

TAMAHERE

MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL

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Wiki/ Week 10 Happenings:

FAREWELL MRS BOYD

On Tuesday we held a Special Assembly to farewell our Deputy Principal Lee Boyd, who is moving onto Cambridge High School at the end of this term, after 16 years of dedicated service to our school community. We were delighted to be able to have members of Lee's whānau join us to share this very special occasion.

Lee is such an inspiration and has touched the lives of so many children and their families who have passed through the school, as well as her colleagues. A number of her past students shared how she had a huge impact on their time at Tamahere.

Lee was presented with a special taonga, a Korowai made up of hundreds of paper feathers, specially decorated by all our students with messages on the inside.

Thank you to Tamahere Model Country School

This is my last sign off for the term and closes off my time at this incredible school. Next term I will be moving to Cambridge High School where I will be Head of Department - Whare Tautoko. This is a position that sees me work with students who need a little extra support at High School.

My time at Tamahere School started with a suggestion my very dear friend Sandra Bai made when she said I should apply for the DP role at TMCS. Her children attended Tamahere Model Country School and she thought I would be a good fit for the role. The rest is history. I applied, got the job then moved into the area. This was all back in 2007. Georgie-Rose (my daughter) was only one and she has recently turned 17! Soon after I moved to the school I was incredibly fortunate to have many of my friends move to the area and their children started school and became part of the Tamahere whānau. I have enjoyed watching your children all grow up and find their own pathways as they have come through the school.

My time here has come to an end. I have been extremely blessed in my role as DP. The opportunities afforded to me have been instrumental in making me the person I am today.

Thanks to all the beautiful children I have taught or have been at school while I have been here. You are all amazing and you are why I come to work.

To my incredible staff past and present. You all work so hard for the good of the children. Each one of you is gifted and passionate about doing the best for each child.

To Waveney for giving me the opportunities and letting me be who I am. I have had so many interesting projects to work on. You trusted me with so much.

To the parents-you trusted me to look after your children. I hope I lived up to my responsibilities. I have loved working alongside you all to make this school and community the place it is today. Pumpkin Night this past weekend has once again demonstrated why I love this community. The people who popped down to help set up, turned up with gazebos because of the rain, helped put out chairs and decorate the tents-there is always a wonderful feel of community at school. Thank you for making our community so welcoming.

To the Board past and present-I have truly enjoyed the time I have spent with you learning from you all. You are all so talented and I have learned so much from your combined wisdom and knowledge.

Our family have been part of this community and I am so pleased I was able to be there to watch my own children Georgie-Rose and Wilson journey through Tamahere School. They have been recipients of so much love, nurture and support in the time they spent here.



It has been an absolute pleasure being able to serve the whānau of this community. Recently I had the pleasure of listening to Sir Tipene O'Regan's daughter Hana at a conference. She spoke at length about the idea of faithful service. This is something I have aspired to give. I truly believe that I have grown up sufficiently now to graduate from Primary School and go to High School! I will miss you all but I won't be going too far away. Have a wonderful Easter.

Ngaa mihi nui

Lee Boyd

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!!

What a busy and enjoyable term we have had. We wish all our families a wonderful two-week break, and hope you all get to enjoy some sun and relaxation. Whether you are staying close to home, enjoying the beautiful outdoors or venturing further afield - keep safe and be happy together.

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 you all refreshed and ready for another term beginning on Wednesday 26th April.



START OF TERM 2 & WHAKATAU WELCOME:

We look forward to seeing you all refreshed and ready for another term on **WEDNESDAY 26TH APRIL**, when we will be welcoming 8 new students to our school. Everyone is warmly invited to come along to **our Whakatau** to welcome our new enrolments and their whānau to our school in a special assembly. This will be held at **11.15am in the Tamahere Community Centre (TCC)**.



TERM 1 VISION TICKET WINNING WHANAU:

Congratulations to HOIHO - winners of the Term 1 Whānau Vision challenge.

On Wednesday, all Hoiho Whānau members were allowed to wear their own clothes to school and they were rewarded with a hot chippie treat at lunchtime.

