NEWSLETTER 7th September 2023

Week 8, Term 3

TAMAHERE

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Wiki/ Week 8 Happenings:

Thank you for all the support within our community, around the safe picking up and collecting of children. We acknowledge that both the morning and afternoons are very busy for traffic movements around our school and we need to be extra vigilant around our practice. This is an important reminder that we are not to take risks and that safe measures must be followed:

- parking within the white painted lines only
- keeping traffic flowing not pausing for children to get into cars. Currently we do not have a 'kiss and drop zone.'
- remembering that there is a parking area beside the TCC, that can be utilised
- following the 40km speed limit at high traffic times
- following the guidance of all road signs
- using the designated road patrol crossings

Rather than making their own way to vehicles, children should be collected from within the school grounds or at the school gate.

As an extra safety measure, we have increased our staff presence in the interim, to support these safety practices.

Thank you for your understanding and ongoing support of keeping our tamariki safe!

Earlier today, we hosted the **COUNTRY CLUSTER CROSS COUNTRY**. Congratulations to all the Year 4, 5 & 6 students who represented our school, along with runners from Matangi, Tauwhare, Newstead and the Seventh Day Adventist School. A huge thank you to the supporters that helped out on the day and special thanks to Mrs Copponi for her time and amazing organisation.

Together As One! Confident Can Do Kids! Honour Be Your Guide.





Nurturing Our Future - Growing Together Kia atawhai aa mua - Kia tipu ngatahi Congratulations to our entire team, who represented us so well in all areas of our vision. Photos and results will be shared in next week's newsletter.

Good luck to the students selected to go on to represent TMCS at next Thursday's City Cluster Cross Country, which takes place at the Hamilton Gardens.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS - PARENT ELECTION NOTICE

Nominations are open for the election of 3 parent representatives to the school board. All eligible voters will receive a nomination form by the end of Week 9. Please use this form to nominate yourself or someone in your community. You will also receive a nomination cover letter calling for nominations. Information on who is not eligible to be a board member is provided with the nomination form. If you need more nomination forms, contact the school office.

Nominations close at noon on Wednesday 11th October 2023. You may provide a signed candidate statement and photograph with your nomination.

The electoral roll is held at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

As nominations are received, there will be a list of candidates' names kept at the school up until election day, which you can view.

Voting closes at 4.00pm on Wednesday 15th November 2023.

Angela Jenkins Returning Officer

2023 SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

School Board Midterm elections are coming up in **November 2023** and we wanted to give everyone plenty of opportunity to think about standing for the board. How about becoming a trustee and using your skills and experiences to help shape a positive future for our children?

The Board of Trustees is the employer of all school staff and sets the school's overall strategic direction. The membership of the school board includes elected parent representatives, an elected staff representative and the principal, who is the board's 'chief executive' and manages the school operations in line with the board's policies. School trustees have a very important role in making sure every child at our school can reach their highest possible standard in educational achievement.

The <u>Community Member guide to the role of school boards</u> provides information on what school boards are, the role of members, and how to become a board member. You can also check out our information for parents on the <u>NZSTA website</u>.

We have 3 seats to fill at these midterm elections, so If you want to find out about standing for election, nominating someone else or voting in the election, our **Presiding Member**, **Owen Culliney (ph:** 027 213 8979) or Waveney our Principal, are both very happy to talk you through what we do.

WIG WEDNESDAY

You can show your support for the *Child Cancer Foundation* by joining us for the **TMCS Wig Wednesday** next Wednesday **13th September.**

Simply wear your favourite wig or colourful clothing to school next Wednesday and bring along a cash donation to support this wonderful cause.



Upcoming Dates:

September / Mahuru				
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			
Octo	ber / Whiringa-ā-nuku			
	WEEK 1			
Rāhina / Monday 9th	★ START OF TERM 4			
Rāpare / Thursday 12th 🛛 🖈 AG DAY				
Noven	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			



PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning

Students of Week 7 I try my best even when things are hard.				
Kia Maia 'Confident Can Do Kids' We strive to do our best with a positive 'can-do' attitude.				
NIKAU 1	NIKAU 1 Ella P TANEKAHA 12 Rowan O			
KAURI 2 Jamie J		MIRO 13	Isaac R	
KAWAKAWA 3	Jacob C	PUKATEA 14	Grace G	

ΤΙΤΟΚΙ 6	Billie R	KARAKA 15	Maia G
RIMU 7	James M	MANUKA 16	Paull R
POHUTUKAWA 8	Teacher Absent	TAWA 19	Matilda C
TOTARA 10	Dreco D	HOROEKA 21	Zorawar S Kalena J
MATAI 11	Sophie Gong		









PB4L Vision

Look at our tamariki "trying their best even when it was hard" to build human pyramids during our Week 7 vision challenge.



