

TAMAHERE

MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL

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Wiki/ Week 8 Happenings:

Mystery Creek Catchment Community

Last Wednesday, our school was invited to send two student leaders along with myself, to the first *Mystery Creek Community Catchment Hui*, an environmental sustainability group that is gaining strength in our area. **Ethan B & Lottie B** joined me for a long and very grown up day of guest speakers, and then breakout groups to generate ideas around different topics on how we can improve the local environment and make it sustainable. Ethan and Lottie were amazing ambassadors for our school. Their *Kia manaaki* - manners and respect were evident and their *kia maia* attitude saw them interacting and contributing alongside experts from NIWA and Waikato Regional Council, to name just two. Congratulations and thank you to our two wonderful senior students who represented our school so well.



FAREWELLS FOR 2024

Mrs Murphy Curtis: It is with sadness that I announce the end of an era, as our wonderful Mrs Jacqui Murphy Curtis leaves us for good this time. Jacqui has been at our school since she was a beginning teacher in 2017. She has been a part of all of our syndicates over the years, until last year when she took parental leave. With the arrival of her beautiful son Freddy, Jacqui is

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keen to be a part time mum, as well as continue to be involved in schools and has secured an ORS position at Rototuna School, three days a week. This is a wonderful opportunity for Jacqui and her family, as she will be able to balance both roles easily. The ORS position means she will be a support teacher for special needs students with high needs and their teachers. I am sure you will be great Jacqui! We will definitely miss your sense of fun and warm smile around here. Maybe you can join our team again in the future.

Mrs Emma Goord: Another fantastic staff member leaving us, is our very calm and caring Emma Goord, who has been an amazing Teacher Aide with us for almost five years and has also taken on some part time teaching in the Pirongia Syndicate, to reduce teaching group sizes in mathematics and literacy. Now that her children are older, Emma is returning to full time teaching and has won a position at her local school Tauwhare, which her children also attend. Thank you for all you have done for our students and supporting our staff Emma. We wish you well!

THANK YOU PTA:

Our wonderful PTA are busy putting together two great community events, our **Annual Golf Day** and for the second time ever, a **Christmas Carol Concert & Family Picnic** evening at the Tamahere Reserve. Both events are designed to bring our families and community together and have fun. The Golf Day also raises a significant amount of money for our school. This money will be going towards the new shade sail areas we are developing. We thank you for all the mahi that goes into making these events so successful.

We have a very enthusiastic Christmas Choir who will be part of the Christmas Carol Concert and hope many families will be able to join us for a relaxed family night on Friday 8th December starting at 5.00pm. The concert will be centered around the Tamahere Reserve Piazza. More information and links to order pizza are provided later in the newsletter. Please bring your own picnic dinner, so you can come along and enjoy the festive environment.

We hope to see you there!

GOLF DAY TOMORROW!!!!

We have our fingers and toes crossed for wonderful weather for our annual Golf Day tomorrow. Thank you to all the families who have sold raffle tickets in our TMCS Annual Golf Day Raffle for 2023. The winner of the \$1,000.00 Hillcrest New World Voucher will be drawn tomorrow.

*If you haven't already, please check out the **Galabid Silent auction**. Please go to <http://www.galabid.com/tamahere23> to login or sign up, and to bid on all the products that have been generously donated by our sponsors. Please share this with friends and family to encourage everyone to bid.*

And a huge thank you to our AMAZING Sponsors!!!!

Thanks so much for everyone's support.

