

TAMAHERE

MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL

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Nurturing Our Future - Growing Together
Kia atawhai aa mua - Kia tipu ngatahi

Wiki/ Week 2 Happenings:

NAU MAI, HAERE MAI!

Welcome Back Everyone to Term 1 2024

It is always lovely to welcome our tamariki back for a new school year. The bubbling excitement and squeals of happiness as friends/hoa catch up again and new classes and opportunities are experienced, creates such a happy environment for us all. The enthusiastic smiling tanned faces in the playground say it all. We are so lucky to work in this environment. I hope your back to work experiences are as positive as ours.

The start of the year is a special time in schools, with students/aakonga and teachers/kaiako getting to know each other, the new expectations and how everything operates, plus the new dynamics within each classroom and syndicate. The children/tamariki strive to move up into their new year's roles and challenges, trying so hard to do their very best. With all these changes and effort, comes tired children heading home to you on hot afternoons. We get to see the best of your children. Thank you for all your extra support at this time of year, for having your children's stationery ready to go on day one and supporting your children through their nervous first few days. Thank you for also supporting them to have kia maia and take on the new challenges ahead. For your tamariki to achieve their best in the education system, we all need to be working together with the same goals and aspirations.

The holidays already feel like a long time ago, but without a full newsletter last week, I do hope you all had a very happy and restful holiday with your whānau and friends over the summer break. What a great summer we have had so far compared to last year! Everyone seems so much happier this year than last!

It was very special to welcome our **28 new students, 2 new staff** and **15 new families** to our school at the Whakatau in Week 1. We were so proud of our Kapa Haka Roopuu who took up the challenge on our first day to produce a powerful Whakatau welcome and waiata for our new students/aakonga and their whānau. Well done to you all! The kia maia attitude you showed was impressive. Photos of our Whakatau can be seen further along in our newsletter.

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Term One is a busy learning term for all of us, and we will certainly be doing the Government's one hour of reading, writing and mathematics each day. In the juniors it is more obvious as students are *learning to read*, as they move higher up the school our aakonga are *reading to learn* and will be involved in the three R's constantly with their Inquiry learning, in such areas as science and social sciences. We will also be enjoying many social, physical and language enriching activities. Some exciting events coming up later this term include Swimming Sports and Grandparents Day. Our Year 5 and 6 Students will be heading away to camp in Week 9. Just after the Easter break, we will have the Country Cluster Junior Tabloids, followed by our very special Pumpkin Night on Saturday 6th April.

ADJUSTMENTS AS WE START THE TERM:

Mrs Hayley Bacon was diagnosed with a health condition in the holidays and for the first few weeks of this term our Deputy Principal, Mrs Natalie Toohey, will be acting as the Pirongia Syndicate Leader while Mrs Hayley Bacon undergoes treatment. Mrs Christy Paladin will join Mrs Adele Hickey in Nikau One for the first few weeks of this term. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Hayley and we hope to have her smiling face back with us soon.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAYS:

Our teaching staff returned to school on Tuesday 27th for a Teacher Only Professional Learning Day (PLD), with a focus on learning how to create more agentic learning environments and further develop student-centred learning approaches in our teaching practices. This is one of our whole school focus areas for the next couple of years. Our PLD was facilitated by a leading educator in this area - Derek Wenmoth.

On Monday, our teaching staff, Teacher Aides and After School Care staff all attended a Professional Development Day, facilitated by Janine McKay and Sheryn Hobbs. The focus was on how to develop and use restorative practices, to further enhance our nurturing and positive school culture based on our Vision.

Following this our staff attended a fun Team Building session at the Cambridge Bowling Club, in very hot conditions.



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MANUKURA LEADERS:

We run an extensive student leadership programme at Tamahere Model Country School to provide opportunities for our senior students to develop their leadership skills and build confidence, for when they step out into the next stage of their educational journey and beyond.

Our New Year 6 Leaders/Manukura have already been stepping up to the challenges we are giving them. The leadership shown by so many when coordinating and encouraging their teams at the **Whanau Tabloids** last Friday was great to see. Yesterday, we were impressed with the speeches given at the **Manukura Elections**. Please see photos following, for both of these events. Our new Manukura Leaders will be announced early next week.

MEET THE TEACHERS EVENING - THURSDAY 15TH FEBRUARY:

We welcome all parents and caregivers to our Meet the Teacher evening next **Thursday 15th February**.

This is an opportunity for parents to come along and meet your children's new teacher and learn about routines and expectations in the different syndicates and classes.

This evening is an adult occasion. All parents are very welcome but one parent will be sufficient, if you are short on babysitting options. Having adults only will allow everyone to concentrate on what is being shared to help all of our students have success. For health and safety reasons, we ask that children are not left outside unsupervised.

