NEWSLETTER 11th October 2023

Week 1, Term 4



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Wiki/ Week 1 Happenings:

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 4 & AG DAY TOMORROW!

I hope you had a very happy and relaxing holiday break, in preparation for another busy term. Tomorrow is our extra special day of the year - Ag Day, Horticultural Happenings and also our *'Dress up as a farmer day'*.



A reminder that children not bringing an animal for Ag Day will be participating in the *Horticultural Happenings* activities. A reminder of what these children need to bring along tomorrow can be found by <u>clicking here</u>.

We look forward to sharing photos of both the animals and horticultural happenings and final results across all sections, in next week's newsletter.

WHAKATAU WELCOME:

We had a lovely Whakatau welcome for our 14 new students and their families on Monday. It is a lovely way to welcome and introduce all of our new students to the school. We welcomed 11 New Entrants starting their first day of school: Brooke S, Penny U, Saylor W, Ava H, Caden C, Arthur C, Adaline W, Ava L, Aisea T, Opal R and Natalie H. We also welcomed Maya K and sisters Isabella and Emily S, who joined our Pirongia Syndicate.

We also welcomed Mrs Marion Haines, who will be primarily supporting Mrs Toohey in Nikau 1 this term.

We were so proud of our Kapa Haka Roopuu and our leaders, who performed our karanga and led the haka. We hope you have a very happy and successful time at our school!





We have an Election!

We have had a great response to our Mid Term Board Elections and have four nominations for the three positions available, so we will be having an election. Thank you to the following people who have stepped up to the plate:

- Elizabeth (Liz) Donovan
- James (Jim) Mercer
- Matt Martyn
- Reuben Silby



Look out for voting papers which will be mailed to your homes mid next week, which should arrive in your letterbox not long after, depending on postal delays. In an effort to reduce costs, only one reply envelope will be provided per household. Multiple voting papers can be returned in the same envelope or these can be hand delivered to the Returning Officer, care of the school office.

Angela Jenkins Returning Officer

GETTING READY FOR AG DAY TOMORROW:

We hope everyone had a wonderful break. We are very excited for Ag Day tomorrow!

The weather (so far) is looking fine for tomorrow, which is great news for Ag Day! Please read the below to ensure you and your children are prepared!

<u>Ag Day Site Plan</u>



Proposed Schedule for Ag Day Thurs 12th October:

 8:20am Horticultural Happenings children to classrooms
 8:20am – 8:50am Pet Registration at the marquee on field Lambs/Goats: to rings along fence near TCC Chickens & Poultry: to TCC Verandah, then children to return to class until judging at 9.00am (these children can also participate in Horticultural Happenings)

Caged Pets: to TCC Foyer, then children to return to class until judging at 9.00am (these children can also participate in Horticultural Happenings)

Calves: to Ring on Soccer field behind new fence

1. All calves must stand next to their allocated number on the back fence

2. All calves must be 2 metre socially distanced from other calves outside their "Bubble" at all times

- 3. All calves must have a NAIT numbered tag in their ear.
- 4. All calves must be accompanied with an Animal Status Declaration Form.

Ponies to the field beside Devine Road/Junior Playground

9:00am Judging commences for lambs, calves, chickens & poultry

Please be prompt and ready to start your event when the judge calls.

Individual Ribbons awarded in Rings

9:00am Vet to judge caged pets

At conclusion of judging - Animal Parade and fancy dress lambs/kid/calves

Prizegiving – Approx 1.00pm

- Presentation of cups and major ribbons

- Vege Garden winners announced

1:30pm (approximately) viewing of horticultural happenings

2:00pm (approximately) Animals and Horticultural Happenings to be taken home

Ag Day Sausage Sizzle:

1. Children can pre-order sausages for their lunch on Ag Day. Children bringing a lamb, calf, kid or pony, do not need to pre-order their sausages. Sausages will be sold for \$2.00 each.

2. An order form went home on the 1st day of Term 4 and needs to be back with money by 3.00pm today, to collate in time.

Car Parking:

For Ponies – entry from Devine Road, between swimming pool and tennis courts

All other animals – parking in the TCC carpark, with access to the reserve if required as per parking wardens advice.

What to Bring if you are on the field:

1. **Ag Day will go on rain or shine!** So please be prepared for all weather (umbrellas, raincoats, gumboots, sunblock, sun hat etc)

2. What to wear:

- Dress as a Farmer for the whole school.
- Comfortable clothing prepared for rain or shine, if you are on the field.

