

# TAMAHERE

## MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL

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### Wiki/ Week 9 Happenings:

#### Education Review Office Report

We are very pleased to share our latest **Education Review Office (ERO)** report with you. The ERO have adapted their review model and now work alongside schools over an extended period. This new model allows ERO to understand the school's context better and support internal evaluation for improvement in an ongoing way. This evaluation process is embedded in our school's strategic planning and annual implementation processes.

We encourage you to read the Tamahere Model Country School ERO report, which can be [viewed here](#)



#### PTA Christmas Carol Concert TOMORROW:

We have a very enthusiastic Christmas Choir who will be part of the Christmas Carol Concert tomorrow evening. We hope many families will be able to join us for a relaxed family night, organised by the PTA starting at 5.00pm. The concert will be centered around the Tamahere Reserve Piazza. If you placed an order for pizza, this can be collected from the venue. Please bring your own picnic dinner, so you can come along and enjoy the festive environment.

We hope to see you there!

**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!**

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## PRIZE GIVING NEXT WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER - 10:30AM START:

We look forward to having you join us at this very special school event next Wednesday.

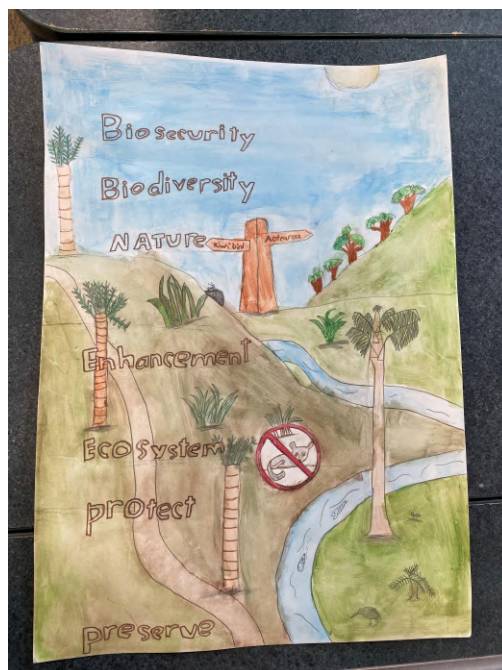
This is a formal assembly where all students, with the exception of our Year 6 Graduates, wear their school uniform (not their whānau shirt) and we celebrate the achievements of students across the school. Year 6 Graduates may wear smart casual clothing.

We do hope you'll be able to join us on this very special occasion.



## CONGRATULATIONS ELLIOTT!!!

You may recall that in June, the National Fieldays Society ran a colouring competition in support of the launch of the *Fieldays Sustainability Hub*, which aims to provide easy access to accurate information about sustainability and the environment for all ages. The winner of the colouring competition would have their artwork displayed on the cover of the Biodiversity Management Plan for the National Fieldays Community Gully Restoration Project. A student from Ohaupo School was the winner, however the staff from National Fieldays Society thought that the entry from **Elliott N** was AMAZING and have decided that his colouring competition entry deserved to go on the inside of the report. Not only that but they decided to present him with a T - Rex Pest Trap and tunnel for our school. Well done Elliott N!!!!



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## Thank You Parents Morning Tea REMINDER

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 members, 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!!

## Life Ed Harold The Giraffe Shoe Charms - ON SALE TOMORROW LUNCHTIME ONLY!



Abby from Life Ed will be selling Jibbitz tomorrow at lunch time for \$5 each, outside the TCC. It is important that if children purchase these, that they are put straight into their bags and taken home, rather than attached to their shoes at school.



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## **BIG THANK YOU FOR GOLF DAY:**

What a great event our annual Golf Day is - it was even discussed on Trackside TV on Saturday!!!!. Although the weather wasn't ideal last Thursday, everyone still managed to have a wonderful day and really enjoyed the facilities on offer at Ngaruawahia Golf Course. The course has been rebooked for 2024, but next time it will be on a Friday and there will also be the opportunity for more teams to enter.



Huge thanks to the incredible organisers **Callum Malcolm, Bec Drummond, Chris Lyons, Dave Palmer, Shaun Elliott, Freddy Davison, Jarrad Hurrell, Shannon Popplewell, Cindy Jacobs** & to everyone involved. And we would like to acknowledge **Karen Devoy**, a grandparent of children at TMCS, who was a great helper on the day!



