TAMAHERE

MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL

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

Wiki/ Week 4 Happenings:

Meet The Teacher Evening:

Thank you to all those who attended our *Meet the Teachers Evening* last Thursday. It was lovely to see you all and we hope you found the experience worthwhile. We hosted the meetings in the TCC to get out of the heat of the afternoon. Our apologies again to the Pirongia team, who ended their talk outside, due to a very loud fire alarm. We will be sending out a survey to see what you, as parents and caregivers, would find most beneficial at future Meet the Teachers Nights. Numbers attending have been down over the last few years since COVID and we certainly want to ensure we are providing an evening that you will find valuable. There is no point in teachers and parents all giving up their evenings, if we are not meeting your needs.

Football/Soccer Survey - Please have your say!

If you missed the email sent home to our school community on Tuesday evening, this is a reminder to all parents and caregivers of football/soccer-playing children, to please have your say about how football/soccer may look at our school this year and going forward. Making these decisions are time critical for players and clubs to plan the season. Due to the low numbers of responses received so far, we will extend the closing date until 9.00am on Monday morning.



Please click the link to complete the survey: https://forms.gle/xzErkn8zVtCXFSH3A

If you missed the football meeting held last week, you can read about it, by clicking here.

Term 1 Learning Conferences coming up in Week 8:

For all students, with the exception of Rimu 7, the Learning Conferences will be in Week 8, on Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st March. The booking link for the Week 8 conferences will be provided to families closer to this date. Please be aware that we will be finishing earlier on Wednesday 20th March to facilitate the conferences. Our teaching day will end at either 12.30pm or 2.00pm. We will share details when this is finalised.



Our Learning Conferences for Rimu 7 students have been scheduled a week earlier than normal, on Thursday 14th March, due to Rimu 7's teacher being unavailable in Week 8. The booking link for Rimu 7 learning conferences was sent home last week.

Upcoming Dates:

February / Hui-tanguru					
WEEK 5					
Rāhina / Monday 26th	★ PIRONGIA & MAUNGATAUTARI SWIMMING HEATS				
	★ BOT MEETING				
Rātū /Tuesday 27th	★ TAUPIRI SWIMMING CELEBRATION 11.00am to				
12.20pm					
Rāapa /Wednesday 28th	★ POSTPONEMENT DAY - Pirongia & Maungatautari				
,	Swimming Heats ★ SWIMMING FINALS				
Rāpare /Thursday 29th					
	rch / Poutū-te-rangi				
Rāmere /Friday 1st	★ POSTPONEMENT DAY - Swimming Sports Finals				
	WEEK 6				
Rāhina / Monday 4th	★ POSTPONEMENT DAY -Taupiri Swimming Celebrations				
Rātū /Tuesday 5th	★ COUNTRY CLUSTER SWIMMING SPORTS AT TMCS				
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Rāhina / Monday 11th	★ Mid Term Whakatau & Welcome Assembly at 9.00am				
Rāpare /Thursday 14th	★ CITY CLUSTER SWIMMING SPORTS at TMCS				
Rāmere /Friday 15th	★ GRANDPARENTS DAY				
55.5 (5.4.40)	WEEK 8				
Rātū /Tuesday 19th	★ PTA Meeting				
Rāapa /Wednesday 20th	★ LEARNING CONFERENCES				
Rāpare /Thursday 21st	★ LEARNING CONFERENCES				
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Rāhina / Monday 25th	★ TUI RIDGE CAMP - Year 5 & 6				
Rātū /Tuesday 26th	★ TUI RIDGE CAMP - Year 5 & 6				
Rãapa /Wednesday 27th	★ TUI RIDGE CAMP - Year 5 & 6				
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				

Maungatautari & Pirongia SWIMMING SPORTS

Dear Maungatautari and Pirongia families,

Next week we will be holding our Swimming Sports for all Pirongia and Maungatautari children. We hope you can come along and enjoy supporting your children. All spectators will be based on the uncovered side of the pool, with students under the shade sails, so you may want to bring an umbrella for either rain showers or protection from the sun, depending on the weather.

- ★ 7, 8, 9 & 10 year old children's heats Monday 26th February, starting at 9.00am.
- ★ Finals for all children will be held on Thursday 29th February, starting at 9.00 am.

Please remember to apply sunblock before children come to school. They will need to be organised with their togs, towel, water bottle and food. Please ensure that children come to school dressed in their togs, with whānau shirts. Rain showers are expected on Monday, so we ask that children please come to school with a raincoat, just in case, so that we can continue with the scheduled events.

