

TAMAHERE

MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL

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

Wiki/ Week 3 Happenings:

Nau mai, Haere mai! Welcome to our first semi-normal looking newsletter for Term 4. A very strange term it is. Firstly our thoughts are with you all as you navigate these challenging times with your own work pressures, complicated by the online environment and also having to support your children's learning journeys, all of which are quite different. We really appreciate your endless support and dedication. If you are struggling, as so many people are, you are not alone. Be kind to yourselves as well! Hearing from a number of teachers with their own children in different year levels and different schools, they are finding it very challenging. It is often harder teaching your own children, who you love dearly, and want them to achieve than it is to teach a class of 28 or 30! We wish you all the best out there in your own Bubble worlds. Learning should be fun and inspiring as well. We hope this newsletter brings some of the positivity back to share and enjoy together. If you have a chance to read it! 😊

Nikau 1 has been enjoying Google Meets and they also had a Jump Jam practice too.



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Virtual Ag Day - Entries Close on Saturday at 6.00pm

We are looking forward to seeing all your wonderful online entries. Just a reminder that entries must be submitted no later than 6.00pm this Saturday 6th November for our Lambs, Calves, Kid Goats, Caged Pets and Chickens/Ducks Virtual Ag Day.

If you missed the email sent out on Monday, [please click here](#) to go to our website for the guidelines and links to enter.

Please do not let this process cause any stress! The Ag Day Committee is happy to review whatever you are able to manage to upload and if they can help in any way, they are more than happy to, and can be contacted on agday@tamahere.school.nz.

The Ag Day Committee



Keep NZ Beautiful Week

Last week was *Keep NZ Beautiful Week* and although we are a little late, we would love to get everyone involved even though we are in lockdown.



HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

We are encouraging our students to take a bag on their daily walk/bike/run and pick up verge litter in their neighbourhood.

We would love you to post a photo to Seesaw to show what you have collected and how you have sorted it into recycling, compost, waste.

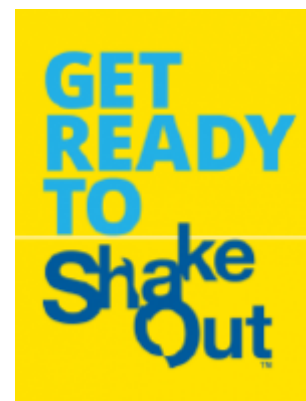
We look forward to seeing what you find!

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Thank you for taking part in New Zealand ShakeOut

Thank you for taking part in New Zealand ShakeOut, to make sure everyone knows what to do in an earthquake or tsunami.

Last Thursday morning at 9.30am, we joined over 660,000 people around New Zealand in doing a Drop, Cover and Hold drill.



FUN RUN - Be in To Win by dropping back your sponsorship form & money before Next Friday!!!

Thank you to everyone who has already contacted the school office to arrange contactless drop off of your Fun Run/Walkathon sponsorship forms and money.

Could you please take the time this week to ask all those who sponsored your child/ren, to pay what they have pledged?

- Then, to keep things simple, could you please deposit the money into the school account and add the payment reference FUNRUN. You can deposit all money into the bank account for the whole family. The school bank account details are:12-3152-0070140-00
- If you have cash and would rather drop this off, along with the sponsorship forms, please call the office on 07 856 928 and they will meet you at the front gate.

We have a few prizes to offer for the most sponsors collected. They are \$30 Boundary vouchers. If you would like to be in to win for the **MOST SPONSORS** collected, please either drop off the sponsorship forms in the school mailbox, (contactlessly), and we can see who has won this prize of \$30 for the Junior, Middle and Senior Syndicates. Or you may email me with a photo of the sponsorship form to lboyd@tamahere.school.nz The cutoff for entries is next Friday 12th November 2021.

BE IN TO WIN!

Thank you for your support!

