## NEWSLETTER 23rd February 2023

#### Week 4, Term 1

# TAMAHERE

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

#### Wiki/ Week 4 Happenings:

#### Thinking of those so impacted by Cyclone Gabrielle:

We are all thinking of those who are suffering after the horrendous flooding and winds of Cyclone Gabrielle. As a school we want to reach out and help others and have our children lead and be really invested in what, and how, we support others. This may include schools that have been affected, possibly volunteers and anyone else, including animals in need. Our new School Council will be meeting and gathering our whole school's voice, to come up with ideas of what we can do to help. We know there is no quick fix to this situation, so over time, we will be developing different fundraisers and projects led by our students to help those in need.

As always, when your children are involved, you are there to support and I am afraid it will probably mean digging into your pockets on a few occasions. We want to show that by pulling together - kia kotahi - we can help others and make a difference, and that we need to give service and support to those in greater need than ourselves. By actively doing different activities, we hope to raise funds for a few schools and projects. If you have any personal contacts to help us link to those affected, we are happy to hear from you. We know of three schools that we can start to help initially but there are so many more people that need help. Thank you for your support in advance. We will let you know a list of our planned activities, once our new School Council has met and gained ideas from all classes in the school.

#### REMINDER: PAID UNION MEETING - Friday 3rd March - Teaching day ends at 12.30pm

A reminder that next Friday 3rd March, there is a Paid Union Meeting (PUM) for all of our Teachers. Classes will continue as normal in the morning and students may be picked up for a **slightly longer weekend from 12.30pm.** There will be no formal instruction in the afternoon. If you are unable to arrange an early pick up for your child/ren, **please let our school know** and we will make sure they are catered for.

After School Care and the bus service will be operating as usual, from 2.30pm.

#### Term 1 LEARNING CONFERENCES:

This term, our Learning Conferences for the Year 5 & 6 and Matai 11 students have been scheduled a few weeks earlier than normal, as our senior students will be away at camp and also due to Matai 11's teacher being unavailable in Week 8.

In Week 6, on Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th March we will be holding our Learning Conferences for students in MAUNGATAUTARI SYNDICATE (Year 5 & 6) and in MATAI 11. The booking link for these learning conferences is provided later in this newsletter.



For <u>all other students, the Learning Conferences will be in Week 8, on Wednesday 22nd and</u> <u>Thursday 23rd March.</u> The booking link for the Week 8 conferences will be provided to families closer to this date.

## KEEPING OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY HEALTHY:

Please help us decrease the spread of germs and keep our students happy, healthy, in class and ready to learn, by reading through the following health reminders:

- We continue to have students away due to illnesses. We have had a number of children reported absent from school already this term because of sickness, particularly vomiting and diarrhoea. As per Ministry of Health guidelines, students who have had **vomiting or diarrhoea**, should be kept at home until well, and for 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting.
- Please remember to get your child tested if they have symptoms of **COVID**. It is important for our school to know if your child/ren or anyone in your household tests positive for Covid 19. This allows us to share important information with those who are vulnerable in our school community. This is to keep everyone safe, so they are able to make decisions to reduce the risk for themselves and those in their household. We will share notifications of a positive result, without identifying a person or household. We also ask those with COVID in their houses to respect others by wearing a mask while inside at school, to help add another level of protection. We have plenty of masks and hand sanitiser available. Wearing a mask now is just commonplace and it could save many families from extended periods off work or vulnerable people becoming impacted.
- School sores seem to be quite prolific at the moment. Impetigo (school sores) is a common bacterial skin condition, which starts from a break in the skin, through an insect bite, cut or graze. Please seek medical attention if a sore or area of redness has any of the following features:
  - Is greater than the size of a ten cent coin (approximately 1.5cm)
  - Increasing in size

- Has pus
- Has red streaks coming from it
- Is not getting better within two days
- Is located close to the eye (see doctor urgently)
- Impetigo is very infectious, so it is important that other children are protected from contact with the sores. Children with impetigo are no longer infectious, 24 hours after starting antibiotic treatment, or when the sores have healed. If the sores cannot be scratched or any contact made with blister fluid, for example bandaged and under clothing, then the child can return to school.
- The Ministry of Health has a good guideline for the **incubation period for a range of illnesses.** If you are unsure, you can view this information by <u>clicking on this link</u>.

