

TAMAHERE

MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL

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Kia atawhai aa mua - Kia tipu ngatahi

Wiki/ Week 7 Happenings:

TOMORROW March 16th 2023 - School Closed for Instruction

A reminder that our school will be closed for instruction tomorrow, when Primary School teachers and principals have voted to take industrial action, along with Secondary and Early Childhood Centres. This means that our school will be closed tomorrow. There will also be no Before or After School Care operating and no school bus service.

We look forward to seeing everyone back at school as usual, on Friday morning.

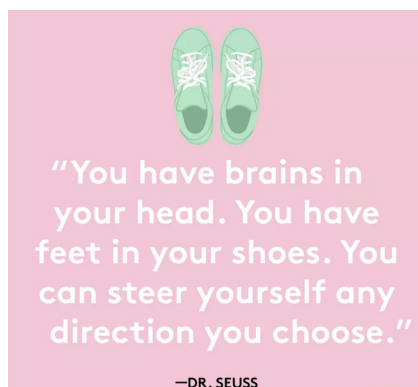
City Cluster Swimming Sports:

Earlier today, we hosted the City Cluster Swimming Sports, welcoming teams from 7 other schools, Newstead, Matangi, Hillcrest, Marian, Knighton, Tauwhare and Silverdale. Again we were very lucky with the gorgeous autumn weather.



We will post results and more photos in next week's Newsletter.

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Swimming:

With it starting to get a little cooler, especially first thing in the morning, a decision has been made that our Taupiri students (Year 1 & 2) will no longer be swimming. Pirongia and Maungatautari Students will continue at this stage, but this is under review.

First Year Students

Last week we welcomed 15 student teachers from the University of Waikato, who will be with us for the 2023 school year. On Thursdays they will be in classrooms supported by their mentor teacher/s. Our school is part of the CUSP programme-*Collaborative University and School Partnership* and as a Model Country School, we mentor many student teachers during the school year. In addition to the First Year students, we have students from the Graduate programme who are onsite at Tamahere School every Wednesday.

Maungatautari Camp

Our Maungatautari Senior Syndicate is heading away to Waihi Beach on Camp over the next two weeks, with students from Manuka 16 & Karaka 15 away next week, followed by Miro 13 and Pukatea 14 students in Week 9. We look forward to being able to share photos and updates in the next couple of weeks.



Fun No Uniform Friday - Thank you for your Support!

Thank you to everyone who so generously supported our very colourful Fun No Uniform Friday, as a way of raising funds from our school community to support communities badly affected by Cyclone Gabrielle. Even our teachers got dressed up!



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We raised a very impressive \$1,351.70 from the No Uniform Day. A wee correction to last Friday's email, it was the entire Pirongia Syndicate (Nikau 1, Kauri 2, Kawakawa 3, Matai 11 and Tanekaha 12 students, who raised \$65.30 as part of their homework). Well done everyone!



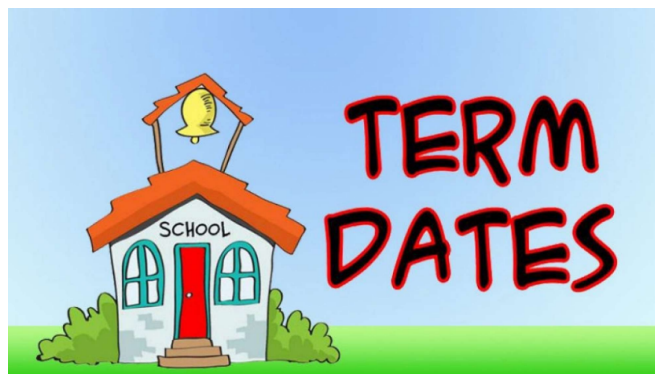
As part of our focus on supporting and thinking of the families affected, a reminder that our in Term 2 we will be holding a Disco for each Syndicate. Taupiri's theme is Fairytale/Superhero characters. Pirongia Syndicate will have an International theme and our Maungatautari Disco theme will be movie actors and celebrities. More information will be shared next term.

Thanks again for your wonderful support of these wonderful School Council lead initiatives!

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TERM 2 START: IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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 and we look forward to seeing everyone back for the start of Term 2 on Wednesday 26th April.



