

TAMAHERE

MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL

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

Wiki/ Week 1 Happenings:

NAU MAI, HAERE MAI! Welcome back everyone to Term 1 2023

What a summer holiday we have had - or not had! I hope you were still able to make the most of your family time and had a happy and relaxing break, despite all of the rain. It is always lovely to welcome our tamariki back for a new school year. The bubbling excitement and squeals of happiness as friends catch up again and new classes and opportunities are experienced, creates such a happy environment for us all, as we link back together.

It was very special to welcome our **29 new students, 5 new staff** and **21 new families** to our school at the Whakatau on Wednesday. We were so proud of our Kapa Haka Roopuu and the three new leaders, who performed our karanga and led the haka. Well done Aria, Paige and Ethan - what a big step up for you all! The kia maia attitude you showed was impressive. Photos of our Whakatau can be seen further along in our newsletter.

Attendance: With some very concerning attendance rates across all schools in the country following three years of COVID restrictions and health issues, the Ministry of Education is wanting schools to actively check on all students attendance rates and absentee reasons. Please be aware that if your child's attendance is falling below expectations, we will be following up. Our 2022 data shows that some of our students averaged 1 to 2 absence days per week across the year and the impact on learning and achievement is significant. We understand that if your child has COVID a week of absence can happen quickly and we appreciate you keeping them isolated to help everyone else to remain healthy and at school.

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COVID: Well, it is certainly still around and the Waikato is tracking quite highly with cases not far behind Auckland. Again, we thank you all for the support in keeping unwell students at home, so that they do not infect others. We have a number of at-risk students and families, who want to keep attending school. If you have COVID in your family, and your child is still well, we ask that students wear masks to help protect others from being infected. RAT testing as we know, may take days to show a positive result. If your child is unwell in any way, please keep them home, so that our teachers and other students can continue on at school. We will continue to keep classrooms well ventilated and encourage regular hand washing. Masks and hand sanitiser are available in all classrooms.

Our kaiako/teachers have been busy over the break working on learning programmes and we enjoyed two Teacher Only Days together, building our skills and knowledge around Literacy, Te Reo, Tikanga Maaori and swimming. We also enjoyed a team building afternoon biking from Cambridge to the Hamilton Gardens on the impressive Te Awa Cycle Trail.



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Term One is a busy learning term for all of us, as well as one with lots of activities ranging from tabloids and swimming to camps and Kapa Haka.

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Meet The Teacher Evening – Thursday 9th February

We welcome all parents and caregivers to our Meet the Teacher evening next Thursday.

This is an opportunity for parents to come along and meet your children's new teacher and learn about routines and expectations in the different syndicates and classes.

This evening is an adult occasion. All parents are very welcome but one parent will be sufficient, if you are short on babysitting options. Having adults only will allow everyone to concentrate on what we are trying to achieve. For health and safety reasons, we ask that children are not left outside unsupervised.

Please go straight to your child's syndicate area as listed below. The times are staggered so that all families can enjoy being part of each syndicate's presentation.

Times are as follows:

SYNDICATE NAME	TIME	LOCATION - If Fine	WET WEATHER LOCATION
TAUPIRI - Year 1 & 2	5:00 to 5:45 pm	Junior Caterpillar Area	TCC
PIRONGIA - Year 3 & 4	5:50 to 6:35 pm	Pirongia Court Area	TCC
MAUNGATAUTARI - Year 5 & 6 * Camp information	6:40 to 7:30 pm	Manuka 16 Court Area	TCC

We look forward to seeing you at our *Meet the Teachers Evening* next Thursday.

Whakatau - Nau mai koutou katoa. We hope our new tamariki, kaiako and whanau have a very happy and successful time at our school. Great to have you with us.