Thank you for your support with keeping your children and others healthy. We do greatly appreciate it. Thanks to you, and our caring community, our school has so far been able to ride through COVID and other illnesses relatively easily, compared to many schools and organisations.

#### **SMART WATCHES**

We have noticed an increase in students wearing SMART WATCHES. Students being able to check the time and keep track of their schedule is a bonus. What we have noticed however is that some children are using the 'text' or 'message' function to communicate with others outside of the school, during school time. We ask that if parents allow their children to wear these watches that the messaging functions are disabled within school hours. This is in line with our Cyber Safety Policy.

February / Hui-tanguru					
	WEEK 5				
Rāhina /Monday 27th	★ PIRONGIA - 7 & 8 Year Olds Swimming Heats				
Rātū /Tuesday 28th	<ul> <li>★ MAUNGATAUTARI - 9 &amp; 10 year Olds Swimming Heats</li> <li>★ BOT MEETING</li> </ul>				
March / Poutū-te-rangi					
Rāapa /Wednesday 1st	★ Postponement Day - Swimming Heats				
Rāpare /Thursday 2nd	★ SWIMMING SPORTS - FINALS				
Rāmere /Friday 3rd	<ul> <li>★ Postponement Day - Swimming Sports Finals</li> <li>★ PAID UNION MEETING - Teaching day ends at 12.30pm</li> </ul>				
	WEEK 6				
Rātū /Tuesday 7th	★ TAUPIRI SWIMMING CELEBRATION				
Rāapa /Wednesday 8th	<ul> <li>★ MAUNGATAUTARI SYNDICATE/MATAI 11- LEARNING CONFERENCES</li> <li>★ PIRONGIA SYNDICATE TRIP</li> </ul>				
Rāpare /Thursday 9th	★ MAUNGATAUTARI SYNDICATE/MATAI 11- LEARNING CONFERENCES				
Rāmere /Friday 10th	★ Postponement Day - Taupiri Swimming Celebrations				

### **Upcoming Dates:**

WEEK 7				
Rātū /Tuesday 14th	★ PTA AGM			
Rāapa /Wednesday 15th	★ CITY CLUSTER SWIMMING SPORTS at TMCS			
Rāpare /Thursday 16th	★ COUNTRY CLUSTER JUNIOR TABLOIDS			
	WEEK 8			
Rātū /Tuesday 21st	★ WAIHI BEACH - CAMP 1 Starts: Karaka 15 & Manuka 16			
Rāapa /Wednesday 22nd	★ PIRONGIA & TAUPIRI - LEARNING CONFERENCES			
Rāpare /Thursday 23rd	★ PIRONGIA & TAUPIRI - LEARNING CONFERENCES			
WEEK 9				
Rātū /Tuesday 28th	<ul> <li>★ WAIHI BEACH - CAMP 2 Starts: Miro 13 &amp; Pukatea 14</li> <li>★ BOT MEETING</li> </ul>			
Ar	April / Paenga-whāwhā			
Rāhoroi / Saturday 1st	★ PUMPKIN NIGHT			
WEEK 10				
Rāpare /Thursday 6th	★ LAST DAY OF TERM 1			
Rāmere /Friday 7th	★ GOOD FRIDAY/START OF SCHOOL HOLIDAYS			
Rāhina /Monday 24th	★ MINISTRY TEACHER ONLY DAY			
Rātū /Tuesday 25th	★ ANZAC DAY			
Rāapa /Wednesday 26th	★ START OF TERM 2			

## Maungatautari & Pirongia SWIMMING SPORTS

Dear Maungatautari and Pirongia families,

Next week is the Swimming Sports for all Pirongia and Maungatautari children. We hope you can come along and enjoy supporting your children. All spectators will be based on the uncovered side of the pool, with students under the shade sails, so you may want to bring an umbrella for either rain showers or protection from the sun, depending on the weather.