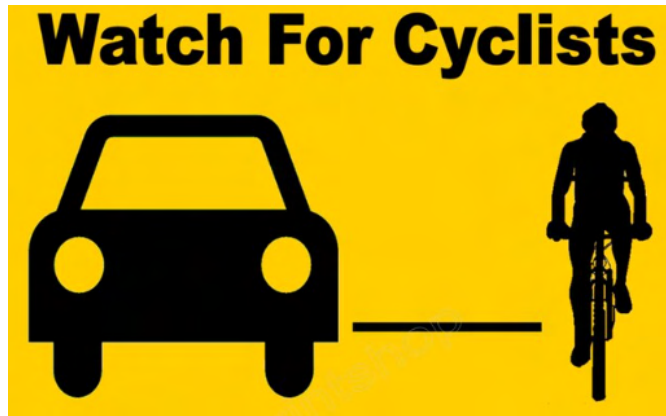


REMINDER: We're having an End of Term Sausage Sizzle TOMORROW!!!!

LOOKING OUT FOR OUR CYCLISTS:

At the start of this week, we received a worrying report about driver behaviour, where a vehicle was reported to have been close to clipping the bikes of a family riding to school. This was a very scary experience for the family, which thankfully did not end in injury.

Whilst incidents like this serve as a timely reminder to all road users to take extra care around schools, it should be an absolute given that extra caution is needed when approaching and passing cyclists. Please give cyclists plenty of room when passing them – **allow at least 1.5 metres between you and the cyclist if you can.**



Extra caution is always needed when driving around schools at drop off and collection times. We ask all parents to observe the road rules, be observant and considerate of other road users, at all times.

2023 TMCS FUNDRAISING BALL - 10th June 2023



The Ball Committee is thrilled to announce that we have secured both our Gold and Silver Sponsors for the event!

Angela Finnigan, Bayleys Real Estate has very generously come on board as our Gold Sponsor; we are absolutely delighted to have her support and are very proudly updating all of our advertising for the Ball to reference her wonderful contribution.



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Taking on the Silver sponsorship - that of sponsoring the band for the night - is our nearby neighbours, The Tamahere Country Club!



We are so incredibly grateful and humbled by both Angela and the Country Club's generous support of our school - sending them both a huge & heartfelt thanks!

Havana Nights: The 2023 TMCS Fundraising Ball, 10th June The Narrows Landing.
Tickets on sale soon!



Upcoming Dates:

April / Paenga-whāwhā	
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

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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

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.

- **Thursday 15th June:** To enable all of our staff to complete their First Aid Refresher course, we will be **closing at 2.00pm**, before a longer weekend linked to Fieldays Friday. ASC will operate as normal and the bus will be leaving half an hour earlier.
- **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 TERM DATES:

TERM	START DATE	END DATE
Term 2	Wednesday 26 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*

PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning

Students of Week 9

Kia Kotahi - I listen, share and contribute

NIKAU 1

Omansh M

KAURI 2

Lulu C

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KAWAKAWA 3	Dylan H
TITOKI 6	Ema R
RIMU 7	Chelsea E-S
POHUTUKAWA 8	Chloe S
RATA 9	Emily R
TOTARA 10	George R
MATAI 11	Maddy C
TANEKAHA 12	Lewis S
MIRO 13	Monty G
PUKATEA 14	Eyrah-Lee K
KARAKA 15	Lenny M
MANUKA 16	Joshua S
TAWA 19	Sophie E



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WOWSERS!

What an AMAZING Pumpkin Night

First of all a **big big big thank you** to everyone who helped and everyone who turned up to enjoy the fun. There was a great energy through the afternoon with lots of smiling faces.



The weather didn't deter us and the fabulous creation of tent city provided a cozy space for everyone to enjoy the children's acts on stage. The Tamahere Kids and Community have a lot of talent.



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The vegetable and scarecrow competitions provided some beautiful vegetables and enormous pumpkins. Please collect your entries by the end of the day.