Lee Boyd

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PTA - Plunket Raffle Tickets & Money Return BY MONDAY 8th NOVEMBER

With the closing date for this raffle coming up on 17th November, can you please urgently return all Raffle Books, sold or unsold to the school office. These can be dropped off to the school mailbox situated at Gate 3 (contactlessly). Please call ahead on 07 856 9238 or txt 022 140 3689 to let the office staff know you are outside, if you have cash or you can deposit the money directly to the school account. (Raffle as reference)

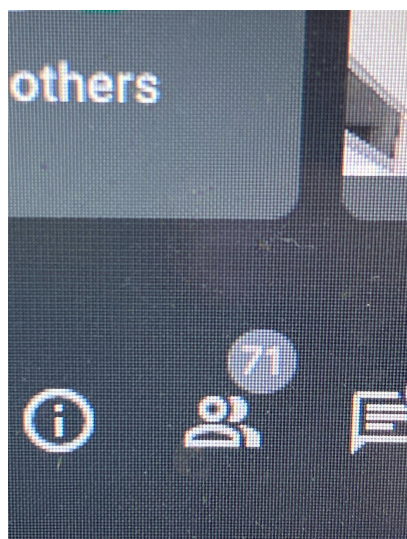
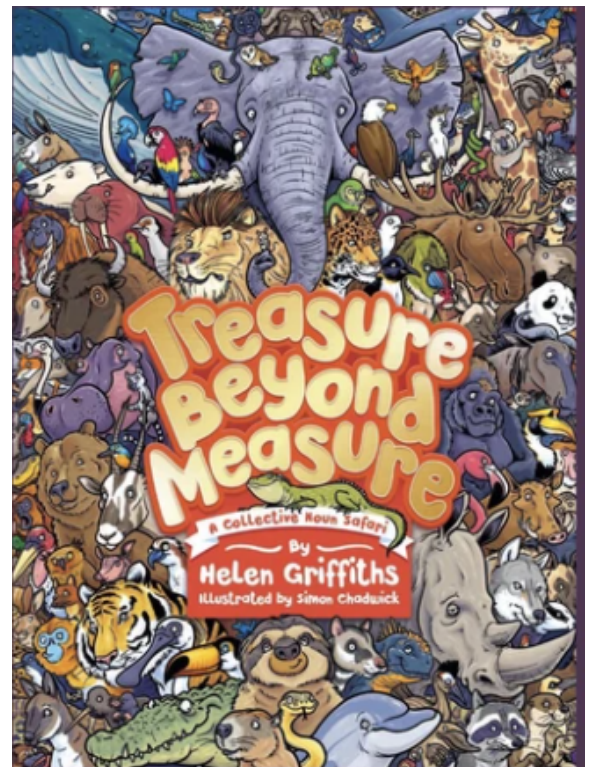
Once again, thank you for your help.



