

# TAMAHERE

## MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL

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### Class Placement and Activity Fee Survey Results:

Thank you to all those who filled in our survey last week. We really appreciate that this is such a busy time for everyone, as we try to catch up after Lockdown and achieve all that needs to be done before Christmas. We received 53 responses and the overall general results have given us an indication of what parents are thinking and our direction forward. With regards to class placement, we had a pretty even 50/50 split (51%/49% - to be exact!) for and against students staying with their current teacher or having a change. There are advantages and disadvantages with every option. We have, as usual, been spending significant time on class placement - it is wonderful that we can now discuss all the options *rae ki te rae* - face to face.

We place students looking at such things as their learning needs, social relationships and skills, learning and personal passions. To try to achieve their best fit learning environments while keeping classes balanced, and at times separating students to benefit their and sometimes other's learning. With all these factors our jigsaw comes together. Next year, for the above reasons, some students will remain with their present teachers for extra support, however the majority will be changing to a new experience.

### Taupiri Syndicate Organisation:

In 2022 our Junior Syndicate is going to be made up in a slightly different way, to provide a greater diversity that we feel will better cater for our Year 0-2 students. We will be starting the year with two Year 1 classes, two Year 1 and 2 composite classes and two Year 2 classes. By having our six initial classes structured like this, we are able to divide our students up into 4 different teaching groups, for both our Year 1 and Year 2 students. This is to provide the best learning environments possible for all six classes. Students have been selected for each class due to their individual needs, talents, social connections and special areas of support or extension identified.

### Activity Fees:

The activity fee survey feedback resulted in 26% going to classroom budgets, 12% toward the playground developments, 20% for library books and 12% for Kapa Haka uniforms. The remainder will be credited to personal accounts.

## Schools to Remain under Level 2 Restrictions until the end of the 2021 School Year:

The Prime Minister has confirmed that all of New Zealand will move onto the COVID-19 Protection Framework (CPF), **the traffic light system**, overnight.

As you know **Waikato will start on amber**. However, to allow schools to carry on until the end of the school year without more changes and re-arrangements - all schools will remain operating under the normal Level 2 guidelines until next year.

The Ministers have agreed that **all schools will retain their existing COVID-19 settings** until the end of the 2021 calendar year, but guidance will recommend that schools outside of Auckland align their practices with the COVID-19 Protection Framework settings, which will come into effect for all schools **from 1 January 2022**.

### **GOLF DAY:**

We have our fingers and toes crossed for wonderful weather for our annual Golf Day tomorrow. Thank you to all the families that have already returned their Golf Day Raffle ticket books and money. These must be returned by 9.00am tomorrow morning at the latest.

All proceeds go to the school and will be used to help with our playground upgrades, which are well underway. Thanks so much for your support.

*The Golf Day Team*

## Upcoming Dates:

<b>December / Hakihea</b>	
<b>Rāmere / Friday 3rd</b>	<b>GOLF DAY</b>
<b>Rātu/Tuesday 7th</b>	<b>BOARD MEETING</b>
<b>Rāapa / Wednesday 8th</b>	<b>YEAR 6 GRADUATION</b>
<b>Rāpare / Thursday 9th</b>	<b>TAUPIRI Big Day In</b>
<b>Rāpare / Thursday 9th - Rātu / Tuesday 14th</b>	<b>PRIZE GIVING - spread over 4 days</b>

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<b>Rāmere / Friday 10th</b>	<b>MAUNGATAUTARI Year 6 Big Day Out</b> <b>MAUNGATAUTARI Year 5 Big Day In</b>
	<b>PIRONGIA Big Day In</b>
<b>Rāapa / Wednesday 15th</b>	<b>LAST DAY - School ends at 12.20pm</b>
<b>February / Hui-tanguru</b>	
<b>Rāapa / Wednesday 2nd</b>	<b>FIRST DAY OF TERM 1</b>

## PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning - Week 6 Principal Awards

Last week our PB4L vision focus was 'I am reliable and trustworthy' and the teachers selected one student from their class to receive the Principal Award, with this focus in mind.