But wait.....there's still more fun.....**the raffle remains open until 2.30pm tomorrow, Thursday 6th April**, so please come and spend any left over pumpkin dollars or real money **at the office** for a chance to win one of these great prizes:

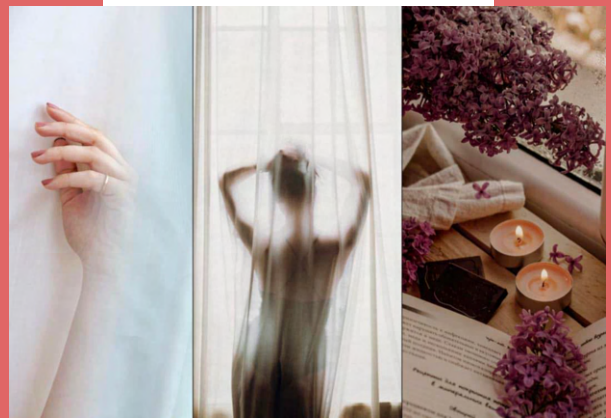


2 Nights at a Waihi Beach Bach



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We absolutely loved receiving all the amazing entries for our **Pumpkin Night competitions**. The size of your pumpkins and the creativity of the entries was wonderful. Children could enter into any of the competitions below:

- ★ **Pumpkins on Parade** - Any pumpkin creation either carved or decorated with embellishments, (e.g., Lego, toys, hair, ...).
- ★ **Pumpkins and Pals** - Pumpkins and/or other vegetable friends, carved or decorated as you wish.
- ★ **Heaviest Pumpkin** - The big weigh in for all those children who have been cultivating and watering all summer.
- ★ **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.
- ★ **Pumpkin Drawing Competition**
- ★ **Family Scarecrow Competition**
- ★ **Gumboot Decoration**

Toni from Tom Tit Farm, who judged this year's entries, was looking for creativity, the amount of effort put in, particularly where she could tell the children had put the effort in themselves. She was super impressed with all entries and it was very difficult to make the decision on placings.

There were many competitions throughout the afternoon and the winners are listed below.

CATEGORY	TAUPIRI	PIRONGIA	MAUNGATAUTARI
Pumpkins on Parade	1 st - Evelyn S 2 nd - Lucca T 3 rd - Elise F 4 th - Oskar N	1 st - Abbie T 2 nd - Emily M 3 rd - Lucas & Maddie E 4 th = Oliver F & Lucas C	1 st - Logan & Olivia L 2 nd - Ruby C
Pumpkins and Pals	1 st - Oskar N 2 nd - Chloe S 3 rd - Isla A 4 th - Ralph W	1 st = Tate B & Jamie J 2 nd Lauren C 3 rd Ben M 4 th = Logan R & Lucas C	1 st Harriet E 2 nd Holly H 3 rd Eliza F 4 th =Sam O & Isaac R
Drawing Competition	1 st - Lucca T 2 nd - Evelyn S 3 rd - Rhylan E 4 th - Annabel N	1 st - Ryan O 2 nd - Eloise C 3 rd - Mae Mae Z 4 th - Greta C	1 st - Harriet E 2 nd - Pip O 3 rd - Isla A 4 th - Adriano S

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	SPECIAL PRIZE PAINTING: Amelia d T		
GUMBOOT Decorating Competition	1 st - Oskar N 2 nd - Joy B	1 st - Hannah D 2 nd - Lauren C	1 st - Harriet E 2 nd - Grace H 3 rd - Kathlyn D
Biggest Pumpkin (circumference)	1 st - Lucas C 2 nd - Ellie K 3 rd - Tegan K 4 th - Charles & Lottie B		
Family Jack-o-Lantern	1 st - Lachlan R 2 nd - Logan & Olivia L 3 rd - Michael M 4 th = Fraser M & Isabelle S		
Family Scarecrow Competition	1 st - Riley D 2 nd - Lauren C		
Planking	Women - Lisa H Men - Ollie S Girl - Molly C Boy - Luka F		
Rowing	Women - Jade H Men - Max H Girl - Mila W Boy - Cooper H		
Headstand	Women - Lee B Men - Pete M Girl - Emily C Boy - Wilson B		

Gumboot Throw Results...

These are coming this week and prizes will be delivered to the winners.

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Thank You's:

And finally the proper list of thank you messages - your effort, help, time and patience were very much appreciated.

- ALL the parents who attended - without you the event wouldn't be a success.
- The Pumpkin Night organising team - Louise, Julie, Mel, Nicky, Joey, Sarah, Kerri, Kelly, Alice.
- The Pumpkin Night and PTA reps - for getting stalls organised and running them on the night.
- The teachers for being so enthusiastic and helpful in the build up to the day and on the night.
- The fudge, lolly necklace, brownie, cup cake and coconut ice makers - delicious treats were enjoyed by everyone.
- Everyone who brought their personal gazebos.
- The Saturday morning set up crew.
- The Saturday evening pack down crew.
- The Sunday clean up crew.

