

TAMAHERE

MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL

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

Wiki/ Week 3 Happenings:

Online - Meet the Teachers information:

We hope you enjoyed/gained some extra insight into our school through watching our Meet the Teachers Online links, which were sent home last Friday. In case you missed this email, here is the [link](#). Below is the information that I presented orally, in written form, if you need to refer to aspects of our new red light setting systems.

Firstly, a very warm welcome to you all for the 2022 school year. Thank you so much for all you have already done in supporting your children, to fit into our new systems and organisations. The use of Gates for drop off and pickups is flowing smoothly from our end and we really appreciate how settled the children have been.

*Especially Day One - which was amazing. Such **independent confident kia maia tamariki!** Our poor Year 4-6 students wearing masks all day are being amazing! That is not fun to do in a busy classroom all day.*

Meet The Teacher On-Line! Is another first for us all - I am sorry that we can't all meet in person but we are trying to follow the guidelines and mandates from the Government and Ministries of Health and Education (MOH & MOE).

*Under the **Red traffic light System**, there are many specific procedures that schools are required to operate under. These can feel challenging and restrictive but we can see that by restricting access and interactions on school sites, we will be able to minimise contacts and achieve smaller pockets of isolation, rather than whole schools being closed down with Covid infections.*

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At present, as you already know, we are operating in **three Syndicate bubbles** and keeping staff separated by using **4 staff eating areas** and two of our admin secretaries - Lisa Laurence and Lisa Boyd, are **working from home** to ensure we can keep all systems going. And sadly amongst other things there is still no singing!

We will keep you up to date with what is happening through our main - **One Stop Shop - our Website**. An email will be sent to remind you a new newsletter has come through. **Please read** these, so that you and your children know what is happening and how to adapt to the possibly changing systems.

Hybrid Learning: At present, we have a few students and their families isolating at home. We will be providing work and learning links for anyone affected and having to learn from home. This is what is now called the Hybrid Learning Model. The numbers away from school are expected to increase as Omicron spreads through the community. Please let us know if your family is affected in any way, so we can follow the correct steps and inform others and link you into our Hybrid Learning. If a child or staff member, becomes a close contact or returns a positive COVID test, we will let you know through a series of standardised MOE & MOH letters. We will endeavour to keep everything running as normally as possible but there are only so many relievers to call on. If large numbers occur, we may have to combine classes or if the numbers become untenable, a class or Syndicate may be asked to work from home.

The **new Hybrid Learning** that is now expected under the Red Light System, will not be quite like our **straight Online Learning** that we have done in the past, as teachers may still be teaching their classes and other children physically at school. Hybrid Learning will be adapted to allow families and students to keep linked into our learning and teaching programmes, while isolating or coping with COVID in the home.

Again, each family will be in their own unique situation and parents may be sick or isolating in a different part of the house, etc. Teachers may also be unwell, and other staff covering for them, so please don't expect direct contact regularly. We will do our best but we will all need to be kind to each other, as everything evolves.

Our main aim is to keep your children safe, happy and learning at school with their friends in 2022.

To help us achieve this I will point out a few of our newly adapted systems to make things run more smoothly.

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A few pointers we need to highlight:

- ★ Please drop your children off at school between **8.10 and 8.25am**, preferably after 8.15am, so that the Road Patrol is working and also due to teachers needing time in their classes, to plan and prepare for the day.
- ★ **For safety, only children in Before School Care may be onsite before 8.00am.** We do not have staff on duty before this time and with the separated groupings, this is even more challenging. Before School Care costs \$10 and we are trying to keep family groups together. **Please ring 022 140 3689** if you need to use this service, as you are dropping your child at Gate 4, by our Koromiko Suite / Before/After School Care building.
- ★ If your child/ren is/are going to be away from school, please leave a message via the **website** or **text - 022 140 3689** to the office. Alternatively, you can **email absences@tamahere.school.nz** (please copy your child's teacher into this email)
- ★ **Day time appointments:** If collecting or dropping off during the school day for appointments please use **Gate 3** - the covered gateway, and ensure your child is signed out and in again, using the iPad in the foyer entrance. This way, the office staff can keep an eye on who is coming and going and keep your child safe.
- ★ **Emailing:** Please don't email your teacher about absences and arrangements during and after school. The teacher's priority during the day is children, not checking their emails, so messages may get missed. This is another safety measure. Please email: absences@tamahere.school.nz for absences and messages during the day. You can also use reception@tamahere.school.nz or office@tamahere.school.nz, if you need arrangements sorted.
- ★ **Concerns and Worries:** If you are worried at any time, please communicate with us, to avoid a niggle that you or your child may have, from developing into a more significant problem. If we don't know there is a problem, we can't try and fix it. Please start with your child's **classroom teacher first** and if they can't help, then it may need to be taken up with the Syndicate Leader, or later on to **Myself, Lee or Annette** our DP & AP. Lee will be coordinating the Special Needs area again this year for those needing specific support with this area.

In such a rapidly changing world, we hope you **feel well informed** as to what is happening through our newsletters and teacher information on Seesaw.

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We hope our manaakitanga (care, encouragement and support) comes through in the clips and information shared in this email to help you feel more comfortable and part of our extended school whanau (family), even if you are not able to join us in person.

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WEEK 3 COVID UPDATE:

At present we have a few families isolating at home as they are close contacts or there is someone in their family who has returned a positive COVID 19 result. If one of the close contacts becomes a COVID positive case, we will let the classes involved and possible other new close contacts know. In the meantime, please monitor your children for any signs of illness, stay home, get tested and let us know how you are getting on.

We will send *Home Learning Packs* and information home for those who are feeling well enough to be able to use these.

Q.  A member of our household is a close contact. Can my child still attend school?	A. Yes. Your child is able to attend school.
Q.  My child has tested positive for Covid-19. What does this mean?	A.  This will mean that your child will need to isolate. All family members will be close contacts and also need to isolate.
Q. A member of our household has tested positive. What does this mean?	A.  This will mean that your child will be a close contact and also needs to isolate.

Community Consultation

Community Consultation on Shade at Tamahere Park Playground

Tamahere Community Centre

2:00 pm – 7:00 pm, Monday 21 February

Please see the flyer and additional information on the Community Consultation Meeting happening next Monday, which is provided later in this Newsletter, on page 17.

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CAR PARK SAFETY

It has been brought to our attention by several parents that cars are being parked on the yellow lines on either side of the pedestrian crossing, located near Gate 7.

Please help to keep our school community safe, by not parking vehicles on the yellow painted lines, at any time. Parking too close to the pedestrian crossing blocks the view of moving vehicles and puts our children in danger, as well as making it hard for the Bus Driver to enter the designated bus stop. We are also aware that cars parked within the designated parking areas, are being boxed- in for extended periods, by cars that are incorrectly parked.

We ask that you park with care, to keep our tamariki and their families safe.

Thank you for your help.



KIA MAIA DUATHLON DAY

What a fantastic day we had on Tuesday with our three duathlon events. Our/your children were wonderful. Showing true kia mai tenacity and determination. Everyone showed our Vision so well, cheering others along - kia kotahi and supporting those who maybe had a problem, with respect and understanding - kia manaaki. The level of independence shown across all areas was also impressive - managing self and looking after their own possessions, etc.

The smiles on faces and enjoyment was lovely to see, in such restrictive times, reflecting the nerves, effort, success and pride, in being able to achieve such an event. We were all so proud of you, congratulations and well done to everyone!

Thank you very much to our organisers Mrs Copponi and Mrs Metcalfe, along with all the staff who contributed to making this day such a success.

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The Taupiri Duathlon



And they are off! Flying past the cones, past teachers waving and making sure our legs weren't tickled by the long grass. We ran and we ran. We were relieved when we got to the pool. Phew! Cold and wet, we swam and we swam. We made it to the finish line. What a great race!

