our Senior students could bring a bucket tomorrow to help Mr Wickens move a big pile of bark into the Senior Playground. WE would normally ask Dad's Army to help us with this, but as they can't come onsite we thought we would ask the Children's Bucket Army instead.

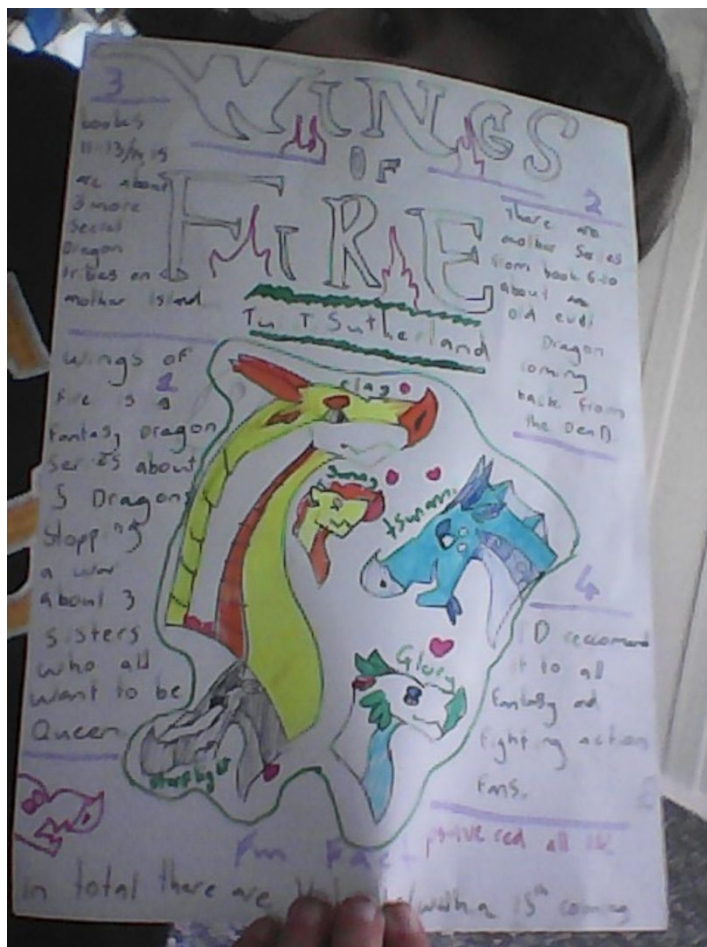
Thanks for your help!!!



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Here are some images of home learning from students in Mahoe 17:

A Book Sell Eliza B



Super Sentences Sophie W

Writing - Super Sentences

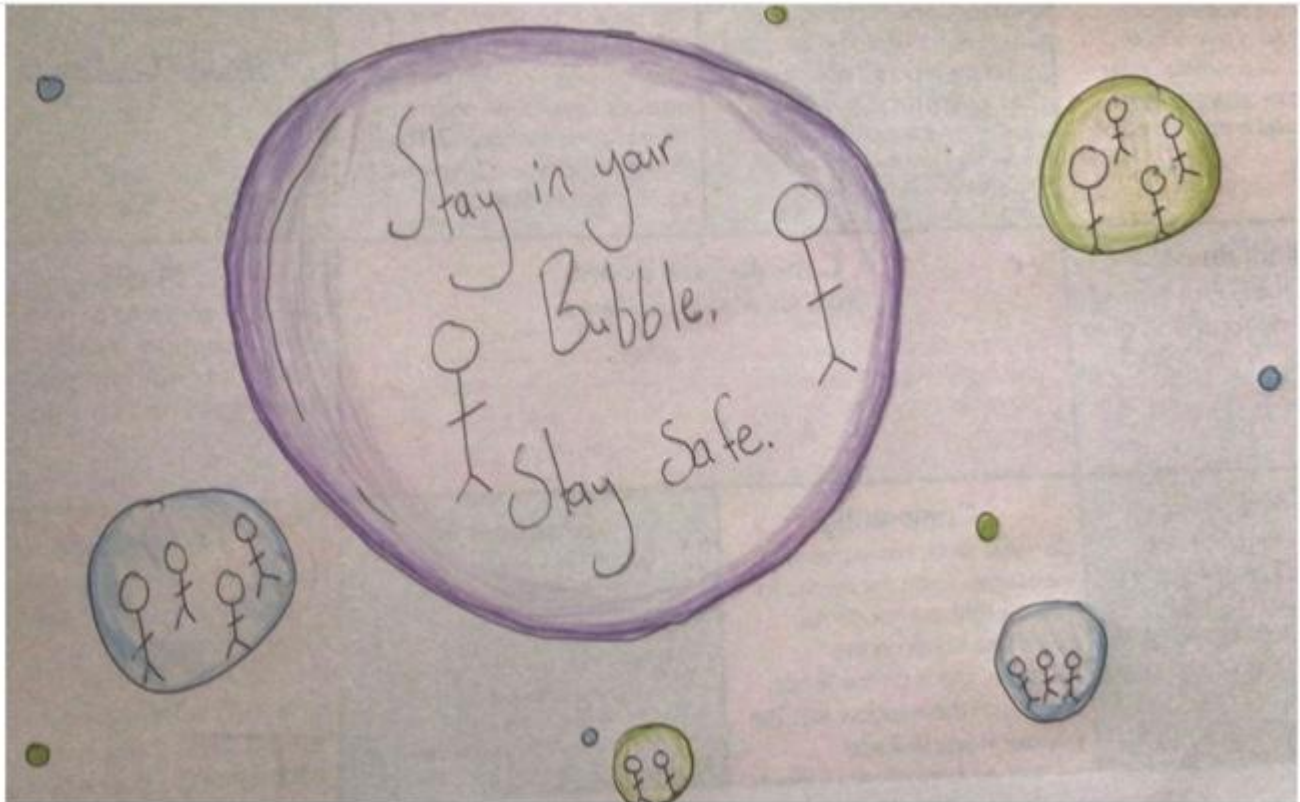
Lonely

fields of blackened ash lay unmoving on the rocky ground. no birds called. no cicadas chirped. no rodent rustled the scorched leaves. Everything was gone. Lost in the flames that had licked the sky. smoking bricks sulked their times of might gone. harsh wind scattered dust into the grey sky. A spark of colour flying through the endless despair. droplet falling from his eyes. head bowed. wings shaking. he flew on. coursing through his veins one felling. through his thoughts one thought. Why.

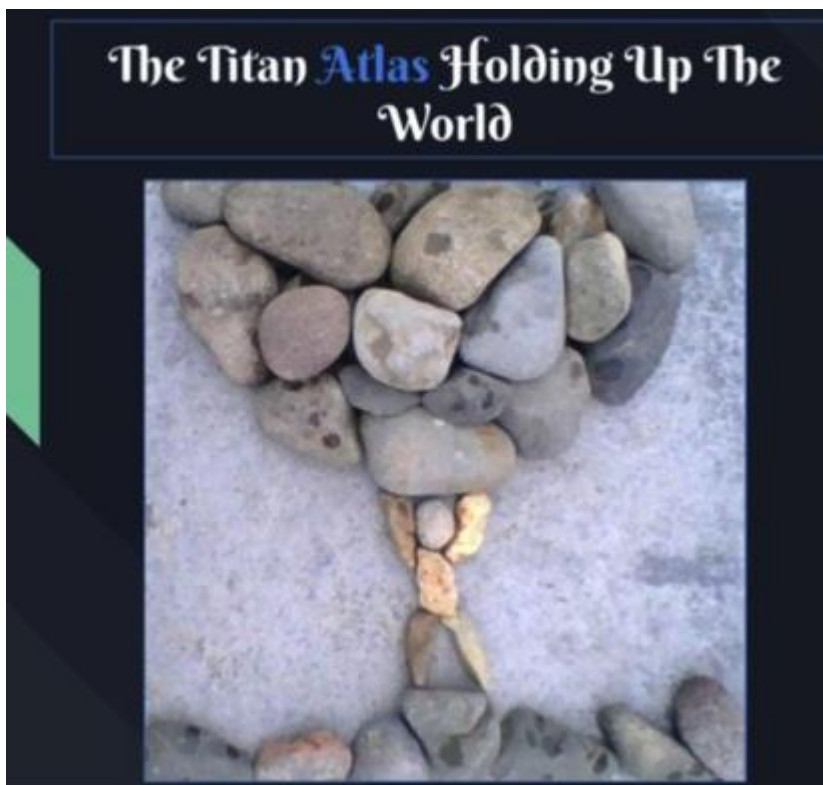


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A Covid Slogan
Chelsy H



Nature Art
Tokusho L



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Conservation Week

Take a moment to celebrate and enjoy nature this Conservation Week 4–12th September 2021. [Click on this link](#) to access easy and fun activities you can do at home in your bubble. There are lots of ideas on the Department of Conservation website, plus a wealth of information about all the critters and habitats we have in Aotearoa.

