

# Initial Information Newsletter for 2024

Everything you need to know to help you settle easily into our 2024 School Year.

## **Kia ora koutou.**

Firstly, a warm welcome to our new staff, students and families. We hope you have a very happy and successful time at our school. At present, we have **27 new students enrolled** for the beginning of 2024.

## **Welcomes:**

We are very pleased to be welcoming two new teachers to our team for 2024.

- **Mr Josh Martelli:**

Kia ora, I'm Josh Martelli and I'm really looking forward to starting at Tamahere Model Country School. I have been teaching for six years and love it. Outside of school, I love anything sport-related but mainly surfing and mountain biking. My wife has just had our first baby this year and her family lives in Rukuhia. Please don't hesitate to get in touch. I'm here to help.



- **Miss Charlotte Visser:**

Kia ora,

My name is Charlotte Visser, I am excited to begin my journey at Tamahere Model Country School. I have been teaching for the past two years on the Kapiti Coast and am excited to bring my passion for teaching up to the Waikato.

Outside of school I spend my time walking my dog Korra, tending to my plants and enjoying getting out in the sunshine.

Kind regards,  
Charlotte



## **Kahui Ako Within School Leaders (WSL):**

Laura Grant, Nanette Lister & Hayley Smit will be our Kahui Ako - Within School Leaders for 2024. They will be mainly focusing their inquiries and support for staff and students, in the Literacy, Digital Technologies and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) areas. Jasmine Saussey will be in support, with research supporting Agentic Learning.

## **Our School Structure and Organisation 2024**

Below you can see the school structure and staffing for 2024. Each year our structure looks slightly different, depending on Ministry of Education funding for staff and student cohort numbers. This year, we will again be having three clear syndicates, with Maungatautari having Year 5 & 6 classes, Pirongia made up of Year 3 & 4 students and Taupiri will be taking the Year 0-2 classes.

**Maungatautari Syndicate will** have five classes in 2024, with each class having around 25-27 students, which is a great teaching and learning size for this age. Mrs Annette Howard will also be supporting in the literacy area, along with Teacher Aide Mrs Christine Woolley, supporting individuals and small groups across different learning areas.

**Pirongia Syndicate** will again have five classes of Year 3 & 4 students. Mrs Hayley Bacon will be the Syndicate Leader and will be teaching in Nikau One every morning. In the afternoons, Hayley will be released to undertake her Across School Leadership role with our Hillcrest Cluster Kahui Ako schools. Mrs Adele Hickey will be co teaching with Hayley and taking Nikau One every afternoon, once she has finished her Reading Recovery and structured literacy group lessons. There will be Teacher Aide support in this Syndicate.

**Taupiri Syndicate** will start the year with six classes. There will be three straight Year 2 classes this year and three Year 1 classes. Nicky Platje will again be taking our newest New Entrant Reception Class, in Horopito 20. As numbers grow in Term 2, Mrs Christy Paladin will join Mrs Platje, to provide consistency for all of our initial enrollments through to Term 4.

<b>Maungatautari Syndicate - 5 classes of Year 5 &amp; 6</b>				
<b>Pukeatua Pod</b>			<b>Te Akatarere Pod</b>	
<b>Yr 5 &amp; 6 Karaka 15</b>	<b>Yr 5 &amp; 6 Manuka 16</b>	<b>Yr 5 &amp; 6 Mahoe 17</b>	<b>Yr 5 &amp; 6 Pukatea 14</b>	<b>Year 5 &amp; 6 Miro 13</b>
<b>Mrs Frances Mossop</b>	<b>Ms Maria Oates</b> Syndicate Leader	<b>Miss Charlotte Visser</b>	<b>Mr Josh Martelli</b>	<b>Mr Luke Mitchell</b>

*NB names from the two other peaks on Maungatautari Mountain - Pukeatua = 753m and Te Akatarere = 727m.*