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Congratulations to all the golfers who took part - we hope to see you return in 2024! The winning teams were:

- 1st Place **Joe Baker's Team**
- 2nd Place **Duo Lingo**
- 3rd Place **Matt Sherwin's Team**

Thank you to all our school families who supported our **Golf Day Raffle**. We are pleased to announce that the winner of the \$1000 Hillcrest New World voucher was **Graeme Henderson**.

At this stage it looks like north of \$20,000 was raised from Golf Day 2023. Thank you all so much to everyone involved!!!!!! Special thanks to all of our very generous GOLF DAY SPONSORS and those who donated prizes and attended our 2023 Golf Day.

### Main Sponsors:

- ★ Carl & Bec Drummond, Advice4Life
- ★ Russell and Angela Thomas, Property Brokers
- ★ Jarrad and Sarah Hurrell, Freightworks

### Golf Hole Sponsors:

- ★ Lewis Law
- ★ Colliers
- ★ Craigs Investment Partners
- ★ iClaw
- ★ ZB Homes
- ★ Roofing Reno
- ★ Freightworks

### Donated Auction Items:

- ★ Carl & Bec Drummond
- ★ Jenny Scown
- ★ Inspirit Gallery & Sculpture Garden
- ★ Tim Southee
- ★ Luke Mitchell
- ★ Sanctuary Mountain
- ★ Jet Park Hotel
- ★ Scott McLeod
- ★ Seddon Cricket Club
- ★ Van Dyks Furniture
- ★ Brendon Popplewell
- ★ Freddy Davison
- ★ Dave Palmer
- ★ Callum & Lindy Malcolm



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### Donated Prizes:

- ★ Tieke Golf Course
- ★ Anchorage Wines
- ★ Craigs Investment Partners
- ★ Bayleys
- ★ Better Eggs

### Food Support:

- ★ Verhoeven Group (supplied BBQ)
- ★ Inghams Chicken
- ★ Russell & Angela Thomas



## Thank You To our Wonderful School Sponsorship Families

We would like to express a huge thank you to our school sponsorship family, those whose logos are featured below and also those who support events and activities throughout the year! Your support and partnership with our school helps to provide the wide range of opportunities our kids at TMCS can enjoy.

We all have such a choice when it comes to products and services offered locally, so where you can, please consider supporting the businesses and families who support our school!

### Platinum Level Sponsorship



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### LOST PROPERTY

With the end of term approaching, now is a great time to check that your children have all their correct uniform items. Any misplaced items may have found their way to our lost property room, which is located at the end of the deck behind the school office, so if you have items missing, please ensure you check there before the end of the term.



### SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

Families can find information about a number of **School Holiday Programmes** that are running these holidays. Please check out our 'Community Notices' section on the website:  
<https://tamahere.school.nz/whanau-information/#communitynotices>



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## 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: We are putting many of the final arrangements together for our 2024 organisation 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.



## PTA EVENTS

### 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.

### End of Term Sausage Sizzle Reminder:

The PTA are organising an end of term sausage sizzle for next Friday. Order forms were sent home with students earlier this week.

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



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## Upcoming Dates:

| December / Hakihea            |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| <b>WEEK 9</b>                 |   |
| <i>Rāpare / Thursday 7th</i>  | ★ Year 6 GRADUATION   |
| <i>Rāmere / Friday 8th</i>    | ★ PTA Hosted Christmas Carols & Family Picnic - Tamahere Reserve Piazza and stage from 5.00pm onwards |
| <i>Rātapu / Sunday 10th</i>   | ★ Weetbix Tryathlon   |
| <b>WEEK 10</b>                |   |
| <i>Rāhina / Monday 11th</i>   | ★ Thank You Parents Morning Tea   |
| <i>Rāapa / Wednesday 13th</i> | ★ PRIZE GIVING ASSEMBLY 10.30am to 12.30pm  |
| <i>Rāpare / Thursday 14th</i> | ★ MAUNGATAUTARI SYNDICATE - Big Days In/Out   |
| <i>Rāpare / Thursday 15th</i> | ★ END OF TERM PTA SAUSAGE SIZZLE  |
| <i>Rāhina / Monday 18th</i>   | ★ Uniform Free Day<br>★ LAST DAY OF TERM 4  |

## 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* |

## LIBRARY NEWS!!!!!!

A HUGE THANKS to those leaving Year 6's who have donated a book to the school library.