3. Children handling animals should wear comfortable, covered shoes (gumboots are discouraged by the Waikato A&P show judges, as they can be too big/clumpy during animal handling, and hot if it's a warm day. But for our Ag Day, participants can choose what they are most comfortable wearing and if it's wet then gumboots would be useful!)

- 3. Coins/Cash for sausage sizzle/cookies
- 4. It is recommended to bring your own fold out chair for seating it's a long day!

5. Water and food/snacks for yourself and your animal (it is recommended that you don't feed your pet until after judging if possible)

6. Lambs – Please bring a "pig tail" electric fence standard, to tether your lamb to during the day.

Ag Day Animal Parade:

1. This year we will be holding an Animal Parade at the conclusion of the lamb, calf and kid judging, and prior to everyone coming together for the prize giving at approximately 1.00pm.

2. Children may bring along whatever items of fancy dress they choose for their animal (and themselves if they wish!)

3. Spot prizes will be awarded for best dressed!

Note: Due to M. Bovis all calves must be 2m socially distanced from other calves at all times.

Ag Day Diaries:

1. Children have up until Ag Day (October 12th) to submit their animal diary to the school office.

Calves:

As M-Bovis is still present in NZ there will be a number of items to be addressed by each student/calf.

1) All calves MUST have a NAIT tag in RIGHT ear

2) All calves to have an "Animal Status Declaration Form" when entering school grounds. The NAIT no. must be the number allotted to the property that the calf leaves from on show day.

3) Calf/Student and supporters to pass through a Biosecurity pathway when entering calf show area.

Section 14 of the NAIT Act 2012 exempts school pet days from having to record movements. (If you need the school's NAIT number, it is 12743148)

Vege Garden Competition:

Well done to all those who entered! The Judges were very impressed with the amazing and creative gardens you came up with. We look forward to sharing the results and certificates of participation for all entrants at the Ag Day prize giving on Thursday (approximately 1.00pm.)

Petting Zoo (Sam and His Farmyard Friends):

This year, we have organised a petting zoo to be set up for all the children who were unable to bring an animal to school, to have a chance to pat some friendly animals. This will be located outside the Tamahere Community Centre (TCC), with teachers coordinating visits for the Horticultural Happenings children.

Parent Help Request:

Can we please put a call out for any parent helpers who are able to arrive early on Ag Day morning to help with setting up marquees. Please contact Frances McKenzie on 021 206 9451 or agday@tamahere.school.nz

South East Hamilton Country School Group Day 2023:

This year the South East Hamilton Country Schools Group Day will be hosted by Matangi School. All participants are welcome, no matter their placings at Ag Day – as we know sometimes the animals perform differently on different days. 😊

Further information and links to entries are found later in this Newsletter.

The Waikato A&P Show website also contains a lot of helpful information on rearing and judging: <u>https://waikatoaandp.co.nz/competitor-info/</u>

Calling all Ag Day Judges!

Our Waikato Ag Day Co-ordinator is in need of some more judges, to support the local school events.

If you have some experience judging Ag Day events, or are interested in being trained as a judge for future years, please contact: Dennis Ticklepenny (Waikato Co-ordinator) janden@xtra.co.nz

For any questions please email agday@tamahere.school.nz

Ag Day Colouring Competition:

Entries close on Friday afternoon and can be dropped off at the school office children's entrance. We look forward to seeing all the lovely artwork!

TAMAHERE SCHOOL POOL SWIM LESSONS - Bookings Now Open for Term 4

If you missed the communication sent home to school families on Monday, bookings are now open for St Peter's Swim School lessons at Tamahere Vela Pool for Term 4, 2023 (Monday 13th November to Friday 15th December). Swimming lessons will resume in Term 1, starting from Monday 29th January, ending on Friday 12th April.

The link to register for lessons is as follows:

<u>https://app.iclasspro.com/portal/stpetersswimschool/classes?programs=87</u>. Please also see the information below on how to register and the list of the pre-requirements for each level, to help you find the correct level for your child.



GROUP DAY - Wednesday 18th October at Matangi

This year the South East Hamilton Country Schools Group Day will be hosted by Matangi School on Wednesday 18th October.

All participants are welcome, no matter their placings at school events - as we know sometimes the animals

perform differently on different days 😊

Intermediate aged children can also enter SEHCS Group Day.



Seals: Pre Requirements

Stingray: Pre Requirements

kick and breath

Please find links to Online Entry Forms below, entries close at 9.00am on Monday 16th October, to allow time for the programme to be drawn up.