The Golf Day Team

2023 TAMAHERE SCHOOL GOLF DAY

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Upcoming Dates:

November / Whiringa-ā-rangi

WEEK 8

Rāpare / Thursday 30th

★ **GOLF DAY**



December / Hakihea

WEEK 8

Rāmere / Friday 1st

★ **PIRONGIA SYNDICATE: Dressing The Tree**
- 9.00am Nikau 1, Kauri 2 & Kawakawa 3
- 11.00am Matai 11 & Tanekaha 12

Rātapu / Sunday 3rd

★ **Ninja Valley PTA Fundraiser**

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WEEK 9

Rāhina / Monday 4th	★ Life Education - Puberty /Sexuality (Maungatautari)
Rātū / Tuesday 5th	★ Life Education - Puberty /Sexuality (Maungatautari)
Rāapa / Wednesday 6th	★ Life Education - Puberty /Sexuality (Maungatautari) ★ TAUPIRI SYNDICATE - Big Day In
Rāpare / Thursday 7th	★ Life Education - Puberty /Sexuality (Maungatautari) ★ PIRONGIA SYNDICATE - Big Day In ★ Year 6 GRADUATION
Rāmere / Friday 8th	★ PTA Hosted Christmas Carols & Family Picnic - Tamahere Reserve Piazza and stage from 5.00pm onwards
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
Rāhina / Monday 18th	★ Uniform Free Day ★ LAST DAY OF TERM 4

Thank You Parents Morning Tea**THANK YOU MORNING TEA FOR ALL OUR WONDERFUL PARENT & SCHOOL COMMUNITY HELPERS**

We would like to thank everyone who has supported us in so many ways this year.

Thank you to the many wonderful parents, caregivers and friends who have stepped forward to help us in so many ways during the school year.

From sports coaches and managers, trip helpers, PTA, book helpers, classroom assistants, and many more... we want you to know that your assistance is invaluable to us and our school simply wouldn't function the same without your help!



As a token of our sincere appreciation for all of your assistance throughout the year, we warmly invite you to attend a special morning tea to be held in your honour:

WHEN: Monday 11th December

TIME: 10.20am

WHERE: Tamahere Community Centre (TCC) Foyer

We look forward to sharing this occasion with you!!

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PTA EVENTS

Ninja Valley Fundraiser

We hope you can join us this Sunday 3rd December for our fundraiser at Ninja Valley! We have around 50 children signed up so far and some exciting news!!!The Ninja waterslide will also be open (weather dependent - free entry for all children after the ninja course session)

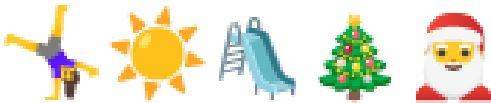
...and Good George has \$10 kids lunches on offer in their Dining Hall/Garden bar just down the road!

So here's the line up for this Sunday:

- 9-10.00am Ninja Course
- 10-11.00am Ninja Water Slide
- 11.30am \$10 kids bento box (and \$25 platters) lunch at Good George Frankton
- 2.00pm Hamilton Christmas Parade

Use the code TMCS10 to get 10% off your tickets, with a further 20% being donated to the school PTA. Follow this link to purchase your tickets

<https://ecom.roller.app/ninjavalley/draysatamaheremodelcountryschool3dec2023/en/home>.



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Invitation for 2023 PTA Hosted Christmas Picnic & Pizza Order Form

We hope you can join us!!!

If you would like to order pizza, the cost per pizza (size is large) is \$8.00.

Here is the link for Pizza orders:

[Pizza order form - PTA Hosted Christmas Carols, Concert & Picnic - 8 December 2023](#)

All payments need to be made to the Tamahere PTA bank account, 12-3152-0212196-00.

The last date for Pizza orders is Monday 4th December.

Pizzas will be available for pickup at the venue on the day.

DON'T FORGET!!!

**THE CHRISTMAS CAROL,
CONCERT & FAMILY PICNIC**
Hosted by the TMCS PTA

is happening this Friday, 8 December!!

The festivities kick off at 5pm, at the stage in the Tamahere Piazza area.

Get ready to spread some holiday cheer, dress up in your best Christmas bling and warm up your singing voice. A prize will be handed out for the best dressed!

Remember to place your pizza order before Monday 4 December.

Bring along a blanket, a comfy chair and all your favourites in a picnic basket. Let's make this a festive and memorable celebration!

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!