Written by Rimu 7



We were very impressed by the determination and resilience of our Taupiri team children at the duathlon this week. The children rose to the challenge and excelled. Thank you parents for making sure everyone had what they needed. And a huge thank you to Jo Metcalfe and Ann Marie Copponi who fine tuned the event, which resulted in a smooth experience for our tamariki.

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Please enjoy watching the **Pirongia Syndicate's Duathlon Video** by [clicking here](#).

Maungatautari Duathlon Photo Gallery



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2022 DUATHLON RESULTS:

	YEAR 6 GIRLS	YEAR 6 BOYS	YEAR 5 GIRLS	YEAR 5 BOYS
1st	Holly C	Cadel H	Imani B	Charlie H
2nd	Jessie H	Cooper T	Ava D	Ethan B
3rd	Lila R	Luca H	Indigo W	Daniel E
4th	Ella C	Braxton P	Paige vdH	Kodi H
5th	Sarina T	Henry M	Lauren W	Winston P

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	YEAR 4 GIRLS	YEAR 4 BOYS	YEAR 3 GIRLS	YEAR 3 BOYS
1st	Isabelle M 1st = Addison M 1st =	Isaac S	Greta C	Dylan H
2nd		Cohen C	Harriet L	Benji vdH
3rd	Olivia A-Y	Nico V	Thea B	Tate B
4th	Chloe A-Y	Beau J	Bridgette C	Pearse L
5th	Charlotte C	Reed L	Ava T	Beau C

	YEAR 2 GIRLS	YEAR 2 BOYS	YEAR 1 GIRLS	YEAR 1 BOYS
1st	Tori A	Quinn B	Hayley C	Thomas C
2nd	Amelia J	Sam C	Riley H	Jackson M
3rd	Ayla H	George C	Madison F	Angus T
4th	Molly vdH	Ollie H	Billie R	Sam F
5th	Emma J	George D 5th = Ben M 5th =	Chloe S	Felix M 5th = Hudson C 5th =

OPENING OF THE JUNIOR PLAYGROUND Extension:

Last Friday morning, we had a special opening of our new extension to the Junior playground. We invited a special guest from the PTA to come and cut the ribbons for us and used other students, whose parents we know have been very involved in fundraising for this project. Kristen Thomas was able to come along to join us and helped Michael M , Molly vdH and Sam C to cut the ribbons, along with Mr Wickens, who has worked so hard on the wood surrounds and safety bark spreading.

This extra module provides many new areas and aspects to the playground, for our Junior children to enjoy and develop their physical and imaginative skills on. Please enjoy our photo's of the opening, on the pages that follow.

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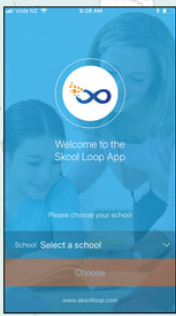
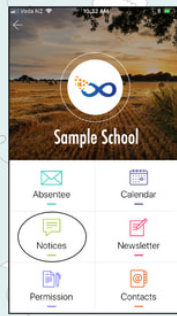
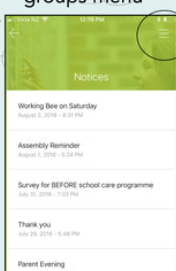
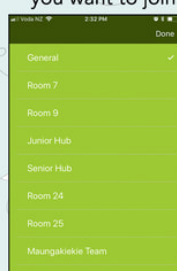
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SKOOL LOOP APP - KEEPING YOU INFORMED

Now even more than ever, **if we need to get an urgent message out to our school community**, we have a number of tools that we can utilise but we would really like to encourage all our school families to sign up for the Skool Loop App.

How to join notice groups & receive notifications via our app

- 1) Download the Skool Loop App & allow notifications

- 2) Open our school & tap on notices

- 3) Tap to open the groups menu

- 4) Tick the groups you want to join!