- ★ 7 & 8 year old children's heats Monday 27th of February, starting at 9.00am.
- ★ 9 & 10 year old children's heats Tuesday 28th February, starting at 9.00 am.
- ★ Finals for all children will be held on Thursday 2nd March, starting at 9.00 am.

We do require just a small number of helpers for timekeeping duties on Monday and Tuesday, so if you are able to help, please email me to confirm.

Please remember to apply sunblock before children come to school. They will need to be organised with their togs, towel, water bottle and food. Please ensure that children come to school dressed in their whānau shirts.

Thank you and we look forward to welcoming you to watch.

Ann Marie Copponi

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## PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning

Students of Week 3 Kia Maia - I am enthusiastic, curious and ask questions			
NIKAU 1	James L		
KAURI 2	Sebastian C		
KAWAKAWA 3	Emily Mc		
ΤΙΤΟΚΙ 6	Knox H		
RIMU 7	Owen H		
POHUTUKAWA 8	Chloe S		
RATA 9	Archie L		
TOTARA 10	Janiyah Z		
MATAI 11	Isabelle S		
TANEKAHA 12	Quinn B		
MIRO 13	Tyler N		
PUKATEA 14	Charlie H		
KARAKA 15	Dominic C		
MANUKA 16	Lottie B		
TAWA 19	Gabriel W		









## **TRYathlon Results & Photo Gallery**

What a fantastic day we had with our annual **TRYathlon** on Monday! The level of kia maia - positive 'can do' effort shown in every race was impressive and our Manukura (Student Leaders) did a wonderful job supporting our junior athletes. Well done everyone!!

The weather was perfect and it was great to be able to see so many whanau supporting our students. The TRYathlon is a special opportunity to help children manage themselves from one activity to the next and organise their clothing and equipment, as well as be involved in an event where there is a lot of physical variety.

We really appreciate the effort that parents/caregivers go to as well, in sorting the bikes and having everything ready for the day. Thank you to those families and children who have shared their bikes and equipment to ensure everyone could participate.

Thank you very much to Mrs Copponi for organising such a successful school-wide event, along with all the staff who contributed to making this day such a success.

	YEAR 6 GIRLS	YEAR 6 BOYS	YEAR 5 GIRLS	YEAR 5 BOYS
1ST	Imani B	Charlie H	Olivia A-Y	Nico V
2ND	Ava D	Winston P	Chloe A-Y	Isaac S
3RD	Indigo W	Charlie L	India D	Zac S
4TH	Lauren W	Ethan B	Maia G	Logan L
5TH	Aria O	Daniel E	Addison M	Jaykob J

The TRYathlon results and photographs of this special day are shared below.

	YEAR 4 GIRLS	YEAR 4 BOYS	YEAR 3 GIRLS	YEAR 3 BOYS
1ST	Greta C	Dylan H	Ayla H	Quinn B
2ND	Harriet L	Benji v	Amelia J	George D
3RD	Thea B	Lucas E	Tori A	Sam C
4TH	Ellie K	Pearse L	Jamie J	George C
5TH	Bridgette C	Anru S	Xin Ning Z	Benjamin M

	YEAR 2 GIRLS	YEAR 2 BOYS	YEAR 1 GIRLS	YEAR 1 BOYS
1ST	Madison F	Thomas C	Leah S	Lewis M
2ND	Riley H	Thomas S	Abigail P	Ryley D
3RD	Chloe S	Jackson M	Zara B	Tommy D
4TH	Lucie H	Wolf R	Caitlyn M	Jake L
5TH	Frankie L	Sam F	Vivian Z	James M



























#### MAUNGATAUTARI SYNDICATE & MATAI 11 Learning Conferences - Wednesday 8th & Thursday 9th March

Research shows that for students to get the best out of their schooling years, a strong partnership between school and home is very important. We are so lucky at our school to have such strong partnerships and we look forward to hosting our Learning Conferences on Wednesday and Thursday of Week 6, for Year 5 and 6 students, as well as Matai 11 students.

