

TAMAHERE

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Nurturing Our Future - Growing Together
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Wiki/ Week 8 Happenings:

Learning Conferences: Wednesday 6th & Thursday 7th April

We miss seeing you around and catching up with those casual one to one chats! :)

Our teachers are really looking forward to meeting with you properly (but with masks on!) at our end of term Learning Conferences. Following yet another unusual term of learning, and the disjointed learning journeys your children have experienced over the past 3 years, our teachers would like to keep these meetings *kanohi te kanohi* - face to face, with just parents and teachers present, so that you can all cover as many bases as possible. We feel that you are also very keen to meet up and have a solid conversation.

Our Learning Conferences (Parent Teacher Interviews) will run from 2.20pm through to 7.00pm on Wednesday 6th April and from 2.50pm till 5.20pm on Thursday 7th April.

Maungatautari with the larger class sizes, will be starting at the earlier time of 1.20pm on Wednesday and their children will be catered for during this extra time.

Please note: On Wednesday we will be having a shortened lunch hour and the school day will **finish at the earlier time of 2.00pm**. The bus will be running half an hour earlier and After School Care will also start half an hour earlier.

Normal school hours will resume on Thursday 7th April, with our learning day concluding at the usual time of 2.30pm. Conferences will start after this.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused by our early conclusion of learning on Wednesday.

One Conference per child: So that each teacher can discuss a child's learning journey in depth with parents and caregivers, and to ensure everyone is on the same page, we ask that all parents join together for this occasion. This will help everyone involved to understand the issues and know how best to provide the support required for each child. It will also enable teachers to have the time needed to achieve conferences for every student in their class. There are not enough spaces for our split family parents to have an appointment each. We appreciate your support in this matter.

COVID Complications: If you are **unable to attend** your child's conference due to COVID challenges, please email the classroom teacher(s) concerned and they will send you a Google Meet or Zoom Link and slot you into a free gap on these evenings, so that you don't miss out. Please let them know early on, so that they can fit you in.

Booking your Learning Conferences:

Bookings for our upcoming Learning Conferences to be held on Wednesday 6th & Thursday 7th April are now open. Bookings operate on a **first in first served basis**.

Book your Learning Conference times by clicking on the links provided below.

We suggest you allow gaps between your different children's interviews to allow time to get from room to room and for delays that may arise.

Please book your conference **by Monday 4th April**, so that the teachers can be prepared for your visit.

Click on the following links to book:

[MAUNGATAUTARI Learning Conference link](#)

[TAUPIRI & PIRONGIA Learning Conference link](#)



Book the time that you require with your child's teacher. If you do not have access to the internet or if you require any assistance with your booking, please contact Lisa on 274 166 801 or reception@tamahere.school.nz.

PTA AGM: The PTA AGM saw a changing of the guard on Tuesday night. **Mike Calvert** stood down after 5 years as Chairperson and **Leah Shallcrass** has stepped away from the Treasurer's role, after 6 years of service. The long service and dedication of these two has been impressive and they have led and held our PTA team together through some lean and challenging times. The PTA thanked these two hard working, dedicated and inspirational members at the AGM on Tuesday night.

Last year the PTA, despite all the COVID challenges, donated \$100,000 to our school for our playground developments and created some great memories from fun, community building events.

[Please click here](#) to see my full report outlining funding achievements and thanks to these two stalwarts of our school.

Congratulations to the new Office Holders for 2022/2023 who are:

- Chairperson - Louise Mercer
- Vice Chairperson - Kristen Thomas
- Treasurer - Alice Candy
- Secretary - Frances McKenzie



The PTA is still in great hands - I wish you well in your new roles.

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COVID-19 INFORMATION UPDATE:

We have had a few teachers away this week with COVID in their families, however many students are now back after recovering from COVID or completing isolation unaffected. This week, we have been operating with around 80-85% attendance, which is great for learning and consistency. We hope all families who are still at home struggling with isolation and the virus get through it easily. Take care. At present we only have 8 students who have tested positive at home with their families.