Friday Treats!!!

Just a reminder that at 2.30pm on Friday afternoons, the PTA sells ice blocks outside Karaka 15 in the Senior School and in the Junior Quad. Please bring your cash or you can purchase a \$10.00 treat card from the school office using Eftpos.

Mini Family Photo Sessions

CHRISTMAS MINIS
TRADITIONAL & WINTER
WONDERLAND
SESSION DATES
NOV 4th, 18th & 19th
DEC 2nd & 3rd

When using the code: TAMAHERE15
15% from all sessions booked by Tamahere School Families
will be donated to the school

WWW.EMMAHALEPHOTOGRAPHY.COM

It is time to get festive everybody! A local photographer, Emma Hale, is running mini family photo sessions with Christmas themes over the coming weekends and she is generously donating 15% of her takings to our school PTA.

This is a great way to get in the Christmas spirit, and the prints will make amazing Christmas presents!

Please follow the links below to book - sessions are 2nd & 3rd December:

Option 1: Traditional Christmas (black background)

<https://book.usession.com/s/HKv0eOZVQ>

Option 2: Winter Wonderland <https://book.usession.com/s/2DXsdoDuF>

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School Library Happenings for the rest of 2023

ALL LIBRARY BOOKS NEED TO BE RETURNED BY THE END OF THIS WEEK!!!

WEEK 9...LIBRARY CLOSED FOR STOCKTAKE

Year 6 2023 Leavers book donation choosing week

WEEK 10...Christmas holiday issuing week, Monday -Thursday

...Tuesday 12th December - Lunchtime Librarians Shared Lunch



School Library Summer Holiday Issuing in Week 10

The School Library will be open from Monday 11th December to Thursday 14th December to all Year 2, 3, 4 and 5 students, so they can issue books for the summer holidays in Week 10.

- Monday 11th December from 7.30am-3.00pm
- Tuesday 12th December from 7.30am-3.00pm
- Wednesday 13th December from 7.30am-3.00pm
- Thursday 14th December from 7.30am-3.00pm



Students (Yrs 2, 3, 4 & 5) will be allowed to issue up to 15, early chapters or senior fiction books, for reading over the summer holidays. A parent must sign a permission form for issuing over the summer holidays. These are available from the library. I will be available during the above times to help choose books and give advice on what books your child/children might like to read. **STUDENTS MUST BRING A BAG FOR LIBRARY BOOKS**

Read about Research on the 'Summer Slide & Summer Reading':

<https://natlib.govt.nz/schools/reading-engagement/summer-reading/summer-slide-and-summer-reading-research>

Mrs Theresa Kewish
Tamahere School Librarian
tkewish@tamahere.school.nz

Helping Families in Need this Christmas

A reminder that Zac S is again collecting items for Families in Need this Christmas. If you are able to help, could you bring in children's Christmas presents. (The presents must be new and please do not wrap). We have 2 boxes in the school office for you to pop your donations into for either the *Salvation Army* or *Kids in Need Waikato*.



Please share a little magic this Christmas and give a gift to a child in need.



The presents will be delivered to *The Salvation Army & Kids In Need Waikato* on Monday 11th December, so **please make sure you have dropped off all presents before 4.00pm by NEXT FRIDAY.**

Thank you

2024 TERM DATES:

TERM	START DATE	END DATE
Term 1	Wednesday 31 January 2024	Friday 12 April 2024
Term 2	Monday 29 April 2024	Friday 5 July 2024
Term 3	Monday 22 July 2024	Friday 27 September 2024
Term 4	Monday 14 October 2024	No later than Friday 20 December 2024*

