

# TAMAHERE

## MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL

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

### Wiki/ Week 5 Happenings:

#### **Congratulations Mrs Howard! We are so sad to see you go!**

Our wonderful Deputy Principal, Mrs Annette Howard, has won a principal's position at Orini Combined School in the wider Taupiri District. Congratulations Mrs Howard! This is an exciting new step in your career that you are so ready for. We, on the other hand, are very sad to see you go from our great team. Your dedication, knowledge and talents will be sorely missed, but we know you take with you the skills and pedagogy to lead your new school brilliantly into the future. Thank you for all you have done for Tamahere Model Country School over the last twelve and a half years. You have been amazing. From a classroom teacher and Syndicate Leader, Assistant Principal, Reading Recovery Tutor, Curriculum Leader, Board member, Community Centre secretary and Deputy Principal to name a few of your roles. You will leave such a big hole! We farewell you with your Masters in Educational Leadership and the continued enthusiasm and passion to do the very best for every child. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Orini is very lucky to get a person of your calibre.

Annette will start at Orini Combined School at the start of Term 2 2024, so there will be a few weeks to say our sad farewells and to acknowledge Annette's huge contribution to our school and community.

#### **Swimming Sports Week:**

Wow, what amazing weather we had for our Pirongia and Maungatautari students, who were competing in this morning's swimming sports finals. We will share photos and results in next week's newsletter.

Well done to everyone who took part in heats, finals and the Taupiri Swimming Celebrations earlier this week! We feel so proud of all our students, who displayed their kia maia attitude and determination, along with their skills and talents. The respect - kia manaaki and support for others - kia kotahi have been beautiful to be a part of.

And a huge thank you to all the whānau and supporters, who came to cheer our students on! Please check out the Photo Galleries featured later in the newsletter, featuring all the excitement of Monday's heats and Wednesday's Taupiri Swimming Celebration.

Good luck to the students who are selected to go on to represent TMCS at next Tuesday's Country Cluster Swimming Sports, which we are also hosting.

## Term 1 Student Centered Learning Conferences - Wednesday 20th **ALERT - 12:30pm pick up!** & Thursday 21st March

This year **all of our learning conferences will include the children** who are at the centre of the conversations, to increase your child's ownership and understanding of their learning and the goals they are setting for their improvement. It is important that all three points of the learners support triangle are linked into the same conversations - Student - Teacher - Parent. We are allowing **12 minutes** per conversation to allow a bit more time for everyone. If parents have a delicate issue to share with your teacher, maybe your child can pop out early or you can catch up at another time with your teacher.



To create the time needed and so that our younger students are not out too late at night, we will be having our literacy and numeracy blocks all morning until **12:30pm** and then asking those who can, to take your children home, so that teachers can start to meet with families and students individually. Our Senior Leadership team and Teacher Aides will be on site to cater for any students not able to be picked up early. Please let your classroom teacher know if this is the case, so we can make sure everyone is safe.

After School Care will operate from **2:30pm** as per usual and the bus will also be running at the usual time.

Our Learning Conferences (Parent Teacher Interviews) will run from **1.15pm through to 7.03pm on Wednesday 20th March** and from **3.00pm till 5.34pm on Thursday 21st March**.

Normal school hours will resume on Thursday 21st March, with our learning day concluding at the usual time of 2.30pm. Conferences will start after this.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused by our early pick up on Wednesday.

**One Conference per child:** So that each child can celebrate their learning journey with the ones they love and get all caregivers on the same page with the support required, we ask that all parents join together for this occasion, to support your child and enable teachers to have the time needed for all conferences. There are not enough spaces for our split family parents to have an appointment each. We appreciate your support in this matter.

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### **How to Book Your Interviews:**

Bookings for our upcoming Learning Conferences to be held on Wednesday 20th & Thursday 21st March are now open. Bookings operate on a first in first served basis. We suggest you allow gaps between your different children's interviews to allow time to get from room to room.

Please book your Learning Conference times by clicking on the link provided below:  
[\*\*Student Centered Learning Conference Link\*\*](#)

Book the time that you require with your child's teacher. If you do not have access to the internet or if you require any assistance with your booking, please contact Lisa at the school office on 856 9238 or [reception@tamahere.school.nz](mailto:reception@tamahere.school.nz).