Our Learning Conferences (Parent Teacher Interviews) for Maungatautari Syndicate (Year 5 & 6) and Matai 11, will run from 1.00pm through to 7.00 pm on Wednesday 8th March and from 1.00pm until 5.00pm on Thursday 9th March.

Our Maungatautari & Matai 11 students will be participating in these 3 Way Conferences.

**One Conference per child:** So that each child can celebrate their learning journey with the ones they love and get all caregivers on the same page with the support required, we ask that all parents join together for this occasion to support your child and enable teachers to have the time needed for all conferences. There are not enough spaces for our split family parents to have an appointment each. We appreciate your support in this matter.

#### For Interviews:

Bookings for our upcoming Learning Conferences to be held on Wednesday 8th & Thursday 9th March are now open. Bookings operate on a first in first served basis.

Please 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.

Please click on the following links to book: MAUNGATAUTARI Learning Conference link

#### MATAI 11 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 at the school office on 856 9238 or <u>reception@tamahere.school.nz</u>.

## A message for the Taupiri Team Parents

## **Country Cluster Tabloids -**

A call out for help please on **Thursday 16th March between** 9.45-11.45am

We are hosting this wonderful annual event, which involves needing parents to help walk small groups of children around a series of activities in our school. The theme is minibeasts. The parents need to be able to be with the group for the entirety of the morning. It's a super low key and enjoyable event and you can have your child in your group. We have four other schools joining us also, so a wonderful way to be together as a cluster.



If you could email me on <u>showse@tamahere.school.nz</u> to let me know if you are able to help, that would be wonderful.

Thanks so much.

Shelley Howse

## Dad's Army - WORKING BEE

Dad's Army provides occasional support to the Property Team at school. Our working bees run approximately once per term, on a Saturday morning. It's a great opportunity for any parent (mum's welcome too) to come along and meet other parents, while helping the school out at the same time.

We have a Facebook group that you are welcome to join called Tamahere Dad's Army

(<u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/188635875112592</u>) where we post information about upcoming working bees.

#### There'll be a working bee on Saturday 4th March to:

- 1. Finish off the Junior Playground and spread cushionfall.
- 2. Top up the sandpits (2 by Tawa 19 and one at After School Care)



**Start at 8.00am and finish by 12pm**. Bring rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows. All are welcome. We'd love to see you there!

#### **PUMPKIN NIGHT 2023**

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, 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?

**Donations:** 

If you would like to help in anyway, please fill in this form.

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

WE WILL BE COLLECTING... DRINKS: 500 ml bottles or standard-sized cans of fizzy drinks, water, and juice drinks. Low or zero sugar is also wanted.

CHOCOLATE BARS: Small bars of chocolate (NO NUTS PLEASE).

**CLOTHING:** Good quality label secondhand clothing and accessories. This all must be washed and ready to sell. These can be both ADULT and KIDS clothes.

**KIDS BOOKS:** Good quality children's books – no adult books needed this year as we have many left from last year's donations.

Please bring them to your classroom and the helpers will collect them and give out Whānau points to those who bring items. They will be stored in Kōwhai Four.

THANKS SO MUCH EVERYONE!

#### WRAPPED LOLLIES:

Please can we have the wax - wrapped lollies delivered to school THIS WEEK, as we are hoping that we can have parent helpers assist us with the making of the lolly necklaces next week, while they are enjoying watching their children participate in the Swimming Sports.

A reminder that donated lollies must be wrapped in wax paper, e.g., Fruit Bursts, Minties or McIntosh's Toffees.







#### PUMPKIN NIGHT FOOD OPTIONS AVAILABLE:

- ★ Ice Cream and Ice Blocks
- ★ Candyfloss
- ★ Cold Drinks
- ★ Sweet Stall -
- ★ Fudge and Lolly Necklaces
- ★ Cakes, Cupcakes & Pumpkin Cookies
- ★ Hot Dogs & Hot Chips
- ★ Popcorn x2
- ★ Bacon Butties
- ★ Pizza
- ★ Brownies
- ★ Gourmet Burgers
- ★ Sausage Sizzle
- ★ Ice cream truck-hopefully
- ★ Coffee Cart
- ★ Tacos
- ★ Ice Cream sundaes
- ★ Pumpkin Soup and baguettes( if we have some keen pumpkin soup makers)

#### **PUMPKIN STAGE TALENT SHOW:**

Hi everyone,

Pumpkin Night is coming up fast and we will have a stage available for students who would like to do a pre prepared performance. If you would like to perform on stage, a musical item, dance, trick, etc, please email <u>kellyjvercoe@gmail.com</u> and let her know the following details...



