NEWSLETTER 1st September 2022

Week 6, Term 3

TAMAHERE

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

Wiki/ Week 6 Happenings:

WHAKATAU WELCOME

The sun shone, and our Kapa Haka performed with mana on Monday morning to welcome three new students and their whanau to our school. Our latest New Entrant Mid Term Cohort was welcomed with a Tamahere Whakatau. They will all be joining Puriri 5, along with Isla A, who was unable to start school on her first day, due to illness. We hope you have a very happy and successful time at our school, Abigail P, Isla A, Heidi R and Emily B.





















Structured Literacy:

You have probably heard a lot of discussion in the media recently about the new Structured Literacy approach that the Ministry and others are hoping will be adopted in schools nationwide, rather than just the Whole Language approach. This is to let you know that we, at Tamahere Model Country School, have been using a *Structured Literacy* approach for many years. Our reading and writing programme incorporates both methods but we primarily use the structured phonetic-based approach to start our readers on their path. We have evolved our own programme based on the Gaye Byers Literacy Model. Our Word Work - structured learning around sounds and words, works on breaking apart and identifying sounds within words, developing spelling and dictation skills, which in turn springboards into writing.

Writing is a challenging area for most students and all classes look at different exemplars and ways of writing to inspire and guide our students. Our achievements across the board are high in comparison to many. We know there is always work to be done, and this year our staff are involved in intensive inquiries into our pedagogy around all aspects of what makes literacy effective at Tamahere Model Country School. We have been trialling new approaches and consolidating old ones. Through sharing and learning together we hope to achieve a more robust and sustainable model for our teachers to use. The new Government initiatives will dovetail into this and we will be able to add more elements to our kite.

Toitoi - A Journal for Young Writers & Artists

Toitoi is a journal for young New Zealand writers aged from 5-13 years, celebrating the creative spirit of young New Zealanders. They select to publish material with an original and authentic voice that other young people can connect to and be inspired by and that reflects the cultures and experiences of life in New Zealand. We are very pleased to share that a piece that Liadán entered recently about her passion for ballet will be published in the next Toitoi magazine. Well done Liadán!

Check out https://www.facebook.com/toitoi.nz/



An Afternoon With Sir Graham Henry

Thank you to everyone who has already purchased tickets to this wonderful event being held tomorrow. It looks like you will be enjoying a very interesting afternoon!

If you haven't managed to buy tickets yet, but would like to attend, please contact Alice van der Heyden on 021 628 776 or email <u>alice.candy@gmail.com</u>. Thank you for your support!

Cross Country!

We are looking forward to welcoming parents and supporters back to our Cross Country events again. To keep everything simple and to avoid mask wearing, etc we ask that all parents and supporters **please remain on the Tamahere Reserve area,** where you will be able to see all competitors easily and keep your distance as you encourage runners along. Thank you for your support with this.



Whole School Production - A Night in the Library

This year, every child in our school will be involved in our whole school production! All children will be required for every show. Tickets will be available from the start of Term 4 but in the meantime, we would like you to mark these dates on your calendar:

Save the dates:

- Monday 31st October (full dress rehearsal)
- Tuesday 1st November (Matinee)
- Wednesday 2nd November (Matinee and evening)
- Thursday 3rd November (evening)



More details regarding costumes and class plans will come from your child's teacher.

Class Placements for 2023 - Let Us Know!!

As we approach Term 4 it is once again time for us to start planning our classroom environments for next year.

When we organise classes in our school we look at each of our students' academic and social needs and abilities. We use our cumulative teachers' notes and check

friendships with each child. We strive to achieve the best possible learning environments for all of our students and teachers. We actively decide to separate some students and join others, to achieve the best possible learning and teaching outcomes.

While providing support, we also work to build resilience and independence in our students, so that they will be able to cope with change and the next steps in their educational journeys when



they transition from us to other schools. Our aim with mixing students around is to develop a school environment where students know and are happy to work with many other students, to give opportunities to develop further friendships and to have a break from others to improve concentration and learning.

If you believe you have *any special information that you feel our teachers may not be aware of*, for example – the possibility of avoiding a competitive cousin in the same class, **please let your class teacher know** as they will add any relevant comments to the cumulative placement sheet.