[Enter a Competition](#) – really simple! All you need to do is show how you and your family took a moment for nature this week. Closes Sunday 12th September.

[Activities](#) to help you explore nature in your bubble.



Enrolments for Berkley Normal Middle School

Due to the Lockdown, Berkley Normal Middle School have extended their enrolment timeline.

All 2022 enrolments are now due by 4.00pm on Wednesday 15th September - this includes both in-zone and out-of-zone enrolments. Out-of-zone enrolments must be received at the office by 15 September to be eligible for the enrolment ballot. Our ballot for out-of-zone places will now be held on Thursday 23rd September.



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Afternoon with Sir Graham Henry

AN AFTERNOON WITH SIR GRAHAM HENRY

Talking culture, resilience and leadership

Q&A with special guests Scott McLeod Assistant All Black Coach, Alison Shanks NZ Cycling Olympian, Craig Palmer NZ Olympic Track Cycling Coach presented by Bernadine Oliver-Kerby.

FRIDAY 8th OCT 2.30-5.30PM
Innovation Park, Hamilton

Taking expressions of interest for event sponsorship
Email pta@tamahere.school.co.nz or **CLICK BELOW**



We are currently reviewing options, and only anticipate holding this event on the current date, if we are in Level 1, due to the new Delta restrictions on indoor events. A postponement date announcement will be made closer to the time, if we are still in Level 2.

Ballot for 2022 Enrolments Now Open

For all out-of-zone families expecting to enrol a child at Tamahere Model Country School in 2022, our annual ballot for Out-of-Zone placements is now open until 3:00pm on Tuesday 19th October 2021. Please note if you are out-of-zone, even if your child is a sibling of a current student, you have to be in the ballot to have a chance of your child being enrolled at our school in 2022. As with the last few years, except for siblings and possible priority enrolments, no out-of-zone children will be allocated a ballot place in 2022. This is to help alleviate the overcrowding challenges we are currently facing.



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School Banking Update

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First Credit Union wishes to advise parents that School Banking will resume in Term 4.

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact your nearest branch.



Cyber Safety - 2nd Webinar Tonight at 7.00pm

As we shared in last week's Newsletter, Linewize are offering free support to our parents & whānau, by providing access to their 'Healthier Home Learning' webinar series.

The three-webinar series will provide students, families and whānau with current, timely, and expert-led information on online safety, to support young people during home learning. Everyone is welcome and there is no cost to attend. We encourage you to share this series of digital events with your wider community but be quick - **the 2nd Webinar is tonight at 7.00pm!** To find out more information about these free sessions or to register, head to www.linewize.io/homelearningNZ

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For students, parents & whānau

Healthier **home** learning.

A free webinar series supporting New Zealand families

Join NZ's leading cyber safety experts, Linewize by Family Zone, for a webinar series to help families with the pressures of learning from home in lockdown.

PARENTS & WHĀNAU

Thursday 2 September @ 7 pm

Safety & Sanity

Learn strategies to support young people learning online from home, and tips for keeping harmony in a busy household during lockdown.

STUDENTS, PARENTS & WHĀNAU

Tuesday 7 September @ 7 pm

Assessments & Attention

Learn ways to keep focused and safe while studying for exams during home learning.

PARENTS & WHĀNAU

Thursday 9 September @ 7 pm

Health & Hauora

Learn about the wellbeing challenges for young people while learning at home and how to help address those challenges.

To find out more about these sessions or to register, head to
www.linewize.io/homelearningNZ

Register here

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Tamahere New Entrant Enrolment Tracking

Thank you to the many families that have already contacted the school office, confirming names to be included in our 2022 cradle roll.

Can all families with pre-schoolers and anyone expecting to enrol a child at Tamahere Model Country School for 2022, 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

Thank you for your assistance.