- 1. Name/s
- 2. Classroom number
- 3. How many are in your performance?
- 4. What are you going to perform? Is it a song, dance, etc?
- 5. What do you need? Music, instruments, etc?



#### **PUMPKIN NIGHT STALLS:**

We are all go for stall allocations for PUMPKIN NIGHT 2023.

Below is the list of all the stalls that will be run by classes. We have many more stalls but these are run by third party providers or other staff. This week your PTA representative for Pumpkin Night will send the sign up sheets home and ask you all to select a time/s you can help. The sign up sheets will also be posted outside each classroom. so you may like to pop in and add your name at drop off or pick up time. Many hands make light work. If you have a relative or even an older student, who is keen to help, feel free to add their name too. We really do enjoy having our ex pupils help on the night too.



STALLS	CLASSROOM NUMBER
Chocolate Toss	NIKAU 1
Ice Cream and Ice Blocks	KAURI 2
Gumboot Throw	KAURI 2 / MIRO 13
Candyfloss	KAWAKAWA 3
Cold Drinks	KAWAKAWA 3
Toilet Roll Toss	ТІТОКІ 6
Recycled Boutique	TITOKI 6 / MANUKA 16
Ticket Booth A	RIMU 7
Sweet Stall - Fudge and Lolly Necklaces	POHUTUKAWA 8
Cakes, Cupcakes & Pumpkin Cookies	POHUTUKAWA 8
Pumpkin Toss	RATA 9

Pumpkin Balloon Pop	RATA 9
Hot Dogs & Hot Chips	TOTARA 10
Magic Carpet Ride	MATAI 11
Headstands, rowing and Planking	MATAI 11
Popcorn x2	TANEKAHA 12
Fashion Makeover	TANEKAHA 12
Nerf Gun War Zone	MIRO 13
Gumboot Throw	MIRO 13 / KAURI 2
Horse Rides	PUKATEA 14
Bacon Butties	KARAKA 15
Pizza	KARAKA 15
Splat the Teacher	MANUKA 16
Ticket Booth B	TAWA 19
Brownies-making	TAWA 19
Gourmet Burgers	NIKAU 1 / MANUKA 16

## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

To give you plenty of notice of upcoming disruptions to our regular timetable, here are some dates you may want to put into your calendar. We have tried to choose days that cause the least inconvenience for our families and link together to give you a longer weekend break, rather than impacting mid week where possible.

- **MONDAY 24TH APRIL:** In Week One of Term 2, we will be using Monday 24th April as a Ministry Teacher Only Day, to look at the revised curriculum. This means the holiday break will continue until after ANZAC Day on 25th April.
- **THURSDAY 15TH JUNE:** To enable all of our staff to complete their First Aid Refresher course, we will be **closing earlier** on this Thursday, before a longer weekend linked to Fieldays Friday.
- FIELDAYS FRIDAY 16TH JUNE: All of our staff will be off site on this day, as we will be involved in a whole Hillcrest Kahui Ako Professional Development Day, at Turangawaewae Marae in Ngaruawahia.

### 2023 TERM DATES:

TERM	START DATE	END DATE
Term 1	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> 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*

## MAGIC Netball Centre Pass Open Day - Saturday 25th February from 10.00am -2.00pm FREE



#### **KIDS CLUBS INFORMATION**





## AFTER SCHOOL RUNNING GROUP!

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

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**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





Violin

Ukulele and guitar

Recorder

Experienced tutor Beginner to advanced Exam preparation or just for fun Individual lessons \$30 / half hour Small groups possible by arrangement

## Chris Gale

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## St Peters Open Day - Friday 16th March