Thank you and we look forward to welcoming you to watch.

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Programme of Events: Monday 26th February Maungatautari & Pirongia Swimming Sport HEATS

Here is the Programme of Events for our **Pirongia and Maungatautari Swimming Sports heats** to be held at the Vela Pool Complex next **Monday, 26th February 2024.** If required, the postponement day is Wednesday 28th February.

Heats (Start at 9:00am approximately)

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1	7 year old boys	25m freestyle		
2	7 year old girls	25m freestyle		
3	8 year old boys	25m freestyle		
4	8 year old girls	25m freestyle		
5	9 year old boys	25m freestyle		
6	9 year old girls	25m freestyle		
7	10+ year old boys	25m freestyle		
8	10+ year old girls	25m freestyle		
9	7 year old boys	25m backstroke		



10	7 year old girls	25m backstroke		
11	8 year old boys	25m backstroke		
12	8 year old girls	25m backstroke		
13	9 year old boys	25m backstroke		
14	9 year old girls	25m backstroke		
15	10+ year old boys	25m backstroke		
16	10+ year old girls	25m backstroke		
17	7 year old boys	25m breaststroke		
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TAUPIRI SWIMMING CELEBRATIONS - Tuesday 27th February at 11.00am

Next Tuesday we will celebrate our current swimming learning and the growing abilities of all Taupiri students. **Our swimming celebration will start at 11.00am**. Each child will get an opportunity to participate in three events. We will begin with the Year Two girls, followed by the Year One girls, then the Year Two boys and finally the Year One boys.

All children will be involved in a variety of non competitive swimming races showcasing the skills they are proud of. The purpose of our swimming celebration is to not only share and showcase our students' developing abilities but to model our swimming celebration off the middle and senior syndicate swimming sports. This is to support our juniors in preparation for moving up within the school.

Our swimming celebration will highlight some of the learning we have been doing at school in large group sessions focusing on water safety and swim skill basics. We acknowledge that this may differ from what your child is able to do in small group private swimming lessons but are confident that your child's swimming has developed and know that they are very excited to share with you.

On Tuesday, please ensure your child has their swimming togs, rash shirt, towel, cap and goggles. We ask that you please ensure your child applies sunscreen before school.

Please note: Due to us using the Pumpkin pool and the shallow end of the big pool, viewing space will be limited. Seating will be provided on the field side of the pool. You are welcome to see your child after the celebration is complete.

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday.

Many thanks.

The Taupiri Teachers



Programme of Events: Thursday 29th February Maungatautari & Pirongia Swimming Sport FINALS

Here is the Programme of events for our **Swimming Sports Finals** to be held at Vela Pool Complex next **Thursday, 29th February 2024.** If required, the postponement day is Friday 1st March.

	Finals (Start at 9:00am <u>approximately</u>)				
1	7 year old boys	25m freestyle			
2	7 year old girls	25m freestyle			
3	8 year old boys	25m freestyle			
4	8 year old girls	25m freestyle			
5	9 year old boys	25m freestyle			
6	9 year old girls	25m freestyle			
7	10+ year old boys	25m freestyle			
8	10+ year old girls	25m freestyle			
9	7 year old boys	25m backstroke			
10	7 year old girls	25m backstroke			
11	8 year old boys	25m backstroke			
12	8 year old girls	25m backstroke			
13	9 year old boys	25m backstroke			
14	9 year old girls	25m backstroke			
15	10+ year old boys	25m backstroke			
16	10+ year old girls	25m backstroke			
17	7 year old boys	25m breaststroke			
18	7 year old girls	25m breaststroke			
19	8 year old boys	25m breaststroke			
20	8 year old girls	25m breaststroke			
21	9 year old boys	25m breaststroke			
22	9 year old girls	25m breaststroke			
23	10+ year old boys	25m breaststroke			
24	10+ year old girls	25m breaststroke			
25	7 year old boys	3x25m Medley (timed final)			
26	7 year old girls	3x25m Medley (timed final)			
27	8 year old boys	3x25m Medley (timed final)			
28	8 year old girls	3x25m Medley (timed final)			
29	9 year old boys	3x25m Medley (timed final)			
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26 9 year old girls

27 10+ year old boys

28 10+ year old girls



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PUMPKIN NIGHT 2024

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. PUMPKIN NIGHT is coming up very soon at the end of Week 10, 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. We need all families to contribute in some way by volunteering to help run a stall, provide lollies, drinks, making fudge, baking and cupcakes to sell and so much more.



