

# TAMAHERE

## MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL

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### Wiki/ Week 6 Happenings:

#### Farewell Mrs Boyd!

After 16 years of dedicated service to our school and school community, Lee Boyd, our incredibly efficient and capable Deputy Principal, is moving on to new challenges. One of Lee's responsibilities at our school has been as our SENCO - Special Educational Needs Coordinator. Lee has built up an enormous amount of knowledge and skill in this area, and her sabbatical was spent investigating this passion. She visited other schools and researched how best to cater for, and support students with special needs. This is such a varied and complex area of expertise and is challenging for the students, educators and parents. Lee's passion has led her to gain the Head of Department SENCO role at Cambridge High School. She will be starting her new role in Term 2. Lee will be significantly missed by our school and community and the children that she has nurtured. We wish her the very best in this next step in her career. You will still have opportunities to catch up with Lee at Pumpkin Night and possibly at the Boundary on ANZAC Day, evening.

### **Fun No Uniform Friday - TOMORROW!!!!**

To raise funds to help those affected by Cyclone Gabrielle, tomorrow is Fun No Uniform Friday. Remember to come to school dressed up in or as something that represents the **First letter of your name**. Thanks again to Tawa 19 for this great idea! e.g. **J**ane may come dressed in **j**ammies, **j**andals looking like a **j**elly bean, doing **j**udo or a **J**udge, etc. **B**ruce could come as a **b**uilder, bee keeper, a **b**ee, etc. All children dressed up to please bring a generous donation for Cyclone Gabrielle Relief.

#### **PUMPKIN NIGHT - WEEK 7 TO DO LIST:**

##### **THIS WEEK WE ARE FOCUSED ON COLLECTING.....**

**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.

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### **PUMPKIN NIGHT STALL SIGN UP:**

Please add your names to the sign up sheet outside the classrooms, to assist with running a stall on the night - 1 hour is all you need to give.

Thank you for your help.

### **HAVE YOU BOOKED YOUR LEARNING CONFERENCE?**

Bookings for the Taupiri (Year 1 & 2) and Pirongia (Year 3 & 4) students are now open.

- **Taupiri Syndicate (Year 1 & 2)** Learning Conferences will run from 3.00pm through to 7.00pm on Wednesday 22nd March and from 3.00pm until 5.00pm on Thursday 23rd March.
- **Pirongia Syndicate (Year 3 & 4)** Learning Conferences will run from 1.30pm through to 7.00pm on Wednesday 22nd March and from 2.50pm until 5.00pm on Thursday 23rd March.

The Term 1 Learning Conferences are about Parents and Teachers getting on the same wavelength. Your children are very welcome to attend too, if you wish.

**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 Taupiri and Pirongia Learning Conferences to be held on Wednesday 22nd & Thursday 23rd March are now open. Bookings operate on a first in first served basis.

We suggest you allow gaps between your different children's interviews to allow time to get from room to room.

Please book your Learning Conference times by clicking on the link provided below.

### **[TAUPIRI & PIRONGIA Learning Conference link](#)**

Please 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 [reception@tamahere.school.nz](mailto:reception@tamahere.school.nz).

## Upcoming Dates:

### March / Poutū-te-rangi

#### WEEK 6

Rāmere /Friday 10th

★ Fun No Uniform Day

#### WEEK 7

Rātū /Tuesday 14th

★ PTA AGM

Rāapa /Wednesday 15th

★ CITY CLUSTER SWIMMING SPORTS at TMCS

Rāpare /Thursday 16th

★ COUNTRY CLUSTER JUNIOR TABLOIDS - PLEASE NOTE: There is a possibility of a Nationwide Teacher Strike under NZEI. If this happens, the Country Cluster Junior Tabloids will be cancelled.

#### 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

★ WAIHI BEACH - CAMP 2 Starts: Miro 13 & Pukatea 14

### 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

## THANKS DAD'S ARMY:

Once again the amazing Dad's Army completed a working bee on Saturday morning. The aim was to do as much towards completing the extension of the Junior Playground. This work included construction of a confidence course, made up of planks set up at different heights and various angles. They also made a great start on the planned hut, which measures 2.4 by 2.4, where the children will be able to congregate in all weathers.

The Dad's Army also spread half of the 35 metres of cushion fall. The troops were Mike Calvert, Matt Roach, Paul Johnson, Peter McKenzie, Bryce Harvey, Shaun Thompson and Mr Wickens.



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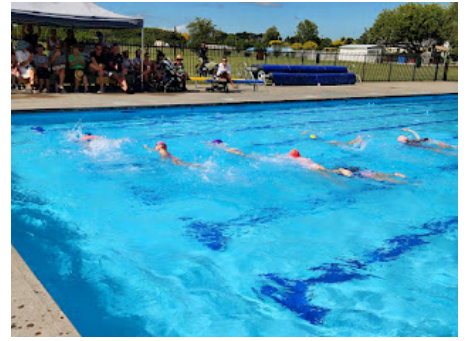
## TAUPIRI SWIMMING CELEBRATION:

It was wonderful to see so many parents and supporters attend our Taupiri Swimming Celebrations on Tuesday morning. Our students love to share their progress with you. Our magnificent Vela Pool Complex and the ability to swim regularly in warm water has made a significant difference to the swimming confidence and abilities of our Taupiri students.



