

TAMAHERE

MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL

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Wiki/ Week 6 Happenings:

Kia ora Koutou

I hope you, your families and friends are all fairing as well as can be expected, in these very unusual times. So far, our school has been tracking along fairly evenly, with still only the original five classes considered close contacts and having around 28% of students away most days. I believe this is largely up to all of you, for your diligence in keeping any symptomatic children away from school when they show any signs of illness, and possibly the high vaccination rates in our area. Thank you very much for this.

We have just had notification today that two students in Pukatea 14, have now tested positive and they were on site while contagious. Both the Te Akatarere classes, Miro 13 and Pukatea 14 students would now be considered close contacts, along with the Year 5 & 6 STEPS group on Monday morning. Unless showing any signs and symptoms no one needs to isolate, unless living in the same household under Phase 3.

On the staff side, COVID seems to be impacting us more this week, with the number of staff isolating at home with family members, who have positive results growing by the day. This is expected in this pandemic peak period. We also have had one member of the office staff test positive and as a result we are running on a skeleton staff in this area, along with our Senior Leadership Team, who have been impacted. As things evolve, your children may be taught by Relievers or be joined with other classes, to cope. We have not had to do this yet and will still take as many precautions as we can.

Our teachers are so aware that every day is a precious learning day with their students at this time. They are enjoying the extra care and time they can give to the children physically in their classrooms. We are aware that many at home are not able to access the curriculum in the same way. We hope the home learning packs and Google Meets information are helping. We look forward to your children having a speedy recovery and being able to be back with us again soon.

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Masks: Thank you for your support with sending your children with a number of masks to school. Getting child masks at times can be challenging and we do appreciate this. As a school we have to source and buy our own. We are happy to supply some when needed, but a number of students have become regulars! This for us is just another COVID cost and with increasing costs in many areas and a decrease in income, due to our PTA being unable to run events, we would really appreciate it, if children could bring their own masks to school please.

Kia Kaha - I hope you are coping well and we will soon be out the other side of this. Take care!

TEACHER ONLY DAY ON MONDAY!

Just a reminder that our school will be closed for tuition on **MONDAY 14th March**. The school will be completely closed on Monday, as teachers will be involved in Literacy Professional Development. Before and After School Care will not be operating. We are sorry for any inconvenience that this may cause you, as you rearrange your family for one day. We have added it to a weekend to make it slightly easier for you. This is one of our extra Teacher Only Days provided in the teachers collective negotiations and we still have a couple to go. They are very worthwhile for our teachers and consequently the quality of learning and teaching we can provide for your children. Thank you for the support with this.



PTA AGM MEETING- TUESDAY 22nd March at 7.00pm

Would you like to meet twice a term and help support our school? If yes, please come and join the PTA.

We are an informal group of mums and dads who work together to fundraise for school improvements. This year will not have lots of large events due to the uncertainty of COVID-19; instead we will focus on small initiatives and try to connect the parents, teachers and students wherever possible. If you have any questions please get in touch with us at pta@tamahere.school.nz

The next meeting is **Tuesday 22nd March at 7.00pm** with the AGM and a vote to select the PTA officers, followed by our usual discussion on initiatives to help the school. **The meeting will be in the outside area of the Boundary** and also available virtually via [GoogleMeet](#).



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Tamahere New Entrant Enrolment Tracking:

All families with pre-schoolers and anyone expecting to enrol a child at Tamahere Model Country School for 2023, please ensure that you have added their names to our cradle roll, which greatly assists us with planning for next year.

Please email the school office on reception@tamahere.school.nz

Thank you for your assistance.



COVID-19 INFORMATION UPDATE:

Changes to Isolation Period for COVID-19 cases and Household Close Contacts:

As you are probably aware, an announcement was made yesterday, that the isolation period for COVID-19 cases and their household contacts is reducing to one week, down from 10 days, as from 11.59pm this Friday.

The main changes are as follows:

- From 11:59pm on Friday, people with COVID-19 and their Household Contacts must isolate for 7 days, not 10 days.
- Household Contacts will need to have a rapid antigen test at day 3 and day 7 of their isolation period. If they become symptomatic, they should also get a test, and if the result is positive, they are required to isolate for seven days from that point.
- If a person is isolating and still has symptoms after seven days, they are advised to stay home until 24 hours after symptoms resolve.
- Once you have recovered from COVID-19, you will not need to isolate again for 3 months, if someone else in your household tests positive during that time. This is an increase from the current 28 days.