Skool Loop is a free download in the Play Store or App Store. Search Skool Loop NZ and once it is installed to your phone, you then follow the steps to select Tamahere Model Country School and then the app will prompt you on what to do next.

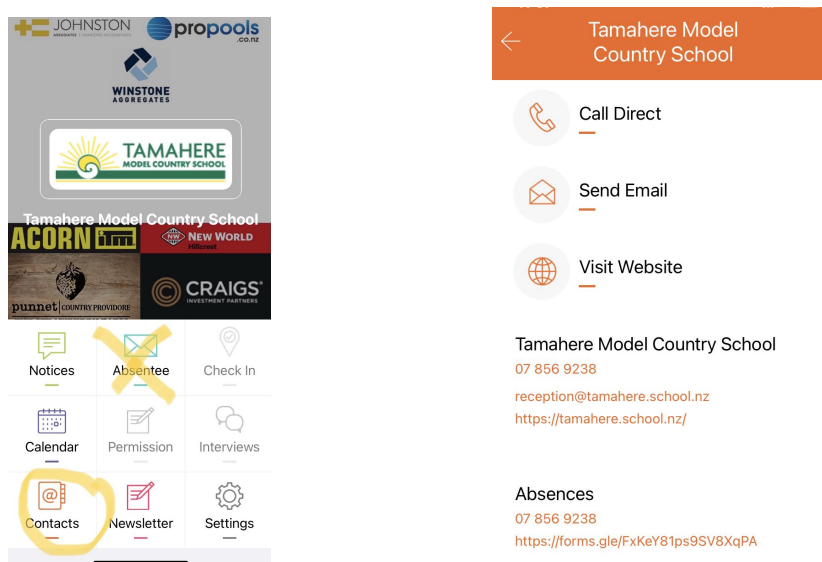
You will be asked if you want to subscribe to groups. A list of a range of sporting and year group options are available. We do recommend that you select your groups, as this will give you access to push notifications with information pertaining to these groups. If you don't select groups you may miss content you are interested in.

You can use the Skool Loop app to view our school calendar, current newsletter, permissions, notices and push notifications. **It will also be one of our immediate go-to's in the event of an emergency to contact parents.**

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Recording Absentees on the Skool Loop:

You can also use the Skool Loop App to advise absences, however you will need to click on the **'Contacts'** button, which will take you to the Absences form.



REMINDER: What We Need To Know If Your Child is Self Isolating

If you have been advised that your child is a **Close Contact** or a **Casual Contact**, or you are **choosing for them to self isolate**, please let our school know so that we can link you into the Hybrid Learning, either joining our classes online, having a hard pack or online learning links. We also need to know when your child will be cleared to return to school.

If your child is self isolating, please provide the following information to reception@tamahere.school.nz:

1. We need to know if your child has been classed as a Close Contact or a Casual Contact, as the self isolation period and Government guidance differs.
2. If you are choosing for them to self isolate, please give details including the expected return to school date.
3. If your child is a Close Contact or Casual Contact, the date of last exposure to the person with COVID19 and confirmation that the student is self isolating away from the Covid positive person, if they are living in the same household.

If you would like to read more information, here is the link to the Covid-19 website [Covid - Close Contact & Close Contact information](#) .

Thank you for your help, to keep our school community safe.

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PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning

Our PB4L vision focus for last week was 'I am kind and inclusive.' The teachers selected one student from their class to receive the Principal Award this week, with this focus in mind.