Enter a Lamb for Group Day 2023

Enter a Goat for Group Day 2023

Enter a Calf for Group Day 2023

We are proposing the day to run as below:

8.45-9.30am Children to arrive with their animals & collect their numbers from the

Registration Desk 9:45am Marshalling for the first events 10.00am Judging commences

Prizegiving – Group Day Cup

All number tags to be returned to the Registration Desk for entry into a prize draw.

Also, we are very short of parent helpers to assist on the day, so if you have any keen parents who are available to help on the day, can you please let us know.

What to Bring:

- A water container for your animal
- Your own Tethering Peg
- The weather is unpredictable this time of year please be prepared for rain or shine e.g raincoat, sun hat, sun block
- Cash for BBQ , a coffee cart will also be on site

Location: Matangi School, 599 Matangi Road, Matangi – Events located on the Jack Foster Reserve, parking beside the Church.

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Janelle Bailey Matangi School



ShakeOut takes place across the world to remind people of the right action to take during an earthquake. Drop, Cover and Hold. ShakeOut, our national earthquake drill and tsunami hīkoi is happening on Thursday 19th October! It is a great opportunity for all our staff and students to practise what to do during an earthquake or tsunami.



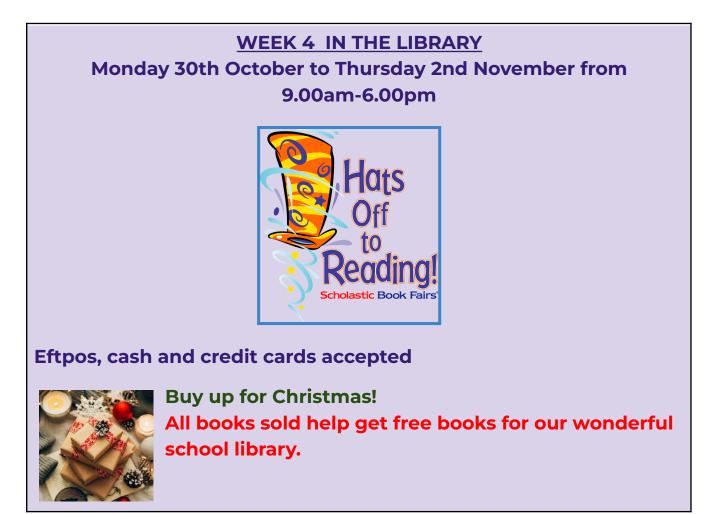
Tamahere Community Centre Committee 2023 AGM



It is hard to believe that a year has almost flown by and our 2023 AGM is approaching. We have had an amazing year with lots of great developments. This message is a reminder that our Annual General Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday 2nd November, at 7.00pm** in the Tamahere Community Centre. We would love as many people as possible to attend. You do not need to be on the committee or have intentions of going on - it is a great opportunity to hear how the year has progressed and intentions for the future.

We look forward to seeing you there. Kind Regards,

TCC Committee



LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY:

A reminder that LABOUR DAY is this Monday 23rd October. All schools will be closed and will reopen again as normal on Tuesday 24th October.

TEACHER ONLY DAY:

A reminder also that we will be having a **TEACHER ONLY DAY on Friday 10th November at the end of Week 5.** The focus for this day will be assessment and moderation before our final reports are completed. This will create a long weekend for you all about Mid Term.



Upcoming Dates:

October / Whiringa-ā-nuku					
WEEK 1					
Rāpare / Thursday 12th	 ★ AG DAY ★ Dress Like A Farmer Day ★ Ballot Drawn 				
	WEEK 2				
Rātū / Tuesday 17th	★ PTA Meeting at 7.00pm				
Rāapa / Wednesday 18th	★ GROUP DAY				
Rāpare / Thursday 19th	★ NZ ShakeOut Day				
Rāmere / Friday 20th	★ PYJAMA DAY				
	WEEK 3				
Rāhina / Monday 23rd	★ LABOUR DAY				
Rāpare / Thursday 26th	★ SEH Country Schools T Ball at Tauwhare				
Rāmere / Friday 27th	★ Waikato A & P Show - Boys & Girls Ag Club				
	WEEK 4				
Rāhina / Monday 30th 🛛 🖈 BOOK FAIR					
Rātū / Tuesday 31st	★ BOOK FAIR				
Noven	nber / Whiringa-ā-rangi				
	WEEK 4				
Rāapa / Wednesday 1st	★ BOOK FAIR				
Rāpare / Thursday 2nd	★ BOOK FAIR				
	★ Tamahere Community Centre (TCC) AGM at 7.00pm				
WEEK 5					
Rātū / Tuesday 7th	★ PIRONGIA Athletics -8.45am to 12.30pm				
Rāapa / Wednesday 8th	★ MAUNGATAUTARI Athletics				
	★ WHANAU Relays				
Rāpare / Thursday 9th	★ TAUPIRI Athletics				
	★ SEH City T Ball at Tauwhare				