### **NZEI PAID UNION MEETING**

NZEI Te Riu Roa, has scheduled paid union meetings across New Zealand next month. As members of NZEI, our teachers are legally entitled, and expected, to attend a paid union meeting. We are really sorry for the inconvenience to you all and disappointed that the meetings fall at this time of year, when teachers are working hard on routines. To cause the least disruption to learning and yourselves, our teachers are going to avoid the morning meetings, so that our literacy and numeracy time can be achieved. Instead they will attend the Te Awamutu based meeting on

Friday afternoon, the 22nd March. We will therefore be asking again, that parents pick up their children **early on Friday 22nd**, the same week as our Learning Conferences. We will go through to **12:30 pm** with usual classes and again the Senior Leadership team with a few Teacher Aides, will cater for any students who cannot be picked up early. The bus and After School Care will be operating at their usual time of 2:30pm. If you are unable to pick up your child/ren early, please let your classroom teacher/s know, so that we can keep everyone safe.



### **Football / Soccer at Tamahere Model Country School 2024**

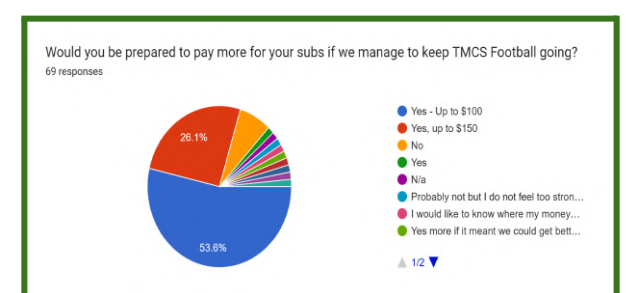
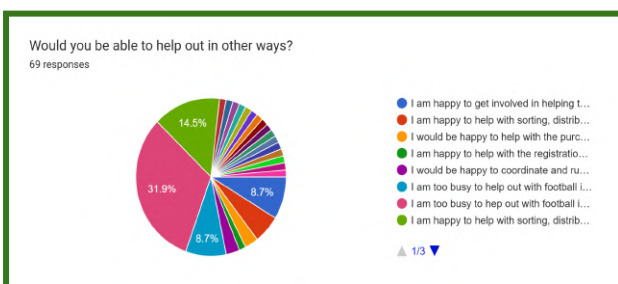
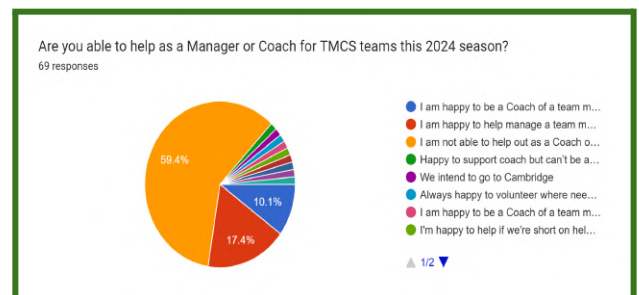
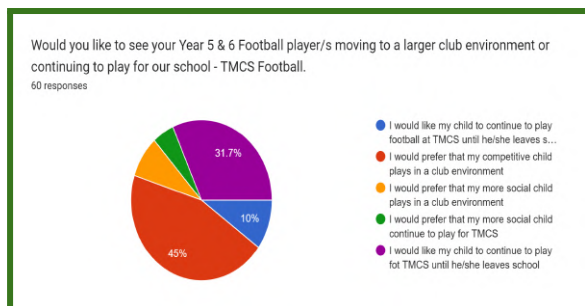
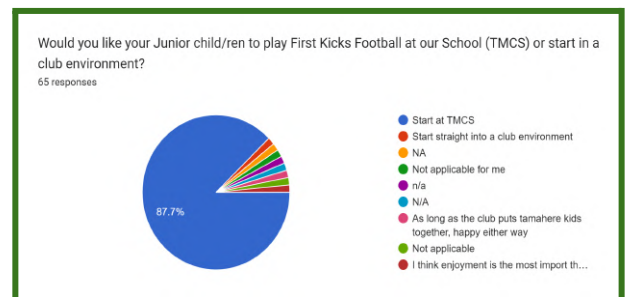
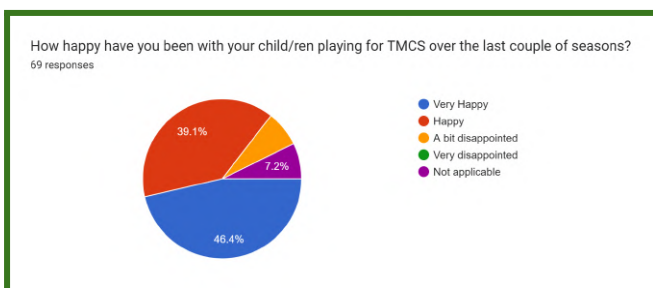
Thank you to all those who took the time to respond to our Football/Soccer survey. It really helps to see how people are feeling. We had 68 responses and the results are shared below to help give all of our soccer parents an understanding into why each family may make their individual decisions this year.