Changes to Traffic Light System: As far as the easing of Red Light practices - this will mean our winter sports will be much easier to manage - back to normal. Fantastic! At this stage however, we have not been given any indication about easing of other restrictions around our site, so it will continue to be business as usual. Thank you for continuing to bear with us.

Syndicate Name:	Taupiri	Pirongia	Maungatautari
TOTAL Positive Covid-19 Case Numbers:	14	15	14
TOTAL Recovered:	10	12	11
CURRENT Positive Covid-19 Students:	2	3	3
TOTAL Number of student HOUSEHOLD CONTACTS who have self isolated:	10	15	17
CURRENT Number of students self-isolating as HOUSEHOLD CLOSE CONTACTS:	1	6	5
TOTAL Number of students, whose families elected to self isolate:	24	22	11
CURRENT Number of students absent, as families have elected to self isolate:	4	6	5

Upcoming Dates:

April / Paenga-whāwhā	
Rāapa / Wednesday 6th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ SCHOOL ENDS EARLY AT 2.00pm ★ Parent Teacher Interviews
Rāpare / Thursday 7th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Parent Teacher Interviews
Rāpare / Thursday 14th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Whakatau Welcome for our Term 2 starters ★ END OF TERM ONE
May / Haratua	
Rāhina /Monday 2nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ START OF TERM 2

PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning

Students of Week 7 <i>'I try my best even when things are hard'</i>	
NIKAU 1	Reed L
KAURI 2	Tate B
KOWHAI 4	Beau C
TITOKI 6	Eva O
RIMU 7	Wolf R
POHUTUKAWA 8	Tian Z
RATA 9	Asher J
TOTARA 10	Maddie E
MATAI 11	Tamara J
TANEKAHA 12	Leon S
MIRO 13	Summer M
PUKATEA 14	Damien K

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KARAKA 15	Kathlyn D
MANUKA 16	Josh S
TAWA 19	Rayaan R



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Tamahere History Shared:

A very special taonga for the Tamahere Community. In case you may have missed the significance of the murals on the new underpass, here is the information and some great history of our area.

TŪTOHU WHENUA TAMAHERE UNDERPASS UNVEILED

Yesterday we joined with our whanaunga Ngāti Koroki Kahukura to unveil and bless artworks situated at the SH21 Underpass at Tamahere. The artworks were designed by our very own Weka Pene (Rukumoana Marae) who was unable to attend the blessing yesterday.

Weka shares some of the kōrero that informed the concepts for the artworks.

The intention of the designs that envelop the underpass, is to acknowledge the mana of the people and the history of Tamahere.

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Ko Hoturoa te mana ō runga. Hoturoa is the figure with the 'hoe' or paddle in his hand, as he led the great expedition of the Tainui Waka to Aotearoa. Adjacent to Hoturoa are Mahinaarangi and her son Raukawa. While crossing the Waikato river, Mahinaarangi tied her son to her back, thus Tamahere was named. 'Tama' being boy or son and 'here' being to bind or tie.

Opposite to these designs and across the road, features 'Maungatautari' the tupuna maunga of the area. Within it's vicinity, stands our ancestor, Hauā, whom Ngāti Hauā derives from. He wields a 'patu' to signify his nobility and his prowess and below Hauā, is his father, Korokī. Korokī represents Ngāti Koroki Kahukura who are kaitiaki of Maungatautari.

On the other side of the ramp, is Wiremu Tamihana reading a bible. He was a devout Christian who used the teachings of the bible and mātauranga māori to lead his people to peace. It is known that Wiremu Tamihana was born at Maniapoto Pā, a significant Pā that stood where the expressway now lays. Tamahere is also the place where Wiremu Tamihana laid down his taiaha to end the violence of the Land Wars. Below is his father, the revered warrior and battle strategist, Te Waharoa.

Go and take a look e hoa mā 😊

Ka nui te mihi ki a koe Weka i whakanui i whakatō i ēnei kōrero tuku iho ki ēnei taonga mō tātou katoa.



URGENT REQUEST: Return of Football Shirts from Last Season

With the 2022 Football season and our first games fast approaching, we are now on the search for a number of football shirts that were not returned at the end of last year. If you still have a football shirt at home, can you please have your child/children return them to the children's entrance of the office in a named bag.