<b>Pirongia Syndicate - 5 classes of Year 3 &amp; 4</b>				
<b>Yr 3 &amp; 4 Nikau 1</b>	<b>Yr 3 &amp; 4 Kauri 2</b>	<b>Yr 3 &amp; 4 Kawakawa 3</b>	<b>Yr 3 &amp; 4 Matai 11</b>	<b>Yr 3 &amp; 4 Tanekaha 12</b>
<b>Mrs Hayley Bacon</b> Syndicate Leader & <b>Mrs Adele Hickey</b>	<b>Miss Laura Grant</b>	<b>Mrs Jasmine Saussey</b>	<b>Ms Ann Marie Copponi</b>	<b>Mr Brendan Stephenson</b>

<b>Taupiri Syndicate - six classes to start the year</b>								
<b>Year 2 Titoki 6</b>	<b>Year 2 Totara 10</b>	<b>Year 2 Pohutukawa 8</b>	<b>Year 1 Rimu 7</b>	<b>Year 1 Tawa 19</b>	<b>Reception Year 1 &amp; 0 Horopito H20</b>	<b>Term 2 Year 0 Horoeaka 21</b>	<b>Term 3 Year 0 →</b>	<b>Term 4 Year 0 Puriri 5</b>
<b>Mrs Nanette Lister</b>	<b>Mrs Kat Karadshi</b>	<b>Mrs Hayley Smit</b>	<b>Mrs Shelley Howse</b> Syndicate Leader	<b>Miss Monica Redman</b>	<b>Mrs Nicky Platje</b>	<b>Mrs Christy Paladin</b>	<b>→</b>	<b>New teacher</b>

In 2024 we will continue to operate the cohort system for our New Entrants, who will have an 8-week induction before attending school as a group. The legislation mandates a mid-year cohort as part of the enrolment process. See dates further down in the newsletter.

<b>Regular Classroom Release Teachers</b>	
Mrs Gillian Stantiall Mrs Sarah Singleton Mrs Vicki Foden	Mrs Bridget Griffiths Mrs Gail Weston Mrs Natalie Toohey

<b>Leadership / Administration</b>	
Principal	Miss Waveney Parker
Deputy Principal & Kahui Ako Across Schools Leader	Mrs Annette Howard
Deputy Principal & Special Needs Coordinator	Mrs Natalie Toohey
Admin Team Leader/Financial Secretary	Mrs Lisa Boyd
Administration Secretary	Mrs Lisa Laurence
Administration Secretary	Ms Angela Jenkins
Office Wiz	Ms Heather Wilson
Librarian	Mrs Theresa Kewish
Caretaker	Mr Allan Wickens
Assistant Caretaker	Mr John Ball

<b>Teacher Aides</b>	<b>Before &amp; After School Care</b>
Mrs Rosemary Dexter	Mrs Leah Landman - Leader
Mrs Vicki Foden	Mrs Inga Schiffer
Mrs Christine Woolley	Miss Sarah Pyke
Mrs Leanne O'Connell	Mr Keenan Howard
Mrs Leah Landman	Miss Phoebe Letcher
Mrs Marie-Claire Nicholson	
Mrs Ashlea Kowalski	
Miss Mariette Poortman (Volunteer Teacher)	

<b>Music Tutors</b>	
Mrs Gill Earwaker	Piano / Keyboard
Mrs Chris Young	Violin / Strings
Music House	Guitar, Ukulele, Drums, Keyboard, Bass Guitar and Singing
Mrs Catherine Wallace	Flute, recorder, clarinet, sax and music theory lessons.

