

TAMAHERE

MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL

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Nurturing Our Future - Growing Together
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Wiki/ Week 9 Happenings:

He mihi nui moo teenei wiki, te wiki o te reo Māori. I teenei wiki, e ako ana ngaa tauira i etahi raarangi, me ngaa kupu hou.

Greetings to you all for this week, Te Reo Māori Language Week. This week our students have been extending their vocabulary and sentence learning of te reo Māori.



The 2023 Te Wiki o te Reo Māori theme is Kia Kaha Te Reo Māori – making the language stronger.

Learning about te reo Māori, along with Tikanga and Aotearoa Histories are all part of the New Zealand Curriculum. We are still very much learning and evolving ourselves, as we travel along this pathway. We hope you can join in on our hikoi and learn alongside us. Your tamariki can be great kaiako (teachers).

End of Term Sausage Sizzle Reminder:

The PTA have organised an end of term sausage sizzle for next Friday. Order forms were sent home with students on Tuesday afternoon.

Please ensure that the order forms and cash are returned to the class teacher before 9.00am on Tuesday.



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WACKY WIG WEDNESDAY

Thank you for getting wiggy with us on Wacky Wig Wednesday!!!! The funds and awareness raised will have a huge impact on the lives of tamariki with cancer and their whānau. With everyone's amazing efforts we were able to raise \$667.20, which will be donated to the Child Cancer Foundation. Thank you to our wonderful school community for your support!



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Upcoming Dates:

September / Mahuru	
WEEK 10	
Rāmere / Friday 22nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ PTA End of Term Sausage Sizzle ★ LAST DAY OF TERM 3
October / Whiringa-ā-nuku	
WEEK 1	
Rāhina / Monday 9th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ START OF TERM 4 ★ Whakatau Welcome Assembly at 11.15am
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

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS - PARENT ELECTION NOTICE

Nominations are open for the election of 3 parent representatives to the school board.

Nomination forms were sent from office@tamahere.school.nz on Tuesday 12th September. Please check your SPAM folder, if you missed this important communication. You can use this form to nominate yourself or someone in your community. You will also have received a nomination cover letter calling for nominations. Information on who is not eligible to be a board member was provided along with the nomination form. If you need more nomination forms, please 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.

Angela Jenkins
Returning Officer

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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 [Community Member guide to the role of school boards](#) 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 [NZSTA website](#).

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.

Learn To Swim School

SWIM SCHOOL
St Peter's
Cambridge

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Learn to Swim in Tamahere

We are excited to announce the running of St Peter's Swim School's award-winning Learn to Swim Program at Tamahere Model Country School this summer.

Lessons will run from 13th November to 15th December 2023 and from 29th January to 12th April 2024.

Lessons will take place in the school's heated outdoor pool at a comfortable 29 degrees.

All learn to swim levels will be available, and lessons will run from Monday to Thursday.

These lessons are open to the public and are the perfect opportunity to get our kids water-safe this summer!

Bookings open on Monday, October 9th.

A photograph of a swimmer in a pool, captured mid-stroke, with water splashing around their head and arms.

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Veggie Garden Competition - Entries Close TOMORROW!!



Vegetable Bed



Hanging Garden



Tyre Garden

Gardening is a wonderful way to teach our kids about nature and where their food comes from. Our competition criteria is open to the children to decide what they would like to create. Get inventive and use your imagination! Entries can be as simple as lettuce grown in an upcycled container. Children will need to keep a simple diary containing details on what, and when they have planted and tended their 'gardens'. Plants may be started as seeds or seedlings and children should demonstrate gardening principles, such as planning, preparing the soil, watering, and pest and weed management. [Click here to get your entry in.](#)

HAVE YOU GOT YOUR ANIMAL ENTRY IN?

The sooner you get your entry in the easier it is to plan the day, from ordering ribbons to organising judges. Please get your entry in as soon as you are able. If you have any trouble using the forms, please email agday@tamahere.school.nz

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



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

AG DAY WEBSITE INFORMATION:

Details about what Ag Day involves can be found on the school website, by [clicking here](#). Any questions you may have about Ag Day that we haven't covered, we would love to hear from you. If you do have a question about Ag Day, please email agday@tamahere.school.nz. And if your question relates to Horticultural Happenings, please email reception@tamahere.school.nz

The Ag Day Committee

Sanitarium Weet-Bix KidsTRYathlon

Last Friday, the Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon Team visited our Pirongia and Maungatautari students, sharing information about the TRYathlon coming up in early December. Plus some lucky students won giveaways. The TRYathlon is all about giving it a TRY and is a rewarding and fun day out.

