

TAMAHERE

MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL

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

Wiki/ Week 5 Happenings:

Kia ora, thank you to the whaanau who joined us for our **Whaanau o Tamahere Hui** earlier today. Our Kapa Haka Roopu performed with great mana, before we shared our learning and achievement journey. Whanaau then shared their ideas to give us further direction for our journey.

We really value your input and perspective on the education of your tamariki. We are keen to hear from everyone, so if you were unable to attend this opportunity and would like to have a korero, please pop in, phone or email Miss Parker or one of our teachers.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Mid Term Break for TMCS - Term 4

I want to let you know in advance, that we will be having one of the allocated Ministry of Education approved **TEACHER ONLY DAYS** on **Friday 10th November**. The focus for this day will be on the new curriculum and assessment developments, along with assessment and moderation leading to our final end of year students reports. This will create a **long weekend** for you all about Mid Term.



We know a number of families are starting to plan holidays, so here are our end of year and start of 2024 dates.

FINAL DAY OF SCHOOL for 2023 is Monday 18th December 2023.

START OF TERM 1 2024 is Wednesday 31st January 2024.

An Extra Long Weekend in February:

In 2024, **Waitangi Day** will be observed on **Tuesday 6th February**. We will be having a **TEACHER ONLY DAY** on **Monday 5th February 2024**.



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This means we will have two consecutive three day weeks to ease everyone into the term. We hope this makes planning your summer breaks easier and you can enjoy a bonus four day weekend when the weather should be lovely.

WEEK 6 is certainly filled with lots of school events. The entire week is filled with very exciting activities to celebrate **BOOK WEEK**, including **DRESS UP AS A BOOK CHARACTER** on Wednesday, plus two authors visiting the Middle School mid week.

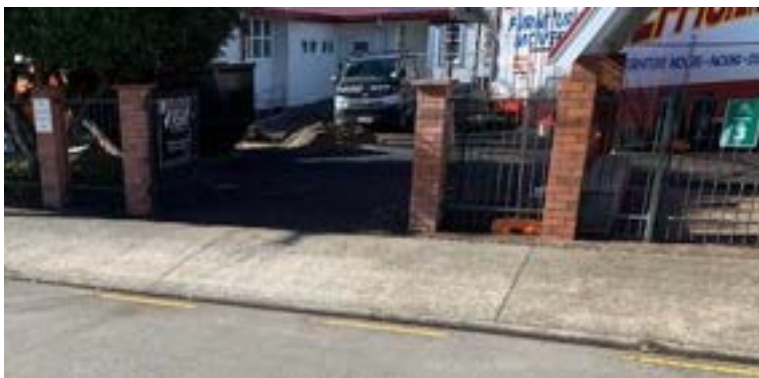
On Monday we have **PHOTOLIFE** visiting our school again, but this time to take photos of our sports teams. Important information for coaches/managers and what students need to bring to school on Monday, are provided later in this newsletter.

We also have our annual **TMCS CROSS COUNTRY** happening on Thursday 24th August. Further details on race timings, etc, are shared later in this newsletter. We look forward to seeing everyone cheering on and supporting our students. We hope that the weather forecast is favourable for next Thursday but if needed, we have scheduled a Postponement Day on Tuesday 29th August.

We also have our **AG DAY JUDGES DEMO VISIT** next Friday 25th August, from 12.30 - 1.15pm beside the Tamahere Community Centre (TCC). This is a great opportunity to come along and hear from the experts on how to raise your lamb, kid, calf or chicken, as well as what to expect and what the judges will be looking for on Ag Day. Parents are very welcome too!

SAFE SCHOOL PARKING:

We have had concerning feedback from members of our Tamahere School community about the parking behaviour of some of our parents/caregivers at drop off and pick up times. This is a reminder that you must park in the designated car park spaces only and not over or in front of the yellow painted lines. In particular, we need to keep the area in front of Gate 3 clear for emergency services such as ambulances, as well as visiting contractor vehicles, to be able to access and leave the school grounds. Thank you for your support with this.