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Upcoming Dates:

February / Hui-tanguru

WEEK 2

<i>Rāhina / Monday 6th</i>	★ WAITANGI DAY
<i>Rātū / Tuesday 7th</i>	★ WHANAU ELECTIONS ★ PTA MEETING
<i>Rāpare / Thursday 9th</i>	★ MEET THE TEACHERS EVENING

WEEK 4

<i>Rāhina / Monday 20th</i>	★ TRIATHLON
<i>Rāapa / Wednesday 22nd</i>	★ Postponement Day - TRIATHLON

WEEK 5

<i>Rāhina / Monday 27th</i>	★ PIRONGIA - 7 & 8 Year Olds Swimming Heats
<i>Rātū / Tuesday 28th</i>	★ MAUNGATAUTARI - 9 & 10 year Olds Swimming Heats ★ BOT MEETING

March / Poutū-te-rangi

<i>Rāapa / Wednesday 1st</i>	★ Postponement Day - Swimming Heats
<i>Rāpare / Thursday 2nd</i>	★ SWIMMING SPORTS - FINALS
<i>Rāmere / Friday 3rd</i>	★ Postponement Day - Swimming Sports Finals

WEEK 6

<i>Rātū / Tuesday 7th</i>	★ TAUPIRI SWIMMING CELEBRATION
<i>Rāapa / Wednesday 8th</i>	★ MAUNGATAUTARI LEARNING CONFERENCES
<i>Rāpare / Thursday 9th</i>	★ MAUNGATAUTARI LEARNING CONFERENCES
<i>Rāmere / Friday 10th</i>	★ Postponement Day - Taupiri Swimming Celebrations

WEEK 7

<i>Rātū / Tuesday 14th</i>	★ PTA AGM
<i>Rāapa / Wednesday 15th</i>	★ CITY CLUSTER SWIMMING SPORTS at TMCS
<i>Rāpare / Thursday 16th</i>	★ COUNTRY CLUSTER JUNIOR TABLOIDS

WEEK 8

<i>Rātū / Tuesday 21st</i>	★ WAIHI BEACH - CAMP 1 Starts: Karaka 15 & Manuka 16
<i>Rāapa / Wednesday 22nd</i>	★ PIRONGIA & TAUPIRI - LEARNING CONFERENCES
<i>Rāpare / Thursday 23rd</i>	★ PIRONGIA & TAUPIRI - LEARNING CONFERENCES

WEEK 9

<i>Rātū / Tuesday 28th</i>	★ WAIHI BEACH - CAMP 2 Starts: Miro 13 & Pukatea 14 ★ BOT MEETING
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April / Paenga-whāwhā

<i>Rāhoroi / Saturday 1st</i>	★ PUMPKIN NIGHT
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WEEK 10

<i>Rāpare / Thursday 6th</i>	★ LAST DAY OF TERM 1
<i>Rāmere / Friday 7th</i>	★ GOOD FRIDAY/START OF SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

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2023 TERM DATES:

TERM	START DATE	END DATE
Term 1	Wednesday 1 st February 2023	Thursday 6 April 2023
Term 2	Monday 24 April 2023	Friday 30 June 2023
Term 3	Monday 17 July 2023	Friday 22 September 2023
Term 4	Monday 9 October 2023	No later than Wednesday 20 December 2023*

Year 6 Student Leadership Programme 2023

The goal of our student leadership programme at Tamahere Model Country School is to give our senior students the opportunity to develop their leadership skills as they prepare themselves for their intermediate years and beyond. The student leadership programme for 2023 will consist of the following roles:

- After School Care Monitor
- Ambassador
- Bus Monitor
- Enviro Monitor
- Kaiawhina
- Librarian
- Peer Mediator
- Photographer
- School Council
- Sound Tech Monitor
- Whānau Leader



All Year 6 students applying for leadership positions are encouraged to give a short presentation to their whānau on Tuesday 7th February. Peer voting, our Vision and teacher observations will also be taken into account during our annual whānau tabloids, which were held today, Friday 3rd February. Whānau leaders will be decided for each whānau and announced at assembly on Tuesday 14th February. Students may apply for and hold any of the above positions, as well as whānau leader.

Year 6 students need to fill out an application form for the leadership roles they wish to be

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considered for. These were handed out to all Year 6 students on Thursday 2nd February. Application forms need to be signed by both students and their parents and handed into the school office by Tuesday 7th February. Please note Road Patrol monitors were selected in 2022 due to the need to be trained and ready for the end of 2022 and the start of the 2023 school year.

N.B. Everyone can wear their Whānau Shirts on Tuesday to support their Whānau and their new leaders.

FAIRYLAND.....

Watch this space:

Fairyland is being created in March...



We are a bit behind schedule as there was so much happening to our school over the holidays. We are planning on a March start at some point -

To all the wonderful people who have offered to help with plants and fairy houses. I can store fairy homes until the space is ready in Rimu 7. Plants, if possible, can keep growing at home until we are ready to plant them.

