

TAMAHERE

MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL

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

Wiki/ Week 7 Happenings:

Proud about our PUMPKINS!

This year, we will be unable to have our wonderful Pumpkin Night Celebrations, which we had planned to hold this Term. We are aware though, that many families have been nurturing their pumpkin seeds into HUGE beautiful pumpkins. Although we can't get together at the moment, we are still excited to see what you have been able to grow and to share and celebrate our special **Pride in Pumpkins** that has been happening at our school for decades.

So if you have been growing a pumpkin for months or would like to have a bit of fun **Pumpkin Creativity** at your place, here are the categories that you can enter with us online:

A. Home grown Pumpkins: To enter, take a couple of photographs of your pumpkin, with yourself beside it or in other ways, to show its size. e.g. a spade or ruler. Send the photos to - reception@tamahere.school.nz & wparker@tamahere.school.nz and tell us:

1. The height of your pumpkin
2. The width, girth, circumference measurement of your pumpkin
3. The name of your pumpkin!
4. Your name, age, syndicate and classroom.
5. A little information e.g Who helped you to grow your pumpkin, etc.



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B. Dress up your Pumpkin - another category in this section, where you can **dress up your Pumpkin** and send us a photo.

The next categories can be achieved with bought pumpkins:

C. PUMPKINS ON PARADE - Any pumpkin creation, either carved or decorated with embellishments, (e.g., Lego, toys, hair, ...). Let your imagination run wild! Take a photo and let us enjoy sharing the results in our newsletter.

D. PUMPKINS & PALS - Pumpkins and/or other Vegetable friends, carved or decorated as you wish. You may use any other veges you like, e.g., marrows, carrots, radishes... Take a photo and let us enjoy sharing them in our newsletter.



E. Write a poem or story about pumpkins or write a **factual report** to help us to learn more about pumpkins.

F. Draw, paint, create a work of art involving pumpkins! - These could be brought to school, if you are onsite with us.

We are really looking forward to seeing what you come up with.

Please send all photo entries to reception@tamahere.school.nz & wparker@tamahere.school.nz and make sure you include: your name, age, syndicate and classroom.

All entries need to be received by Monday 28th March at 9.00am.

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Welcome - Whakatau for our New Entrants who joined us this week:

It was lovely to be able to achieve even a very minor Whakatau, to welcome our new five year olds to our school on Tuesday morning. Two of our Year 6 girls, Kea & Anahera, did a great job of performing the karanga for us, to call everyone on. We welcomed 5 new students to our school, who have joined two classes, Mrs Metcalfe in Tawa 19 and Mrs Paladin in Totara 10. We hope you and your families have a very happy and successful time with us.



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Welcome Mrs Saussey

We are very pleased to welcome Mrs Jasmine Saussey (Sounds a bit like South Sea) onto our team. Jasmine joined in with our Mid-Term-Cohort mini Whakatau on Tuesday and is now one of us. Jasmine will be teaching the next group of New Entrant arrivals, at the beginning of Term 2 and setting up her classroom in Puriri 5.

Kia ora tamariki and whānau.

I am Miss S (Saussey), I will be the new kaiako in Puriri 5 for this year. I am excited to meet the tamariki and whānau of Tamahere Model Country School this year. I have two children of my own, a daughter who is six and a son who is three. I am an avid outdoor enthusiast and enjoy all things creative. Previous to teaching I was a graphic designer. I feel very privileged to be a part of TMCS for this year. If you see me around please feel free to say hi. I am looking forward to meeting our TMCS whānau.

*Ngaa Mihi
Jasmine*

PTA - AGM Our wonderful Parent Teacher Association, which is hugely important to our school, will be holding an open air meeting at the Boundary on 22nd March, with the ability to link in through a Google Meet as well. This amazing, motivated bunch of parents are keen to get together and have a positive AGM despite the challenges they are facing with their planned events and activities. They are looking forward to a great turn out in person and online. We hope you can join them.