<b>Board of Trustees</b>	
Owen Culliney	Presiding Member
Waveney Parker	Principal
Annette Howard	Staff Representative / Health & Safety
Buddy Annals	Property / Iwi Liaison Tamahere Community Committee Rep.
Fraser Hodgson	Property / Health & Safety
Hilary van de Molen	Community / Sponsorship / Finance support / Sponsorship
Jim Mercer	Finance
Liz Donovan	Community / Sponsorship
Matt Martyn	Newly elected member

PTA Leaders	
Louise Mercer	Co Chairperson
Sarah Devoy	Co Chairperson
Kristyn Thomas	Vice-Chairperson
Alice van der Heyden	Treasurer
Frances McKenzie	Secretary
	Pumpkin Night Coordinator
Kristyn Thomas	Ball Coordinator
Callum Malcolm	Golf Day Coordinator

### School Dates for 2024

TERM	START DATE	END DATE	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
1	Wednesday 31st January	Friday 12th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teacher Only Day: Monday 5th February</li> <li>Waitangi Day: Tuesday 6th February</li> <li>Easter: Good Friday 29th March, Easter Monday 1st &amp; Easter Tuesday 2nd April</li> <li>Saturday 13th April – Sunday 28th April (Includes ANZAC DAY - Thursday 25th April)</li> </ul>
2	Monday 29th April	Friday 5th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>King's Birthday - Monday 3rd June</li> <li>Matariki - Friday 28th June</li> <li>Saturday 6th July to Sunday 21st July</li> </ul>
3	Monday 22nd July	Friday 27th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Saturday 28th September to Sunday 13th October</li> </ul>
4	Monday 14th October	No later than Friday 20th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Labour Day – Monday 28th October</li> </ul>

## Teacher Only Days

We will be holding our first Teacher Only Day on **Tuesday 30th January** before we start back on Wednesday 31st, with a focus on Agentic Learning. This day will be facilitated by **Derek Wenmouth**. Agentic Learning is where students have more voice and take more leadership in their own learning. Our second Teacher Only Day will be on **Monday 5th February** which will enable families to have a long four day weekend, linking to Waitangi Day. This day will be spent looking at Restorative Practices as part of our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) development, led by Ministry of Education facilitators. More Teacher Only Days will occur during the year when needed. We will try and let you know well in advance.

## E-Learning Devices

Our **Maungatautari** seniors will be using their chromebooks, as part of our Bring Your Own Devices (BYOD) programme. Our preference now is that students bring **chromebooks** and the school will provide the I pads.

Year 3 & 4 students in **Pirongia** may, **if their parents feel they are ready** for it, bring a chromebook to school to support their learning.

On the last day of 2023 Year 3, 4 & 5 students were provided with a letter and further information on BYOD. If you did not receive this, please go to our website homepage [www.tamahere.school.nz](http://www.tamahere.school.nz) and click on the link at the top saying - 'Our Learning'. Next click BYOD and in here you will find everything you need to know.

## Stationery Packs for 2024

**Stationery Packs are available online.** Go to: [www.myschool.co.nz/tamahere](http://www.myschool.co.nz/tamahere) and follow the prompts to complete your order.

You must place your order **BEFORE Wednesday 17th January**, to ensure delivery before school starts on Wednesday 31st January 2024.

The school office does not hold a large amount of stationery, so we will not be able to supply packs directly for your child. Please note that if you do not know your child's class at this stage, please purchase a stationery pack for the year level appropriate.

### **Tip:**

*Take advantage of the free delivery by "buddying up" with another family to ensure your order is over the minimum spend of \$70.00. Our school receives rewards for all stationery purchases made through OfficeMax.*

## **School Donations / Activity Fees and Other Costs in 2024**

At Tamahere Model Country School there are two different donations/fees that help support learning. The school depends on school donations to fund operations, facilities and learning to the high standard expected by our families. Many additional facilities and opportunities are only provided to students, due to the extra funding generously paid through the school donations.

You may have heard that since 2020 the government now pays school donations of \$150 per child to most schools. We are not eligible for this, based on our Equity Funding Level.