Our Principal Award recipients for Week 6 Term 4 were:

<b>Students of Week 6 Term 4</b> <b>'I am reliable and trustworthy.'</b>	
<b>NIKAU 1</b>	Joshua S
<b>KAURI 2</b>	Isabelle M
<b>KOWHAI 4</b>	Jamie H
<b>PURIRI 5</b>	Ryan F
<b>TITOKI 6</b>	Isabella M
<b>RIMU 7</b>	Felix McN
<b>POHUTUKAWA 8</b>	Lauren C
<b>RATA 9</b>	Thea B
<b>TOTARA 10</b>	Donay Z
<b>MATAI 11</b>	Sienna Y
<b>TANEKAHA 12</b>	Zac S
<b>MIRO 13</b>	Reid F
<b>PUKATEA 14</b>	Anthony T
<b>KARAKA 15</b>	Caterina H
<b>MANUKA 16</b>	Abby F

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MAHOE 17	Alexandria H
TAWA 19	Meeli M
HOROPITO 20	Ania G
HOROEKA 21	Leo A



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## JUMP JAM SUCCESS!!!!

Our Year 2/3 and Year 5/6 Jump Jam teams have had another extremely successful year. Both teams have been training since April, giving up endless lunch times. Once we went into lockdown we couldn't let this stop us, so as soon as we were allowed the teams were practising on the Reserve 2 metres apart, even on Sunday mornings. The National competition was changed to virtual this year. Both Tamahere teams were the only teams in their categories that were in an extended lockdown. We are incredibly proud of their dedication and perseverance to push through in such a tricky time. We filmed the teams over the weekend and found out results on Monday. The Year 2/3 Crazy Frogs came second nationally in their division and got the top score for presentation and costumes in the country. The Year 5/6 Oz Adventurers came first nationally in the Ultimate category which is the top category for Year 5/6 children. They scored first in technical execution, presentation, creativity and costumes.

A huge thank you to our sponsors Newstead Vets and Intensive Care Services Limited for their generous support.

Also thanks to the other families who gave extra to support our teams.

A huge thank you to Megan Malcolm who has gone above and beyond to make the incredible costumes for the Year 5/6 team.

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We are so extremely proud of these girls and the time and effort they have put in. Well done girls, you are amazing.

Jacqui, Bridget & Nicola



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## Jump Jam Cake Walk UPDATE

Sadly, we could not have our much loved Cake Walk due to COVID restrictions. Tickets that had been purchased already, can be returned to the office. Please ensure that your child's name is clearly shown and we can arrange to credit your school account. Any tickets that are not returned by the end of Week 8, Friday 10th December, will be credited to Jump Jam to assist their 2022 campaign.



## Dressing of the Tree

Every year students, teachers and parents walk down to St Stephen's church for a 'Dressing of the Tree'. This has been a special community tradition between our school and St Stephens for many years. Due to the COVID restrictions, this year the Dressing of the Tree took place at school, on the deck of the new block.



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## Old Pool Covers Available

Unfortunately our pool cover was ripped following a bout of stormy weather, earlier this year. We now happily have our new covers in place but want to see if there is anyone in our school community who would be interested in purchasing a section. We have 4 separate pieces available, each measuring 5.550 metres wide. They vary in length and are either 7, 8, 10 or 11 metres long.

They are 4 years old and in usable condition for at least another 2-3 years. There are no attachments and only two have a reinforced end (no sides are reinforced either). The sections are in 'as is where is' condition. We are open to negotiation or a donation to the school.

If anybody is interested, please email Allan Wickens [allanwickens@hotmail.com](mailto:allanwickens@hotmail.com) and he can arrange inspection.