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Upcoming Dates:

August / Here-turi-kōkā	
WEEK 6	
Rāhina / Monday 21st	★ PHOTOLIFE - Team Photos
Rātū / Tuesday 22nd	★ ICAS - Science
Rāhoroi / Wednesday 23rd	★ Dress Up As a Book Character Day
Rāpare / Thursday 24th	★ TMCS Cross Country
Rāmere / Friday 25th	★ ICAS - Spelling ★ Ag Day Judges Demo
WEEK 7	
Rātū / Tuesday 29th	★ TMCS Cross Country - POSTPONEMENT DAY ★ PTA Meeting at 7.00pm
Rāhoroi / Wednesday 30th	★ ICAS - Mathematics
Rāpare / Thursday 31st	★ Chesspower Tournament
September / Mahuru	
WEEK 8	
Rātū / Tuesday 5th	★ Board Meeting
Rāpare / Thursday 7th	★ Country Cluster Cross Country hosted by TMCS (No postponement day)
WEEK 9	
Rāhoroi / Wednesday 13th	★ WIG WEDNESDAY
Rāpare / Thursday 14th	★ City Cluster Cross Country
Rāmere / Friday 15th	★ City Cluster Cross Country - POSTPONEMENT DAY
WEEK 10	
Rāmere / Friday 22nd	★ LAST DAY OF TERM 3
October / Whiringa-ā-nuku	
WEEK 1	
Rāhina / Monday 9th	★ START OF TERM 4
Rāpare / Thursday 12th	★ AG DAY
November / Whiringa-ā-rangi	
WEEK 5	
Rāmere / Friday 10th	★ TEACHER ONLY DAY
WEEK 8	
Rāpare / Thursday 30th	★ GOLF DAY
December / Hakihea	
WEEK 9	
Rāmere / Friday 8th	★ PTA Hosted Christmas Carols & Family Picnic - Tamahere Reserve Piazza and stage
Rāhina / Monday 18th	★ LAST DAY OF TERM 4

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Sports Photos

A reminder that sports photos will be taken on **Monday 21st August in the TCC. Coaches and managers are welcome to join us.** The times below are approximate only but we will try to run the day as close to this schedule as possible.

Please send your child to school on Monday with their sports uniform and socks (no boots, shin pads or sports equipment required)

8:30 - 8:55	Netball x 5 teams
8:55 - 9:00	Lacrosse team
9:00 - 10:15	Football x 14 teams
10:15 -10:30	Cricket Term 1 x 3 teams
10:50 - 11:40	Hockey x 9 teams
11.40 - 12.20	Basketball x 7 teams
1:20 - 1:30	Flippa Ball x 2 teams
1:30 - 2:00	Touch Rugby x 4 teams
2:00 - 2:05	City Cluster Swim team
2:05 - 2:15	Jump Jam x 2 teams

Can you take on the challenge?

NO TV or Screens for Book Week!



If you don't watch TV/screens for a week you go into the prize draw

Get an entry form from the library now

You can still use your device in class or for homework

BOOK WEEK

There will be competitions and games in the library all week.

BOOK CHARACTER DRESS UP DAY.

Have you got your costume ready for Wednesday?



TMCS Cross Country

Our annual School Cross Country will be held on **Thursday 24th of August** at our school using the Tamahere Reserve.

Maungatautari Syndicate will be holding their cross country event at 8:45am and the Pirongia Syndicate at approximately 9:45am, with the Taupiri cross country starting at approximately 11:00am. These times are not guaranteed as running speeds dictate when each race starts.

We are pleased to be able to welcome you to enjoy this event with us once again this year. We ask that you **please remain on the Tamahere Reserve area**, where you will be able to see all competitors easily and keep your distance as you encourage runners along.

The postponement day for this cross country is Tuesday 29th August 2023.



Children are to wear their:

- Whanau shirt
- Suitable running shorts (skorts are okay along with uniform shorts)
- Running shoes.

Please ensure your child brings a change of warmer uniform to put on after their race as they may get wet, muddy and cold. We strongly suggest they also bring a towel, and bag suitable for their muddy belongings to go in. Please make sure your child has plenty of food and water.

Disclosure of Risk: *Below are the possible risks your child could be exposed to on this day and the safety measures that are in place.*

1. **Medical Safety** - All students / parents are asked to ensure each child has their asthma inhalers with them and epi pens and other medication where required. Please ensure your classroom teacher is aware of your child's medical conditions. Our teachers are 1st Aid trained and we will have first aid kits available.
2. **Exhaustion / dehydration / exposure** - All children need to have plenty of food and drink for the day and sunscreen along with enough warm clothes in case the weather changes. If the forecast is for rain - a waterproof raincoat, outside of our uniform may be carried if it provides more protection than our uniform.
3. **Loss** - Every year whanau shirts and other items seem to go missing - please ensure all clothing items are clearly named and there are bags to carry them home.