Upcoming Dates:

| March / Poutū-te-rangi | |
|-------------------------------|---|
| 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 |
| April / Paenga-whāwhā | |
| <i>Rāhoroi / Saturday 1st</i> | ★ PUMPKIN NIGHT |
| WEEK 10 | |
| <i>Rāpare /Thursday 6th</i> | ★ LAST DAY OF TERM 1 |
| <i>Rāmere /Friday 7th</i> | ★ GOOD FRIDAY/START OF SCHOOL HOLIDAYS |
| TERM 2 | |
| April / Paenga-whāwhā | |
| <i>Rāhina /Monday 24th</i> | ★ MINISTRY TEACHER ONLY DAY |
| <i>Rātū /Tuesday 25th</i> | ★ ANZAC DAY |
| <i>Rāapa /Wednesday 26th</i> | ★ START OF TERM 2 ★ WHAKATAU WELCOME ASSEMBLY AT 11.15AM |

Learning Conferences Booking Reminder:

Our Learning Conferences (Parent Teacher Interviews) for our **Taupiri Syndicate children (Year 1 & 2)** are running from 3.00pm through to 7.00pm on Wednesday 22nd March and from 3.00pm until 5.00pm on Thursday 23rd March.

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Pirongia Syndicate (Year 3 & 4) Learning Conferences, with the larger class sizes, will be starting at the earlier time of 1.30pm on the Wednesday, through until 7.00pm. Our Year 3 & 4 students will be catered for to the end of this school day. On Thursday 23rd March, the Learning Conferences will run from 2.50pm until 5.00pm.

The Term 1 Learning Conferences are about getting Parents and Teachers 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.

Tamahere New Entrant Enrolment Tracking:

All families with pre-schoolers and anyone expecting to enrol a child at Tamahere Model Country School for 2024, please ensure that you have added their names to our cradle roll, which greatly assists us with planning for next year.

Please email the school office on reception@tamahere.school.nz

Thank you for your assistance.



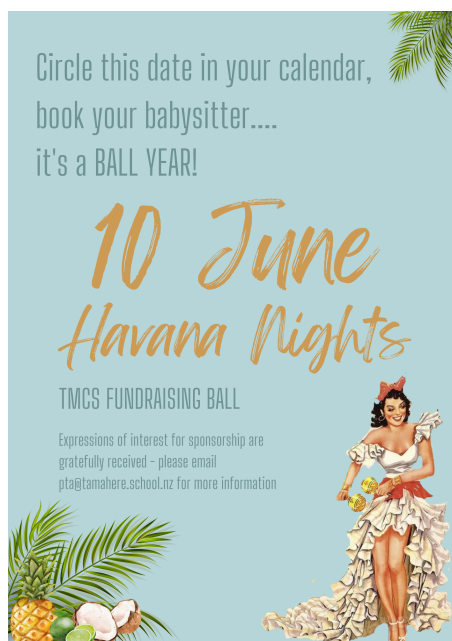
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2023 TMCS FUNDRAISING BALL:

The PTA is thrilled to invite you to the 2023 fundraising ball!

The Ball Committee is hard at work and preparations are underway to bring you the biggest & best ball yet! So lock in that date, tell all your friends, and start thinking Havana!

We are seeking expressions of interest for various sponsorship options, along with auction donations, so if you think you might like to support the ball in this way, please email pta@tamahere.school.nz for more information.



PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning

| Students of Week 6 Kia Maia, Kia Manaaki, Kia Kotahi Class Needs/ student voice | |
|--|-------------|
| NIKAU 1 | George C |
| KAURI 2 | Lachlan Y |
| KAWAKAWA 3 | Cooper W |
| TITOKI 6 | Charlotte H |
| RIMU 7 | Alfie M |
| POHUTUKAWA 8 | Heidi R |
| RATA 9 | Millie G |
| TOTARA 10 | Riley H |
| MATAI 11 | Benji v d H |

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|-------------|-----------|
| TANEKAHA 12 | Michael F |
| MIRO 13 | Aria O |
| PUKATEA 14 | India D |
| KARAKA 15 | Hazel H |
| MANUKA 16 | Poppy C |
| TAWA 19 | Emily B |



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Inter School Show Jumping Event:

On Wednesday 22nd February the Waikato Interschools Show Jumping competition took place in Cambridge. Emma C, Monica and Eloise C and Bonnie and Addi H represented Tamahere School at this event. The team performed several different rounds of show jumping beautifully, with even a few ribbons being won against mostly older (intermediate age) competition. Highlights of the day included all of us successfully jumping the "Joker" jump which is a huge optional jump which is worth significantly more points than other jumps, and also the "Jigsaw Jumping Round" which involves speedily jumping a course with a team member at the same time. This was such a fun day, and we can't wait for the next opportunity for our equestrian team to compete again.