### **Understanding the real need for School Donations:**

#### **The Big Picture and Government Funding:**

- Tamahere Model Country School has an EQI funding level of 368, decided by the Ministry of Education and School Funding by the Government is determined by this EQI rating.
- If our EQI level was higher, the school would receive approximately \$990,000 in Government funding per year.
- The reality is, for our school's EQI rating, we receive approximately \$550,000 per year, around 50% less than the highest rated schools.
- We have to try and make up the difference in this funding to be able to offer the facilities, teaching and support staff, and resources that we all want our tamariki to enjoy and benefit from, in order to offer them the learning opportunities we want them to have.
- School donations and various fundraising initiatives by our wonderful school community are the two main sources of funding to supplement what is provided by the Government.

#### **What that means for Tamahere Model Country School:**

- The Board of Trustees chooses to fund additional teacher time to support learning at our school.
- The Board of Trustees chooses to fund additional teacher aide time to support individual needs.
- The school owns a number of buildings over and above ministry owned buildings, including the library and Koromiko block, that we are responsible to maintain.
- The school turns 140 next year and the infrastructure continually needs replacing, maintenance is high and there are immense challenges to keep pace with exceptional growth in our school roll.
- Unfortunately, when operating funds are tight it's the additional-curricular spending that suffers.

#### **Where does your School Donation go?**

Your School Donation is added to the School's budget to support our learning programmes. In the past year school donations have allowed us to fund additional teacher hours, provide additional teacher aides in classrooms, and maintain school buildings and grounds. As well, sports equipment, books, musical instruments and extra materials for artwork are all school items paid for by your school donation.



### **The 2024 School Donations are:**

- \$240.00 per child for the school year  
This is just \$60.00 per child per term (or pro-rata depending on enrolment date)

### **Activity Fees:**

Activity Fees are the second contribution and this covers specific costs related to cultural, academic and sporting activities that we undertake throughout the year, e.g. bus costs, visiting acts and entry fees.

The activity fee does not include camp costs or end of year trips.

This fee alleviates the need to constantly ask parents for small amounts of money during the year.

To ensure our students can enjoy the various activities throughout the year that extend and support their learning, we kindly request that all Activity Fees are paid by the end of Term 2 please:

\$65.00 - Taupiri Junior Syndicate

\$80.00 - Pirongia Middle Syndicate

\$90.00 - Maungatautari Senior Syndicate

(or Pro-rata depending on enrolment date)

### **Swimming Pool Levy:**

The Swimming Pool Levy is \$20.00 per child per year. This money contributes to the ongoing maintenance of our wonderful pool facilities. The Vela Pool Complex, which opened in November 2017, allows us to offer increased swimming opportunities for our students, significantly above the level that was possible with the old ministry provided pool. Families agreed to help support the ongoing costs, to achieve such a great facility for our students.

### **Seesaw:**

Tamahere School uses Seesaw, a digital portfolio that gives your child a safe place to record what they're learning at school and share that with you. The cost for Seesaw is \$5 per student for the year, which covers the licence cost for the programme.

### **Cyber Safety**

#### **School Manager - Family Zone**

As a school, we have implemented a school and class management system called 'Family Zone' that provides our school and families with increased digital awareness, education and safety. This system has many benefits for both the school and our families. Teachers and parents have greater options to manage children's devices and the ability to set these up for safer learning, and monitor this with increased ease and visibility. The beautiful feature of Family Zone is that parents also have the option to set security and management boundaries in their home, with any device tool that connects to the internet (including phones, laptops, ipads, xbox, netflix.) to the level that a school can in their school environment. There are several options available to families, which can be found on the website link listed below.

<https://www.familyzone.com/nz/families>

## **School Bus Arrangements for 2024:**

Our school bus operator is Go Bus. To make sure that the start of the school year goes as smoothly as possible, please familiarise yourself with the information below.

As always, please either stay with your children while they are waiting for their school transport in the morning or keep in contact with them, to make sure that they are picked up safely. *If the bus arrives at school prior to 8.00am, your child is required to go to Before School Care. ( Please note - there is no charge for bus children to attend BSC.)*

## **Eligibility For School Transport Assistance:**

We often get questions about whether students qualify for school transport assistance i.e, a place on a school bus.