From the results of the survey, we will be offering *First Kicks* for our youngest footballers who are just starting out. We will also enter social teams into the younger grades and Year 5 & 6, if there are enough players to make the teams. We will offer as many teams as we have coaches and managers for. We completely understand that our more competitive players will be opting for the more structured club

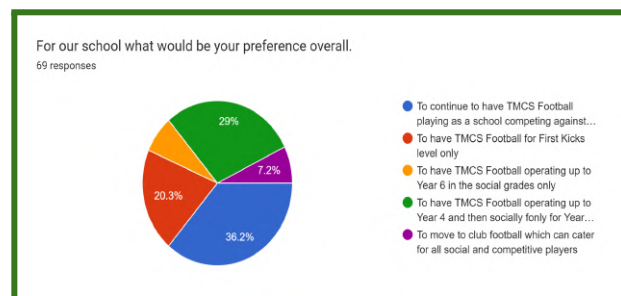
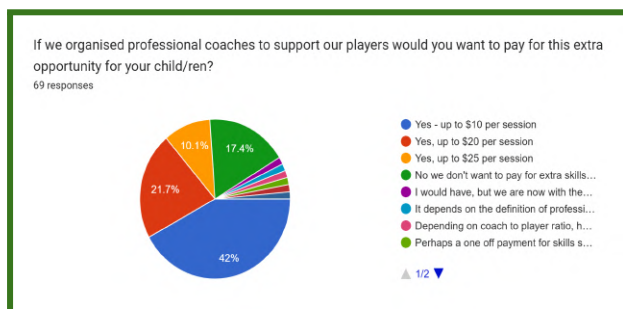
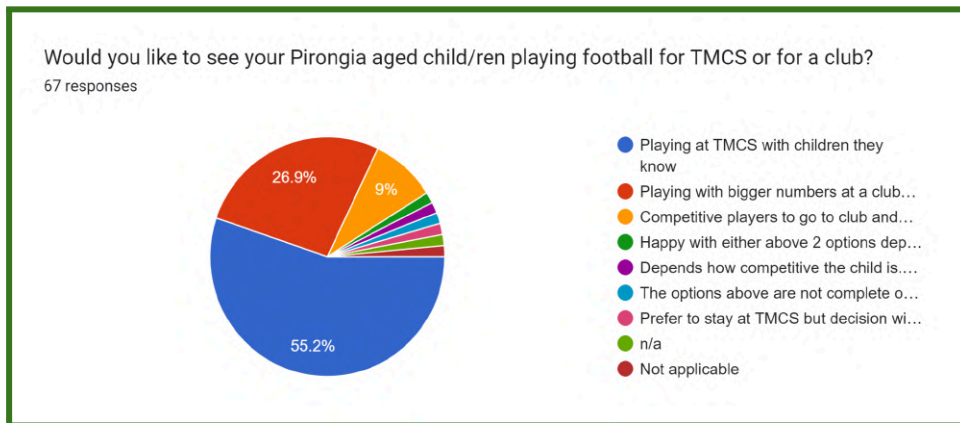
environment. It is for each family and child to make their own decisions as to what is the best place for each player. From the results, we know we do not have enough coaches to sustain the number of teams we have had in the past and this has been getting increasingly challenging. We propose to increase the sub by \$10.00, to give us a buffer for the increased costs of balls and also to maybe give koha to any coaches from outside of our school. If there are skills sessions that cost, these will be invoiced separately but we can see most of our competitive players will be in the club environment. We are independent and families can choose to join whichever club works best for them. There are many clubs to choose from.