Can all families please have a look around at home for any school library books and return them to the school library. **There are still 63 library books that need to be returned for the stocktake. Can the 34 students that still have books, please return them to the library.**

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**Don't forget to drop your summer holiday issuing form into the library for next week's issuing.**

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**

Mrs Theresa Kewish  
Tamahere School Librarian  
[tkewish@tamahere.school.nz](mailto: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. **PLEASE CAN ALL PRESENTS BE DROPPED OFF BEFORE 4.00pm TOMORROW!!**  
Thank you

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# 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.*

|                     |                    |                    |                  |
|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| <i>NIKAU 1</i>      | <i>Molly v</i>     | <i>TANEKAHA 12</i> | <i>Ava T</i>     |
| <i>KAURI 2</i>      | <i>Jessica L</i>   | <i>MIRO 13</i>     | <i>Andrew J</i>  |
| <i>KAWAKAWA 3</i>   | <i>Charlie T</i>   | <i>PUKATEA 14</i>  | <i>Ananya P</i>  |
| <i>TITOKI 6</i>     | <i>Charlotte H</i> | <i>KARAKA 15</i>   | <i>Imani B</i>   |
| <i>RIMU 7</i>       | <i>Evie W</i>      | <i>MANUKA 16</i>   | <i>Ruby C</i>    |
| <i>POHUTUKAWA 8</i> | <i>Ryan F</i>      | <i>TAWA 19</i>     | <i>Ella M- B</i> |
| <i>TOTARA 10</i>    | <i>Rowan C</i>     | <i>HOROEKA 21</i>  | <i>Skye C</i>    |
| <i>MATAI 11</i>     | <i>Emma J</i>      |                    | <i>Lockey W</i>  |
|                     |                    |                    | <i>Natalie H</i> |



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## Kōrero mai!

For Te Reo Māori this term, the tamariki in Pirongia and Maungatautari syndicates have been focusing on tūwāhi (location words) enabling them to say where objects are located. They have used google slides, games, rākau and opportunities in class to consolidate their learning. It is beautiful to see the growth in our children's knowledge and confidence in using Te Reo Māori. Kei runga noa atu koutou!



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# Dressing of The Tree - Pirongia Syndicate



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## STEM Curiosity 2023

Our Year Two-Four tamariki delved into the various materials and tools offered by the STEM Curiosity Team with vigour and enthusiasm! The three sessions offered a true sensory experience, as our young scientists experimented with different textures, colours, sounds and smells. While some children preferred to investigate in a precise and orderly fashion, others were keen to throw themselves arm-deep into the process to see where this took them.



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Teachers observed some beautiful interactions, with siblings teaming up, peers orating their observations and negotiating with each other, and noticed an evolution of play from beginning to end. Many thanks to the STEM Curiosity Team for supporting us in our play-based learning this term.



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## A Message from STEM Curiosity.....

Over the last few weeks, we have been grateful to have STEM Curiosity back at TMCS. Your children have perhaps enthralled you with dinner time conversations about mud-play and fizzy explosions? We have loved seeing the children enjoy deeply authentic, hands-on learning as they became more curious about Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).

Play is so important for children. It develops inter-personal skills and their personality, stimulates innovation and simply brings them joy. Play reveals what we know and what we're curious about. Play also helps children develop problem solving skills, which they'll use throughout their lives.

STEM skills shortages in both the classroom and workforce (girls/women in particular) have been an issue for decades, despite STEM-based learning programmes equipping students with 21st century skills and knowledge. STEM students become creators of technology, not just passive consumers. Yet, many STEM activities still follow a prescribed success/failure methodology. In contrast, STEM-play builds life-long curiosity towards these crucial subjects in a stress and failure-free way.

### SPONSOR-A-SCHOOL OPPORTUNITY:

STEM Curiosity is looking for funding to deliver their programme to more Waikato primary schools in 2024. We all win when children from all walks of life are offered opportunities to build curiosity in their learning. If you have capacity to support STEM Curiosity, we recommend you take it. Given the prescriptive nature of grants and fundraising, they are now turning to corporate sponsorship, with sponsor-a-school options (\$1000 for one day for 150-200 children) or options for naming rights to support the region. All support would be deeply appreciated.