Monica C.



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Pumpkin Night Competitions:



- **Entries are to be dropped off on Saturday morning by the big shed on the back field**
 - **Place your entry in the area for your syndicate (there will be signs)**

1. **Pumpkins on Parade** - Any pumpkin creation, either carved or decorated with embellishments, (e.g., Lego, toys, hair, ...). Let your imagination run wild kids!
 2. **Pumpkins and Pals** – Pumpkins and/or other vegetable friends, carved or decorated as you wish. You may use any other veggies you like, e.g., marrows, carrots, radishes...
 3. **Biggest Pumpkin** – The big measure-in for all those children who have been cultivating and watering all summer.
 4. **Family Jack-o-Lantern** – One for the whole family to do together. Carve your most amazing, jolly, or scary jack-o-lantern for us to light up on pumpkin night.
 5. **Family Scarecrow** - Let your creativity run rampant! Feel free to add props to your creation (not too large please).
 6. **Gumboot Decoration**- Get creative and decorate an old gumboot.
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7. **Pumpkin Drawing Competition** – This will be distributed at school a couple of weeks before pumpkin night for those children that want to enter. Entries are to be put in the boxes in the Office before Pumpkin Night.



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PUMPKIN NIGHT 2023

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.

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

THIS WEEK WE ARE FOCUSING ON:

THE STALL SIGN-UP SHEETS: Please add your name to the stall sign up sheets that are displayed outside each classroom . You only need to volunteer 1 hour of your time. Everything will be provided including very clear instructions to our parent volunteers.

Donations:

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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!



Donations / Tax Rebate:

Just a reminder, that if you wish to make a tax claim on your school donation for the 2022 Tax Year, it needs to be paid before Friday 31st March 2023. If you require a receipt, please email accounts@tamahere.school.nz.

On another note, we welcome our school families to make contact, if you would like to set up an ongoing automatic payment towards school fees and expenses. Please call Lisa Boyd to discuss on 07 856 9238 or you can email accounts@tamahere.school.nz.

Thank you.

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Naming Uniform Items:

With it getting cooler in the morning and children starting to wear their jerseys and jackets to school, now is a great time to check that they are all named, as often the names fade in the wash over time.

COUNTRY CLUSTER SWIMMING SPORTS RESULTS:

As promised in last week's Newsletter, here are the results from last Thursday's Country Cluster Swimming Sports. Well done to all swimmers that represented TMCS!

FREESTYLE:

| <i>7-Year-Old Boys Freestyle</i> | | <i>7-Year-Old Girls Freestyle</i> | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|----------|
| 1st | Ollie H | 1st | Tori A |
| 2nd | Sam C | 2nd | Ayla H |
| 5th | Charlie T | 3rd | Sophie S |

| <i>8-Year-Old Boys Freestyle</i> | | <i>8-Year-Old Girls Freestyle</i> | |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|----------|
| 1st | Dylan H | 4th | Emily Mc |
| 3rd | Anru S | 5th | Greta C |
| 4th | Lucas E | | |
| 5th | Benji v d H | | |

| <i>9 Year Old Boys Freestyle</i> | | <i>9 Year Old Girls Freestyle</i> | |
|----------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| 2nd | Isaac S | 2nd | Norah G |
| 3rd | Beau J | 3rd | Chloe A-Y |
| 5th | Logan L | 4th | Olivia A-Y |

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| 10 Year Old Boys Freestyle | | 10 Year Old Girls Freestyle | |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|----------|
| 2nd | Charlie H | 1st | Aria O |
| 3rd | Yadon J | 2nd | Ava D |
| | | 3rd | Lauren W |
| | | 4th | Imani B |