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Upcoming Dates:

March / Poutū-te-rangi	
<i>Rāhina / Monday 14th</i>	TEACHER ONLY DAY - Literacy Development
<i>Rātu/Tuesday 22nd</i>	PTA MEETING AT THE BOUNDARY at 7.00pm
April / Paenga-whāwhā	
<i>Rāpare / Thursday 14th</i>	END OF TERM ONE
May / Haratua	
<i>Rāhina / Monday 2nd</i>	START OF TERM 2

PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning

Students of Week 5 'I am reliable and trustworthy'	
NIKAU 1	Addison M Olivia A- Y
KAURI 2	Dylan H
KOWHAI 4	Hannah D
TITOKI 6	Michael F
RIMU 7	Isobella v d M
POHUTUKAWA 8	April C
RATA 9	Molly B
TOTARA 10	Fraser M
MATAI 11	Claudia F
TANEKAHA 12	Ivanka N
MIRO 13	Mikayla B
PUKATEA 14	Millie B
KARAKA 15	Holly C

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MANUKA 16	Harrison C
TAWA 19	Ema R



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Watch Dylan Master The Rubik's Cube

Dylan, who is in Year 3, has been working hard since September last year, to master the Rubik's Cube. Please [click here](#) to see just how quickly he can solve the puzzle. Very impressive Dylan!



Maungatautari Swimming Sports Video

As well as the wonderful photos shared in last week's newsletter, we also have videos to share of our Maungatautari Student Swimming Finals. **Please click on the links below to view:**

- ★ [9 and 10 Year Old Freestyle Finals](#)
- ★ [9 and 10 Year Old Backstroke Finals](#)
- ★ [9 and 10 Year Old Breaststroke Finals](#)
- ★ [9 and 10 Year Old Medley Timed Finals](#)



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TMCS Vela Pool SWIMMING RECORDS

We are very pleased to be able to share the updated TMCS Vela Pool Swimming Records, following last week's 2022 Swimming Sports:

EVENT CLASSIFICATION	FREESTYLE - 25m	BACKSTROKE - 25m	BREASTSTROKE - 25m	MEDLEY - 3x 25m
<i>7 Year Old Girls</i> RECORD HOLDERS	2020 Ava D - 0.26	2020 Indigo W - 0.29	2020 Molly C - 0.34.66	2021 Maia G - 1.57.16
<i>7 Year Old Boys</i> RECORD HOLDERS	2022 Dylan H - 0.17.84	2022 Dylan H - 0.23.28	2021 Dylan H - 0.27.28	2022 Dylan H - 1.20.00
<i>8 Year Old Girls</i> RECORD HOLDERS	2022 Olivia A- Y - 0.19.87	2022 Olivia A- Y - 0.24.93	2022 Charlotte C- 0.29.28	2020 Sarina T- 1.29.85
<i>8 Year Old Boys</i> RECORD HOLDERS	2020 Luke D - 0.18.84	2020 Luke D- 0.24.13	2020 Luke D - 0.27.09	2020 Luke D - 1.24.91
<i>9 Year Old Girls</i> RECORD HOLDERS	2021 Sarina T - 0.16.88	2020 Heidi K- 0.22.22	2020 India M - 0.24.29	2021 Sarina T - 1.15.72
<i>9 Year Old Boys</i> RECORD HOLDERS	2020 Kaya H - 0.16.53	2020 Kaya H - 0.19.97	2020 Kaya H - 0.25.19	2020 Kaya H - 1.12.03

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<i>10 Year Old Girls RECORD HOLDERS</i>	2022 Sarina T - 0.15.15	2022 Sarina T- 0.19.69	2021 India M - 0.21.72	2022 Sarina T - 1.08.00
<i>10 Year Old Boys RECORD HOLDERS</i>	2021 Kaya H - 0.15.82	2021 Kaya H - 0.18.93	2020 Jaden H - 0.21.19	2020 Jaden H - 1.06.00

Taupiri Swimming Celebration 2022

The Taupiri Swimming Celebration:

What a fantastic Swimming Celebration the Taupiri Team had on Friday last week. Swimming caps were on, googles tight, the water warm and towels ready. The celebration showcased the ability of our Taupiri swimmers, as well as an opportunity to support and encourage each other. It was great to see the children cheering each other on.

What a wonderful way to celebrate the end of the swimming season.

Here are some pictures from the practice. We are in the process of putting together some coverage of the day itself. Watch this space.

The Taupiri Team



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NETBALL

Information on how to register for netball 2022, will be sent out over the next couple of weeks, once we receive confirmed details.



Farm Cottage Inspections Available



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Did you know you are required to complete 3 or 6 monthly **recorded** inspections of your farm employees cottage for both your Insurance company and the new Dairy Company Compliance payment. You don't want that difficult discussion about maintaining property standards, but being accountable will actually save you time and money. Also an unbiased third party with documented inspections will become essential. For each new signup before 1 June 2022 I will donate \$25 to the school so give me a call.

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