# NEWSLETTER 4th February 2022

# Week 1, Term 1

# TAMAHERE

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### Wiki/ Week 1 Happenings:

What a fantastic group of students we have, with wonderfully supportive parents and guardians. In these challenging times with so many new rules and restrictions impacting our lives, it has been amazing to see our **Year 4-6 students come back wearing masks** and coping so well with them in this heat. Not fun at all for any of us. Great work and **thank you everyone!** 

**Progress over the holidays:** With our site access restricted, you may not have seen the developments and progress made over the holiday period.

□ Upgraded Sewerage System: Thanks to the Ministry, we now have a new sewerage and effluent field dispersal system. Not much for any of us to see now but our fields were dug up and huge trenches were created and filled with metal and pipes, etc. As a result, we have an area of our back field out of use, due to the dust. Even hydrograss can't be sewn for a couple of months with this heat and such dry conditions.



□ **Oak Tree farewelled:** As per a previous newsletter, our oak tree had to be taken down for safety reasons. This was apparently an American Oak and the timber is not very good for

furniture, etc. We have kept a few rings, that perhaps the Men's Shed can turn into bowls. Unfortunately timber for furniture was not possible. We are still looking for a chainsaw sculptor, to make the base into something special. Please let us know, if you are aware of anyone who can help us with this.

□ Junior Playground: The extension to our Junior Playground is now in place and hopefully with a bit of help from Dad's Army with the edging and bark over the weekend, we will be able to open it next week.



□ Magnificent Library Repaint: You can probably see the difference to our library from a distance. Our impressive historic sentinel, is now looking magnificent once again, with a complete repaint donated to our school by an incredibly supportive family, whose Dad is a wonderful painter and has been toiling outside for us in the heat, while the rest of us have been enjoying the beach or sitting in the shade. Thank you so very much Mr Anonymous! You are fantastic and have saved our school so much. We HUGELY appreciate what you have done for us. With the library being a 'Community Owned Building', there is no funding to cover any costs it incurs. If anyone needs a great painter, even though he doesn't want

his name mentioned, we can give you a number! 😃



#### Welcome - Whakatau:

It was lovely to be able to achieve even a very minor Whakatau, to welcome our new five year olds to our school. Following new protocols, we could not have our students mix with our Kapa Haka group and had to limit groups to under 100. Our new parents could sit near the fence, while we brought the children forward to join their new classes. We did have two of our Year 6 girls perform the Karanga from a distance, to call everyone on. Well done Kea and Lila.

Later in the day we held a school wide Google Meet, so that all of us could at least come together and see everyone in their new classrooms. We welcomed our new enrolments and older siblings, who were able to introduce their brothers and sisters, as though we were at a real assembly. We have 20 new enrolments to start the year. We hope you and your families have a very happy and successful time with us.









#### Year 6 Student Leadership Programme 2022

Despite all the changes we are trying to keep things as normal as possible and will be holding our Whanau Leader elections later next week, this time via recorded speeches. A number of the leadership positions are not able to be activated at present but we hope this will change as the year progresses.

The goal of our student leadership programme at Tamahere Model Country School is to give our senior students the opportunity to develop their leadership skills as they prepare themselves for their intermediate years and beyond. The student leadership programme for 2022 will consist of the following roles:

- Bus Monitor
- After School Care Monitor
- Photographer
- Librarian
- Enviro Monitor
- Kaiawhina
- Peer Mediator
- Ambassador
- Sound tech monitor

• Whānau Leader - All Year 6 students applying for this role will do a short presentation to their whānau on Thursday 10th February. Teacher observations will also be taken into account. Whanau leaders will be decided for each whānau and announced at assembly in Week 4. Students may apply for and hold any of the above positions, as well as whānau leader.

All Students are required to fill out an application form for the leadership role/s they wish to be considered for. These were handed out to all Year 6 students yesterday. Application forms need to be signed by both students and their parents and handed into the school office by Tuesday 8th February.

Please note Road Patrol monitors and the Sound/Tech Team were selected in 2021, due to the need to be trained and ready for the end of 2021 and the beginning of the 2022 school year.

Our Tamahere Vision will be used as criteria to help select our student leaders for 2022.

Any questions please contact Mrs Dunton in Manuka 16.

# An Afternoon with Sir Graham Henry - POSTPONED!!!!

In conjunction with the school, our valued guest speakers, and our sponsors, we have made the decision to postpone this event until such time as we can be confident of a safer environment.

We will be in touch with all ticket holders in due course. We will notify you as soon as we are able to make a new date announcement.

A huge thanks to everyone who had already purchased tickets, and of course, to our amazing and hugely appreciated Gold and Bronze Sponsors, Johnston Associates and Lewis Lawyers.