The Ministry of Education has three criteria that students must meet in order to qualify for school transport assistance. They are:

1. The student must attend their closest state or state-integrated school.
2. The student must live more than a certain distance from the school:
  - o Years 1-8: Students must live at least 3.2km from the school, over the shortest public road or pedestrian route from the home roadside gate to the school's front gate.
  - o Years 9-13: Students must live at least 4.8km from the school, over the shortest public road or pedestrian route from the home roadside gate to the school's front gate.
3. There must be no suitable public transport options.

The Ministry of Education has a handy [video](#) on their website, which helps explain the eligibility criteria for school transport assistance.

If you would like your children to catch the school bus, you will need to contact the Go Bus School Coordinator, Joanne Burman by emailing [joanne.burman@gobus.co.nz](mailto:joanne.burman@gobus.co.nz) to confirm their eligibility and then email the school office [reception@tamahere.school.nz](mailto:reception@tamahere.school.nz), so that your child is included in our afternoon bus roll.

## **Responsibility Of Caregivers:**

To ensure a safe environment for bus loading and unloading, caregivers should:

- not park in bus bays
- adhere to the speed limit (20 km/h while passing a stationary school bus on either side of the road)
- try to eliminate the need for children to cross the road
- ensure that children get to and from the bus stop safely
- teach children to not run across the road

## Tamahere Vela Pool - St Peters Swim Lessons in Term 1 2024:

St Peters Swimming lessons will resume in Term 1, starting from Monday 29th January and ending on Friday 12th April 2024, for students who were enrolled for Term 4 lessons.

If you would like to register your children, the link to register for lessons is as follows:

<https://app.iclasspro.com/portal/stpetersswimschool/classes?programs=87>. 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.



Dear Families,

We are pleased to let you know that our Learn to Swim Lessons at Tamahere Country Model School are now open and available to book online. These lessons are available to any school age child and can be booked through our customer portal now.

These lessons will be run in the Tamahere Country Model School heated outdoor pool. While the pool is heated, being outdoors with varied air temperatures and element conditions will keep the water fresh. We suggest long sleeve togs and rash shirts for the children who may be sensitive to the cold.

Our lessons at Tamahere will follow the same detailed lesson plans as our Learn to Swim Lessons at St Peters and run by members of our current fantastic team.

Lessons will run daily Monday - Thursday from 3pm - 5.30 pm from **November 13<sup>th</sup> - December 15<sup>th</sup>** and again in Term 1 **January 29<sup>th</sup> - April 12<sup>th</sup>**.

Please note that when enrolling your student, your booking will automatically roll over between the terms and you do not need to book twice for term 4 and term 1.

Please note that if you currently have an enrolment at St Peters Swim School, it can be transferred to Tamahere, however there is no guarantee that the same space will be available after these lessons finish.

All health and safety aspects of our lessons will apply here. This includes:

- All children under the age of 8 will always require a guardian with them during their lessons.
- Lessons will only be cancelled in the event of thunder and lightning

To book into these lessons now, or to transfer a current St Peters Swim School Learn to Swim enrolment, just click the link below and log into your customer portal :

St Peters Swim School Learn to Swim Lessons at Tamahere Country Model School:  
<https://app.iclasspro.com/portal/stpetersswimschool/classes?programs=80>

To transfer a current student to Tamahere lessons: Customer Portal>My Account>Select Student>Enrolment>Transfer Enrolment>Select new class

Attached to this email is a list of the pre requirements for each level to help you find the correct level for your child too.

If you would like to book in and there is not a class available for you, please email us at [swimschool@stpeters.school.nz](mailto:swimschool@stpeters.school.nz) so we can assist you.

