

TAMAHERE

MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL

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Wiki/ Week 3 Happenings:

Adapting to Change

After enjoying some sunshine, history and travel in the South Island as part of my sabbatical, it has been lovely to pop back for a while and catch up with so many, in our busy school community. It is always so uplifting to be surrounded by your beautiful children - their smiles and comments. I have primarily come back to help with our unexpected mid year staffing appointments.

We are delighted for Lee in securing a position that nourishes her passion around Special Needs Education, but she has also left a large hole at an unexpected time in the school year - a hole which at this stage, after advertising and interviews, we feel we are unable to fill. We have had a number of quality applicants but have decided to extend our process so that further diligence can be achieved and to enable the successful applicant to start with us cleanly at the beginning of the 2024 school year.

In the meantime, we will be increasing staffing to release Annette Howard completely from her classroom responsibilities, so that she can move between Acting Principal, while I am away in blocks for my sabbatical, and then being the only Deputy Principal on site. Annette is a very capable and wonderful person and is doing an outstanding job of juggling many balls in the air at present. We will also be providing further release time for our fantastic Leadership Team, so that they can pick up extra management and leadership responsibilities.

Welcomes and Farewell:

I will start with the sad news first. Our amazing **Mrs Bridget Hawthorn** is leaving us! Bridget is a very talented teacher and an absolute powerhouse, full of energy and *kia maia*. We will miss her enormously, from her passions for Jump Jam, sports and horse riding, that she encourages our children with, through to her skilled teaching and ability to connect with, and support her students to build confidence and achieve the very best they can. Bridget is part of the furniture around here - well respected furniture! Bridget first started teaching here in 2007 as a young



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teacher co-leading sport. She has developed and grown in her abilities and become a wife and mum to her two girls - Addi & Bonnie. For a number of years Bridget was part time and taught across the school, releasing teachers. Bridget came back to teach full time in 2021. She is now entering a new chapter in her career and her girls will at some time join her at Southwell School. Initially, Bridget will be taking a Year 8 girls Health & Wellbeing class. Thank you for your dedicated service, and commitment to our school, Bridget. We wish you all the very best at your new school.

Welcome

We are very pleased to welcome three new teachers to our Maungatautari Senior Syndicate:

We warmly welcome **Mrs Hayley Bacon** onto our staff. Hayley is well known to many as she is an Across School Leader in our Hillcrest Kahui Ako. I'll let Hayley speak for herself;

Kia ora koutou,

Ko Hayley Bacon toku ingoa. It is a pleasure to be joining the Tamahere community and I am excited to be teaching in the Year 5 & 6 Maungatautari Syndicate. I am passionate about education and have been teaching for 20 years across 0-6. I am currently teaching and team leader of Year 5 & 6 class at Matangi School and look forward to continuing the connections between the neighbour schools. Kris and I have two children Emily and Jack and are surrounded by a close family. I look forward to meeting you all and a fantastic year ahead!

Nгаа mihi

Hayley Bacon

Hayley will be teaching in Pukatea 14 from the start of Term 3. She will be supported in this by **Mrs Annalise Catchpole**, who many also know as a past teacher at Berkley Normal Middle School. Annalise will be taking the fifth class in Maungatautari Syndicate for reading, writing and mathematics along with her time in Pukatea 14, and some across school release.

We are also very pleased to welcome **Mrs Frances Mossop** to our school, starting in Term 3. Frances will be taking over from Miss Dunn in Karaka 15, as she heads over to Egypt. Many of you may experience a double take, as Frances is the sister of our lovely Mrs Gillian Stantiall and they have quite a similarity. Frances has previously taught at Peachgrove Intermediate and will rejoin her colleague - Whaea Maria, our Maungatautari Syndicate Leader.

ENSURING OUR SPORTS FIELDS SURVIVE THE WINTER:

With over 100 mls of rain falling this week, on top of the wettest sports fields we have ever had in May, we apologise in advance, that we will be having to close our fields more regularly this year to ensure that they survive the winter sports season. We will follow WDC field closure guidelines. Any closures will be communicated directly to sports coaches/managers.

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We ask parents managing teams to stop children from skidding and sliding unnecessarily on our grassed areas.

Our fields have to sustain constant playtime and lunchtime wear. If your child enjoys playing on the grass in school time, we ask that a complete change of clothes is provided for them to play in, so that they come back into class dry. Old shorts from home are completely acceptable.

Measles Advisory

With the report of a number of measles cases in Auckland earlier this month, we want to share Ministry of Health advice with our school community :

Measles is a highly infectious viral illness that can be very serious. It is prevented by the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccination. Measles can spread easily amongst those that are not immune.