It is important if you have any information to share that you **let us know before the end of this term.**

Thank you for the daffodils!

Spring is coming! After our very wet winter it is lovely to see this bright, welcoming border of daffodils which our students helped to plant on the side of the Tamahere Community Reserve.



Ballot for 2023 Out Of Zone Enrolments NOW OPEN

For all out-of-zone families expecting to enrol a child at Tamahere Model Country School in 2023, our annual ballot for Out-of-Zone placements is now open until 3:00pm on Friday 14th October 2022. Please note if you are out-of-zone, even if your child is a sibling of a current student, you have to be in the ballot to have a chance of your child being enrolled at our school in 2023. As with the last few years, except for siblings and possible priority enrolments, no out-of-zone children will be allocated a ballot place in 2023. This is to help alleviate the overcrowding challenges we are currently facing.



Tamahere New Entrant 2023 Enrolment Tracking

Thank you to the many families that have already contacted the school office, confirming names to be included in our 2023 cradle roll and completing the Pre Entry Form.

Can 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 and completed the Pre Entry Form, which greatly assists us with planning for next year. **Please <u>click here</u> to download our 2023 Pre Entry Form.**

Please email the completed Pre Entry form to the school office at <u>reception@tamahere.school.nz</u>

Thank you for your assistance.



JUMP JAM PERFORMANCE - Friday 9th September

Next week at the 1.30pm Friday afternoon Assembly , the Team 2 Freaks Jump Jam will be performing in front of our entire school. Feel free to come along and watch.



Upcoming Dates:

September / Mahuru			
Rāmere /Friday 2nd	★ AN AFTERNOON WITH SIR GRAHAM HENRY & GUESTS		
Rāapa/Wednesday 7th	★ TMCS CROSS COUNTRY		
Rāpare/ Thursday 8th	★ Hamilton (Junior) Regional Chess Tournament - held at TMCS		
Rāmere /Friday 9th	★ TMCS CROSS COUNTRY - POSTPONEMENT DAY		
Rātū/Tuesday 13th	★ PTA Meeting		
Rāpare/ Thursday 15th	★ PARENTS DINNER - Boundary Restaurant & Bar at 6.30pm		
Rātū/Tuesday 20th	★ BOT Meeting		
Rāmere /Friday 30th	★ END OF TERM 3		
October / Whiringa-ā-nuku			
Rāhina/ Monday 17th	★ START OF TERM 4		
Rāpare/ Thursday 20th	★ AG DAY		
Rāhina/ Monday 24th	★ LABOUR DAY		
Rātū /Tuesday 25th	★ GROUP DAY - hosted by TMCS		
Rāhina/ Monday 31st	★ WHOLE SCHOOL PRODUCTION - Full Dress Rehearsal		
November / Whiringa-ā-rangi			
Rātū/Tuesday 1st	★ WHOLE SCHOOL PRODUCTION - Matinee		
Rāapa/Wednesday 2nd	★ WHOLE SCHOOL PRODUCTION - Matinee & Evening Performance		

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PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning

Students of Week 5 'I am enthusiastic, curious and ask questions'		
NIKAU 1	Ella P	
KAURI 2	Dylan H	
KOWHAI 4	Mo Seh K	
PURIRI 5	Janiyah Z	
ΤΙΤΟΚΙ 6	George Cl	
RIMU 7	Isobella v d M	
POHUTUKAWA 8	Ayla H	
RATA 9	Cooper W	
TOTARA 10	Maddie E	
MATAI 11	Bo L	
TANEKAHA 12	Jessica L	
MIRO 13	Kodi H	
PUKATEA 14	Avril C	
KARAKA 15	Monty G	
MANUKA 16	Ethan B	
TAWA 19	Lucie H	







TMCS Cross Country

1st September 2022

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Our annual School Cross Country will be held on the **7th of September** at our school using the Tamahere Reserve.