Thank you for your assistance.

Jo Metcalfe
Sports Coordinator



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Office Max School Rewards

We are thrilled to share that your purchases of school stationery, as part of the School Rewards programme have earned our school a huge credit of \$1,243.82 with Office Max!

Not only is online stationery super easy for parents, it is a huge bonus for our school, thanks for your support!



Proud about our PUMPKINS!

Have you entered yet?

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



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.

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

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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.

BASKETBALL -Term Two-YEAR 3-6 children

Calling all keen basketball players! The Waikato Basketball Association is working on details for Term Two. The only information I have received so far is that it will start on the 10th of May, and run until the 1st of July. (depending on which night your game is held) Games will be held at the YMCA.

If you are interested in playing please email me with your name, room number and mobile number. When more details are available, I will organise teams. If games conflict with another commitment, I can then take you off the list.

Kind regards,

Ann Marie Copponi
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SH21 Underpass Project Update - 21st March 2022

Kia ora koutou,

I hope you are all keeping well. We are now working on the final stages of the project, with all major works completed.

On the southern (Country Club) side, a concrete cycle path has been poured at both ends of the new guardrail to allow cyclist access to the underpass from SH21. A hand rail has been mounted on the ramp and stairs. The next few weeks will see lights installed on the footpath outside the underpass and mulch added to the areas with topsoil.

On the northern (Tamahere) side of the underpass, the kerb has been poured and the handrails have been mounted to the ramp wall and staircase. The next few weeks will see guardrail installed, mulch added to the topsoil areas and a rock garden built behind the guardrail.

A layer of asphalt has been applied to the floor of the underpass to provide users with a higher level of skid resistance during periods of rainfall. A second coat of graffiti guard will be applied to the underpass in the coming weeks and the lights will be connected.

While the underpass may look complete in some areas, for your safety and our team onsite, we ask that people avoid trying to use the underpass until all works have been completed. A formal notification will be released when the underpass is safe to use.

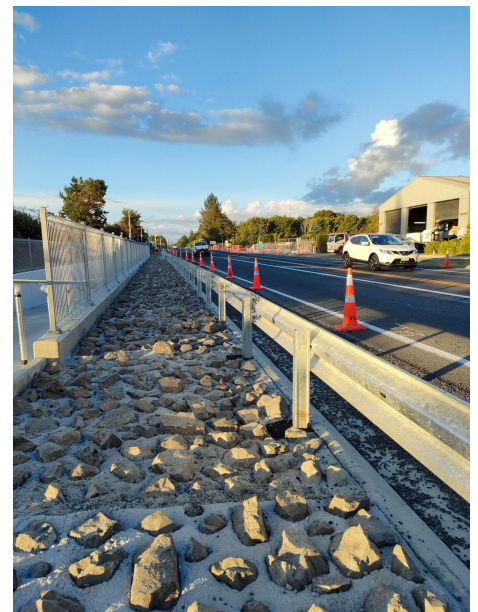
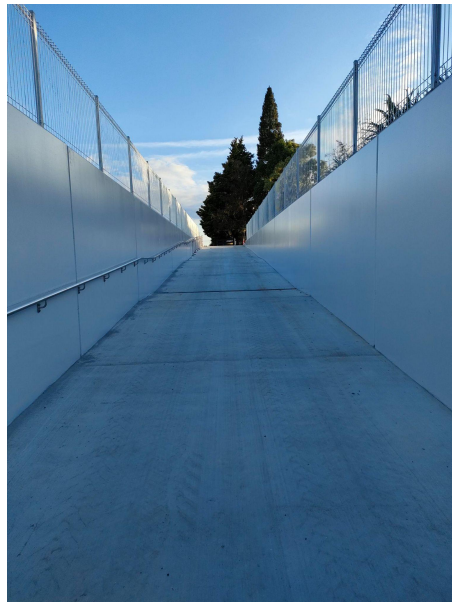
Happy to answer any questions you have.

Regards,

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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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