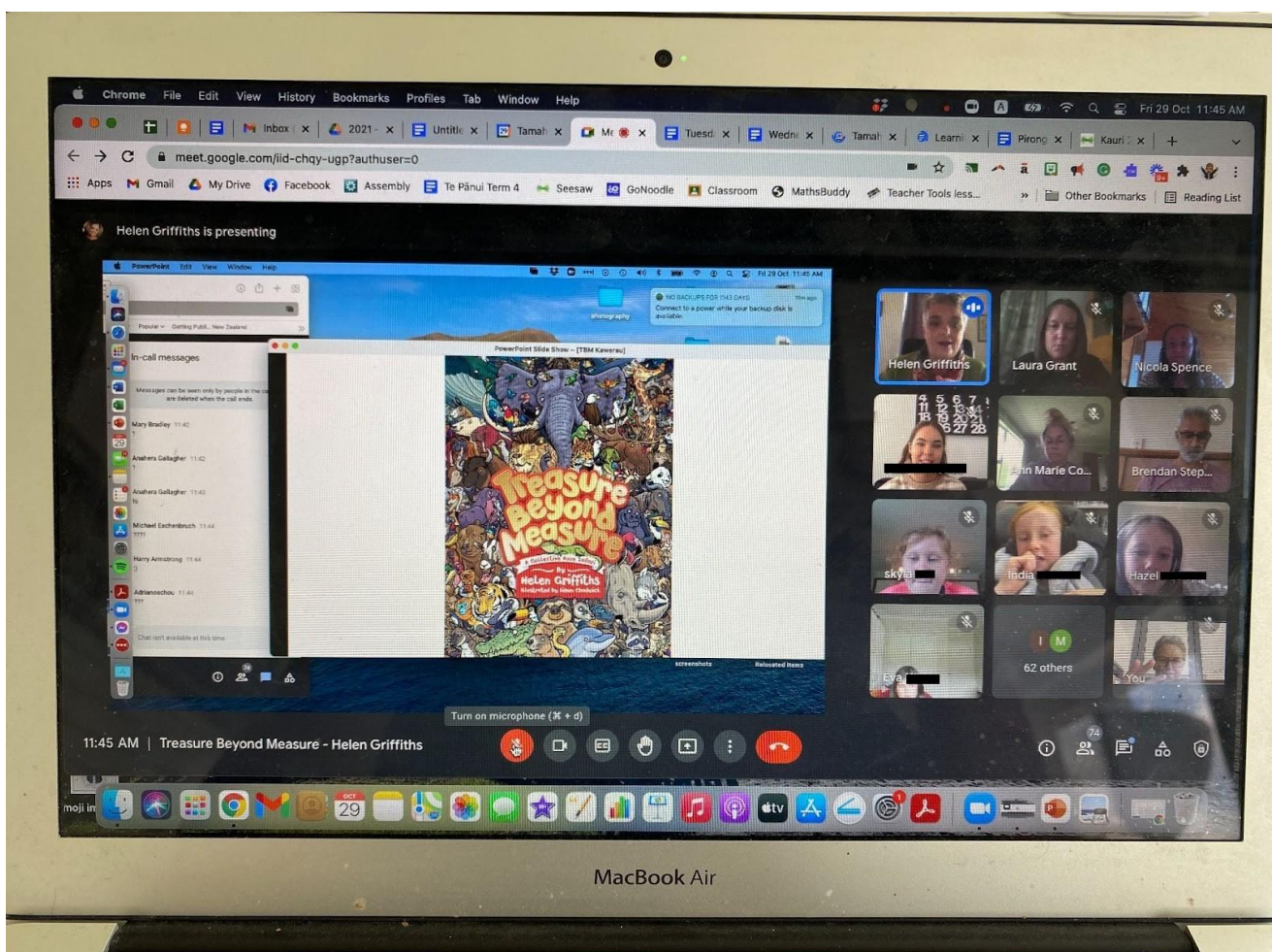
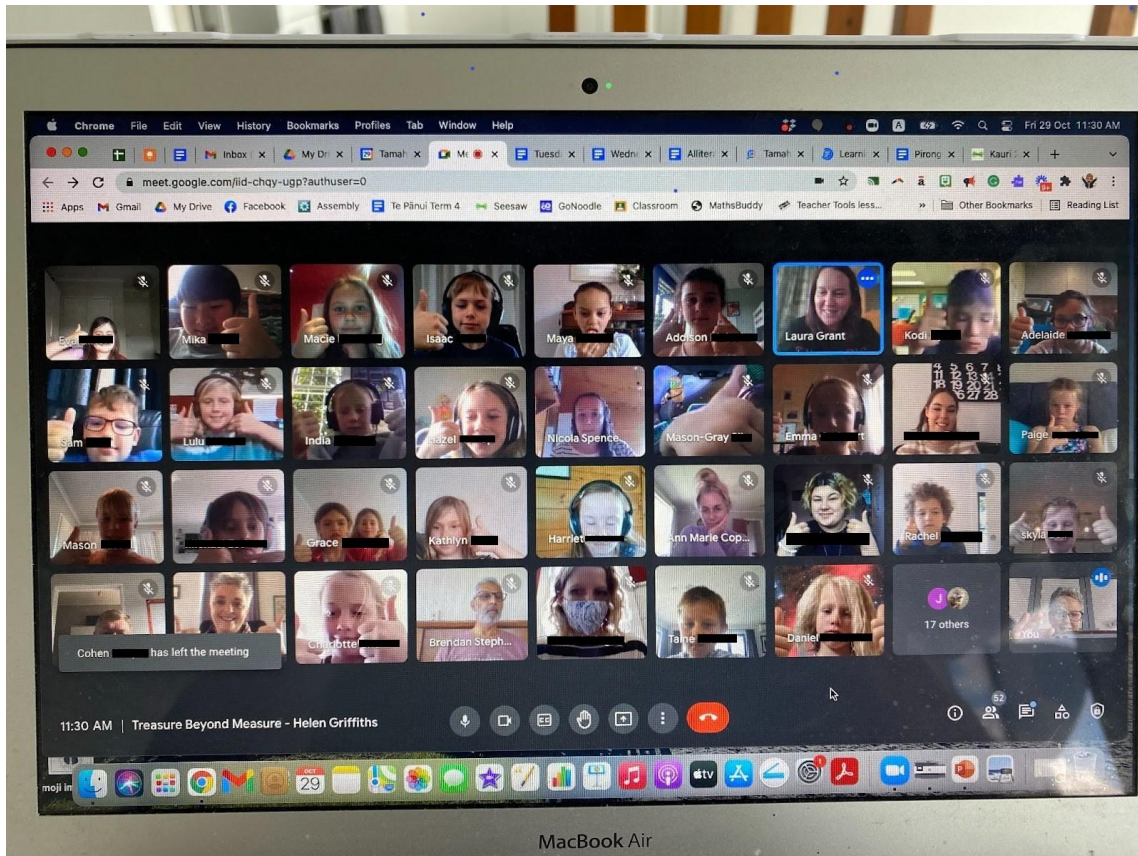
PIRONGIA SYNDICATE - AUTHOR VISIT