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Pumpkin Night Rep:

The best way to meet new people is to volunteer and Pumpkin Night is a perfect chance to connect. Each class needs a parent representative who will help organise the stalls assigned to their class. The rep. is the person that communicates information to the class and helps rally support for the evening. They are not required to operate the stalls on their own, but they help set these up and get them organised for the event.

THIS WEEK WE ARE COLLECTING...

WRAPPED LOLLIES:

Please can we have the wax - wrapped lollies delivered to school THIS WEEK, as we are hoping that we can have parent helpers assist us with the making of the lolly necklaces next week, while they are enjoying watching their children participate in the Swimming Sports.

A reminder that donated lollies must be wrapped in wax paper, e.g., Fruit Bursts, Minties or McIntosh's Toffees.







DRINKS: 500 ml bottles or standard-sized cans of fizzy drinks, water, and juice drinks. Low or zero sugar is also wanted.

CHOCOLATE BARS: Small bars of chocolate (NO NUTS PLEASE).

CLOTHING: Good quality label secondhand clothing and accessories. This all must be washed and ready to sell. These can be both ADULT and KIDS clothes.

KIDS BOOKS: Good quality children's and adult books please.

<u>Please bring all items to your classroom</u>, so you can be awarded Whānau points.

THANKS SO MUCH EVERYONE!

PTA NEWS

The TMCS Parent Teacher Association (PTA) are excited for another busy and fun year ahead. It was encouraging to welcome a number of new parents to our first meeting of the year. Our next meeting will be the AGM, held in the school staffroom at 7.00pm on Tuesday 19th March, and it is open to any interested parties.

Class Reps

In past years, class Whatsapp groups have proved to be an efficient means of communicating PTA messages via Class Reps. If your class does not yet have a rep and you would be happy to facilitate a group, please let your classroom teacher know. Otherwise, keep an eye out for the Whatsapp invitations coming out soon.



Subcommittees

A brief overview of our main subcommittees is provided below. Please email <u>pta@tamahere.school.nz</u> if you would like any more information on what we do, or would like to join a group.

Friday Treats

Each Friday after school the PTA offers mini popsicles for sale for \$1, outside Rimu 7 in the junior school and Karaka 15 in the senior school. \$10 treat cards can also be purchased from the office. (We apologise for the lack of iceblocks last Friday, due to a technical glitch. Normal service will resume tomorrow).

Baking and Cooking

This group of parents are called upon a couple of times a term to bake or cook for occasions such as school whakatau, Grandparents Day, and catering for dinner for the teachers on Learning Conference evenings. Volunteers are also needed to help serve tea and coffee at some of these occasions.

Sausage Sizzle

On the last day of each term, students enjoy a sausage in bread, cooked by the sausage sizzle team. The BBQ also comes out at other events, including Country Cluster Swimming, Ag Day, etc.

Pumpkin Night

This is our big fundraiser event for Term 1 and we are currently meeting one evening a week. The team coordinates stalls, collection of donated items, and the set up and pack up for the event, amongst many other things!

Quiz Night

Normally an annual event held in Term 2, this fundraiser took a break in 2023. Looking to return bigger and better in 2024, we are currently in search of someone to lead this event...

Ag Day

A highlight of Term 4 for everyone with a nod to the rural roots of our school. All children have the opportunity to raise an animal or be involved in Horticultural Happenings.

Golf Day

Always a great day out, the annual golf tournament in Term 4, is guaranteed to sell out, so start putting your team together now!

PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning

Students of Week 3					
Kia Maia I am enthusiastic, curious and ask questions					
NIKAU 1	Blake E-S	TANEKAHA 12	Etáin B-S		
KAURI 2	Freddie M	MIRO 13	Leon S		
KAWAKAWA 3	Gabriel W	PUKATEA 14	Pearse L		
TITOKI 6	Zen K	KARAKA 15	Skyla B		
RIMU 7		MANUKA 16	Ryan O		
POHUTUKAWA 8	Caitlin M	MAHOE 17	Simeona K		
TOTARA 10	Zara B	TAWA 19	Zeek F		
MATAI 11	Ayla H	HOROPITO 20	Jacob N		





Junior Rugby

If your child wants to play rugby this year, please contact the club you would like them to play for directly. Please <u>click on this link</u> to check out the clubs operating in the Waikato and how to register.

























Ohaupo Junior Rugby Muster 2024



KIDS CLUBS INFORMATION

Any children at our school can get involved in our after school 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.