Kind regards,  
The team at St Peters Swim School



### Learn to Swim Level Pre-Requirements

#### Goldfish: Pre Requirements

Beginner – no experience needed

#### Whitebait: Pre Requirements

- Full submersion/ retrieve toy from the floor
- Back float unassisted (5 secs)
- Streamline front kick 3m unassisted
- Back kick arms by side 5m unassisted

#### Snapper: Pre Requirements

- Back kick split arms 12.5m unassisted
- 3 strokes of straight arm freestyle, standing to breathe, for 12.5m
- 3 freestyle arm strokes + roll to back and kick for 3m's

#### Swordfish: Pre Requirements

- Side breathing with split arms 12.5m
- 4 x 12.5m of freestyle with alternate breathing
- 6 Kick backstroke 12.5m

#### Seals: Pre Requirements

- 25m regular freestyle (with good alternate side breathing)
- 25m backstroke (opposite arms and feet up)

#### Stingray: Pre Requirements

- 50m Freestyle: correct stroke technique
- 50m Backstroke; correct stroke technique
- 25m Breaststroke kick: Correct movement and glide

#### Dolphin: Pre Requirements

- 75m Freestyle: Correct breathing and technique
- 75m Backstroke: Opposite arms and feet up
- 25m Breaststroke: correct kick, arms and timing
- 25m Butterfly Kick plus breath: correct kick and breath

### **Before/After School Care (B/ASC):**

At present we are trying to maintain the same costs as last year for Before/ASC. The After School Care hourly charge is **\$8 per hour** – capped at \$80 per week for 1 child, \$160 per week for 2 children and \$210 per week for 3 children. The capped rates give parents a discount, if children attend more than 10 hours a week. After School Care goes through to 5.45pm daily. There is a late fee penalty payment charged for children left after 5.45pm – \$10 for the first 15 mins and \$25 after 6.00pm.

Before School Care is charged at \$10 per session (7.00am until 8.00am)

Fee Structure BSC:

- \$10 per day per child
- One child per week capped at \$40
- Family capped at \$100 per week

*Sorry, we are not OSCAR subsidised.*

### **Automatic Payments:**

You may wish to set up an Automatic Payment to spread the School Donations and Fees across the school year. Payments can be made to the account below (please note your child's name in the reference field):

**Tamahere School**  
**12-3152-0070140-00**

**Please note you will be notified/invoiced early in Term 1 for the School Donation, Activity Fee, Pool Levy and Seesaw subscription.**

### **Did you know you can apply for a tax rebate from the Inland Revenue Department for your voluntary school donations?**

You may be able to get a rebate of up to one-third of the voluntary school donations you have paid if you:

- have earned taxable income
- lived in New Zealand at any time over the tax year
- are an individual (not a company or partnership for tax purposes), and
- have paid voluntary donations to a state or state-integrated school

Please contact Lisa Boyd in the School Office to make payments, set up automatic payments and for information on how to apply for tax deductions.

### Fundraising Achievements:

Huge thanks go to our PTA and their dynamic fundraising teams, who have run successful fundraising and community building events such as: *Pumpkin Night*, the *Havana Ball* and *Ngaruawahia Golf Day*. These have all raised significant funds towards our new shade areas. Thank you to everyone involved in coordinating, leading, organising and supporting these great events. In 2024 the money raised will support our budget and allow for extras to be achieved. It will mainly be going towards providing more shade areas and adding blinds and curtains to classrooms for safety and glare reasons.

### Security:

Our school will be locked over the holidays. This is due to the increased vandalism and crime happening in the area.

### Music & Kid's Clubs:

We have a variety of music and other extracurricular opportunities available for 2024. Itinerant tutors visit our school offering lessons in guitar, ukulele, piano, drums, singing and violin, to name just a few. Classes are also offered in gymnastics, Bricks4Kidz, and tennis. The full list can be viewed on our website <https://tamahere.school.nz> - Go to Key Information → Kids Clubs.

If your child is continuing lessons or you wish to enquire about your child starting up with a tutor, please contact them directly using the list on our website. (As noted above).