Rāmere / Friday 10th	★ TEACHER ONLY DAY				
Rātapu / Sunday 12th	★ Round The Bridges				
WEEK 6					
Rāhina / Monday 13th	 ★ New Entrants Whakatau Welcome at 9.00am ★ Berkley Normal Middle School Yr 6 Orientation Day ★ St Peter's Orientation Day 				
Rātū / Tuesday 14th	★ POSTPONEMENT DAY: PIRONGIA Athletics				
Rāapa / Wednesday 15th	★ POSTPONEMENT DAY: MAUNGATAUTARI Athletics				
Rāpare / Thursday 16th	★ Tamahere Community Centre (TCC) Meeting				
Rāmere / Friday 17th	★ POSTPONEMENT DAY: TAUPIRI Athletics				
	WEEK 7				
Rātū / Tuesday 21st	 ★ Year 6 BAKE SALE for leavers gift ★ PTA Meeting at 7.00pm 				
Rāapa / Wednesday 22nd	★ Road Patrol Training Day				
Rāpare / Thursday 23rd	★ SEH City Athletics at Silverdale for Year 3-6				
Rāmere / Friday 24th	★ Road Safety Fun Day for Road Patrollers				
	WEEK 8				
Rātū / Tuesday 28th	 ★ TAUPIRI SYNDICATE: Dressing The Tree- 9.00am and 11.00am ★ POSTPONEMENT DAY: SEH City Athletics Yr 3-6 at Silverdale ★ BOT Meeting 				
Rāapa / Wednesday 29th	★ MAUNGATAUTARI SYNDICATE: Dressing The Tree - 9.00am and 11.00am				
Rāpare / Thursday 30th	★ GOLF DAY				
	December / Hakihea				
	WEEK 8				
Rāmere / Friday 1st	★ PIRONGIA SYNDICATE: Dressing The Tree- 9.00am and 11.00am				
Rāhoroi / Saturday 2nd	★ Cricket Hardball finishes				
	WEEK 9				
Rāhina / Monday 4th	★ Life Education- Puberty /Sexuality				
Rātū / Tuesday 5th	★ Life Education- Puberty /Sexuality				
Rāapa / Wednesday 6th	 ★ Life Education- Puberty /Sexuality ★ TAUPIRI SYNDICATE - Big Day In 				
Rāpare / Thursday 7th	 ★ Life Education- Puberty /Sexuality ★ PIRONGIA SYNDICATE - Big Day In ★ Year 6 GRADUATION 				
Rāmere / Friday 8th	★ PTA Hosted Christmas Carols & Family Picnic - Tamahere Reserve Piazza and stage				
Rātapu / Sunday 10th	★ Weetbix Tryathlon				
	WEEK 10				
Rāhina / Monday 11th	★ Thank You Parents Morning Tea				
Rāapa / Wednesday 13th	★ PRIZE GIVING ASSEMBLY 10.30am to 12.30pm				
Rāpare / Thursday 14th	★ MAUNGATAUTARI SYNDICATE - Big Days In/Out				
	★ Uniform Free Day				

Celebrating Student Success

Huge congratulations to **Pearse L** who competed in the US Kids New Zealand Golf Open tournament at Windross Farm Golf Course in Auckland in the holidays. He played in the 8 year old division, playing over two days (9 holes each day) on a par 36 course. He shot scores of 41 and 39 to win the national title convincingly. We are really proud of your achievements, Pearse! Look out Ryan Fox!





We are also celebrating Etáin B-S, who took part in the Irish Dancing National Championships, where she won first place!!!! She also had the opportunity to dance on television during the holidays.