What an amazing experience students in Pirongia Syndicate had on Friday! One of our student teachers, Miss Reade, organised for author Helen Griffiths to meet with us and share her book and message of looking after our Earth - Kaitiakitanga. Who said we couldn't all get together during remote learning?!

We had over 70 people in the Google Meet and every single student was respectful, switched on and engaged in what Helen was sharing. We got to enjoy listening to Helen read her book 'Treasure Beyond Measure', and participate with questions, comments and games. What a neat experience for us all!



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MAUNGATAUTARI SPEECHES

A huge congratulations to the senior students for rising to the challenge of presenting a speech. This year, Year 5 and 6 students were tasked with having to write a speech at home, due to Covid interruptions in Term 3, and present their speech via video, due to Covid interruptions in Term 4. All the Maungatautari teachers were really impressed with the quality of topics, the quality of the writing and the students delivery.

We are so proud of you

All speeches were judged this week in preparation for the annual Country Cluster Speech Competition, held at Tauwhare School. Despite many events being cancelled around us, the Speech Competition has managed to carry on.

We are excited to have **Sam W, Poppy L and Liadan B-S** represent us this year. We wish them luck, as their video entry is sent away for judging.

Tamahere Model Country School Sponsors

Thank you to our ongoing GOLD sponsors. We have freshened up our front sign and placed some of our new sponsors there. Please support our local families who give generously to our school.



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TMCS Vegetable Garden Competition

Congratulations and a BIG thank you to all the entrants who entered our Vegetable Garden Competition this year! The standard and interest in all of your gardens was excellent! It has been a challenging competition with covid restrictions changing the way we intended to view your hard work, and the Judges and I all really appreciate the way in which you all adapted so well to the online judging process instead.

Thank you also to all the supporters! We know this competition would not take place without significant support from Parents and Caregivers, so thank you to you all too!

Amber Garden Centre have kindly supported this competition with prizes. Given the ongoing Level 3 restrictions, Amber have offered vouchers, to the value indicated, to the below place holders and we ask that you collect and/or redeem your vouchers directly with them. They are selling all their garden plants etc from their carpark with social distancing in place and are wonderfully full of knowledge and happy to provide assistance! Please support them if you get the opportunity.



Congratulations to:

Pirongia Syndicate

1st - Kathlyn D \$50

2nd - Skyla B \$35

3rd - Estelle D \$20

Taupiri Syndicate

1st - Lauren C \$50

2nd - Hannah D \$35

3rd - Bryan Z \$20

Maungatautari Syndicate

1st - Chloe P \$50

2nd - Chloe F \$35

3rd - Damien K \$20

Highly Commended: to Lucas E, Jamie J and Emma J - \$20 each

When school returns, Miss Parker will be able to present all entrants with their certificates to celebrate their hard work!