BACKSTROKE:

| 7-Year-Old Boys Backstroke | | 7-Year-Old Girls Backstroke | |
|----------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| 1st | Benjamin Mc | 1st | Ayla H |
| 3rd | Charlie T | 3rd | Tori A |
| 4th | Quinn B | | |

| 8-Year-Old Boys Backstroke | | 8-Year-Old Girls Backstroke | |
|----------------------------|----------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| 1st | Dylan H | 5th= | Claudia F |
| 5th | Elijah D | | |

| 9 Year Old Girls Backstroke | |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| 2nd | Olivia A-Y |
| 3rd | Chloe A-Y |
| 4th | Maia G |

| 10 Year Old Boys Backstroke | | 10 Year Old Girls Backstroke | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|------------------------------|----------|
| 1st | Charlie H | 1st | Ava D |
| 3rd | Yadon J | 2nd | Indigo W |
| 5th | Blake F | 3rd | Aria O |
| | | 4th | Imani B |

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BREASTSTROKE:

| 7-Year-Old Boys Breaststroke | | 7-Year-Old Girls Breaststroke | |
|------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|--------|
| 3rd | Ollie H | 1st | Tori A |
| 4th | Lewis S | 3rd | Ayla H |

| 8-Year-Old Boys Breaststroke | | 8-Year-Old Girls Breaststroke | |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| 1st | Dylan H | 2nd | Greta C |
| 2nd | Orien C | 5th | Claudia F |
| 4th | Benji v d H | | |
| 5th= | Beau C | | |

| 9 Year Old Boys Breaststroke | | 9 Year Old Girls Breaststroke | |
|------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------|---------|
| 1st | Logan L | 1st | Norah G |
| 2nd | Skip t B | 2nd | India D |
| 4th= | Isaac S | | |

| 10 Year Old Boys Breaststroke | | 10 Year Old Girls Breaststroke | |
|-------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------|----------|
| 3rd | Ethan B | 1st | Hazel H |
| 4th | Blake F | 2nd= | Indigo W |
| | | 2nd= | Leah A |
| | | 5th | Ava D |

MEDLEY:

| 9 Year Old Boys Medley | | 9 Year Old Girls Medley | |
|------------------------|---------|-------------------------|------------|
| 1st | Dylan H | 1st | Norah G |
| 3rd | Isaac S | 3rd | Chloe A-Y |
| | | 4th | Olivia A-Y |

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| 10 Year Old Boys Medley | | 10 Year Old Girls Medley | |
|-------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|----------|
| 1st | Charlie H | 1st | Indigo W |
| 3rd | Ethan B | 2nd | Ava D |
| 4th | Yadon J | 3rd | Lauren W |
| 5th | Blake F | 4th | Imani B |

TMCS Vela Pool SWIMMING RECORDS

We are very pleased to be able to share the updated TMCS Vela Pool Swimming Records, following the Annual TMCS 2023 Swimming Sports, that were held in Week 5:

| EVENT CLASSIFICATION | FREESTYLE - 25m | BACKSTROKE - 25m | BREASTSTROKE - 25m | MEDLEY - 3x 25m |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <i>7 Year Old Girls RECORD HOLDERS</i> | 2023 Sophie S - 0.24.88 | 2023 Tori A - 0.26.75 | 2020 Molly C - 0.34.66 | 2023 Tori A - 1.51.00 |
| <i>7 Year Old Boys RECORD HOLDERS</i> | 2022 Dylan H - 0.17.84 | 2022 Dylan H - 0.23.28 | 2021 Dylan H - 0.27.28 | 2022 Dylan H - 1.20.00 |
| <i>8 Year Old Girls RECORD HOLDERS</i> | 2022 Olivia A- Y - 0.19.87 | 2022 Olivia A- Y - 0.24.93 | 2022 Charlotte C- 0.29.28 | 2020 Sarina T- 1.29.85 |
| <i>8 Year Old Boys RECORD HOLDERS</i> | 2023 Dylan H - 0.15.75 | 2023 Dylan H- 0.20.03 | 2023 Dylan H - 0.23.25 | 2023 Dylan H - 1.09.00 |

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|---|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 9 Year Old Girls RECORD HOLDERS | 2021 Sarina T - 0.16.88 | 2020 Heidi K- 0.22.22 | 2020 India M - 0.24.29 | 2021 Sarina T - 1.15.72 |
| 9 Year Old Boys RECORD HOLDERS | 2020 Kaya H - 0.16.53 | 2020 Kaya H - 0.19.97 | 2020 Kaya H - 0.25.19 | 2020 Kaya H - 1.12.03 |
| 10 Year Old Girls RECORD HOLDERS | 2022 Sarina T - 0.15.15 | 2022 Sarina T- 0.19.69 | 2021 India M - 0.21.72 | 2022 Sarina T - 1.08.00 |
| 10 Year Old Boys RECORD HOLDERS | 2021 Kaya H - 0.15.82 | 2021 Kaya H - 0.18.93 | 2020 Jaden H - 0.21.19 | 2023 Charlie H - 1.03.00 |

From your Tamahere School Librarian

The [Books Back Better](http://www.slanza.org.nz/donate.html) fundraising initiative is being launched today to help the recovery of school libraries affected by Cyclone Gabrielle. <http://www.slanza.org.nz/donate.html>

Just go to the link above to make a donation.