Maungatautari Syndicate will be holding their cross country event at 8:45 am and the Pirongia Syndicate at approximately 9:45 am, with the Taupiri cross country starting at approximately 11:00 am. These times are not guaranteed as running speeds dictate when each race starts. We are pleased to be able to welcome you to enjoy this event with us once again this year. We ask that you **please remain on the Tamahere Reserve area**, where you will be able to see all competitors easily and keep your distance as you encourage runners along.

The postponement day for this cross country is the 9th of September.

Children are to wear their <u>Whanau shirt</u>, <u>suitable running shorts</u> (<u>skorts are okay along with</u> <u>uniform shorts</u>) and <u>running shoes</u>. Please ensure your child brings a change of warmer uniform to put on after their race as they may get wet, muddy and cold</u>. We strongly suggest they also bring a towel, and bag suitable for their muddy belongings to go in. Please make sure your child has plenty of food and water.

Disclosure of Risk: Below are the possible risks your child could be exposed to on this day and the safety measures that are in place.

- 1. **Medical Safety** All students / parents are asked to ensure each child has their asthma inhalers with them and epi pens and other medication where required. Please ensure your classroom teacher is aware of your child's medical conditions. Our teachers are 1st Aid trained and we will have first aid kits available.
- 2. Exhaustion / dehydration / exposure All children need to have plenty of food and drink for the day and sunscreen along with enough warm clothes in case the weather changes. If the forecast is for rain a waterproof raincoat, outside of our uniform may be carried if it provides more protection than our uniform.
- 3. Loss Every year whanau shirts and other items seem to go missing please ensure all clothing items are clearly named and there are bags to carry them home.

Thank you, Tamahere Model Country School Teachers

Girls Night Out - Save the Date!

A fun and relaxed evening for Year 5 and 6 Girls is being held on **Wednesday 14th September**. This will be an information evening around the topic of pubertal changes for our girls. Invitations will be sent home shortly but mark the date on your calendar if you haven't already.



Parents Dinner - Thursday 15th September at 6.30pm

Please join us at the Boundary for an informal dinner and a chance to meet and chat with other parents. All parents from all syndicates are welcome. There will be a variety of platters put on, with the chance to order off the menu, if you wish as well. Please sign up by filling in <u>this form</u>.



THE BOUNDARY Restaurant+bar

AG Day Update # 6

Vet Health check THIS SATURDAY 3rd September 9.00-10.00am



Once you have your animal if you have any health concerns, need to get it vaccinated or banded (castrated) please come along to our Vet Health Check day on September 3rd from 9.00am to 10.00am.

Get your entry forms in

Please register your animal using one of these forms so we can plan the numbers on the day.

- <u>Caged pets</u>
- <u>Calves</u>
- Kid goat
- <u>Lambs</u>
- <u>Ponies</u>
- <u>Raising poultry</u>
- <u>Showing poultry</u>
- Vegetable garden

Animal Contacts

If you do not already have your own animals, we have contacts available for orphans for those who wish to raise an animal. Please see <u>last week's newsletter</u> for details.



Together As One! Confident Can Do Kids! Honour Be Your Guide.

Can You Help?

Does anyone have any information about the vehicle which has been parked in the same spot, where our school families would usually park for student drop off and pick ups, for the last couple of weeks?

If you have any information to share, please contact the school office.



A Message from WAIDC- Reminder For Dog Owners

A reminder to dog owners: Please pick up after your dog and keep your dog on the lead unless you are in the off-leash area.

You may have noticed new signs at Tamahere Park. Waikato District Council has recently received complaints about dogs at Tamahere Park. School children play in this area so please remember to pick up after your dog. Dogs must be on a lead between the sports field and around the playground. They are not allowed on the playing field.

There is an off-leash area in Tamahere Park. This is by the Tamahere Community Centre, between the carpark and the road. Signs to show the off-leash area will be going up soon. You'll find the map on Council's website: www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/services-facilities/animal-control/dog-exercise-areas.





Cambridge Racquets Club Love TENNIS - Open Day Sunday 11th September



After School Running Fitness

AFTER SCHOOL RUNNING FITNESS!

Some kids just want to run and this is what I would like to cater for. Beside the obvious crossover of speed and endurance to other sports this will be a great fun way to burn off some extra energy in a fun but challenging way