Please email Ann Marie Copponi (acopponi@tamahere.school.nz) if you are able to help marshall on the course and indicate which race you are able to help with.

Thank you,
Tamahere Model Country School Teachers

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PB4L Vision Challenge Tasks

This term the children have been working on a variety of tasks that help show how we are living our school vision.

In WEEK 1 our vision was **'I am kind and inclusive'**. Here are some photos to show how classes were showing this vision.



In WEEK 2 our vision was **'I am culturally respectful'**. The children created musical performances.



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During WEEK 3 the children showed the vision of 'I am enthusiastic, curious and ask questions' by carrying out STEM and science activities.



LAST WEEK the vision was 'I value others and the environment' This is how some classes showed this vision throughout the week.



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AG DAY UPDATE # 4

REMINDER: Ag Day Judges Demo Day is next Friday 25th August from 12.30-1.15pm

Lunchtime beside the Tamahere Community Centre (TCC). Come along and hear from the experts on how to raise your lamb, kid, calf or chicken, as well as what to expect and what the judges will be looking for on Ag Day. Parents are welcome too!

PET DIARIES:

Children are encouraged to keep a 'Pet Diary', which can include details about their Pet's breed, date of birth, feeding and health details, as well as photos and drawings.

It is up to the child as to what they choose to submit for this, as there is no set criteria.



This year children have two options:

- The first being a hard copy, which can be a notebook, clear file etc. What is included in it is up to you - there is no set criteria.
- The second option is to create a google slide pet diary. To use google slides and create a visual presentation showing steps to care for the animals and photos showing them following these steps.

Here is an [example](#) to give you some ideas. Remember that you can also keep a pet diary about your Caged Pet or chicken.

VEGGIE GARDEN COMPETITION:

If animals aren't your thing, or if you think you have green fingers, why not enter the Vege Garden competition! Gardens can be planted at home any time after Saturday 26th August, and will need to be tended with a diary kept, right through to judging which will take place at the end of the October school holidays. Gardens can be any shape or size, and can be started from seeds or seedlings.



More information is available on the website. Entries close on Friday 15th September. [Entry form is here.](#)

ANIMAL CONTACTS:

If you do not already have your own animals, then we have the following contacts available for orphans for those who wish to raise an animal:

Lambs:

Coopworth Cross Lambs Available for Ag Day. Please contact Amy Beech on 021 542 547. Amy will be offering lambs to be raised, available from mid August. Lambs can be purchased from Amy for a small fee of \$60.00. If they are returned to her weaned after Ag Day, the fee will be refunded. Amy is able to provide advice on rearing her lambs too. Her lambs are usually popular, so it's helpful to contact her in advance to go on the waiting list for orphans.

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Want to raise a chicken for Ag Day?

School families can now place an order through the school office for young 7 week old chickens to raise and enter in the Poultry category - orders limited to 2 chickens per family due to supply. \$26 each, supplied by Eureka Poultry Farm and to be collected from Tamahere school on Friday 25th August.



The chickens will be feathered and old enough to live in a caged area outside. Please contact Rachel on ph: 020 422 6711, if you need further information.

GET YOUR ENTRY FORMS IN:

Please register your animal entry using one of these forms, so we can plan for the numbers on the day.

- [Caged pets](#)
- [Calves](#)
- [Kid goat](#)
- [Lambs](#)
- [Ponies](#)
- [Raising poultry](#)
- [Showing poultry](#)



Vet Health Check on Saturday 2nd September from 9.00-10.00am (in the car park by the TCC).

Once you have your animal, if you have any health concerns, need to get it vaccinated or banded (castrated) please come along to our Vet Health Check Day on Saturday 2nd September from 9.00am to 10.00am.



AG DAY WEBSITE INFORMATION:

Details about what Ag Day involves can be found on the school website, by [clicking here](#).