Caretaker Role at the Tamahere Community Centre (TCC)

A position has become available for a part time caretaker/cleaner at the Tamahere Community Centre.

This facility has just undergone an extensive refurbishment and we are looking for someone to clean as required, on a daily basis. The role also includes administering the bookings and after function inspections.

The position would suit (but not limited to) a person with children at the Tamahere Country School as it involves a morning inspection and a daily dry mop at 3.30pm. It would involve other cleaning as required and regular weekend work.

Enquiries should in the first instance be emailed to Graham at smag.mac1@gmail.com



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Ag Day Newsletter # 6

ANIMAL HEALTH DAY - THIS SATURDAY 11th SEPTEMBER!!!!

The Free Animal Health Check for lambs, kids and calves is happening this Saturday morning from 9.00am to 10.00am. Cambridge Vets are offering free vaccinations and tail docking.

The Health Check is held in the Tamahere Community Centre (TCC) carpark. Please remember face masks and social distancing rules.



AG DAY INFORMATION IS NOW AVAILABLE ON OUR TMCS WEBSITE!

Check out all the details you need to know about Ag Day and **how to enter**, on our new 'Ag Day' section on the website under the 'Our School' tab or please click on this [link to Ag Day information on TMCS Website](#)

ORDERING CHICKS TO RAISE FOR AG DAY- ORDERS NOW CLOSING ON THURSDAY 16th SEPTEMBER!!!!

We are pleased to advise that we will have 5 week old chicks available for Ag Day for the Raising Chicks category. They are from Eureka Poultry Farm at a cost of \$15 each (note: minimum of 2 each must be ordered). Cash only can be received for payment to the school office, as this will be passed directly onto the breeder. Please send this money to school with your child.



Please click on the link below to access the order form.

[Order form for Chickens](#)

Orders must be emailed to reception@tamahere.school.nz before 2.00pm on **THURSDAY 16th SEPTEMBER**.

Collection is the following day on **FRIDAY 17th SEPTEMBER**, between 2.30pm -2.45pm, outside the Tamahere Community Centre (TCC). Please remember face masks and social distancing rules.

For any inquiries please contact Rachel Algar 020 422 6711.

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SAFE ANIMAL HANDLING - WASH YOUR HANDS!

Unfortunately we have had some instances of children becoming unwell with *Cryptosporidium* and *Campylobacter* transferred from lambs, likely due to insufficient hand washing after handling, which has caused severe vomiting and diarrhoea in the children.

Avoid catching diseases from animals with good health and hygiene practices. Make sure young children wash their hands properly after handling animals.

Please click below for more details

[W Safe Animal Handling.docx](#)



VEGE GARDEN COMPETITION- ENTRIES NOW CLOSING FRIDAY 17th SEPTEMBER!!!

Our Vege Garden competition entries have been extended until Friday 17th September so you still have time to start. The competition will be judged at your property on Saturday 16th October (or by arrangement). Do you have green fingers? This is a great activity for the kids to do at home! Gardens can be as simple as lettuce grown in an upcycled container- let the kids use their imagination!

How to enter:

Any child who wishes to enter must complete an entry form available on the school website, under [Ag Day information](#), or please [click here to access the entry form](#).

Entries must be received by FRIDAY 17th SEPTEMBER 2021.



Prizes, kindly sponsored by **Amber Garden Centre**, will be announced on our School Ag Day, on Thursday 21st October 2021.

ANIMAL DEMO & JUDGES VISIT DAY - Friday 17th September, from 12.20pm-1.15pm, outside the Tamahere Community Centre (TCC). Judges will 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.

ANIMAL CONTACTS:

If you do not already have your own animals, then we have the following contacts available for orphans:

Lambs:

Contact Amy Beech: 021 542 547

Amy will be offering Lambs to be raised, available from late-August through to October, however the sooner people get in touch with her the better. Lambs are \$65 each - this money can be refunded on the return of a weaned, healthy lamb after Ag Day. Amy is also able to offer advice on rearing.

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Lambs & Kids (Goats)

Contact Brooke: 021 488 854. Please see the information included in last week's newsletter. Brooke has kid goats available (not to be given back to her), and also some lambs to borrow for Ag Day pets, which are to be returned to her.