Please go straight to your child's syndicate area as listed below. If the afternoon is too hot, we will make alternative arrangements. The times are staggered so that all families can enjoy being part of each syndicate's presentation. You may want to bring your hat and sunglasses in case we continue with our outside plan.

Times are as follows:

SYNDICATE NAME	TIME	LOCATION - If Fine	WET/ HOT WEATHER LOCATION
TAUPIRI - Year 1 & 2	5:00 to 5:45 pm	Junior Caterpillar Area	TCC
PIRONGIA - Year 3 & 4	5:50 to 6:35 pm	Pirongia Court Area	TCC
MAUNGATAUTARI - Year 5 & 6 * Camp information	6:40 to 7:30 pm	Manuka 16 Court Area	TCC

We look forward to seeing you at our *Meet the Teachers Evening*.

WHAKATAU:

Nau mai koutou katoa. We hope our new tamariki, kaiako and whānau have a very happy and successful time at our school. Great to have you with us. We had a lovely Whakatau welcome for our 28 new students and their whānau on Wednesday. It is a lovely way to welcome and introduce all of our new students to the school. We also welcomed Miss Charlotte Visser and Mr Josh Martelli, who joined us as teachers in the Maungatautari Syndicate. We were so proud of our Kapa Haka Roopu and our leaders, who performed our waiata and haka.

We hope you have a very happy and successful time at our school, Miss Visser, Mr Martelli, Ava P, Khya A, Jacob N, Cayde H, William L, Matheson B, Pearl D, Niam E, Jack A, Nathan S, Nicholas A, Pippa R, Matt G, Mason B, Cecilia H, Sam M, Wian L, Simeona K, Evie S, Loki P, Gloria K, Harriet B, Zen K, Brendan M and Lima K!



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Upcoming Dates:

February / Hui-tanguru	
WEEK 3	
Rātū /Tuesday 13th	★ PTA MEETING at 7.30pm
Rāpare /Thursday 15th	★ MEET THE TEACHERS EVENING
WEEK 5	
Rātū /Tuesday 27th	★ BOT MEETING
March / Poutū-te-rangi	
WEEK 6	
Rāhina / Monday 4th	★ PIRONGIA & MAUNGATAUTARI SWIMMING HEATS
Rātū /Tuesday 5th	★ TAUPIRI SWIMMING CELEBRATION 11.00am to 12.20pm
Rāapa /Wednesday 6th	★ POSTPONEMENT DAY - Pirongia & Maungatautari Swimming Heats
Rāpare /Thursday 7th	★ SWIMMING FINALS
Rāmere /Friday 8th	★ Postponement Day - Swimming Sports Finals
WEEK 7	
Rāhina / Monday 11th	★ Mid Term Whakatau & Welcome Assembly at 9.00am ★ POSTPONEMENT DAY - Taupiri Swimming Celebrations
Rāpare /Thursday 14th	★ COUNTRY CLUSTER SWIMMING SPORTS AT TMCS
Rāmere /Friday 15th	★ GRANDPARENTS DAY
WEEK 8	
Rātū /Tuesday 19th	★ PTA Meeting
Rāapa /Wednesday 20th	★ CITY CLUSTER SWIMMING SPORTS at TMCS ★ LEARNING CONFERENCES
Rāpare /Thursday 21st	★ LEARNING CONFERENCES
WEEK 9	
Rāhina / Monday 25th	★ TUI RIDGE CAMP - Year 5 & 6
Rātū /Tuesday 26th	★ TUI RIDGE CAMP - Year 5 & 6
Rāapa /Wednesday 27th	★ TUI RIDGE CAMP - Year 5 & 6
Rāpare /Thursday 28th	★ Yr 5 & 6 - Possible Day Trip to Maungatautari Sanctuary Mountain
Rāmere /Friday 29th	★ GOOD FRIDAY
April / Paenga-whāwhā	
WEEK 10	
Rāhina / Monday 1st	★ EASTER MONDAY
Rātū /Tuesday 2nd	★ EASTER TUESDAY HOLIDAY
Rāapa /Wednesday 3rd	★ Board Meeting
Rāpare /Thursday 4th	★ Country Cluster Junior Tabloids
Rāhoroi / Saturday 6th	★ PUMPKIN NIGHT
WEEK 11	
Rāmere /Friday 12th	★ LAST DAY OF TERM 1

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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*

REMINDER - Please return your Summer Reading Books

We still have a large number of families who have not returned the library books that they were issued at the end of last year for **Summer Reading**. Can you please return these to the library as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Mrs Theresa Kewish
Librarian



PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning

Students of Week 1

*Kia Maia, Kia Manaaki, Kia Kotahi
I am kind and inclusive*

<i>NIKAU 1</i>	<i>Finnlay B</i>	<i>TANEKAHA 12</i>	<i>Benjamin M</i>
<i>KAURI 2</i>	<i>Bonnie H</i>	<i>MIRO 13</i>	<i>Tyler N</i>
<i>KAWAKAWA 3</i>	<i>Charlee M</i>	<i>PUKATEA 14</i>	<i>Isabella S</i>

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<i>TITOKI 6</i>	<i>Tegan K</i>	<i>KARAKA 15</i>	<i>Phoebe C</i>
<i>RIMU 7</i>	<i>Danni P</i>	<i>MANUKA 16</i>	<i>Sienna M</i>
<i>POHUTUKAWA 8</i>	<i>Kate N</i>	<i>MAHOE 17</i>	<i>Lucas P</i>
<i>TOTARA 10</i>	<i>Sasha J</i>	<i>TAWA 19</i>	<i>Saylor W</i>
<i>MATAI 11</i>	<i>Monty M</i>	<i>HOROPITO 20</i>	<i>Pippa R</i>



Whānau Tabloids Photo Gallery - Friday 2nd February



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Whānau Elections Photo Gallery



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PUMPKIN NIGHT 2024 - Join the Team!

Pumpkin Night is an annual event for the Tamahere Community. It is focused on FUN and bringing the community together. We do raise funds and the event has lots of food and drinks to buy, along with activities for the family. The Night of the Year is coming up soon - PUMPKIN NIGHT! on Saturday 6th April from 3.00-7.00pm.

Families are asked to come along and support the event by volunteering their time. This is also a great way to get to know other families in the community.

There will be a central stage, where we have a band who play along with kids performing their talents for the audience. There will be a variety of fun activities for the kids to enjoy. Food is in abundance, with many options to choose from. We need all families to contribute in some way by volunteering to help run a stall, provide lollies, drinks, making fudge to sell and so much more.



Planning for this event is already underway, with the next meeting on **Tuesday 13th February, at 7.30pm** in the staffroom, directly following the PTA meeting. All offers of help are gratefully received, so if you are interested in being involved please come along on Tuesday!



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TAMAHERE PTA:

The Tamahere Parent Teacher Association is a friendly group of parents and teachers, who are enthusiastic about maintaining and improving an enjoyable and fun school environment for our students, and the wider school community. Our primary aims are to organise fun events for the school community to enjoy, and to fundraise money for the school. We meet twice a term, with our first meeting for the year being **Tuesday 13th February, at 7.00pm** in the school staffroom. We look forward to seeing anyone and everyone who would like to join us.



FRIDAY TREATS:



Don't forget Friday treats (\$1.00 ice blocks) are available outside Karaka 15 and in the junior caterpillar area at 2:30pm. Treat cards (\$10.00) can be bought from the office with an EFTPOS card, if you don't have cash with you.

Your Lunch Box is Back for 2024

Want the hassle taken out of school lunches? Struggle to think of something new for the kids to have everyday? Well say no more, 'Your Lunch Box' is here to help! Delivering delicious and nutritious lunchboxes filled with fresh local ingredients direct to school everyday.



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We offer different sizes for different appetites and ordering is easy peasy. Simply order before 8.00pm the night before you would like the lunchbox delivered and we'll take care of the rest!



Visit us at www.yourlunchbox.co.nz or look us up on Facebook

And if you are an **existing subscriber**, please remember that you need to start up a new subscription again for 2024, so that your child's new classroom information is up to date, to assist with getting the lunches delivered to the correct room.

Sophie Beck
Owner
ph: 027 339 9353

KIDS CLUBS INFORMATION

All children at our school can get involved in our Kids Clubs activities. Please contact the providers directly if you would like to find out more or register your child. You can also find out more information on our website under Key Information>Kids Clubs.

Different activities are designed for different age groups and the timings vary, with music lessons and gymnastics available during school hours and others on offer after school hours.

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KIWI TENNIS LESSONS

If you are interested in tennis lessons with Kiwi Tennis at the TMCS tennis courts during Term 1, please [click here](#) to register. Term 1 coaching started on Friday 2nd February and will run for 8 weeks. There will be no coaching on public holidays.

If any sessions are missed during Week 1-8 of the term, they will be caught up in Week 9-10.

A blue poster for Kiwi Tennis coaching lessons. It lists three sessions: Kiwi Red (2:45-3:30 PM, \$105), Kiwi Orange (3:30-4:30 PM, \$140), and Kiwi Green (4:30-5:30 PM, \$140). It includes the Kiwi Tennis logo, the text "Tamahere Primary School Coaching Schedule", a QR code, the website "www.kiwitennis.co.nz", and the start date "Starts Friday 2nd February for 8 weeks". The location "Tamahere Primary School" is listed at the bottom.

