## NEWSLETTER 15th December 2021

#### Week 9, Term 4

# TAMAHERE

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#### Wiki/ Week 9 Happenings:

We have made it! I hope you all have the most wonderful holiday and Christmas with your beautiful children. What a bizarre year it has been. I think we may need to brace ourselves for a challenging 2022 as a country, but for now - relax and enjoy family and friends and our great Aotearoa New Zealand over the summer break. You all certainly deserve it.

Once again, thank you all for the incredible support you have given us this year. You have all had your own personal challenges and on top of this, have added online teaching as well. Thank you each and every one of you, who have helped to raise funds through PTA events, the coordinators, organisers, hands on supporters and those who came along to make all the events memorable. e.g. Pumpkin Night, our incredible Golden Ball, Golf Day, and the organisers of Graham Henry evening - that - hopefully will happen on 25th February 2022. Thank you to our AG Day Committee, who struggled on for so long and achieved a memorable online event, to our spelling testers and bookroom tidiers, camp parents and trip drivers etc, etc. We couldn't do it without you all. Thanks to you all, the next phase of the playgrounds development will be happening over the holidays, with the Junior extension being put in place in January.

#### 2022 Initial Information NEWSLETTER:

We will be sending out our final information newsletter later in the week, which will give you everything you need to know about 2022, so that everyone feels comfortable when returning on Wednesday 2nd February.

Wishing you all a very happy, safe and healthy Christmas and New Year.

Meri Kirihimete!

Nga mihi nui.

Waveney Parker Principal



#### **PRIZE GIVING:**

We were thrilled to be able to hold our Prize Giving in mostly fine weather, on Monday morning. What a spectacular setting for such a special school event, under the shade of the century old Rhododendrons and Oak trees, near the main car park. It was wonderful to be able to recognise all of our students' effort and progress this year and the special achievements of our tamariki in 2021.

















# **PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning**

Our Principal Award recipients for Week 8 Term 4 were:

Students of Week 8 Term 4 'I am culturally respectful.'	
NIKAU 1	Olivia A Y
	Hazel H
KAURI 2	William T
KOWHAI 4	Lottie B
PURIRI 5	Harry S
ΤΙΤΟΚΙ 6	Mae Mae Z
RIMU 7	Sophie S
POHUTUKAWA 8	Rocklyn J
RATA 9	Kent H
TOTARA 10	Jimmy Z
MATAI 11	Anna G
TANEKAHA 12	Macie M
MIRO 13	Emily C
PUKATEA 14	Felicity C
KARAKA 15	Anunand C
	Paige S
MANUKA 16	Finn D
MAHOE 17	Mahina K
TAWA 19	Aria Q
HOROPITO 20	Karlin W
HOROEKA 21	Peter T

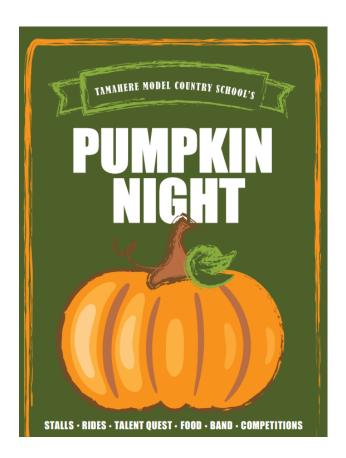






# Save The Date!!!!

Pumpkin Night for 2022 is on **Saturday 2nd April**. Mark it in your calendars.



# Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!!!!

Thank you to all the very generous families, who donated toys and items of food to the Salvation Army, to help families in need this Christmas. Well done to Zac S, who organised the collection!!!!



## Pirongia Big Day In

Pirongia Syndicate had a wonderful day last Friday celebrating our year together. In the morning we headed to the Tamahere playground and even managed to sneak in an icy treat! We then headed back to school and spent the middle block involved in Christmas Creative Challenges. There was an amazing buzz and the children made and created a wide range of crafts. For lunch, we headed to the big trees on the reserve where the children had organised their picnic groups so well and wonderful shared feasts occurred. After lunch, it was time for some water fun! We cranked on the sprinklers, foamed up the slide and filled the pool with all the free-play toys we could find! It was a truly wonderful day and a great celebration with an amazing bunch of children and teachers.















### Kia ora Taupiri whānau

I would like to take the opportunity to say a few words to my fabulous team of absolutely dedicated teachers who have worked tirelessly with our Taupiri children this year.



They are an incredibly committed group who have negotiated their way through a very differentiated year of learning for our students. Thank you team for all your amazing work this year.

And to our parents who have graciously maneuvered around our online and on site learning programmes and been at our side supporting everything we do.

It is a year we will certainly never forget. Thank you parents.

And now - to share a few pictures from the past week at school - some festivities have been happening and a very hot and enjoyable 'fun day in'.

Have a wonderful break and we look forward to seeing you all next year...

Shelley Howse (Taupiri Syndicate Leader)













#### Graduation

Last Wednesday we had a formal graduation to celebrate our Year 6 students leaving Tamahere Model Country School. We were incredibly lucky to be able to achieve this outside on the lawn beside our new staffroom, in the sunshine.

We had a wonderful team of parents who decorated the area in a tropical theme and put together individual bento boxes for afternoon tea. Following presentations, speeches and shared kai the Year 6's moved to the pool complex for a pool party.

It was such a special end to our year and an enjoyable way to farewell our Year 6's, an incredibly resilient and kind group of children.

Despite not being able to invite parents on site as a group, your presence was felt through your personal letters to your children and the amazing food provided for the afternoon tea. A special thanks to the crew of parents who helped us to pull this together and make the afternoon special. A link will be shared with Year 6 parents to view photos.









# Maungatautari Big Days In and Out

Last Friday the seniors had their end of year celebrations, a Big Day Out to Totara Springs for the Year 6's and a Big Day In for the Year 5's.

The Year 6's rotated around three outdoor activities and then enjoyed the water slide and pool for the afternoon. A huge thank you to all the parents who were able to provide transport and supervision for this trip.

The Year 5's took part in an Amazing Race back at school in which they demonstrated high levels of leadership and teamwork. Following this, the Year 5's enjoyed the school pool and a sausage sizzle.



#### New Playground Equipment in 2022

You may have noticed a few posters up around the school fence showing the new playground equipment that will arrive in 2022. These new spaces for the children to play in would not be possible without your support and contributions at PTA events. So before we break for Christmas we wanted to say a big



From everyone at the PTA. Enjoy your holidays









**STARTS - Tuesday 1 February** 

LOCATION - Tamahere Vela Pool LESSONS - Tues | Wed | Thurs TIME - From 4 pm Duration - 9 weeks AGE - 4 + LEVELS - 1 - 5 COST - \$145 Its@hami



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## SH21 Underpass Project Update - 14 December 2021

Kia ora koutou,

The team have made great progress in the lead up to Christmas.

On the southern (Country Club) side of the underpass the wall panels are in place, the ramp floor has been poured and the stairs constructed. This week will see the team backfilling behind the wall panels in preparation for removing the temporary sheet piling.

The wall panels for the northern (Tamahere Park) ramp is being delivered on Friday. To install the panels, a crane will be positioned in Tamahere Park on the fence line closest to the ramp. While this work is being undertaken, pedestrians and cyclists are asked to follow a temporary detour through Tamahere Park.

Over Christmas our team will be on a well-deserved break. Their last day on site is Thursday 23 December, returning Wednesday 5 January. During this time, we will have staff regularly monitoring the site.

On behalf of Downer, I'd like to wish you all a safe and happy Christmas.

Nga mihi nui,

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#### **Gymnastics Academy NEWS!!!!**