Know the symptoms

Red, blotchy
rash

Fever

Sore, watery
pink eyes

Cough

Runny nose

The rash normally appears three to seven days after the other symptoms. This starts on the face and then spreads to the rest of the body.

Symptoms can include a fever, cough, runny nose and sore, watery 'pink' eyes. These are followed by a blotchy rash. If you catch measles, you are infectious from four days before and until four days after the rash appears. What should people do if they experience symptoms? If you have symptoms, you should call your General Practice, Hauora Māori or Pacific provider or Healthline on 0800 611 116. If you need to visit your primary care health provider or an after-hours clinic, phone ahead first to limit the risk of the virus being spread to other people. Because measles is so infectious, it's important that those that have been diagnosed with measles isolate (i.e. staying at home unless seeking healthcare). People who have measles will need to isolate until four days after the rash first appears.

On the Te Whatu Ora website, you will find a general information [factsheet about measles](#).

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2023 TMCS FUNDRAISING BALL - 10th June 2023

TICKETS ON SALE AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE NOW

Tickets went on sale Monday afternoon and we are already **HALF SOLD OUT!**

A huge thank you to you all for such awesome support of this event - and of our fundraising efforts. Events like this really do make a tangible difference for our kids - together we can achieve so much for them. So **THANK YOU!**

If you are planning on coming and haven't yet got your tickets - get on down to the office because as you can see, they're flying out the door.

\$125 per person. You can pay with eftpos at the School Office, or via direct credit into the TMCS PTA bank account: 12-3152-0212196-000

If paying by direct credit, please pop your surname, child's room number, and HAVANA as the references. Your tickets will then be allocated and the lovely office ladies will have them ready to collect from the school office each Friday.

Venue capacity limits mean that tickets are **EXTREMELY** limited so don't delay - you don't want to be sitting at home on the 10th June wishing you were in Cuba!

PS - don't forget to join the [Havana Nights Facebook group](#) to stay up to date with all the details!



Opening Mr Wickens Hut - Home Sweet Home!

THANK YOU MR. WICKENS!!!!

On Tuesday, just before the heavens opened, we held a very short ceremony to open a special new piece of the Junior Playground - an exciting log cabin / hut / creative space, where imagination can make it into anything - a space rocket, ship, where ... This special place has

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been lovingly built by our wonderful Mr Wickens for our students to enjoy. He was supported in this project initially by the Dad's Army and since then by Mr Ball. Thank you all so much. It is wonderful!

Helpers at the opening were: Bella D, Aria Q, Bo L & Thea B, who led us in Karakia and our six junior ribbon cutters: Poppy L, Cullen S, George R, Abigail P, Emma R and Arlo B.



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PIRONGIA SYNDICATE NEWS:

Our **Pirongia Syndicate** has had an adventurous week, with our Year 4's off on their exciting 3 day camp at Raglan yesterday and our Year 3's having 3 days of outdoor activities, ending with a trip to Extreme Edge tomorrow. Here are some photos from their Day One adventures, where our Year 3's had a visit from the Fire Service. More will be shared in next week's newsletter.





Daffodil Planting with the Taupiri Syndicate

On Tuesday 16th May, 8.55 -10.30am - (Next week)

Calling all parent helpers who have offered to help with Daffodil planting.



Thank you for your offers to help. We are very pleased this is going ahead. We will need all helpers to be on the Reserve behind the TCC, by 8.55am, ready for a safety briefing by the Council. The students will come across in classes and plant their bulbs at their allocated time.

WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING, IF POSSIBLE:

Any spades or trowels, gloves, and wheelbarrows. Make sure they are marked, so they are identifiable as yours. If possible, we would really appreciate parent helpers staying for the duration of the planting, across all the classes.

Please see the roster below, so you know when your children will be joining the planting.

Class	Time
T6	9.00 - 9.15am
T10	9.15 - 9.30am
T19	9.30 - 9.45am
P8	9.45 - 10.00am
R7	10.00 - 10.15am
H21	10.15 - 10.30am

Given we couldn't have 130+children all planting at the same time, but wanted our children to each be a part of the experience, we have arranged short slots for each class.



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All children **MUST** wear fully covered shoes, have a raincoat and if possible, bring gloves or a small trowel for planting - all named.

Thank you for your support with this to make our environment a special place to be.

The Taupiri Team

WEEK 4 DISCO

The disco's are fun events for our students, with dancing, games and spot prizes.