Students of Week 2 'I am culturally respectful'	
NIKAU 1	Kalia H
KAURI 2	Kruz P
KOWHAI 4	Zac S
TITOKI 6	Madison F
RIMU 7	Mae Mae Z
POHUTUKAWA 8	Teacher Absent
RATA 9	Molly v d H
TOTARA 10	Thomas C
MATAI 11	Xin Yuan Z
TANEKAHA 12	Maia G
MIRO 13	Harper L-M
PUKATEA 14	Lila R Kea W
KARAKA 15	Chloe P
MANUKA 16	Nancy L
TAWA 19	Spencer C



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Netball Taster Day - Sunday 20th February 2022

Kia ora,

Cambridge Netball Centre is planning a **'Have a go'** day for kids wanting to try out netball **this Sunday 20th February**. This is open to Year 0-8, no netball experience necessary.

We have to comply with COVID rules so this is a vaccination event which allows us to have more than 25 people at the courts for each session. Social distancing will be encouraged where possible and players put into smaller bubble groups to have some fun.

To ensure we provide a safe, fun event for our kids, the following conditions will need to be followed by parents/guardians entering the courts:

1. Only 1 adult per participating child
 - a. Anyone over the age of 12 years & 3 months must have a current vaccination pass scanned on entry
 - b. Scan in using the QR code
 - c. Wear a mask at all times at the courts

Kerry Rennie - *Future Ferns Coordinator* (on behalf of the Cambridge Netball Centre Future Ferns Team)

HAVE A GO netball

Make new friends, have fun and learn new skills

COME & GIVE NETBALL A GO
Sunday 20th February 2022

Year 0 - Y2: 9:30 - 10:15am
Year 3 - Y8: 10:30 - 11:15am

CAMBRIDGE NETBALL CENTRE
ENTRANCE THROUGH TENNYSON ST GATE ONLY

FREE ENTRY

Sneakers or Sports Shoes must be worn
Bring a drink bottle

COVID Rules
One adult per playing child
All Visitors over the age of 12 years & 3 months must;
• Show a current vaccination pass • Scan in • Socially distance
• Keep masks on at all times

WANT TO BE A VOLUNTEER?
Court Volunteers
Coaches, Managers,
Umpires
Have a chat
with one our team



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Community Consultation

Community Consultation on Shade at Tamahere Park Playground

Tamahere Community Centre

2:00 pm – 7:00 pm, Monday 21 February



This event was planned for last year, but because of Covid it was postponed.

The Waikato District Council has teamed up with the Lions Club of Tamahere and the Tamahere Community Committee to look at the possibility of providing shade for parts of the playground at Tamahere Park. The Council is keen to get feedback from local residents, including children's experiences, when using the playground in the summer heat, views on feasible shade options and ideas on how funds could be raised to pay for installing shade solutions.

Shade options have been identified and these will be on display at a community consultation session, to be held at the **Tamahere Community Centre from 2:00 pm until 7:00 pm on Monday 21st February 2022.**

Residents are encouraged to attend this event where representatives from WDC, TCC and Lions will be there to answer questions.

Please let Tamahere Lions know if you would like to be involved in raising funds for the project. Email tamaherelions@gmail.com.

Face masks and vaccine passes are required for this event.

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Year 1 - 4's Give It A Go!!!!

Northern Districts Cricket Association, Term 1 Super Smash Hubs are back up and running, and will be starting in a few weeks time.

GIVE IT A GO PROGRAMME

6 WEEKS **YEAR 1-4**

SUPER SMASH HUB

NORTHERN DISTRICTS CRICKET

CATCH! THROW! STRIKE!

LOCATION	DAY	START DATE	TIME
Discovery Park	Monday	21-Feb-22	4pm
Southwell School	Monday	21-Feb-22	3.30pm
Waikato University	Tuesday	22-Feb-22	4pm
Raglan Area School	Wednesday	23-Feb-22	4pm
Steele Park	Thursday	24-Feb-22	3.45pm

REGISTER VIA [NDCRICKET.CO.NZ/PLAY](https://bit.ly/34RiZYw) - TURN OVER FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you would like to register please click on this link - <https://bit.ly/34RiZYw>

The cost of the hub is \$25 for 6 weeks, and for an extra \$40 you can also purchase the new Northern Brave participant pack.



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21st Feb - 11th April 2022

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