I try my best even when things are hard Kia Maia 'Confident Can Do Kids' We strive to do our best with a positive 'can do' attitude. Explorer Work together to build a human pyramid and take a photo

Titoki 6 and Pohutukawa 8







Kawakawa 3

Manuka 16

Titoki 6 and Pohutukawa 8





AG DAY UPDATE # 7

Thanks to Cambridge Vets for coming along on Saturday to vaccinate and dock our Ag Day lambs.









ARE YOU BRINGING AN ANIMAL TO AG DAY?

Please register your animal by clicking on one of the forms below:

- <u>Caged pets</u>
- <u>Calves</u>
- <u>Kid goat</u>
- <u>Lambs</u>
- <u>Ponies</u>
- Raising poultry
- <u>Showing poultry</u>

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, by using google slides to create a visual presentation showing steps to care for the animals and photos showing them following these steps.

Here is an <u>example</u> 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:

Bunnies:

If you're looking for a caged pet for Ag Day, these sweet bunnies are available now. Contact Melissa Ferguson on 021 059 2552 for details.



Calves:

Roger Duncan, a local dairy farmer and ex parent of Tamahere School, has a very generous offer to support any children who would like to raise a calf for Ag Day but are unable to have their calf at home. Roger's farm is on Pencarrow Road, just 5 minutes from school.

Roger is happy for children to visit his farm after school (as many days as they are able to, but doesn't have to be every day and could just be for half



an hour, if that's all you have time for) to feed and practice their leading in his pen. He will assist with knowledge on rearing and leading. Roger is then able to assist with bringing the calves to school on Ag Day and returning them to his farm afterwards.

If you would like to take up the opportunity please email <u>agday@tamahere.school.nz</u> and we can put you in contact.

<u>Lambs:</u>

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.

AG DAY WEBSITE INFORMATION:

Details about what Ag Day involves can be found on the school website, by <u>clicking here</u>.

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 <u>agday@tamahere.school.nz</u>

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

The Ag Day Committee

Chess Tournament Results:

TMCS hosted the Regional Chesspower Tournament last Thursday, with our representative chess teams competing against 58 students from around the Waikato in the Hamilton Zone Junior Chess Power Competition. Students were chosen after playing games in their lunchtimes. Altogether 12 teams from Woodstock, Waikato Montessori, St Mary's Rotorua, Te Totara, Endeavour and TMCS took part in the tournament.

We are so proud of our 17 competitors who showed our school vision through kia maia - taking on the challenge, kia kotahi - supporting each other and others, and kia manaaki showing respect and great manners. Well done everyone!

We entered 2 teams in the Rookie Division:

TAMAHERE BLARNEY			
Ayla H	Etàin B -S	MaeMae Z	Jamie J

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CALF CLUB / AG DAY GOAT KIDS

TAMAHERE WINDSOR			
Moseh K	Troydyn H	Adriano S	Ollie F

And we entered 4 teams in the Open Division:

TAMAHERE STERLING			
Reilly B	Gigi T	Hazel H	Eliza F

TAMAHERE LARNACH			
Lottie B	Mika P	Shiya G	Ryder S

TAMAHERE EDINBURGH			
Hannah P	Grace H	Nathan L	Josh S

TAMAHERE KILKENNY				
Ewan C	Jamie H	Holly H	Aaron Y	Jordan Y

St Mary's Rotorua were the tournament winners. **MaeMae Z** was awarded 'Best Rookie Girl of the Tournament' and **Gigi T** was awarded 'Best Junior Girl of the Tournament.'

CHESS TOURNAMENT PHOTO GALLERY:

Thank you to Avril C and Hannah M who were our official photographers.





















































PHOTO GALLERY: Te Oko Horoi Kapa Haka Festival



NOW OPEN: Term 4 Touch Team Registration for Year 3 - 6 children

Touch registrations are now open for Term 4. Please open the link and add your child's details:

https://forms.gle/GpNi4zqfyunhR12F9

Registrations close at 3.00pm on Thursday 14th September.