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PTA AGM MEETING- NEXT 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](#).



COVID-19 INFORMATION UPDATE:

As a school we seem to be continuing with our rolling 25-30% absences at present. Some in, some out, as isolation and cases rise and fall. We have also had a few staff down but are managing and constantly juggling things, as I know you all are.

We are very pleased to be able to report that we are currently tracking just 11 students who are at home with COVID - 19. Another 23 students who tested positive, have now returned to school, following their self isolation period. Even though we have had a total of 34 students at our school test positive, only a very small number were actually infectious while at school, limiting the spread. Once again, thank you for your diligence and support in keeping unwell children home and keeping up with the guidelines.

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Here are some interesting numbers, showing how our school has been impacted:

Syndicate Name:	Taupiri	Pirongia	Maungatautari
TOTAL Positive Covid-19 Case Numbers:	12	12	10
TOTAL Recovered:	8	9	6
CURRENT Positive Covid-19 Students:	4	4	4
TOTAL Number of student HOUSEHOLD CONTACTS who have self isolated:	9	11	11
CURRENT Number of students self-isolating as HOUSEHOLD CLOSE CONTACTS:	4	4	2
TOTAL Number of students, whose families elected to self isolate:	23	20	12
CURRENT Number of students absent, as families have elected to self isolate:	7	10	9

Please see the information below for the changes that came into effect, from last Saturday 12th March.

CASES OF COVID-19

Anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 will be required to isolate for seven days.

Day 0 is the day symptoms began or the day the test was taken (whichever came first). Cases will isolate for a full seven days and are free to return to normal activities on Day 8, if they are not symptomatic.

HOUSEHOLD CONTACTS:

Household contacts are required to isolate for the same seven days as the case. They can return to their normal activities on the same day as the first case in their household, so long as all test results have been negative, and they are not symptomatic.

Household contacts should continue to self-monitor for symptoms up to Day 10.

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Household contacts will be required to take a self-administered rapid antigen test (RAT) on Day 3 and Day 7 of the case's isolation period.

If symptoms develop at any time during isolation:

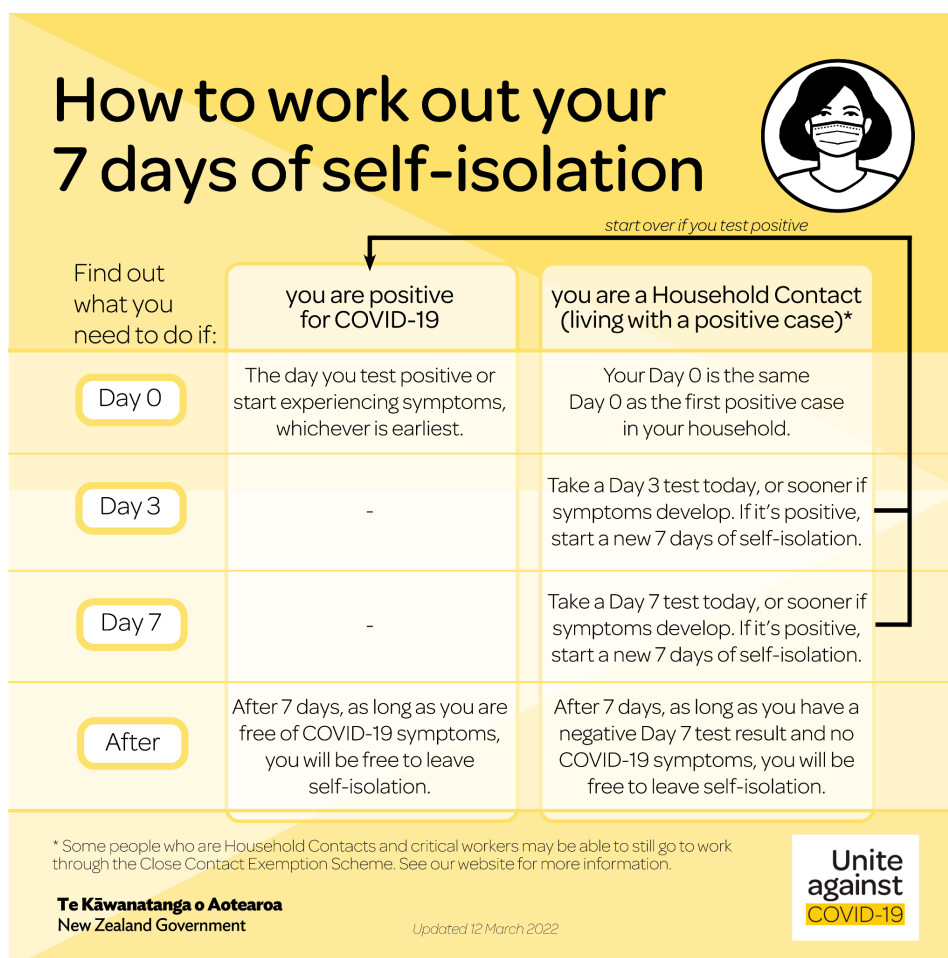
- the usual advice remains in place, to undertake an additional RAT
- if the test is negative and symptoms persist or worsen, test again 48 hours after that negative test
- if symptoms resolve there is no need for a further test until the required Day 7 test. If this is negative, they can return to daily life on Day 8.