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Students of Week 6

Kia Maia, Kia Manaaki, Kia Kotahi
Class needs/student voice

<i>NIKAU 1</i>	<i>Omansh M</i>	<i>TANEKAHA 12</i>	<i>Bo L</i>
<i>KAURI 2</i>	<i>Kate D</i>	<i>MIRO 13</i>	<i>Mary V</i>
<i>KAWAKAWA 3</i>	<i>Summer L</i>	<i>PUKATEA 14</i>	<i>Leah A</i>
<i>TITOKI 6</i>	<i>Samuel B</i>	<i>KARAKA 15</i>	<i>Jacob F</i>
<i>RIMU 7</i>	<i>Sasha J</i>	<i>MANUKA 16</i>	<i>Cohen C</i>
<i>POHUTUKAWA 8</i>	<i>Malachi L</i>	<i>TAWA 19</i>	<i>Emily B</i>
<i>TOTARA 10</i>	<i>Riley H</i>	<i>HOROEKA 21</i>	<i>Archie L</i> <i>Libby C</i> <i>Jack H</i>
<i>MATAI 11</i>	<i>Ishaan V</i>		



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DRESSING OF THE TREE

Every year students, teachers and parents walk down to St Stephen's church for a 'Dressing of the Tree'. This has been a special community tradition between our school and St Stephens for many years. Thank you to all the helpers, parents & grandparents who supported us this week. Pirongia Syndicate are walking down on Friday. Please see the photo galleries below from Taupiri and Maungatautari.

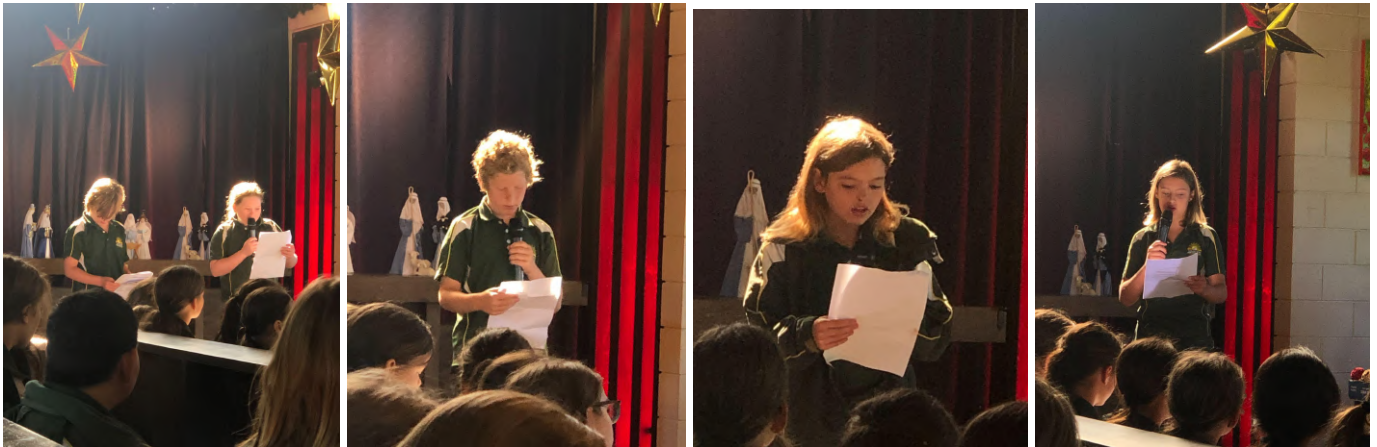
TAUPIRI SYNDICATE:



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MAUNGATAUTARI SYNDICATE:



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Inter-City Athletics Success

We had another fantastic day competing in the 2023 Intercity Athletics at Hillcrest High School on Tuesday. We were very proud of how all 35 athletes competed in their events, with the team showing our vision of *kia maia*, *kia kotahi* and *kia manaaki*. They also had a significant amount of success on the day.

We would like to say a special thank you to all the parents who came to support students throughout the day, cheering on our Tamahere team! Last of all, a **BIG SPECIAL THANK YOU** to Ann-Marie Copponi for all your organisation to make events like this possible to attend!