TAUPIRI DISCO:

We have now made a slight change to the Taupiri Disco, for our Year 0, 1 and 2 students, with the ticket price now set at \$2.00, which still includes a bag of popcorn. We will not be issuing tickets, but each classroom teacher will record names. Our Taupiri Disco takes place during school hours. All our Year 0, 1 & 2 students will be able to come to school wearing disco themed *Superhero* clothing next Thursday, but if your child/ren is not wanting to attend the disco, they will remain in a classroom under teacher supervision.



PIRONGIA & MAUNGATAUTARI DISCO'S:

The Pirongia (Year 3 & 4) and Maungatautari (Year 5 & 6) school discos are as follows:

- Pirongia Disco (International Theme, e.g countries) from 5:00pm - 6:00pm
- Maungatautari Disco (Celebrities Theme) from 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Tickets are available through classroom teachers - disco tickets are \$5.00, which includes a bag of popcorn. Students can also order pizza slices at \$1.00 per slice. Payment must be made to the classroom teacher in cash.

We ask that children bring along a full water bottle, which they can refill. There will also be a stall offering treats for sale for Pirongia and Maungatautari students, so feel free to bring some pocket money along.

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LIT QUIZ:

We have had a very exciting week this week for the Lit Quiz teams. On Tuesday, the Quiz Master himself Wayne Mills visited our school. This helped to create excitement about the Lit Quiz for the current teams and for future students.



Every year two teams of four represent TMCS at the Waikato Lit Quiz competition evening. On Wednesday night they competed against 50 other teams from all over the Waikato. Most of the teams were Year 7 and 8 students.

There were 10 categories of children's literature based questions. The students don't know the categories ahead of time, so they read as widely and as much as they can. Some of last night's categories were The Classics, Dogs, Eggs, Enchantments, Blood and Bone, Maps.

Our two teams also go to the library once a week for a "training session". There they do quizzes, literature related games and other activities.

Our teams this year were:

Team 1: Ruby C, Sam O, Eva H and Eyrah-Lee K

Team 2: Sophia M, Harper LM, Grace K and Hannah P

All our students did extremely well. We won't know the teams exact positions for a few days but they can hold their heads up high and be proud of their accomplishments. I am also very proud of how they conducted themselves during the whole evening. Well done!



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Also a huge thank you to the wonderful parents who have been supporting their children and who came along on the night to support the teams.

Well done to Ruby C's Dad, who was super quick to correctly answer a quiz question put to the audience, winning himself \$10.00.

Mrs Kewish

Tamahere School Librarian



PINK SHIRT DAY 2023 - FRIDAY 19th MAY:

Next Friday the whole country will celebrate Pink Shirt Day. Tamahere Model Country School will take part in Pink Shirt Day - a powerful movement to spread aroha and kindness and end bullying.



We will be having a uniform-free day and encourage our tamariki to bring a gold coin and dress in pink (māwhero) to spread the message of kindness. All proceeds will go to the Mental Health Foundation. Please help us in supporting this important kaupapa.

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Upcoming Dates:

May / Haratua	
WEEK 3	
Rāmere /Friday 12th	★ Pirongia Camp - Yr 4's Camp Raglan Yr 3 EOTC Day 3
WEEK 4	
Rātū /Tuesday 16th	★ TAUPIRI SYNDICATE - Daffodil Planting on the Tamahere Reserve
Rāpare /Thursday 18th	★ DISCO
Rāmere /Friday 19th	★ PINK SHIRT DAY
WEEK 6	
Rātū /Tuesday 30th	★ BOT Meeting at 7.00pm
June / Pipiri	
WEEK 7	
Rāhina / Monday 5th	★ KING'S BIRTHDAY
Rāapa /Wednesday 7th	★ Photolife Class Individual & Family Photos
Rāpare /Thursday 8th	★ TMCS Hosting Regional Chess Power Tournament
Rāhoroi/Saturday 10th	★ HAVANA NIGHTS - Narrows Landing
WEEK 8	
Rātū /Tuesday 13th	★ PTA Meeting at 7.00pm
Rāpare /Thursday 15th	★ SCHOOL DAY ENDS AT 2.00PM
Rāmere /Friday 19th	★ FIELDAYS FRIDAY - TEACHER ONLY DAY
WEEK 10	
Rātū /Tuesday 27th	★ BOT Meeting at 7.00pm
Rāmere /Friday 30th	★ LAST DAY OF TERM 2

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 start at 2.00pm on this day and the bus will be leaving half an hour earlier.



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- **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.

PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning



Students of Week Two
I am culturally respectful.