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Thank you also to our Judges:

- Christiene Ulrich of the *Tamahere, Whitehall and Morrinsville Garden Clubs* – for the Taupiri Syndicate entrants.
- Linda Wheatley of *A Women's Touch Gardening* – for the Pirongia Syndicate entrants.
- Brittany Morison of *TomTit Farm* – for the Maungatautari Syndicate entrants.

Congratulations to all the entrants. Thank you for being involved. May your gardens continue to grow, giving you joy and intrigue!

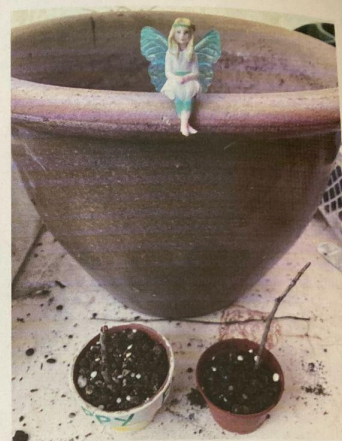
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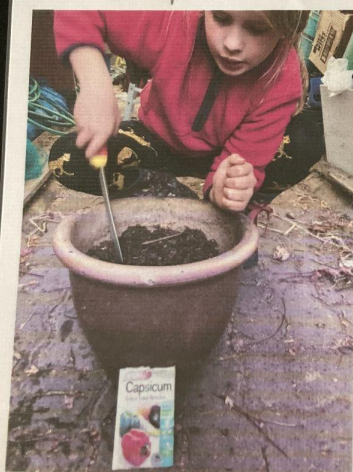
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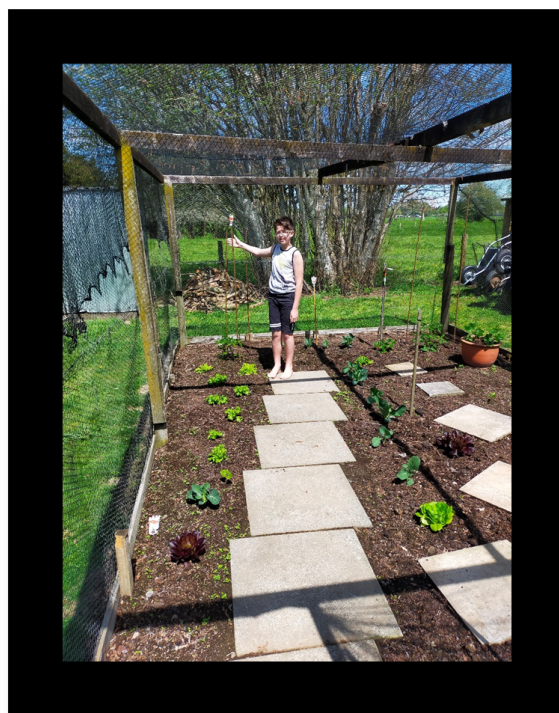
28th Aug



I planted my snow peas by seed on the 28th Aug and I planted some capsicum. me carefully.