Congratulations again to all the students who were selected for the 2023 team: Amelia J, Tori A, Ayla H, Emma J, Jamie J, Eira S, Pearse L, Anru S, Lucas E, Quinn B, Bridgette C, Chloe A Y, Olivia A Y, Hannalise S, Charlotte C, Emily M, India D, Addison M, Holly H, Shiya G, Eva H, Yadon J, Molly C, Lauren W, Monica C, Reed L, Winston P, Daniel E, Benji v, Dylan H, Levi W, Reilly B, Ruby C, Harry A, Paige v, Blake F, Ewan C, Charlie L, Ethan B, Indigo W, William T, Isabelle M, Charlie H and Imani B.

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Year 6 Bake Sale Thanks

BAKE SALE PHOTOS - Thanks once again for all your support!



After School Care Team Vacancy - Permanent/Part Time Position

We are seeking enthusiastic & caring people/persons to join our After School Care Team from the start of 2024, to maintain a safe and happy environment for our students. We are looking for confident and caring supervisors to join our programme, who are comfortable and competent working with children aged 5 – 13. If you know of someone who would be perfect for this permanent/part time position, please get them to check out the listing on [Seek](#) or on our [school website](#). Applications **CLOSE TOMORROW at 9.00am**.

We're hiring:
**After School Care
Team Member 2024**
Scan the code to apply on SEEK



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Teacher Aide Vacancy - Fixed Term/Part Time Position

We are also advertising for a Teacher Aide. The position will provide a minimum of 10 hours of work during term time, which may be increased to 20-25 hours per week later in the year. This position may also be supplemented by hours generated through our Before and After School Care position.

Please see our job listing on [Seek](#) or on our [school website](#). Applications close at 9.00am on Friday 8th December 2023 for this position.

We're hiring:
Teacher Aide Position

Scan the code to apply on SEEK



Important End of School Year Information

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAMME:

Please see below for the last day of operation of our Before & After School Care Programmes:

- Final **After School Care** for this year will be on Friday 15th December.
- Final **Before School Care** for this year will be on Monday 18th **December**.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL: School finishes on **MONDAY 18TH DECEMBER AT 12.30pm**.

FINAL SCHOOL BUS OF THE YEAR: The last day for the School Bus run this year is Friday 15th December.

GETTING READY FOR 2024: With only a few weeks to go, we are putting many of the final arrangements together for our 2024 organisational arrangements and learning programmes. We will be emailing out a comprehensive final newsletter, with all you need to know to begin the 2024 school year in the final week of school.



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Community Notices

TERM 4 CHILDREN'S ART CLASSES

with ELENA BRAMBILLA



Enjoy making art during Term 4 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 each session.

PROGRAMME:
3.30 pm - 5.00 pm
 10th October: Colour mixing in watercolours and acrylic
 17th October: Scrape painting
 24th October: Halloween decorations with pine cones
 7th November: How to draw and shade 3D shapes
 14th November: Impressionism - painting your own art piece
 21st November: Crafting paper animals pen holders
 28th November: Painting with watercolours
 5th December: Crafting X-MAS decorations
 12th December: Mixed media X-MAS card

WHERE:
 The Painting Place
 opposite 50 Thornton Road, Cambridge 3434

PRICE:
 \$ 280 per children for the full course or
 \$35 per children per class
 20% discount for second sibling
 max 10 children per class
 AGE: 7-12 y.o.

HOW TO BOOK:
 Please contact Elena Brambilla,
 Ph: 0297791777
 E-mail: thesewingsailor@gmail.com





St Stephen's Tamahere Christmas Festival

Friday 1st to Saturday 16th December
10 am - 4 pm, closed Sundays

Twilight market
 Saturday 2 December, 4pm-8pm

Carols in the Church
 School choirs and local musicians
 Monday 4th to Friday 8th Dec
 10.30am and 1.30pm
 Saturday 9th to Friday 15th Dec 10.30am



Christmas Shop and Refreshments in the Hall



Gifts and decorations
Proceeds to local charities

For the programme, visit the website: www.ChristmasFestival.nz



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