## Hamilton Aquatics - Learn To Swim School Term 1



FREE ASSESSMENTS

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@hamiltonaquatics.nz



# Your Lunchbox

Want the hassle taken out of school lunches? Struggle to think of something new for the kids to have everyday? Well say no more, 'Your Lunch Box' is here to help! Delivering delicious and nutritious lunchboxes filled with fresh local ingredients direct to school everyday.

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We offer different sizes for different appetites and ordering is easy peasy. Simply order before 8.00pm the night before you would like the lunchbox delivered and we'll take care of the rest! Visit us at <u>www.yourlunchbox.co.nz</u> or look us up on Facebook

# Thank You For Your Support!

A massive thank you to the families that placed orders through Kids Art Works in Term 4 last year, ordering various products that included calendars, greeting cards and mouse pads, featuring your children's wonderful works of art. We received a total of \$1,470.55 commission from your purchases.

Thanks again for supporting our school!!!



# The Grassroots Trust Kids Challenge – POSTPONED UNTIL NOVEMBER 2022

It is with a heavy heart that the organising committee has made the decision to cancel the Lugtons' Round the Bridges on Sunday 13th February.

The Committee explored many options to try and deliver this iconic event, however we cannot do this safely, while meeting all of the current Red level guidelines.

However the Lugtons Round the Bridges for 2022 will be back on **Sunday** 13th November 2022.

All current registrations will be VALID for the new date. There is no need to have your registration re-issued. However, if you are unable to make the November 13th event date, you can have your entry refunded.

To defer your registration or to request a refund, log into the Registration Hub through this link: <u>https://eventplus.net/RTB21</u>, and on your Summary page, click on the "Entry" button, select your choice and save. Please ensure you have completed this by 14th February 2022, so that the organising committee can accommodate your request.

If you have any questions, please contact <u>fizz@classicevents.co.nz</u>.



Term 1 registrations are open for Y4-6 students from Berkley's contributing schools.

Term 1 fees will be \$110 which includes 6 x 1hr skills sessions (coaching provided by 4Zero Futsal Academy) and WaiBOP's Friday night playing fee (25th of February to the 8th of April - 7 weeks). You will also need to purchase a playing shirt (\$30 unless you have access to a Berkley PE Shirt.

Spaces are strictly limited and would be better suited to children who have played some Football / Futsal before (although not totally necessary).

Y4-6 will train at the Tamahere Community Centre

Training times available (but numbers are limited to 16 in each):

Y4-6 girls: Thur, 3.45pm-4.45pm

Y4-6 boys: Thur, 4.45pm-5.45pm (full)

Y4-6 boys: Thur, 5.45pm-6.45pm (just 6 spaces available)



For additional information please go follow Berkley Futsal on Facebook.

Registration Link: <u>https://forms.gle/9nBfDGwpZwDUesRn8</u>

#### Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon Red Traffic Light Update

We are very disappointed to announce that the Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon series for 2022 will not be able to proceed as planned.

Unfortunately, the Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon events in the 'Red' setting of the Government's COVID-19 Traffic Light system restrict all events to under 100 attendees. Given the emergence and timing of Omicron in the community, it will not be possible to operate any of our 10 planned events in Term 1. As a summer event, it cannot be postponed to later in Term 2 or 3.

However families are able to create their own TRY CHALLENGE event to earn their TRY Champions t-shirt and medal. TRY CHALLENGE is designed to make staying active and healthy as



fun and affordable as possible. The Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRY CHALLENGE is a 3-week programme that encourages Kiwi kids aged 5 - 15 years old to get active, and have fun, as they work towards achieving a physical activity goal and earning their Champions medal and TRYathlon t-shirt. More information can be found <u>here</u>.

Due to the current Covid environment, Kelly Sports has made the decision not to run their after school sports sessions this term.



### **School Banking News**



First Credit Union wishes to advise parents that School Banking will not resume until further notice.

If you would like to continue saving into your child's account - we would be more than happy to help set up regular automatic payments

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact your nearest branch or give our team a call.



#### Bricks4Kidz is back in Term 1 2022



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## **Music Lessons**



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# **Term 1 Gymnastic Academy Classes**



#### **Tamahere Dance Classes**



### **Saturday Morning Music Classes**

Enrolments are now open for Term One 2022 at the Waikato Community School of Music. The first session is on <u>Saturday 12th February</u>. 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 \$45 to \$110 per term (9 lessons in Term One) 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.

Class times are between 8:00am and 2:00pm on Saturdays during primary school terms. WCSM is located on the University of Waikato campus in Hillcrest. Note that all those on our premises aged 12 or over must be fully vaccinated, including students, parents, caregivers and tutors.

Contact the Waikato Community School of Music via their website <u>WCSM</u> or on 07 838 4611.