WHEN: Sunday 10th December, 2023

WHERE: Waikato University Fields, Hamilton East, Waikato

ENTRY AGE: Entry is open to all 6 to 15 year olds. (Based on age on event day)

ENTRY OPTIONS:

- Splash & Dash - 6 years
- Individual TRYathlon - 7 – 15 years
- Junior Team - 7 – 10 years
- Senior Team 11- 15 years



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IF YOU WANT TO ENTER A TEAM:

- Both team members must meet age requirements.
- Teams can be mixed gender (i.e boy / girl)
- One team member completes the swim, one team member completes the cycle and both complete the run.

The TRYathlon will begin with the swim leg in the outdoor pool at University of Waikato. The pool is 50m in length, with a depth of 0.9m in the shallow end and 1.4m in the deep end. The Transition area is located on the University of Waikato fields, a short distance from the pool. The bike leg is around the streets surrounding the University of Waikato fields, and the run leg is around the field itself.

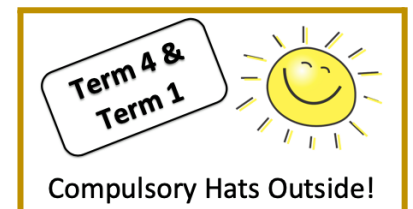
HOW TO REGISTER:

Our school has created a School Group which you can join when you enter from home. Search for Tamahere Model Country School when prompted. By linking to our school group it will give us the chance to win some great prizes. To enter the TRYathlon visit www.tryathlon.co.nz/. The direct link to register into our school group can be accessed by [clicking here](#).

Whaea Maria Oates

Hats In Term 4:

Just a friendly reminder that hats are required for outside play in Term 4. Can you please ensure your child comes to school with a school hat.



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.

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.

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Country Cluster Cross Country Results

Country Cluster Cross Country

Thursday the 7th of September our school proudly hosted the Country Cluster Cross Country. Five schools (including Tamahere) competed in the rain and mud, slipping and sliding. The other schools were Matangi, Newstead and Tauwhare and Seventh Day Adventist. There were 6 races: Year 4 girls and boys, Year 5 girls and boys and Year 6 girls and boys. The spectators and marshalls were all cheering loudly all around the course. I'm sure everyone tried their best and we all left wearing smiles and mud. We had a great day despite the rain!

Tamahere children were outstanding runners and many achieved in the top 10 in all six races. Our teachers were very proud of all of us for our amazing efforts in our races. 35 children have qualified for the City Cluster Cross Country! Watch this space for an update from this event.

A big thank you to everyone who supported, helped and planned this event. **A huge thank you to Sandy, Angela and Russell Thomas from Prestige Portfolio who sponsored our event.** They provided the BBQ, sausages and manpower to cook our tasty sausages. Each child received an apple and water bottle from them too. The top three winners from each race received a prize bag. We really appreciate their support and made our day even more exciting!



Another big thank you to Paul, Sarah and Connie for their help with the BBQ. We also had support from some Year 6 leaders who welcomed the schools, showed them the course and marshalled during the races. They were Bella, Kathlyn, Poppy, Aria, Stella, Gracie, Isla and Leah. You did an outstanding job! Thank you to Mrs Copponi for her organisation of the event and to Mr Mitchell for his support on the day.

By XinYuan Z.

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All our students did amazingly well, as you can see from the results table below.

Year 4 Girls	Year 4 Boys
1st Harriet L 3rd Ellie K 4th Ava T 5th Francesca N 6th Thea B 8th Chilli M 10th Bridget C	1st Dylan H 2nd Pearse L 4th Anru S 6th Lucas E 7th Benji V 10th Lucas P
Year 5 Girls	Year 5 Boys
1st Isabelle M 3rd Holly H 4th Chloe AY 5th Xin Yuan Z 7th Addison M 10th Addi H	1st Cohen C 2nd Nico V 3rd Zac S 4th Isaac S 5th Levi W 6th Aynsley B
Year 6 Girls	Year 6 Boys
1st Lauren W 2nd Macie M 3rd Monica C 5th Imani B 7th Ava T 8th Indigo W 10th Hazel H	3rd Charlie H 4th Charlie L 5th Ethan B 7th Harry A 9th Winston P

Please enjoy the photo gallery below. Our wonderful photographers for the day were **Avril C, from P14** and **Hannah M, from M13**.