Students of Week 10, Term 3 I am a responsible risk-taker				
Kia Maia 'Confident Can Do Kids' We strive to do our best with a positive 'can-do'.				
NIKAU 1	Ryan O	TANEKAHA 12	Lucas C	
KAURI 2	Benjamin Mc	MIRO 13	Beau J	
KAWAKAWA 3	Cooper W	PUKATEA 14	Keiran C	
ΤΙΤΟΚΙ 6	TITOKI 6 Sienna W		Emma C	
RIMU 7 George A		MANUKA 16	Norah G	
POHUTUKAWA 8	POHUTUKAWA 8 Zara B		Oskar N	
TOTARA 10 Poppy M		HOROEKA 21	Joy B Zoe Z	
MATAI 11	Isabelle F			



Positive Behaviour for Learning

TERM 3 GOLD VISION AWARD WINNERS:



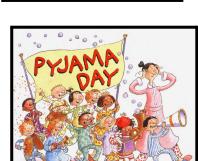
CLOTHE OUR KIDS - PYJAMA DAY Friday 20th October

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 and if they have any pyjamas, dressing gowns or other items of clothing they no longer need that are in good used condition, 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 on the day, or if you have any bulk lots you wish to donate, these can be dropped off at Rata 9 any day that week, 16th-20th October.

If you want to know more about how you can help, please visit the website https://www.clotheourkidswaikato.co.nz/



Team Photo Ordering through Photolife

Families should have already been emailed the Photolife Key Codes, to be able to view and purchase children's team photo's online. If you did not receive your key code, please email Heather Wilson on <u>hwilson@tamahere.school.nz</u>.

PhotoLife

Please be aware that the Photolife free delivery period expires midnight on Sunday 15th October.

Results from the Inter-School Tumbling Championships 2023

As many of you will already be aware, Gymnastic Academy runs a gymnastic programme at our school and on Sunday 3rd September, they held their annual Inter-School Tumbling Championships for 2023, with schools from Bay of Plenty, Hamilton & Cambridge attending.



There were four divisions that progressed in skill level, starting with a beginner level (Green division), Intermediate level (Bronze Division), Advanced level (Silver Division), Excel Level (Diamond Division). There were age group podium placings for each division. It was a participation event and all students who participate in our school programmes have the option to enter the event and demonstrate their skills to their parents. All students received a participation medal at prize giving.

Here is a link to the Gymnastic Academy facebook page with plenty of photos from the day of podium placings - <u>https://www.facebook.com/gymnasticacademy/</u>

Here are the results for both the school trophy winners and individual placings:

Hamilton District Inter School Competition

lst	Endeavour School	563.30 points
2nd	Te Ao Marama	202.10
3rd	Marion Catholic School	184.95
4th	Kowhai School	110.30
5th	Tamahere Model Country School	75.55
6th	Southwell School	57.95
7th	Horsham Downs School	56.15

Green Division - Competition C - Boys

Competitor	Tumble 1 (10.00)	Tumble 2 (10.00)	Overall Score	Placing
Rhylan E	9.2	9.7	18.9	lst

Bronze Division - Competition F - 8 Years

Competitor	Tumble 1 (10.00)	Tumble 2 (10.00)	Bonus Skill (0.5)	Overall Score	Placing
Cobie B	9.6	9.9	0.35	19.85	lst
Francesca N	9	9.1	0.2	18.3	13th

Silver Division - Competition J - 10 & over

Competitor	Tumble 1 (10.00)	Tumble 2 (10.00)	Bonus Skill (0.5)	Overall Score	Placing
Shiya G	9.85	9.85	0.1	19.8	3rd

Diamond Division - Competition L - Junior Boys

Competitor	Tumble 1 (10.00)	Tumble 2 (10.00)	Bonus Skill (0.5)	Placing
Zac S	9.00	9.5	18.5	6th

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
- 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.



Sanitarium Weet-Bix KidsTRYathIon



The Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon is coming up in early December. It's all about giving it a TRY and is a rewarding and fun day out.

<u>WHEN</u>: Sunday 10th December, 2023 <u>WHERE</u>: Waikato University Fields, Hamilton East, Waikato <u>ENTRY AGE</u>: Entry is open to all 6 to 15 year olds. (Based on age on event day) <u>ENTRY OPTIONS</u>:

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

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 <u>www.tryathlon.co.nz/</u>. The direct link to register into our school group can be accessed by <u>clicking here</u>.

Whaea Maria Oates



Community Notices





June | Bridal Vell Falls | Kiwi Guardian's Walk July | Maungakawa Scenic Reserve August | Lake Rotopiko | Kiwi Guardian's Walk September | Te Waihou Walkway October | Karangahake Windows Walk | Kiwi Guardian's Walk November | Mt Pirongia Mangakara Nature Walk December | Karakariki Track

Our kid's hikes are designed for beginners and families with children of all ages. Hikes are scheduled each month on a Saturday or Sunday. Each child will receive a certificate and medal for getting out and doing a Kiwi Guardian's adventure.