Calves:

Contact Roger Duncan 021 929 263

Roger (and his wife Karen) will be offering Calves for sale (not to be returned to farm). They are also available to offer advice, and can sell feed/colostrum etc, to assist with the raising of the calf, as required. Some keen children may enquire about rearing a calf at Roger's farm, if they are dedicated and reliable.

CALLING ALL AG DAY JUDGES!

Our Waikato Ag Day Coordinator is in need of some more judges to support the local school events.

If you have some experience judging Ag Day events, or are interested in being trained as a judge for future years, please contact Dennis Ticklepenny (Waikato Co-ordinator) by emailing janden@xtra.co.nz

Waikato A&P Association Judges Training Dates are:

- 11.00am on Wednesday 15th September at the Kihikihi Domain
- 11.00 am on Friday 17th September at the Matamata Netball Courts
- 11.00am on Saturday 18th September at Horsham Downs School

Everyone is welcome!!!!

TROPHY RETURN:

Can we please ask that all 2020 trophies be POLISHED and then returned to the school office - thanks!

PGG WRIGHTSON CAMBRIDGE

We are excited to offer a special AG Day price list to the students of Tamahere School.

Lambs/Kids -

Sprayfo Primo Lamb Milk Powder 20kg - **\$99.00**

Lambstart Muesli 20kg - **\$27.50**



Calves -

Maxcare Premium Milk Powder 20kg - **\$99.00**

Gusto 20% Calf Blend 20kg - **\$21.00**

Come see the team at 87 Duke Street, Cambridge or phone 07 823 0640

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Tamahere Park Shading Community Consultation

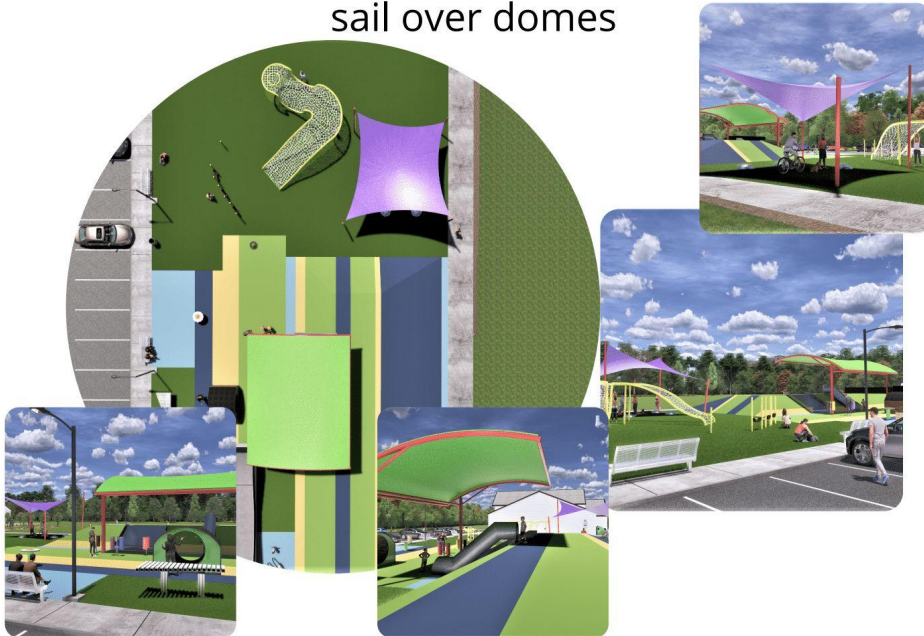
The Tamahere Lions have joined forces with WDC & TCC and had planned to hold a community consultation meeting, to share their plans for proposed shading at the Tamahere Park and seek consultation from the community on the proposals.

The proposal arose because at times in summer, some of the playground equipment gets very hot, especially the steel slides and domes.

They will aim to re-convene it at a later date, but in the meantime, they have created the options below and encourage everyone to provide feedback on the 3 designs shown below, by completing the [feedback form](#).

Tamahere Reserve Playground

Option 1 - Cantilever shelter over slides, and shade sail over domes



The shelter and sail will provide shade over the slides and domes during the hottest part of the day in the height of summer. The shade will prevent the stainless steel from reaching high temperatures and make it safer and more comfortable for children to use them. The shade will also provide a limited area for children, parents and guardians to shield themselves from direct sunlight.