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Special congratulations to **Lauren W** who won the Country Cluster Girls Cross Country Cup!!!!

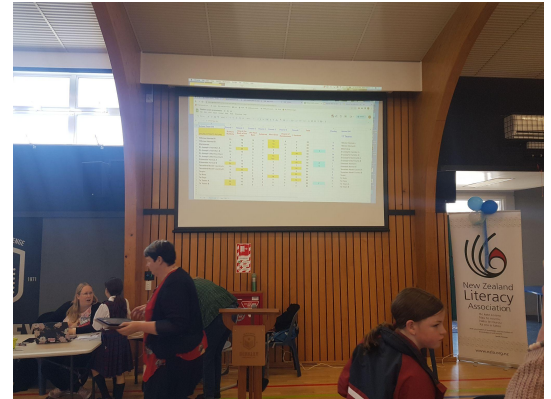
We will be sharing photos and results from today's City Cluster Cross Country event, in our Week 10 Newsletter.

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2023 Inaugural Waikato Book Battle

Last Friday, 8 students, 2 parents and myself (Mrs Kewish) went to Berkley Middle School for the 1st ever Book Battle in the Waikato.

All teams were given a list of 4 books and 3 graphic novels to read and then on the day, there were 7 rounds of questions, with most about the books they had read, plus a round of randomness, nursery rhymes and myths.



The teams did really well and knew just about all the answers.

It was a close competition with a 4-way tie for 1st and every other team coming in very close behind.

Our teams were:

Team 1: Ewan C, Connor H, Morgan F, XinYuan Z

Team 2: Charlie H, Avril C, Shiya G, Emma C.

Both teams won a big bag of prizes and a free pizza each. I was very proud of how they performed and how they represented themselves and our school.

Mrs Kewish
Librarian

*My name is **Shiya** and I went to the Book Battle last Friday. A few weeks ago we had to read multiple books in order to compete. I am glad I read them because I probably wouldn't have read them by choice.*

Before the Book Battle I enjoyed spending time in the library during class time for our meetings. On the day I enjoyed the atmosphere of the competition. Lots of schools were there including Silverdale, Taupiri and Hillcrest. I saw a friend there from another school. The Book Battle itself was pretty competitive and there were lots of teams entered. My team included Charlie H, Emma C and Avril C.

After the competition we had a shared lunch which was outstanding!

If I had the opportunity again I would take it in a heartbeat.

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Hi, my name is **Morgan** and I just recently went to Berkley School to compete in the Book Battle. The Book Battle Challenge had some interesting and exciting books to read which I probably never would have read by myself. Before we went, it was just an ordinary day, but when we got to the hall the excitement and nervousness exploded everywhere. There were 10 multi choice questions for each book and we knew most of the answers. Afterwards I felt proud and happy. On Monday we had a shared lunch, we feasted on yummy macarons and tasty pizza, and beautiful cups of chocolate mousse. I would definitely do the Book Battle again. It was absolutely awesome!!!!!!

PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning

Students of Week 8
I make good choices.

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

NIKAU 1	George D	TANEKAHA 12	Zara L
KAURI 2	Ellie K	MIRO 13	Jamie H
KAWAKAWA 3	Zara G	PUKATEA 14	Hannalise S
TITOKI 6	Hudson C	KARAKA 15	Owen H
RIMU 7	Owen H	MANUKA 16	Adriano S

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<i>POHUTUKAWA 8</i>	<i>Heidi R Isla A</i>	<i>TAWA 19</i>	<i>Janiyah Z</i>
<i>TOTARA 10</i>	<i>Leo A</i>	<i>HOROEKA 21</i>	<i>Faris A Charlie A</i>
<i>MATAI 11</i>	<i>Gisella M</i>		