If you have any questions regarding sports at TMCS please email Ann Marie Copponi <u>acopponi@tamahere.school.nz</u>



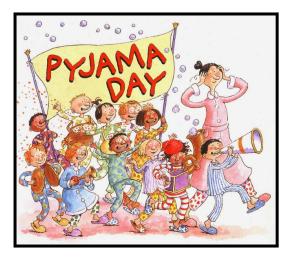
Clothe Our Kids - Pyjama Day

Clothe our Kids – Waikato's mission is to provide needy Waikato children with good quality second-hand clothing. By filling this need they can help ensure these children are clothed and warm while helping reduce the financial pressure on their parents.

To support Clothe our Kids – Waikato, and the children and families in our community, on Friday 20th October our children can wear their pyjamas to school. If you have any pyjamas, dressing gowns or other items of clothing in good used condition your children no longer need, please bring these to donate to this cause, or cash donations are also welcome. A great chance to clear out the cupboards!

There will be bags for the donations in each classroom, or if you have any bulk lots you wish to donate, these can be dropped off at the office please.

If you want to know more about how you can help, please visit the website www.clothourkidswaikato.co.nz





Class Placements for 2024 - Let Us Know!!

As we approach Term 4, it is once again time for us to start planning our classroom environments for next year.

When we organise classes in our school we look at each of our students' academic and social needs and abilities. We use our cumulative teachers' notes and check friendships with each child. We strive to achieve the best possible learning environments for all of our students and teachers. We actively decide to separate some students and join others, to achieve the best possible learning and teaching outcomes.

While providing support, we also work to build resilience and independence in our students, so that they will be able to cope with change and the next steps in their educational journeys when they transition from us to other schools. Our aim with mixing students around is to develop a school environment where students know and are happy to

work with many other students, to give opportunities to develop further friendships and to have a break from others to improve concentration and learning.

If you believe you have *any special information that you feel our teachers may not be aware of*, for example – the possibility of avoiding a competitive cousin in the same class, **please let your class teacher know** as they will add any relevant comments to the cumulative placement sheet. It is important if you have any information to share that you **let us know before the end of this term.**

REMINDER: BALLOT for 2024 Out of Zone Enrolments

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 and closes at 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.







Cradle Roll & any future students

Do you know of any families in the area who may have pre schoolers who will be attending our school in the future? Please encourage them to let our office know and to put their children's names onto our Cradle Roll. This will ensure they have the opportunity to be involved in our Tupu transition to school program, before they join our school fully. Also if any properties have been sold around you and new families are planning to attend in 2024, can they please let us know, as we start to plan for the 2024 school year.

Please <u>click here</u> to download our 2024 Pre Entry form. Please email the completed Pre Entry form to the school office at <u>reception@tamahere.school.nz</u>. Thank you for your assistance.

Hats in Term 4

With hats being compulsory for Term 4, it is a great time to organise for children's names (first name and first letter of surname) to be embroidered on the back of their school hats. This costs only \$8.00 each! Not only is this an extremely competitive price, but the investment in purchasing only one hat and eliminating the need for several replacements more than pays for itself.

S Just a friendly reminder...

This is not just for brand new hat purchases but existing hats too!

To be included in time for Term 4, please bring your child's hat to the school office with your \$8 payment (or order a new one for a total of \$28). This can take between 1-2 weeks, so please order as soon as possible.

Round the Bridges - 2023

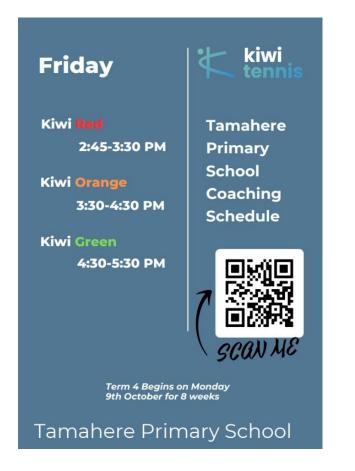
The annual round the bridges fun run and walk will be held on **Sunday 12th of November**. If your child would like to run for Tamahere School in the 2km kids challenge, please use the link and code below to register them.

To register for this event as part of our **Tamahere School** group, please follow these steps :

- 1. Go to the website using this link: <u>https://eventplus.net/RTB23?code=Tamahere</u>
- 2. Either create your account, or login if you already have an event plus account. You can request a password reset if you need to.
- 3. After logging in you should be prompted to join the group.
- 4. Your group code is **Tamahere**
- 5. Valid categories for this group are: 6km U20, 6km Adult, 12km U20, 12km Adult, 12km Senior, 6km Community Services Card Holder, 6km Senior, 12km Community Services Card Holder, Kids Challenge.



TENNIS LESSONS in TERM 4



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