STEM Curiosity  
[stemcuriositynz@gmail.com](mailto:stemcuriositynz@gmail.com)

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## City Cluster SEH Athletics Results

|  |   |  |   |
|--|---|--|---|
| <p><b><u>Lauren W</u></b><br/>1st Vortex<br/>2nd High Jump<br/>2nd 400m<br/>3rd Shot Put</p> | <p><b><u>Molly C</u></b><br/>3rd Long Jump</p>  | <p><b><u>Hannalise S</u></b><br/>1st High Jump<br/>3rd Shot Put</p>                              | <p><b><u>Olivia A.Y.</u></b><br/>2nd Long Jump<br/>3rd Vortex<br/>3rd Sprints</p> |
| <p><b><u>Chloe A.Y.</u></b><br/>2nd Vortex</p>   | <p><b><u>Eva H</u></b><br/>1st Shot Put</p>   | <p><b><u>Shiya G</u></b><br/>1st High Jump</p>   | <p><b><u>Charlotte C</u></b><br/>1st Shot Put</p>                                 |
| <p><b><u>Reed L</u></b><br/>1st Vortex</p>   | <p><b><u>Pearse L</u></b><br/>1st 400 m<br/>1st High Jump<br/>1st Shot Put<br/>1st Vortex</p> | <p><b><u>Bridgette C</u></b><br/>2nd Shot Put<br/>2nd 400m<br/>2nd Sprints<br/>3rd High Jump</p> | <p><b><u>Anru S</u></b><br/>2nd Vortex<br/>2nd High Jump<br/>3rd Long Jump</p>    |
| <p><b><u>Dylan H</u></b><br/>1st 400m</p>  | <p><b><u>Quinn B</u></b><br/>1st Sprints<br/>2nd 400m<br/>3rd High Jump</p>                   | <p><b><u>Tori A</u></b><br/>2nd 400m</p>   | <p><b><u>Jamie J</u></b><br/>3rd High Jump</p>                                    |



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## FAIRYLAND NEWS.....

# Fairyland

*I am a fairy as kind as can be. I travel to places to look for a cosy home with flowers as bright as the sun. With trees and butterflies flying around me, the flowing rivers and roses dancing in the wind.*

*By Mae Mae Z and Annabel N (2022)*



Fairyland has been having a major overhaul and all the planting is complete, thanks to the PTA who generously purchased a garden voucher so the planting could be finished off. The rain has come in time to keep it well watered.

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We are looking for families and children to create fairy houses to complete the garden. Upside-down terracotta pots with windows and doors painted on, are easy and effective. All shapes and sizes are welcome. Test pots from Resene work a treat and are more durable for outdoors. If anyone would like to paint little blocks of wood, as in the picture above, I have observed the children using these and moving them about in their play, to create different scenes. Movable parts are all part of the play and allow for creative minds to create. If you have any other thoughts or ideas, please come and see me in Rimu 7. And thanks to everyone involved for making it come together slowly but surely.

Shelley Howse and the Fairy Team

## Assembly Performances

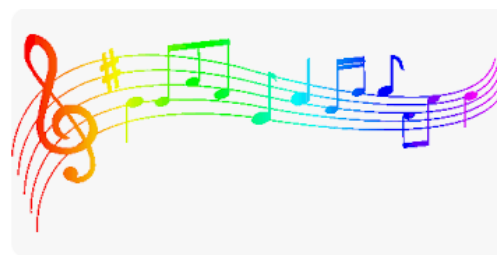
At last Friday's assembly, we were treated to a wonderful performance from **Puriri 5, Horoeka 21 & Horopito 20**. Our youngest students performed the 'Numeracy Song' to the entire school. It was great to see so many parents and whanau in attendance.



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During Term 4, we have showcased and celebrated the musical talents of a number of our students at our assemblies. On Friday, it was **Xin Yuan Z's** turn to **impress everyone** with her violin performance.



## Community Notices

St Stephen's Tamahere

# Christmas Festival

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> to Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December**  
**10 am - 4 pm, closed Sundays**

**Twilight market**  
*Saturday 2 December, 4pm-8pm*

**Carols in the Church**  
*School choirs and local musicians*  
*Monday 4<sup>th</sup> to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec*  
*10.30am and 1.30pm*  
*Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.ChristmasFestival.nz)



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