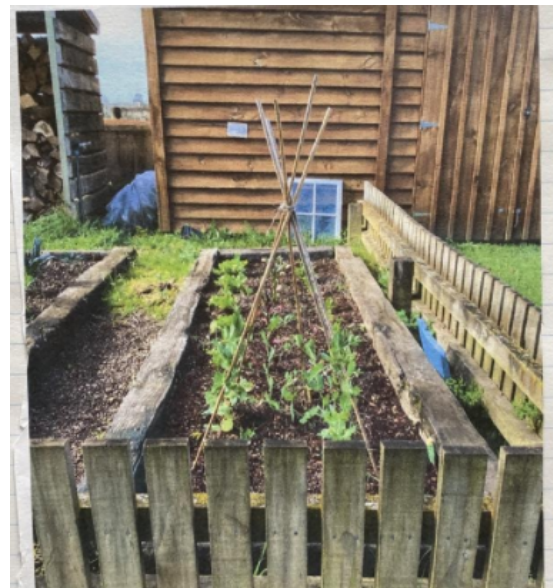
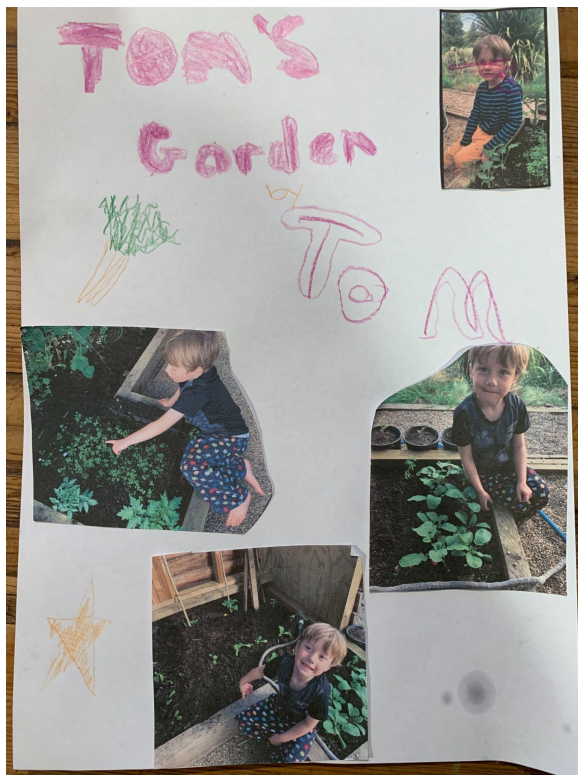
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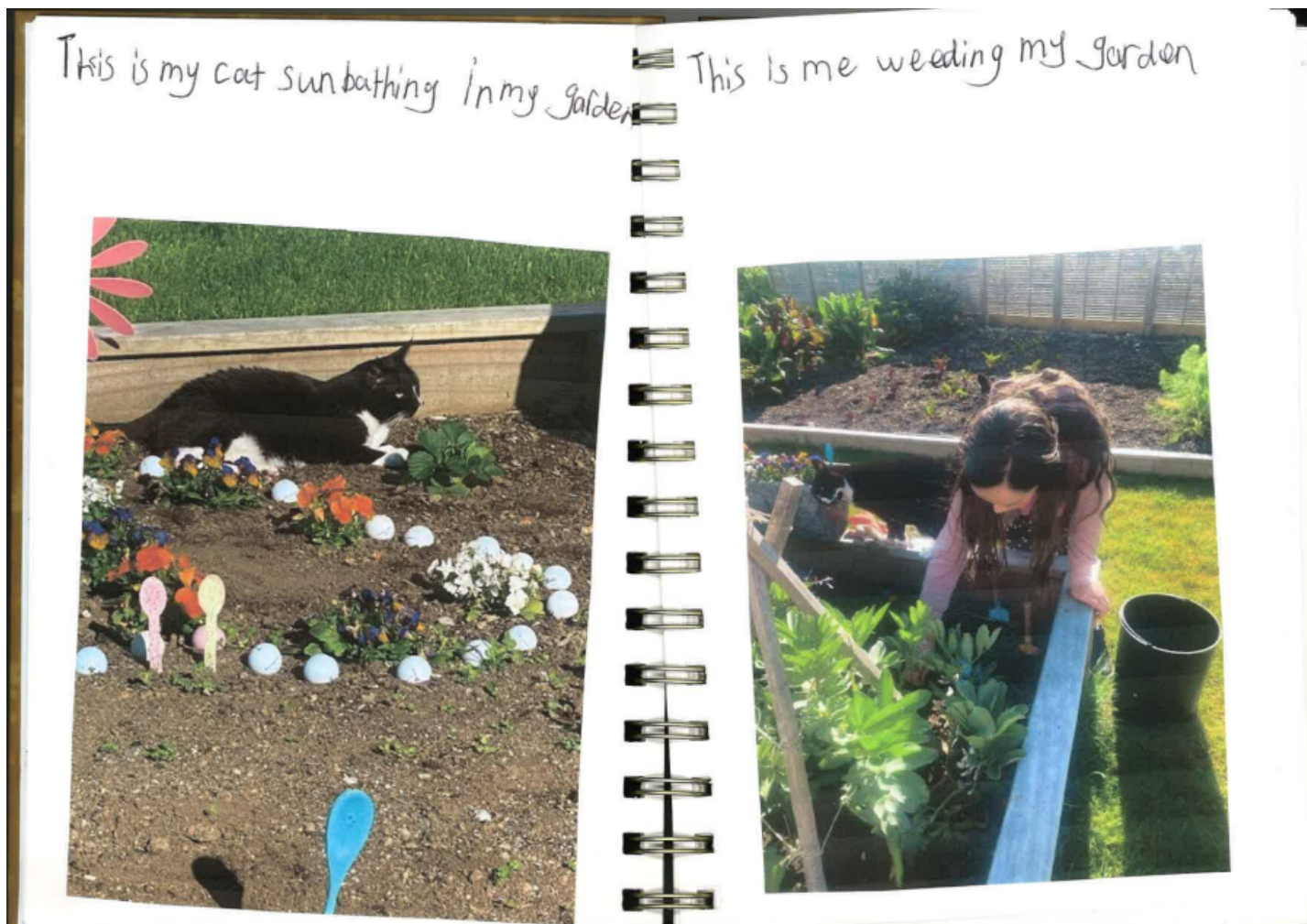
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An Update on Term 4's Flippa Ball League