The cost for these shelters is estimated at around \$75,000

The shade sail could be the first part of a larger group of shade sails shown in Option 2.

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Tamahere Reserve Playground

Option 2 - Cantilever shelter over slides, and shade sails over domes and climbing frame

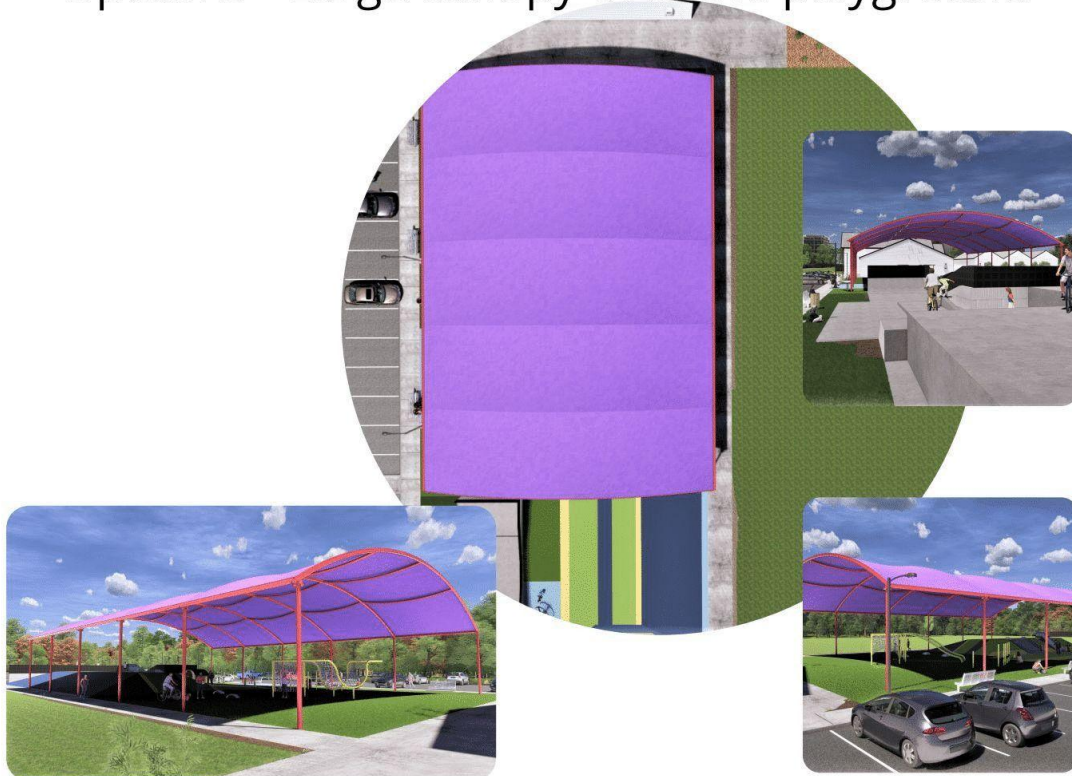


This option is effectively an extension to the previous option, providing additional shade sails covering the large climbing frame. This increases the area where children, parents and carers can shield themselves from direct sunlight.

The cost for these shelters is estimated at around \$95,000

Tamahere Reserve Playground

Option 3 - Large canopy over the playground



The canopy would cover most of the playground area, providing maximum shading to equipment.

The main disadvantage of this option is that the playground would be in shade throughout the year, even during cold winter months. While this option has been presented for discussion, it is not considered to be an appropriate solution for this playground.

The cost to provide this shelter is estimated to be in excess of \$400,000

SH21 Underpass Project Update - 7th September 2021

Hi everyone,

Over the past week we have been able to return to site and re-commence work on the southern side of the underpass, further excavating the area where the ramp will be.

Our return to work has been slower than we would have liked, and this is due to the fact that a number of our crews for the current stage of work are based in Auckland. We are working through a number of different options regarding this, and we will either need to wait until Auckland drops down to Alert Level 3 (potentially next week) or source alternative crews from the local region.

As you can imagine the lockdown period has had an effect on our programme, and we can confirm we will be continuing with this project into 2022. Once we have a clearer idea of our programme as we finalise resources and a full return to site we'll be able to provide more information on what you will see on site, and when.

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

Kind regards,

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