## Fun Run Thanks

Our recent Fun Run/Walkathon event was designed for our children, to keep up levels of fitness and have fun together, whilst also helping to raise funds to go towards the playgrounds that they will be enjoying. We are thrilled to be able to announce that we raised a whopping **\$7,316.70** in sponsorship. We are overwhelmed with this effort, given the challenges to our families this year. Thank you to everyone for your wonderful support!!!



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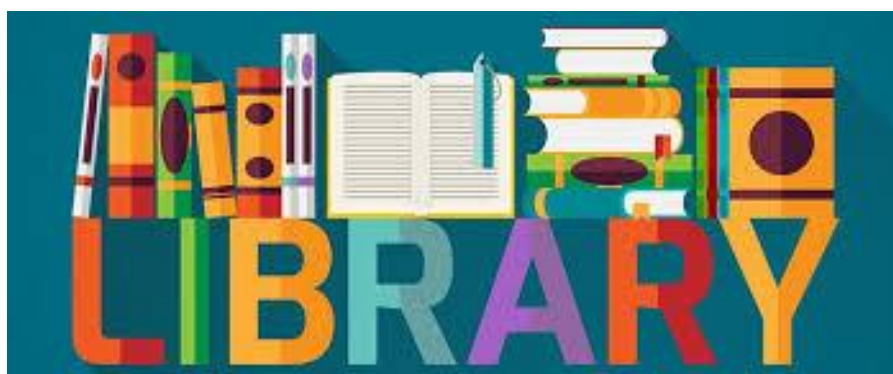
## Library NEWS

Thank you to everyone who has already returned their library books. If you have not done this yet, please ensure that they are returned by Friday. Summer Holiday issuing forms are still available from the library.

Next week, our Library is closed for the annual stocktake and then in our final week, students who signed up for summer holiday reading will be able to have these books issued during Week 9 on Monday, Tuesday and up until lunchtime on the final day.

Research shows how dramatically students' academic achievement can be impacted by not reading over summer. Summer reading is important to prevent this summer slide.

*Mrs Kewish  
Librarian*



## BIKE/CAR SAFETY on Wiremu Tamihana Drive

We would like to draw your attention to a potential hazard for our tamariki, when riding bikes near the Tamahere Hub. Due to the position of the plant beds, drivers turning into Wiremu Tamihana Drive from the Devine Road end have an obscured view of the raised safety crossing. Please show extreme caution around school start and end times, when our students are riding. If you do have children, who ride their bikes in this area, please speak to them about the need to stop and look both ways, before using the safety crossing.



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### Helping Families in Need this Christmas



Zac is collecting items for Families in need this Christmas

If you are able, could you bring in food items, personal items or Christmas presents for the kids. (The toys must be new and please do not wrap the presents).

All the presents will go to the Salvation Army to a room they call "the Loft" Every year they give gifts to over 500 children in Hamilton but this year they need even more. The parents get a chance to go through the Loft and with a points system, they get to choose their own children's gifts.

**There will be collection boxes located in the office foyer. One for food and personal items and another for toys.**

Zac will deliver the donations to the Salvation Army next weekend, so please can you bring your items to school by Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> December.

Zac would love it if you could help some families in need this Christmas, if you can, because he thinks all children should have a happy Christmas.

Thank you.

If you have any questions, please ask Zac S from Tanekaha 12.

## Tamahere Community Centre Committee AGM - Thursday 9th December

It is hard to believe that a year has almost flown by and our 2021 AGM is approaching. We have had an amazing year with lots of great developments. This message is a reminder that our Annual General Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday 9th December at 7:00pm in the Tamahere Community Centre**. We would love as many people as possible to attend. You do not need to be on the committee or have intentions of going on, but it is a great opportunity to hear how the year has progressed and intentions for the future.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Kind Regards,

TCC Committee



## Piano For Sale

### *Piano for sale - Beale UP115M*



***As new condition. \$2600 including stool and a piano cover. Rosewood timber. Model still current and sells for \$4,875.00. Please phone Graham on 827 8697 or 027 6244005.***

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