NEWSLETTER 30th March 2023

Week 9, Term 1

TAMAHERE

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Wiki/ Week 9 Happenings:

PUMPKIN NIGHT ON SATURDAY:

We are really looking forward to seeing everyone on Saturday afternoon. It looks like we may have a few spots of rain to contend with, but this shouldn't spoil the fun. We have some amazing rides this year, with a Bungee Run, Mechanical Surfboard, Sumo Suits and a Mechanical Bull. We also have a Nerf Gun Area and a Gumboot throw, as well as stalls selling books, good quality 2nd hand clothing and a large number of stalls selling yummy food items. Plus, we have pony rides from 3.00 until 6.00pm.

A huge thank you to Louise Mercer, Julie Koekemoer, Michelle Bassett, Kerri Hilton, Joey Smith, Anna Heslop, Sarah Elliott, Nicky Lee, Alice van der Heyden, Kelly Martyn and the wonderful team who have been working tirelessly to make hundreds of lolly necklaces and organise all the stalls and prizes. What a great night it will be!

Thank you also to everyone who has signed up to help out on a stall, etc for a short time. The more the merrier!

We are looking forward to a wonderful evening, with our community coming together to enjoy this special event. Everyone is welcome! There is still time for families to get involved in the list of competitions available and have some fun beforehand also. Please see the information later in the newsletter for times and details.



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



End of Daylight Savings:

Daylight Saving ends this Sunday. Don't forget to set your clocks back 1 hour!



END OF TERM SAUSAGE SIZZLE REMINDER:



The PTA have organised an end of term sausage sizzle for next Thursday. Order forms have already been sent home with students. Please ensure that the order forms and cash are returned to the class teacher before 9.00am tomorrow.

WAIHI BEACH CAMP B - MIRO 13 & PUKATEA 14 - BACK TOMORROW

We have again been blessed with another week of fine but slightly colder autumn weather for the second Maungatautari Syndicate camp this week for our Te Akatarere Pod students (Miro 13 & Pukatea 14). We look forward to sharing more photos and updates next week.



You're invited to a special farewell assembly for Lee Boyd. Tuesday 4th April 9.00am in the Tamahere Community Centre.

STAFF NEWS:

I wish to share with you that I have accepted a position to teach at an international school in Egypt this coming August. After much consideration, I feel as though now is the right time for me to expand my teaching and grow professionally while being able to travel the world. I am fortunate enough to be going with my partner Matthew and he will also be teaching at the same school. We were drawn to Egypt for its rich history and culture. Unfortunately this means leaving at the end of Term Two this year.

I am thankful for all the opportunities Tamahere has given me and for the amazing people I have met and worked with. I look forward to finishing my time at Tamahere positively.



Brooklyn Dunn

Upcoming Dates:

April / Paenga-whāwhā		
WEEK 9		
Rāhoroi / Saturday 1st	★ PUMPKIN NIGHT	

WEEK 10		
Rāpare /Thursday 6th	 ★ PTA End of Term Sausage Sizzle ★ LAST DAY OF TERM 1 	
Rāmere /Friday 7th	★ GOOD FRIDAY/START OF SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	
TERM 2		
April / Paenga-whāwhā		
Rāhina /Monday 24th	★ MINISTRY TEACHER ONLY DAY	
Rātū /Tuesday 25th	★ ANZAC DAY	
Rāapa /Wednesday 26th	 ★ START OF TERM 2 ★ WHAKATAU WELCOME ASSEMBLY AT 11.15AM 	

TERM 2 START DATE- 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.



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.

- <u>Thursday 15th June:</u> 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.



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.





2023 TERM DATES:

TERM	START DATE	END DATE
Term 2	Wednesday 26 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*

Donations / Tax Rebate:

Just a final 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 <u>accounts@tamahere.school.nz</u>.

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.

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)
- ★ Drop off needs to be before 10:00 am



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.

7. **Pumpkin Drawing Competition** – This will be distributed at school for those children that want to enter. Entries are to be put in the boxes in the Office before Pumpkin Night.

PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning

Students of Week 8 Kia Manaaki - I make good choices		
NIKAU 1	Yasser A	
KAURI 2	Indie J-M	
KAWAKAWA 3	Summer L	
ΤΙΤΟΚΙ 6	Sydney-Grace F	
RIMU 7	Damian L	
POHUTUKAWA 8	Evelyn S	
RATA 9	Indie S	
TOTARA 10	Teacher Absent	
MATAI 11	Donay Z	
TANEKAHA 12	Charlee M	
MIRO 13	Teacher Absent	
PUKATEA 14	Maisie F	
KARAKA 15	Ivanka N	
MANUKA 16	Teacher Absent	
TAWA 19	Matilda C	







Waihi Beach - Camp A Karaka 15 & Manuka 16

What a fantastic camp we had in Week 8, with the Pukeatua Pod - Karaka 15 and Manuka 16 senior students.

The weather was fabulous and our students demonstrated our kia mai, kia manaaki and kia kotahi vision so well - we were all so very proud of them.

A HUGE thank you goes to all of the parents helpers and to our teacher organisers, Mrs Hawthorn, Miss Dunn and Whaea Maria.

WAIHI CAMP 2023

On the first day of camp on the way to Waihi beach we stopped in Waihi town and went to the Martha Gold Mine. There was a gold mining museum that taught us a lot about mining. On the second day we learnt about surf life saving and we also learned about how to be safe in the water. On the third day we walked the beautiful Karangahake Gorge. We started the Karangahake gorge walk with mud clinging to our dusty old shoes. Soon enough we were entering the dusty old abandoned railway tunnel which was about 2km long with water leaking from the walls. The rocky path scrapes loudly as we tramp across it. When we were driving on the one way gravel road to get to dickies flat it felt like you were in the story of some old book. We put up our tent when we arrived at the campground and it felt like we were real kiwi kids camping in a cow paddock dotted with poo.

By Ewan, Sam, Paige and Hazel







































<u>Waihi Camp</u>

Waihi camp was a blast, fun games, good dinners and amazing experiences. Waihi is a fun place. Going there a lot, I know alot about it

But camp just showed me a new part of Waihi. The Gold Discovery Center for example, let's just say it lives up to its name. I really did discover. Did you know, in the future they plan to make a lake out of the Martha Mine. My favourite part of camp was hot pools.

And I think I can say this on behalf of Maungatautari Syndicate,

Camp was AMAZING!

By Cohen C

<u>Waihi Beach Camp 2023</u>

Last week half of the year 5 and 6 students went to camp at Waihi Beach for the week, and this week the other half (including my sister) are doing the same. They will arrive back at school tomorrow and be absolutely exhausted.

Camp was amazing, so full of activity. My favourite part of camp was the Education Centre and camping at Dickies Flat. On Thursday we went to the Karangahake Gorge and hiked round the loop and through the tunnel. When we were all ready to leave I found myself facing a sting, but not just any

sting, a bee sting. Thankfully I'm not allergic, but that tragedy definitely ruined my day. I still loved camp though, and I hope that my sister has just as much fun as I had.

By Grace H

Camping at Dickies Flat

Sleeping through the night was easy except for the morning. Wet tents and bags, soggy shoes and wet pillows. Let me tell you, if you go to Waihi camp and you do camping, you will FREEZE! In the morning when you wake up it is so so so so cold! But the good thing is that you will get hot milo! I'm leaving this year since I'm a year 6 so to everyone who is going to go to Waihi Beach camp in the future - You will have fun!

By Bella D

A huge thank you from the Taupiri Team:



As part of our ongoing te reo Maori programme, where we are deepening our understanding of te ao Maaori, the Taupiri Team were extremely grateful and appreciative of the time Te Wai Ora, Raylene, Joel and Jamie from Ngaati Hauaa spent with us on Wednesday teaching us about harakeke and weaving.

All our students had an opportunity to experience weaving hands-on and learn about the practises behind preparing the harakeke.

We hope the weaving managed to make its way home so you could also see what the children got up to.

Here are some pictures of the day:







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



Gymnastics Academy Term 2