### Camp Dates

- **Maungatautari Camp** for our Year 5 & 6 students, will be at Tui Ridge in the Mamaku Ranges in 2024. The camp can only host us for 3 days in 2024, the week before Easter, from Monday 25th - Wednesday 27th March. Tui Ridge is a very large facility so our entire Maungatautari Syndicate will be able to attend camp at the same time. For further information on the Senior camp please click [here](#).
- **Pirongia Camp** - Our Year 4 camp will be held at Camp Raglan again in 2024, and the dates will be **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May**.

**Police Vetting:** All parents wanting to be a parent helper on one of our camps, need to be police vetted to be considered. Please pop into the office with two forms of photo ID and sign a form. The cost to process this is \$10.00. This can take a few weeks to process, so you need to be in early.

### Web Site

In 2024 we will be upgrading our website to make it more user friendly. This is our major communication portal, accessible to all families. We focus on our website, with our newsletter available here each week on a Thursday. A link is sent directly to the email address listed in our contacts. Please keep your contact details up to date at our office.

## School Docs

As a school, we have now migrated our formal policies across to School Docs. The majority of schools across New Zealand use School Docs, which is a valuable resource for schools to access. The benefit of this for our community is that you are able to access these documents online using the link provided below.

[Access to policies on school docs](#)

Website access: [tamahere.schooldocs.co.nz](http://tamahere.schooldocs.co.nz)

Username: tamahere

Password: nurturing

## **New Entrant Cohort Entry**

In 2024, we will continue to operate the cohort system for our New Entrants, who will have an 8-week induction before starting school, as part of a group. This structured support and entering as a group, provides a great platform of support for our newest learners.

Official Ministry Cohort Entry dates for our New Entrant families:

2024 School Dates	Start Date	*Cohort Mid Term Date	End Date
Term 1	Wednesday 31 January	Monday 11 March	Friday 12 April
Term 2	Monday 29 April	Monday 4 June	Friday 5 July
Term 3	Monday 22 July	Monday 26 August	Friday 27 September
Term 4	Monday 14 October	Monday 18 November	No later than Friday 20 December

\*This date is the mid-point between the start of a term and the start of the next term, decided by the Ministry of Education. Children will be able to start school in cohorts but only after they have turned 5. There will be 2 entry points per term, one on the first day of term, and one at a mid-point during a term.

## **School Uniform**

We look forward to seeing all our students proudly wearing their correct school uniform in 2024. Please ensure that all uniform items are clearly named. If you do find that you need to purchase new items of uniform before the start of term, our school office will be open on Thursday 25th, Friday 26th and Tuesday 30th January, between 9.00am - 3.00pm.

Unfortunately our uniform suppliers have increased their charges after 7 years. The new prices are set out below:

Uniform Prices	
Item	Price
Dress	\$70
Polo Shirt	\$45
Microfleece	\$58
Merino Jersey	\$90
Shorts	\$35
Skorts	\$38
Jacket	\$64
Trackpants	\$55
Trackpants ( <i>weather proof</i> )	\$55
Hat	\$21
Hat Embroidery	\$9
Beanie	\$29
Whanau Shirt	\$37
<b>Sports Uniform</b>	
Soccer / Hockey / Basketball shorts	\$30
Socks	\$17

Please remember that our TMCS wide brim or bucket hats are compulsory during Term 1. The school holidays are 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 \$9.00 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 make an order please bring your child's hat to the school office with your \$9 payment (or order a new one for a total of \$30). This can take between 1-2 weeks, so please order as soon as possible.

### **Holiday Office Hours:**

Our administration team will be starting their well earned break from Thursday 22nd December. The office will then be open on **Thursday 25th, Friday 26th and Tuesday 30th January 2024, between 9.00am - 3.00pm only**. We invite families to purchase uniform items at this time and ask new families to finalise their enrolment details, if they have not already done so (including providing all necessary documentation), prior to the first day of school on Wednesday 31st January.

**We hope you all have a wonderful holiday  
and a very happy Christmas / *Kirihimete***

*Te Harinui*

**Kia pai to hararei**  
*May your holiday be wonderful*

**Keep Safe!**

***We look forward to seeing you all on 31st January 2024.***