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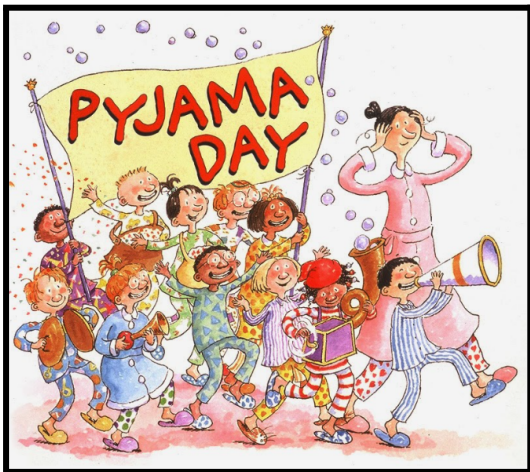
Clothe Our Kids - Pyjama Day

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.clotheourkidswaikato.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.



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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.

**OUT OF ZONE
ENROLMENT**

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 [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.

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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: <https://eventplus.net/RTB23?code=Tamahere>
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: 6 km 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

Friday


Kiwi Red
2:45-3:30 PM

Kiwi Orange
3:30-4:30 PM

Kiwi Green
4:30-5:30 PM

kiwi tennis

Tamahere Primary School Coaching Schedule



*Term 4 Begins on Monday
9th October for 8 weeks*

Tamahere Primary School



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School Holiday Programmes

Please check out our 'Community Notices' section on the website, where you can find information about a number of School Holiday Programmes that are running these holidays. [Please click here to view.](#)



Cool Bike Events in Cambridge

Throughout the year Bike Revolution runs events to incentivise the community to enjoy all the awesome things riding brings! And coming up they have 2 exciting events for our school community to get involved in. The EVO Café Crawl is free and the Kids' Kerfuffle is \$5.

Want to know more then please check out <https://www.bicyclerevolution.co.nz/events/>

Café Crawl - 23rd September to 14th October

Ditch the car and bike to one of the participating cafes - you will be rewarded with a free small hot drink with a \$5.50 purchase! They will give you a sticker for your passport – 8 stickers to collect!

The café crawl will finish at the BRC Karapiro Flyer event on the 14th October with a prize giving in the Lake Karapiro Domain.

Ride your bike to the participating cafés and be in to win some OUTSTANDING prizes!

[Register here.](#)



Pre-schoolers to Year 8 - Are you Ready?

The Kids Kerfuffle will be the most fun you can have on two wheels! Think mud run with a bike!

A crazy obstacle course that will see you having to undertake some hilarious and somewhat mindless tasks - that's where the 'Kerfuffle' comes in!

[Register here.](#)



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Community Notices



AIR TRACK TUMBLE CLASS

TAMAHERE COUNTRY MODEL SCHOOL

Beginner and advanced classes for all school years



Term 4 **Monday 12:30-1:15pm.**
9th Oct - 4th Dec

8 weeks with grade certificate! **\$110**

Book online at www.thegymnasticacademy.com

Call Marie 0211705426 for more information

Upcoming Chess Events

- 11 Sep: **Swift Horse** Monday Online Class
- 17 Sep: **Chess Power** Hamilton Sarapu Cup
- 18 Sep: **Swift Horse** Monday Online Class
- 25-29 Sep: Stars Holiday Programme (9:00-3:00) → Chess Club (1:30-3:00)
- 25-29 Sep: **Swift Horse** Chess Class for Newbies (90-min sessions)
- 3 Oct: **Swift Horse** Holiday Chess Tournament (Intermediate)
- 4 Oct: (Senior) →
- 5 Oct: (Junior) →
- 6 Oct: (Learners) →
- 15 Oct: **Chess Power** Hamilton Sarapu Cup →
- 19 Nov: **Chess Power** Hamilton Sarapu Cup →



If interested, please contact **Jerry Hsiao** (B.Sc., GradDip. Tch.) 021 033 1078 chess@swift-horse.co.nz
Chess Coach of Hillcrest High School and Berkley Normal Middle School
Organiser of New Zealand Chess Federation Waikato Regionals and Chess Power Hamilton Sarapu Cup
Manager of Swift Horse Cram School



ANIMAL MASK PAINTING

TAMAHERE HUB

THURSDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2023

10:30AM

Make your favourite animal into a mask!

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@WaikatoLibraries 0800 492 452



CRAFTING SPRING FLOWERS

TAMAHERE HUB

WEDNESDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2023

10:30AM

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