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Any questions you may have about Ag Day that we haven't covered here, we would love to hear from you. If you have a question about Ag Day, please email agday@tamahere.school.nz

If your question relates to Horticultural Happenings, please email reception@tamahere.school.nz

The Ag Day Committee

BALLOT for 2024 Out of Zone Enrolments NOW OPEN

For all out-of-zone families expecting to enrol a child at Tamahere Model Country School in 2024, our annual ballot for Out-of-Zone placements is now open until 3:00pm on Friday 6th October 2023. **Please note if you are out-of-zone, even if your child is a sibling of a current student, you have to be in the ballot to have a chance of your child being enrolled at our school in 2024.** As with the last few years, except for siblings and possible priority enrolments, no out-of-zone children will be allocated a ballot place in 2024. This is to help alleviate the overcrowding challenges we are currently facing. This is to ensure we don't end up with overcrowding challenges in the future.



Tamahere New Entrant 2024 Enrolment Tracking

Thank you to the many families that have already contacted the school office, confirming names to be included in our 2024 cradle roll and completing the Pre Entry Form.

Can 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 and completed the Pre Entry Form, which greatly assists us with planning for next year. **Please [click here](#) to download our 2024 Pre Entry Form.**



Please email the completed Pre Entry form to the school office at reception@tamahere.school.nz
Thank you for your assistance.

Enrolments for Berkley Normal Middle School

All 2024 enrolments for Berkley Normal Middle School are **due by 4.00pm on Friday 25th August 2023** - this includes both in-zone and out-of-zone enrolments. Out-of-zone enrolments must be received at the office by 25 August to be eligible for the enrolment ballot.



BERKLEY
Normal Middle School est. 1971
TAKE UP THE CHALLENGE

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TMCS 2023 GOLF DAY - Save The Date

Tamahere Model Country School runs an annual golf day. It is a fund-raising opportunity for the school as well as a load of fun for all of those involved. This year the Golf Day is **Thursday 30th November**. More information to come.



November 2023						
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

SPLASH POLO

Waikato Water Polo is offering **SPLASH POLO** for children in Years 3-6.

Splash Polo is a beginners version of water polo for children wanting to get in the pool, have some fun, learn new skills and make new friends.

Games will be held during Term 4 between 12.00pm and 6.00pm on a Sunday. Location and times will be confirmed closer to the time once team numbers and pool bookings have been confirmed. Venue and fees will be shared once I receive more information from Waikato Water Polo. Team lists will be sent out at the beginning of Term Four with all the information regarding the Splash Polo season.

Players must be water confident and must commit to most Sunday games and attend training sessions.

If you are keen to play, please fill in the form that can be collected from the children's entrance in the office or from Matai 11.

Ann Marie Copponi



Trust Waikato Symphony Orchestra (TWSO)

On Tuesday a group of senior students attended the Trust Waikato Symphony Orchestra (TWSO) at the University of Waikato Gallagher Academy of Performing Arts Centre.

TWSO is a fun, interactive learning experience of music for children. This was a wonderful opportunity for our senior students interested in playing or listening to music, to enjoy a story "The Adventures of Pat the Pātētē" told through music via a live orchestral experience, written especially for children in the Waikato. Our students learnt about the parts of an orchestra, taking part in a sing along, and were truly entertained. The programme is designed to support the NZ School Curriculum.

Thank you to the wonderful group of Maungatautari parents & caregivers, who made this amazing opportunity possible.

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Student Enviro Team News

On Wednesday, we welcomed Jacques Boubee, a freshwater ecologist (river scientist) into our school. Students from Year twos to seniors found out lots of information about tuna. For example New Zealand eels are called tuna.

Did you know.....

- That when eels are babies they are see-through?
- Did you know that eels have teeth like hooks?
- Did you know that eels can live up to 100 years?
- Did you know that the bigger the eel the more babies it has?
- Did you know that eels eat eggs even with the shell on?
- Did you know eels are the fastest-growing eel population in the country, growing 60% in the last decade, as compared with 7% growth of the general human population.



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Jacques studied animals, has worked for NIWA and loves educating people on our local tuna. Here's what we learnt....

What's special about eels?

Eels swim to the Pacific Ocean to lay eggs in Tonga and only 3% of the eels survive this journey back to NZ rivers!