It takes an enormous amount of effort to make something like Pumpkin Night happen with lots of people contributing time, effort and thought to bring it all together. We have an amazing community around us and times like Saturday afternoon, allow it to shine through for everyone to see. Ka pai Tamahere!

From the Tamahere Model Country School PTA and Pumpkin Night Team

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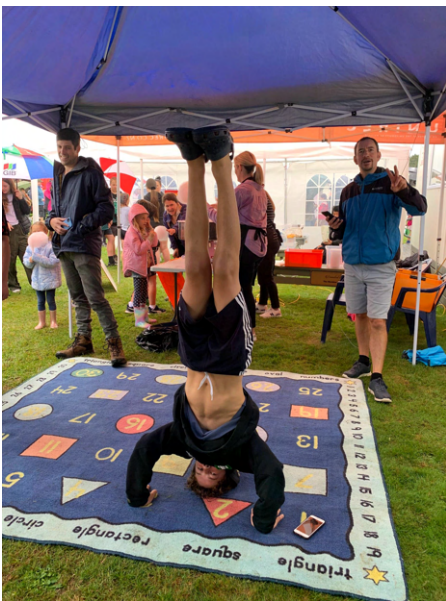


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THE *Sunday* SOCIETY



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Waihi Beach - Camp B Miro 13 & Pukatea 14

In Week 9 our Year 5 & 6 students from Miro 13 and Pukatea 14, left for 4 days of excitement at Waihi Beach. A huge thank you goes to Bridget Hawthorn, Luke Mitchell, Annette Howard and all the parents for their hard work and fantastic support of all of our students to make this camp a success. These experiences will form lifelong memories for our senior students.



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THE RIVER!!!

SPLASH I was in. As soon as I was in, people were getting out. WE HAD JUST STARTED THE RIVER SWIM AND PEOPLE WERE HOPPING OUT, well it was deathly cold and soon I was going to freeze to death. But I was determined not to get out, and if I did get out then I would definitely freeze. Would I hop out???

Holly H



A New Day

Suddenly I wake up to the sight of Hannalise and Isla chatting. I stumbled up off my back and slowly opened the doors. The fresh wind blows in my face and sends a shiver down my spine as I step out of the tent to the sight of kids parading around the tents and other kids playing volleyball. It was a cold crisp morning and everyone was freezing and looked like they had no sleep. I wonder what we have in store for us today...

By India D



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A Moment in Time

Noisily, we entered a dark, spooky tunnel. Step by step, minute by minute we reached for the end of the tunnel. By not even halfway through the tunnel my legs were dying and my feet were so sore. Water was dripping onto my shoulder. I was determined to see daylight again. Finally I stepped out of the dark tunnel. I felt proud that I reached the end. Now I have to walk all the way back again.

By Harriet E



Dickeys Flat's River

I jumped into the waist-deep river, instantly regretting it. It was freezing! I was too scared to put my head under. I quickly paddled towards the nearest rock that I used as a rough, big platform to perch my tired legs. My legs paddled hard, because I didn't want to go fully in the water. My eyes scanned the other kids, and I hoped to find my friends. It took courage, it took time but... In the end I was finally brave enough to plunge my head under. BRRRR!!!

By Xin Yuan



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The Tunnel

The dark tunnel walls on either side of me were pitch black except for the eerie glow of the yellow lights above. You could hear the echoing of laughter and whispering and the trickle of water running down the walls. The tunnel had a dark musty smell to it. It was a bit unpleasant but exciting at the same time.

By Grace G



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Favourite Memory Snapshot

Seeing people diving through the white tipped waves. It looked like a dream our instructor finally let us in the beautiful clear water. I was waiting for this time for days or even weeks. I sprinted toward the fresh water it was a dream come true.

After 1 hour and 30 minutes we made it, it was the best we could finally get out of the stuffy car, unpack and go to our bunk rooms.

By Skip + B



Year 1 and 2 Netball Skills:

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Year 1 and 2 Netball skills is **all go** for next term!

Thank you to the wonderful parents who have offered their time to make it happen.

If you have popped your name down, see you on the first Friday of Term 2 at 2.30-3.30pm on the courts by the pool.

If it is wet, the session will be in the Tamahere Community Centre (TCC).

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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:
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