Regretfully this term's league will not be going ahead due to the uncertainty around COVID-19 levels and restrictions. Even with today's positive move to level 3.2, it's not possible to run the Term 4 league. This was a tough decision for the organisers to make but the correct one in order to keep everyone safe and to adhere to our current level restrictions.



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AMBROSE COMPETITION
RIVERSIDE GOLF CLUB

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**ANNUAL GOLF DAY
FUNDRAISER
FRIDAY 3 DECEMBER**

12PM TEE OFF | 18 HOLES \$50/PERSON
9:30AM TEE OFF | 9 HOLES | \$30/PERSON
DRINKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

Contact Howard Baker
027 210 9303 | howard.baker@jennian.co.nz
Thanks to our ongoing sponsors, Advice4Life
and Kristen Gould (Lugtons)



Hillcrest High School Reunion - Easter 2022

Next year, Hillcrest High School will be celebrating 50 years (1972 to 2022) with a reunion planned for 14th to 17th April 2022 (Easter weekend). The reunion committee has been working since the beginning of this year to create a programme that will showcase Hillcrest over the last 50 years and provide an opportunity to catch up with classmates, teachers and colleagues, many of whom you would have not seen for many years.



The programme includes:

Thursday 14th April and Friday 15th April

- School Tours - A walk down memory lane!!!! See the changes to the school since you left.

Friday 15th April

- Past and present BOT/staff/Head Students lunch
- Friday night flashback - drinks and catchup in the school gyms - photos on display. Share those stories over a beer or wine.

Saturday 16th April

- Sports and Games on the school field and gymnasium - begin training now, stretch those legs - revisit your youth
- Gala Dinner at the Claudelands Events Centre - our big event, MCed by former student Jessie Mulligan

Sunday 17th April

- Easter Egg hunt for families at school - get the kids involved in your reunion
- Afternoon Cultural Performance at the University of Waikato Gallagher Performing Arts Centre - orchestra, choir, cultural performances

Former student Brian Winter is writing a book about the history of the school, which will be on sale online and during the reunion.

For information please email contact@hillcresthigh50.com or visit the Hillcrest High School website www.hillcrest-high.school.nz and follow the reunion link to the reunion website. The reunion website contains all contact details, registration for the reunion also includes membership of the alumni, as well as the various events.

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SH21 Underpass Project Update - 2nd November 2021

Kia ora koutou,

I hope that you had a good weekend – and we can now look forward to a few more freedoms from tomorrow!

On Saturday we received and placed the first set of pre-cast concrete wall panels for the underpass ramp on the southern (Country Club) side of the road. As the attached photo shows, you can now see the ramp taking shape. At the far end you can also see the stairs that will be constructed as well, with concrete pours for this area taking place over the next three weeks.

We are now looking ahead to Friday 12th November, when we will receive the next set of pre-cast panels to place on the southern side ramp.

Towards the end of the month we will alter our traffic management set-up on State Highway 21 to allow access to both sides of the underpass. Currently planned for the night of Sunday 21st November, there will be additional barriers installed on the northern side of the road, and road markings changed slightly. Accessing both sides of the underpass helps us speed up delivery of this project, with minimal impact on road users.

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

Nga mihi,

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