Thanks, everyone
Shelley Howse

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PTA Fundraiser: Ice Block Fridays are back for Term 1

WHEN: Every Friday during Term 1

WHERE: Outside Rimu 7 (Junior School) and Karaka 15 (Senior School)

TIME: 2:30pm

COST: \$1 per Ice block



PTA Meeting - Tuesday 7th February at 7.00pm

Would you like to meet twice a term and help support our school?

If yes, please come along to the **Staffroom at 7.00pm next Tuesday 7th February** to join in with the PTA. We are an informal group of mums and dads who work together to fundraise for school improvements.



If you have any questions please get in touch with us at pta@tamahere.school.nz

PUMPKIN NIGHT 2023 - Join the Team!

Pumpkin Night is an annual event for the Tamahere Community. It is focused on FUN and bringing the community together. We do raise funds and the event has lots of food and drinks to buy, along with activities for the family. The Night of the Year is coming up soon - **PUMPKIN NIGHT!** on **Saturday 1st April from 3.00-7.00pm.** Families are asked to come along and support the event by volunteering their time. This is also a great way to get to know other families in the community.

There will be a central stage, where we have a band who play along with kids performing their talents for the audience. There is a variety of kids rides to choose from - bouncy castles, horse rides,



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gumboot throwing and maybe even a Nerf Gun 'war'. Food is in abundance, with many options to choose from. We need all families to contribute in some way by volunteering to help run a stall, provide lollies, drinks, making fudge to sell and so much more.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

The best way to meet new people is to volunteer and Pumpkin Night is a perfect chance to connect. Each class needs a parent representative who will help organise the stalls assigned to their class. A survey is coming out next week, asking who would like to be 'The Class Pumpkin Night Liaison Rep'. The rep. is the person that communicates information to the class and helps rally support for the evening. They are not required to operate the stalls on their own, but they help set these up and get them organised for the event.

However if you would like to be on the main organising committee, please fill in [this form](#).

THANKS SO MUCH EVERYONE!

Concrete Table Tennis Table

Thanks to the wonderful team of parents & helpers, who manoeuvred the very heavy concrete table tennis table into place behind Manuka 16 just before the holidays started.

Massive thanks to Dave Palmer, Paul Johnson, Buddy Annals, Mike Calvert, Blair Hughes and Mr Hughes Snr, who helped Mr Wickens.



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Thank You For Your Support!

A massive thank you to the families that placed orders through Kids Art Works in Term 4 last year, ordering various products that included calendars, greeting cards and mouse pads, featuring your children's wonderful works of art. We received a total of **\$1,688.50** commission from your purchases.

Thanks again for supporting our school!!!



KIDS CLUBS INFORMATION



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Sam Trenwith - 021845888



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KELLY SPORTS **TERM 1**
SUPER SUMMER SPORTS



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EVERY THURSDAY 2:40 – 3:40PM

- ✓ Cricket
- ✓ Rippa Rugby
- ✓ Ultimate Frisbee
- ✓ Athletics - Jump

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ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME



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JUNIOR ROBOTICS

- Junior Robotics Level 1:
- Coding Introduction
- Friday 2:45pm–3:45pm/4:45pm
- Location: Puriri 5
- \$25 / 1 Hour
- \$35 / 2 Hours

DEVELOPS INFORMATION PROCESSING & PROBLEM-SOLVING SKILLS

INSPIRES GROWTH MINDSET THROUGH DESIGN & CRITICAL THINKING

SHAPES INNOVATIVE & CREATIVE THINKERS FOR THE FUTURE


First Week FREE

JUNIOR ROBOTICS LV2

- Junior Robotics Level 2:
- Sensors Programming
- Wed 2:45pm–3:45pm/4:45pm
- Location: Puriri 5
- \$25 / 1 Hour
- \$35 / 2 Hours

First Week FREE

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Some kids just want to run and this is what I will cater for.

Beside the obvious crossover of speed and endurance to other sports this will be a great way to burn off some extra energy in a fun but challenging way

READY TO GO FOR 2023!!

We are located outside at the TCC end of Park

BOOKINGS NOW OPEN

Year 3 & up 2:45-3:30pm

Every Wednesday Starting 8th Feb

Limited spaces

\$60per child for Term 1

txt or call Paul on 021 08 949 818



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