Kia Manaaki
'Honour Be Your Guide'
We have respect for ourselves, others, property, and the environment.
Citizen

NIKAU 1	Bonnie H
KAURI 2	Flynn H
KAWAKAWA 3	Lucas P
TITOKI 6	Maddie E
RIMU 7	Isa S
POHUTUKAWA 8	Hayley C
TOTARA 10	Rhylan E
MATAI 11	Pearse L
TANEKAHA 12	Thea B
MIRO 13	Lauren W
PUKATEA 14	Ryder S
KARAKA 15	Maia G
MANUKA 16	Aynsley B
TAWA 19	Ryley D
HOROEKA 21	Charlie B

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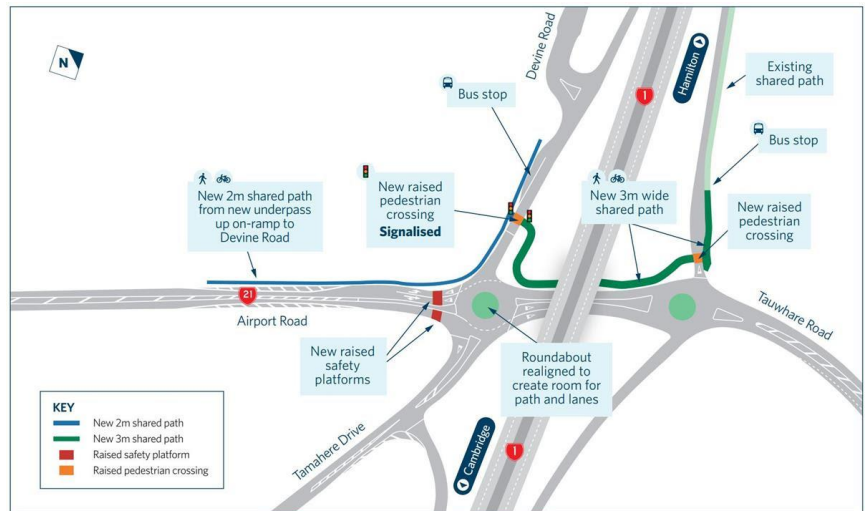
Tamahere Interchange - UpComing Safety Improvements

Work is about to begin on the next phase of safety improvements for pedestrians, cyclists and people on mobility scooters moving around and beneath the Tamahere Interchange.

Raised pedestrian crossings, including a signalised crossing, will be installed, footpaths widened and extended, and lighting improved through this area. This will create a safe journey for everyone – including Tamahere Model Country School pupils and their families, and Eventide Village residents heading to and from the local shopping centre.

The next phase of work which includes:

- construction of raised pedestrian crossings on the Waikato Expressway southbound off-ramp and Airport Road
- a signalised crossing on the northbound on-ramp
- the widening to two metres of the footpath along Airport Road from Regal to Devine Road
- lighting improvements



How this work will affect you

NZTA's contractors, Base Civil, began work on Stage 2 earlier this week, expecting work to run through to late winter, with a one week break for the Fieldays in mid-June. The contractors will generally work weekday daytime hours.

Traffic management and speed restrictions will be in place to ensure the safety of motorists, cyclists and mobility scooter users.

Access for vehicles will be maintained at all times during the day. However, there will be detours in place at times for pedestrians and cyclists, particularly along Airport Road. An alternative route will be signposted through Tamahere Park. Please follow the signs when these are in place.

Nightworks, involving some road closures, will be required for approximately one week, to enable construction of the raised pedestrian crossings. This is expected to be during July, and further advice will be provided ahead of the works starting.



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We are conscious of the disruption the community has experienced during the construction of the Waikato Expressway and these associated safety improvements. Our contractors will work to minimise disruption and complete this important work as quickly as possible.

If you have any further questions about this work please email Waikato.projects@nzta.govt.nz

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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

SPACE FOR 5-6 MORE SO BOOK NOW

GEARING UP FOR X-COUNTRY!!

Year 3 & up 2:45-3:30pm
 Every Wednesday
 \$60per child for Term 2

We are located outside at the TCC
 end of Park



txt or call Paul on 021 08 949 818

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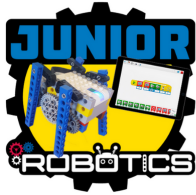
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AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME
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- Junior Robotics Level 1:
- Coding Introduction
- Friday 2:45pm–3:45pm/4:45pm
- Location: Puriri 5
- \$25 / 1 Hour
- \$35 / 2 Hours

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- Junior Robotics Level 2:
- Sensors Programming
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- Location: Puriri 5
- \$25 / 1 Hour
- \$35 / 2 Hours



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