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A group of local Hawkes Bay authors, school librarians and booksellers, led by Mary-anne Scott, have teamed up with SLANZA (School Library Association of New Zealand Aotearoa) and Booksellers Aotearoa NZ to create the [Books Back Better](#) project.

Books Back Better is a project to collect monetary donations from our wider communities around the motu to buy Booksellers Tokens and distribute these to kura/schools, Kohanga Reo and Kindergartens affected by the recent cyclone Gabrielle in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Mary-anne Scott, Hawkes Bay author, is leading the Books Back Better group. "A well-stocked library should be the beating heart of any learning environment for our tamariki. [Books Back Better](#) aims to restock flooded school libraries after Gabrielle. Monies raised will provide book tokens so the affected libraries can be filled with books best-suited for their readers."

"Our SLANZA National Executive had been discussing ideas about how we best support school libraries around the motu that had been impacted by Cyclone Gabrielle, when Mary-anne phoned me with a desire to support affected school libraries, so it was a no-brainer that we do all we can to get behind a locally driven project" says Sasha Eastwood, school librarian at Manchester Street School and current President of SLANZA. "The tokens will give schools agency to purchase their own books with their community needs in mind. We hope these books will give comfort to akonga/students as school communities work through recovering from the devastating damage of recent events."

Booksellers Aotearoa were also approached by Mary-anne and were keen to be involved. "The devastation of Cyclone Gabrielle has had impacts throughout New Zealand's book-loving community, including several of our members." says Dan Slevin, Booksellers Aotearoa CEO. "By channeling these generous donations through discounted Booksellers Tokens, our association can make a contribution to those schools, kohanga and kindies that have to rebuild their collections, and also support our members operating in affected communities in Northland, Auckland, Bay of Plenty, Tairāwhiti and Hawkes Bay."

People can donate via [the SLANZA website](#). Donations will be used to purchase Booksellers Tokens which will be distributed to kura/schools, kindergartens or Kōhanga Reo in Aotearoa New Zealand affected by Cyclone Gabrielle and who fit the project criteria via an application process. These tokens will enable the affected kura/schools to purchase new books from local

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booksellers to replace those damaged. Booksellers Aotearoa are supplying the tokens at a 20 percent discount off face value.

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* |

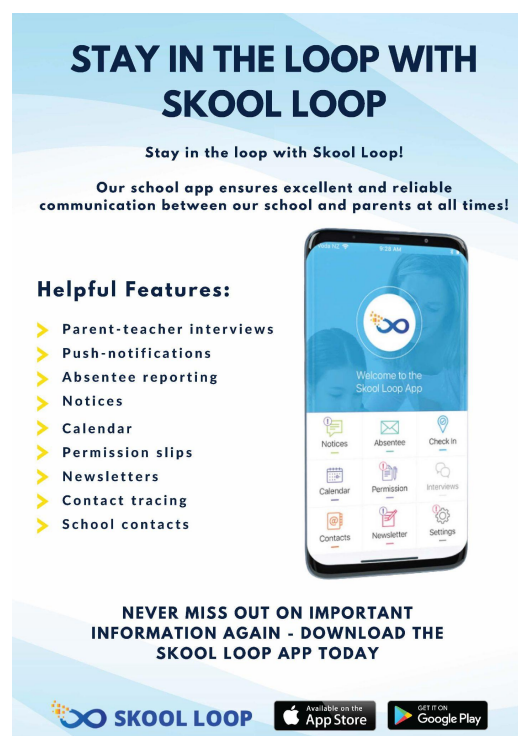
IMPORTANT DATES:

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.

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Community Notices



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

Families can find information about a number of **School Holiday Programmes** that are running these holidays. Please check out our 'Community Notices' section on the website:

<https://tamahere.school.nz/whanau-information/#communitynotices>



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