If a household contact has new symptoms on the day of release:

- they should undertake an additional RAT and stay at home while unwell
- if that test is negative and symptoms persist or worsen, test again after 48 hours. If symptoms resolve, there is no need for a further test.

If a household contact has finished their period of isolation, they do not need to return to isolation if a new case is identified in their household. However, this only applies for a period of seven days following their leaving isolation.

Should a new household member be confirmed as a case, eight or more days after the household contact has left isolation, then they must start a new period of self-isolation for seven days.



Upcoming Dates:

March / Poutū-te-rangi	
Rātu/Tuesday 22nd	★ PTA MEETING & AGM AT THE BOUNDARY at 7.00pm
April / Paenga-whāwhā	
Rāpare / Thursday 14th	★ Parent Teacher Interviews ★ Whakatau Welcome for our Term 2 starters ★ END OF TERM ONE
May / Haratua	
Rāhina /Monday 2nd	★ START OF TERM 2

Year Four Camp

Planning is well-underway for our Year Four camp to Raglan. This year, camp will take place from **Wednesday 25th to Friday 27th of May**. If you are interested in being a parent helper on camp, and you are fully vaccinated against Covid, please ensure your Police vetting is completed via the school office. More specific information will be sent home later this term. If you have any questions, please email Leah Mills (lmills@tamahere.school.nz)



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PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning

Students of Week 6 'Class Needs/Student Voice'	
NIKAU 1	Nico V
KAURI 2	Bennett S Emily Mc
KOWHAI 4	Chloe A Y
TITOKI 6	Daphne K
RIMU 7	Mason S
POHUTUKAWA 8	Etáin B-S
RATA 9	James L
TOTARA 10	George R
MATAI 11	Harriet L
TANEKAHA 12	Mia H
MIRO 13	Ben J
PUKATEA 14	Sam O
KARAKA 15	Mika P
MANUKA 16	Anunand C
TAWA 19	Hudson C



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Taupiri Swimming Celebration VIDEO

As well as the wonderful photos that were shared in last week's newsletter, we are very pleased to be able to share the video that was taken of our Taupiri Swimming Celebrations. [Please click here to view.](#)



Pirongia Swimming Sports Certificates Awarded



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BMX National Championships Success

Isaac S, competed in the BMX National Championships last weekend in Hamilton and made the finals where (after a crash out), he finished in 7th place. Well done Isaac!



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 sign up before 1 June 2022 I will donate \$25 to the school so give me a call.

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