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## Enviro School Garden

What a superb start to Enviro School 2023. Adrienne from Enviro Schools met with our enthusiastic Enviro student team and helped us plan and plant our garden.



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## PIRONGIA FOREST PARK TRIP:

The Pirongia team of students, teachers and parents had a wonderful day at Mount Pirongia yesterday. We were greeted by our wonderful host and guide Kate, from the Mount Pirongia Lodge. The sun was shining and there were many things to explore.

The Pirongia students visited Mount Pirongia to learn about their Maunga. Our inquiry this term is all about being an explorer, so the students spent the day exploring the natural habitat of Pirongia. They meandered

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through natural trees from the ancient forest, walking past large Rimu, Kahikatea, Tawa, Pukatea and Kohekohe trees and crossed over the Mangakara Stream, before looping back around on the Mangarakara Track.

The students discovered that there are many predators on Mount Pirongia that threaten the life of the natural wildlife and trees. We learnt about the types of predators that can threaten our natural birds and wildlife on Pirongia. The highlight for most of the students and even some teachers, was rolling down the huge hill.

We were so lucky to have many wonderful parents that gave up their time to help on the day. Thank you parents for your support. This trip would not be possible without you!

Here are some reflections from the Pirongia students about their day.

On our Pirongia trip, I really enjoyed the walk through the forest because I saw a lot of Nikau trees. Nikau trees were interesting because they grew straight up and their leaves branched at the top. I learnt that rabbits are pests because they dig holes and animals can hurt themselves when they fall into them.

*James L*

On our Pirongia trip, I really enjoyed seeing Pirongia mountain because it is very pretty and I have not seen this mountain before. The orienteering was my favourite activity because we could draw the pictures we found. I learnt about the pests that hurt the Pirongia environment. They were scary for me. I never knew that cats can be a pest because they kill our native birds. This made me kinda sad. I also learnt that bunnies are pests because they dig holes and they eat the food from your garden.

*Mia H*

"They see me rolling, patrolling," I sang while rolling down the hill. The grass did not taste nice. It was like tomato soup without salt and pepper! But it was the highlight of my day.

*Steven D*

We had a talk about pests in New Zealand. Rabbits were one of them because they dig holes in farmland and animals can get stuck. They need to be killed sometimes. Stoats: those ones are the worst!

*Jamie J*

Orienteering was a lot of fun because I liked working with my group to find all the clues. I also enjoyed the Mangakara loop track walk because there were lots of interesting things to look at. But my favourite activity was rolling down the big hill because you went really fast and got very grassy!

*Quinn B*

I liked learning about the pests we have in Aotearoa and finding the pest footprints in the bush. It was interesting to see the different footprints that each animal makes. I enjoyed running fast to find all the clues in the orienteering. It was fun but it was also very tiring.

*Aria Q*

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## COUNTRY CLUSTER SWIMMING SPORTS:

Earlier today, we hosted students representing Newstead, Matangi and Tauwhare Schools, at our annual Country Cluster Swimming competition. What an amazing day of competition.

Best wishes to the 8-10 year old students, who have been selected to represent our school at the City Cluster Swimming Sports next Wednesday.

We will post the results in next week's newsletter. Please enjoy the photo gallery on the next page of all the excitement.

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## PTA AGM - Next Tuesday 14th March

Our **PTA Annual General Meeting** is **NEXT Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 7.00pm in the Staff Room.**

Please join us to elect the PTA Committee for the year and continue to raise funds for the school and provide fun for the kids. At our PTA meetings we discuss big events, along with ideas for other small fundraisers and ways to improve our school community.



If meetings are not your thing, you can still support our PTA activities. Please complete the PTA survey below and let us know if you are able to help in any other way or have ideas you'd like to share. It's very short and should take 2-3 minutes.

PTA Survey – [please fill it in](#)



## 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,



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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?

If you would like to help in anyway, please fill in [this form](#).

#### Donations:

#### **WE ARE COLLECTING...**

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

**WRAPPED LOLLIES:** Wax - wrapped lollies, e.g., Fruit Bursts, Minties or McIntosh's Toffees. These are used to make lolly necklaces.

**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!

### PUMPKIN NIGHT FOOD OPTIONS AVAILABLE:

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

### 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 [kellyjvercoe@gmail.com](mailto:kellyjvercoe@gmail.com) and let her know the following details...

1. Name/s
2. Classroom number



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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?

## PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning

<b>Students of Week 5</b> <b>Kia Kotahi - I am reliable and trustworthy</b>	
NIKAU 1	Mia H
KAURI 2	Kate D
KAWAKAWA 3	Hannah D
TITOKI 6	Claire J
RIMU 7	Sasha J
POHUTUKAWA 8	Abigail P
RATA 9	Jacob F
TOTARA 10	Monty M
MATAI 11	Mo Seh K
TANEKAHA 12	Teacher Absent
MIRO 13	Indigo W
PUKATEA 14	Millar G
KARAKA 15	Sienna M
MANUKA 16	Mika P
TAWA 19	Amelia d



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## 2023 Pirongia Syndicate Swimming Sports Results

### Freestyle

7 yr BOYS	7 yr GIRLS
1st - Ollie H ( 26.72 )	1st - Sophie S ( 24.88 )
2nd - Sam C	2nd - Ayla H
3rd - Oliver C	3rd - Tori A
8 yr BOYS	8 yr GIRLS
1st - Dylan H ( 15.75 )	1st - Greta C ( 24.13 )
2nd - Benji v	2nd -Emily M
3rd - Lucas E	3rd - Mia H

### Breaststroke

7 yr BOYS	7 yr GIRLS
1st - Lewis S (37.34 )	1st - Tori A (35.06)
2nd - Asher J	2nd - Ayla H
3rd - Ishaan V	3rd - Etáin B-S
8 yr BOYS	8 yr GIRLS
1st - Dylan H ( 23.25 )	1st - Greta C ( 31.53 )
2nd - Orien C	2nd - Morgan F
3rd - Beau C	3rd - Poppy M

### Backstroke

7 yr BOYS	7 yr GIRLS
1st - Sam C (32.35)	1st - Tori A (26.75 )
2nd - Benjamin M	2nd - Ayla H
3rd - Charlie T	3rd - Tamara D

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8 yr BOYS	8 yr GIRLS
1st - Dylan H ( 20.03 )	1st - Emily M ( 31.43 )
2nd - Beau C	2nd - Kate D
3rd - Elijah D	3rd - Poppy M

### Medley

7 yr BOYS	7 yr GIRLS
1st - Sam C ( 2.09 )	1st - Tori A ( 1.51 )
2nd - Quinn B	2nd - Ayla H
3rd - Benjamin M	3rd - Emma J
8 yr BOYS	8 yr GIRLS
1st - Dylan H ( 1.09 )	1st - Emily M ( 1.55 )
2nd - Beau C	2nd - Poppy M
3rd - Elijah D	3rd - Kate D

## 2023 Maungatautari Swimming Sports Results

### Freestyle

9 yr BOYS	9 yr GIRLS
1st - Isaac S ( 18.50 )	1st - Norah G ( 17.66 )
2nd - Logan L	2nd - Chloe A- Y
3rd - Beau J	3rd - Olivia A- Y
10 yr BOYS	10 yr GIRLS
1st - Yadon J ( 17.97 )	1st - Ava D ( 16.75 )
2nd - Blake F	2nd - Lauren W
3rd - Charlie H	3rd - Aria O

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### **Breaststroke**

9 yr BOYS	9 yr GIRLS
1st - Logan L ( 27.09 )	1st - Norah G ( 25.66 )
2nd - Skip t	2nd - India D
3rd - Isaac S	3rd - Charlotte C
10 yr BOYS	10 yr GIRLS
1st - Ethan B ( 26.85 )	1st - Hazel H ( 25.50 )
2nd - Blake F	2nd - Leah A
3rd - Ewan C	3rd - Indigo W

### **Backstroke**

9 yr BOYS	9 yr GIRLS
1st - Beau J ( 26.53 )	1st - Olivia A- Y
2nd - Isaac S	2nd - Maia G
3rd - Andrew J	3rd - Chloe A- Y
10 yr BOYS	10 yr GIRLS
1st - Charlie H ( 21.72 )	1st - Ava D ( 21.09 )
2nd - Yadon J	2nd - Indigo W
3rd - Blake F	3rd - Aria O

### **Medley**

9 yr BOYS	9 yr GIRLS
1st - Nico V ( 1.31 )	1st - Norah G ( 1.22 )
2nd - Isaac S	2nd - Chloe A Y
3rd - Skip t	3rd - Charlotte C

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10 yr BOYS	10 yr GIRLS
1st - Charlie H ( 1.03 )	1st - Indigo W ( 1.19 )
2nd - Ethan B	2nd - Ava D
3rd - Yadon J	3rd - Imani B

## 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.

## KIDS CLUBS INFORMATION



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## 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

### READY TO GO FOR 2023!!

We are located outside at the TCC end of Park

### BOOKINGS NOW OPEN

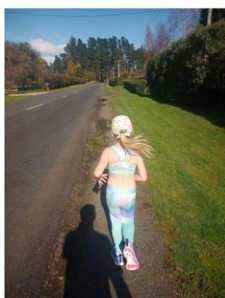
Year 3 & up 2:45-3:30pm

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