Friday

Kiwi Red
2:45-3:30 PM
\$105

Kiwi Orange
3:30-4:30 PM
\$140

Kiwi Green
4:30-5:30 PM
\$140

kiwi tennis

Tamahere Primary School Coaching Schedule

www.kiwitennis.co.nz
Starts Friday 2nd February for 8 weeks

Tamahere Primary School

Waikato BOP Schools XC MTB Race - 14 March 2024

The Waikato BOP Schools XC MTB Champs are coming up on 14th March 2024 at the Te Miro Mountain Bike Park, Waterworks Road, Te Miro. Options available for students from year 5-13. The event is a cross country race predominantly a Grade 2 track. New for this year is a team relay.

Entries open on 5th February 2024 and close 5th March 2024.

Entry Fee is as follows:

Year 5 and 6 \$25.00 per person

Year 7 to 13 \$35.00 per person

Relay Teams \$30.00 per team (3 riders per team)

For more information please see the event manual on the Te Miro MTB Club website:

https://www.temiromtbclub.co.nz/_files/ugd/c646ec_2003db75696b459ea1509a954630e35e.pdf

Open to students in years 5-13 in the Waikato and Bay of Plenty regions.

For more information about the event please visit: <https://www.temiromtbclub.co.nz/waikatobopmtbchamps>

Any queries please email temiroevents@gmail.com

Kind regards

Te Miro MTB Club Committee

A colorful poster for the Waikato BOP Schools XC MTB Champs 2024. It features a red and yellow background with a white mountain bike silhouette. Text includes the event name, sponsor "Evans Doyle Accounts + Advisors", track suitability "Track suitable for all abilities - Open from Year 5 - Year 13", entry deadline "Enter through your school by Tuesday 5th March", and "NEW FOR THIS YEAR - TEAM RELAYS". The date and location "Thursday 14 March Te Miro MTB Park" are prominently displayed. Contact information "Please email temiromtbevents@gmail.com for any queries" and "Food and drink available - please bring cash" are provided. Logos for Evans Doyle and Te Miro MTB Club are at the bottom, along with a note to read the event manual.

WAIKATO BOP SCHOOLS XC MTB CHAMPS 2024
Sponsored by Evans Doyle Accounts + Advisors

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Enter through your school by Tuesday 5th March
NEW FOR THIS YEAR - TEAM RELAYS

Thursday 14 March
Te Miro MTB Park

Please email
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Food and drink available - please bring cash

Evans Doyle ACCOUNTANTS + ADVISORS **TE MIRO** MTB CLUB

For more information, please read the Event Manual on the Te Miro MTB Club website

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Te Miro Twister

It is time again for the Te Miro Twister on the 3rd of March 2024. Open for all ages including beginners and a new 6 lap this year. Entries are now open.

Any queries please email temiromtbevents@gmail.com

Kind regards

Te Miro MTB Club Committee



Te Miro Twister
XC Mountain Bike Race
3rd March 2024

Choose from the below
2.5km Suitable for Littlies or Beginners
(2 or 4 Laps will finish after 45 minutes)
7km, 14km, 21km or 42kms (Approximately)
E-Bike Classes Available in 21 and 42kms

Plenty of Awesome Spot Prizes
Sausage Sizzle and Drinks for Sale
No Eftpos Available Please Bring Cash

For more information and course maps go to:
temiromtclub.co.nz
Any queries email: temiromtbevents@gmail.com
Registration opens 25th January
Click on the below link to register
<https://www.webscorer.com/register?pid=1&raceid=338828>

TE MIRO
MTB CLUB

WAIPA FUN RUN 2024 2KM SCHOOL CHALLENGE

The Independent Traffic Control Waipa Fun Run is back on Sunday, 3rd March 2024.

The 2km School Challenge registration is online. Go to <https://www.waipafunrun.co.nz/shop/> to enter.

Schools with 10 or more competitors entered, go into the draw to win \$500 for their school. The 2km School Challenge is for Year 3-8 students with categories for Year 3-4, Year 5-6 and Year 7-8. The cost is just \$10 for the Schools Challenge. There are some great team prizes up for grabs and certificates for the first three individual placegetters in each category.



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Waipa FUN RUN

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SUNDAY 3 MARCH 2024

WHERE AND WHEN
Victoria Square, Cambridge
09:00am - warm up
Events starting:
08:50am - Race Briefing
09:20am - Starts

ENTRIES
This is a chance for your work mates and families to come together by entering a team. The fastest three team members finish times will be combined and measured against every other team. The team with the fastest combined finish time WINS!
A great opportunity to dress up, be creative and have fun!

PRIZES
WINNING TEAM
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BEST DRESSED
Gift Basket
GREAT SPOT PRIZES!

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