We learnt that the larger the eels are, the more eggs they lay, (a 70cm long eel can lay up to millions of eggs!) Eels like to eat anything - they especially like insects and worms served live..... Bon appetit! Also they eat each other.



What are the problems eels are facing?

The key issue is the eel's environment is under attack. People build on eel habitats and land. They dig up land and ditches that eels use to travel and destroy their natural habitat.

What you can do to help:

Set traps for all their predators. Control weeds in the rivers. Monitor our local eels, check out your creeks and gullies for eels. Keep a count of the numbers you see. Plant trees for shade near your rivers and creeks. Even plant willow trees as they give shade. Thanks Jacques!!!!



By the Student Enviro Team.

PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning

*Students of Week 4
I value others and the environment.*

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

<i>NIKAU 1</i>	<i>Phyllis D W</i>	<i>TANEKAHA 12</i>	<i>Eva O</i>
<i>KAURI 2</i>	<i>Mae Mae Z</i>	<i>MIRO 13</i>	<i>Ethan B</i>
<i>KAWAKAWA 3</i>	<i>Meeli M</i>	<i>PUKATEA 14</i>	<i>Harry A Elliott N</i>

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<i>TITOKI 6</i>	<i>Felix Mc</i>	<i>KARAKA 15</i>	<i>Olivia A Y</i>
<i>RIMU 7</i>	<i>Lewis Mc</i>	<i>MANUKA 16</i>	<i>Reed L</i>
<i>POHUTUKAWA 8</i>	<i>Vivian Z</i>	<i>TAWA 19</i>	<i>Amelia d T</i>
<i>TOTARA 10</i>	<i>Lola M</i>	<i>HOROEKA 21</i>	<i>Oscar Mc Arlo B</i>
<i>MATAI 11</i>	<i>Riley D</i>		



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REMINDER: Regal Open Day - This Saturday 19th August



REGAL OPEN DAY

Regal Group is excited to celebrate 35 years of trucking, along with commemorating the 100th Volvo to join our golden fleet.

We would love you to come along and join us at our Open Day!

WHEN
Saturday 19 August, 2023
10:00AM - 2:00PM

WHERE
651 Airport Road,
Tamahere

EVENT DETAILS

- Meet and Greet our friendly staff
- Walk around the yard: Mechanical and Engineering workshops
- Exhibition of our fleet: Truck & trailer units (old & new), loaders and other machinery
- Reveal of the 100th Volvo
- Digger Simulator
- Live music and refreshments
- For the little ones: 'Little Diggers' sandpit, face painting, candy floss

And much more!



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TERM 3 CHILDREN'S ART CLASSES

with ELENA BRAMBILLA



Enjoy making art during Term 3 guided by Elena, member of the CAS (Cambridge Art Society) and BASNZ (Botanical Art Society New Zealand).

We will experiment with several techniques and create a different and new piece of art session.

PROGRAMME:

3.30pm - 5.00 pm

25th July: Creating a Kakapo and a Penguin using pine cones, paint, cardboard and hot glue

8th August: Recreate Kandinsky's paint "Squares with concentric circles" using watercolours and oil pastels

15th August: Collage of a Kea picture using magazine cut offs

22nd August: Illustrate a story (Three little pigs) with coloured pencils

5th September: Reproducing the famous painting "Starry Night" from Van Gogh with acrylics

12th September: Scratch out mandala using wax pastels

19th September: Painting a picture using Pointillism technique (cotton swabs and paint)

WHERE:

The Painting Place
opposite 50 Thornton Road, Cambridge 3434

PRICE:

\$ 210 per children for the full course
max 10 children per class

AGE: 7-12 y.o.

HOW TO BOOK:

Please contact Elena Brambilla,
Ph: 0297791777

E-mail: thesewingsailor@gmail.com



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AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME
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JUNIOR ROBOTICS

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

First Week FREE

JUNIOR ROBOTICS

- Junior Robotics Level 2:
- Sensors Programming
- Wed 2:45pm-3:45pm/4:45pm
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- \$35 / 2 Hours

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AFTER SCHOOL RUNNING GROUP!

Some kids just want to run and this is what I will cater for.
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SPACE FOR 5-6 MORE SO BOOK NOW

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

GEARING UP FOR X-COUNTRY!!

We are located outside at the TCC
end of Park



txt or call Paul on 021 08 949 818

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