This is sad for football/soccer at our school but we understand that the playing field has changed, with so many schools operating through big clubs. We will still host the social teams and cater for students who just want to give soccer a go and learn about being in a team sport, keeping the opportunity for our new families to still be together and meet each other on the side lines. If you want to play for Tamahere Model Country School please [click on this link](#).

We do still offer many sports for our children to be involved in and to represent our school, from hockey & netball through to lacrosse, basketball and cycling.



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## Use of Smart Watches

At our school, we prioritise living our school vision - together as one (kia kotahi), confident can do kids (kia maia), and respect (kia manaaki) with our students. To support this, in this technological age, we have never allowed devices to be used during break times or for anything other than the learning and teaching happening in classes. Smart watches are a new toy for many and are not to be used for anything other than telling the time while at school. It is probably best to leave them at home for safety.

We are required to follow the government principle of "away for the day," which means that at Tamahere Model Country School all student phones should be switched off and handed to the teacher for safekeeping throughout the school day. Smartwatches however, may be worn solely to tell time and need to be turned to silent. They should not be used for messaging, including communication with parents or caregivers, during school hours.



Should a parent or caregiver need to contact their child for any reason during the day, please contact the school office and they will ensure messages are delivered. Please do not send emails to classroom teachers during the day and expect a reply or that a message will be actioned. Teachers are busy looking after their class and teaching at these times.

Similarly, if a student needs to contact a parent or caregiver during the day, they should inform their class teacher and parents will be contacted if it is appropriate.

## Grandparents and Special Friends' Day

To all grandparents and special friends', we excitedly invite you to spend the morning with the students and staff at Tamahere Model Country School on **Friday the 15th of March**. The morning will start in the Tamahere Community Centre (TCC) at 9:30am, with some entertainment from our students. This is followed by a lovely morning tea around 10:30am. At 11:00am, everyone is invited to walk through the classrooms and enjoy some time with the children. This will be followed by lunch, and everyone is invited to share lunch with their whānau. If you are taking students from the school grounds, we ask that you sign them out. More information will follow throughout the week.



### Upcoming Dates:

March / Poutū-te-rangi	
<b>WEEK 6</b>	
<i>Rātū /Tuesday 5th</i>	★ COUNTRY CLUSTER SWIMMING SPORTS - HOSTED BY TMCS
<b>WEEK 7</b>	
<i>Rāhina / Monday 11th</i>	★ Mid Term Whakatau & Welcome Assembly at 9.00am
<i>Rāpare /Thursday 14th</i>	★ CITY CLUSTER SWIMMING SPORTS at TMCS
<i>Rāmere /Friday 15th</i>	★ GRANDPARENTS & SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY
<b>WEEK 8</b>	
<i>Rātū /Tuesday 19th</i>	★ PTA Meeting
<i>Rāapa /Wednesday 20th</i>	★ LEARNING CONFERENCES - 12.30pm pick up!
<i>Rāpare /Thursday 21st</i>	★ LEARNING CONFERENCES
<i>Rāmere /Friday 22nd</i>	★ Paid Union Meeting! 12:30pm pick up again please
<b>WEEK 9</b>	
<i>Rāhina / Monday 25th</i>	★ TUI RIDGE CAMP - Year 5 & 6
<i>Rātū /Tuesday 26th</i>	★ TUI RIDGE CAMP - Year 5 & 6
<i>Rāapa /Wednesday 27th</i>	★ TUI RIDGE CAMP - Year 5 & 6
<i>Rāmere /Friday 29th</i>	★ GOOD FRIDAY
April / Paenga-whāwhā	
<b>WEEK 10</b>	
<i>Rāhina / Monday 1st</i>	★ EASTER MONDAY
<i>Rātū /Tuesday 2nd</i>	★ EASTER TUESDAY HOLIDAY

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<i>Rāapa /Wednesday 3rd</i>	★ <b>Board Meeting</b>
<i>Rāpare /Thursday 4th</i>	★ <b>Country Cluster Junior Tabloids</b>
<i>Rāhoroi / Saturday 6th</i>	★ <b>PUMPKIN NIGHT</b>
<b>WEEK 11</b>	
<i>Rāmere /Friday 12th</i>	★ <b>LAST DAY OF TERM 1</b>

## PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning

### Students of Week 4

#### Kia Manaaki

*I value others and the environment*

<i>NIKAU 1</i>	<i>Poppy M</i>	<i>TANEKAHA 12</i>	<i>Charlie T</i>
<i>KAURI 2</i>	<i>Lulu C</i>	<i>MIRO 13</i>	<i>Kalia H</i>
<i>KAWAKAWA 3</i>	<i>Isabelle S</i>	<i>PUKATEA 14</i>	<i>Shiya G</i>
<i>TITOKI 6</i>	<i>Ella M B</i>	<i>KARAKA 15</i>	<i>Ollie F</i>
<i>RIMU 7</i>	<i>Aisea T</i>	<i>MANUKA 16</i>	<i>India D</i>
<i>POHUTUKAWA 8</i>	<i>Emily R</i>	<i>MAHOE 17</i>	<i>Ellie K</i>
<i>TOTARA 10</i>	<i>Heidi R</i>	<i>TAWA 19</i>	<i>Brooke S</i>
<i>MATAI 11</i>	<i>Hana K</i>	<i>HOROPITO 20</i>	<i>Nathan S</i>



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## 2024 Hockey Season - Friday and Saturday

Hockey registrations will be available soon. Please have a discussion with your child regarding joining a hockey team. Children in Years 3-6 may play Friday night hockey at St Peters School **OR** children in Years 1-6 can play Saturday morning hockey. Children may not play in both leagues. Once your child has registered I will then put them in a team.

*Ann-Marie Copponi*



## PUMPKIN NIGHT 2024

### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

If you would like to help in anyway, please fill in [this form](#).



**PUMPKIN NIGHT STALLS:** We are at the final stages for stall allocations for PUMPKIN NIGHT 2024. Very soon your PTA representative for Pumpkin Night will send the sign up sheets home and ask you all to select a time/s you can help. The sign up sheets will also be posted outside each classroom, so you may like to pop in and add your name at drop off or pick up time. Many hands make light work. If you have a relative or even an older student, who is keen to help, feel free to add their name too. We really do enjoy having our ex pupils help out on the night.



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**WE ARE STILL COLLECTING...**

**DRINKS:** 500 ml bottles or standard-sized cans of fizzy drinks, water, and fruit 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 must all be washed and ready to sell. These can be both ADULT and KIDS clothes.



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

**WRAPPED LOLLIES:** Please can we have the wax - wrapped lollies delivered to school for creating lolly necklaces. A reminder that donated lollies must be wrapped in wax paper, e.g., Fruit Bursts, Minties or McIntosh's Toffees.



**Please bring all items to your classroom, so you can be awarded Whānau points.**

**THANKS SO MUCH EVERYONE!**

**PUMPKIN NIGHT FOOD/DRINK OPTIONS AVAILABLE:**



- ★ Ice Creams and Ice Blocks
- ★ Candyfloss
- ★ Cold Drinks
- ★ Sweet Stall
- ★ Fudge and Lolly Necklaces
- ★ Cakes, Cupcakes
- ★ Pumpkin Soup
- ★ Hot Dogs & Hot Chips

- ★ Popcorn x2
- ★ Pizza
- ★ Gourmet Burgers
- ★ Sausage Sizzle
- ★ Ice cream truck-hopefully
- ★ Coffee Cart
- ★ Cold drinks

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## PUMPKIN STAGE TALENT SHOW:

Hi everyone,

Pumpkin Night is coming up fast and we will have a stage available for students who would like to do a pre prepared performance. If you would like to perform on stage, a musical item, dance, trick, etc, please email [kellyjvercoe@gmail.com](mailto:kellyjvercoe@gmail.com) and let her know the following details...

1. Name/s
2. Classroom number
3. How many are in your performance?
4. What are you going to perform? Is it a song, dance, etc?
5. What do you need? Music, instruments, etc?



## PTA NEWS

Our **PTA Annual General Meeting** is coming up on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.00pm in the Staff Room.**

Please join us to elect the PTA Committee for the year and continue to raise funds for the school and provide fun for the kids. At our PTA meetings we discuss big events, along with ideas for other small fundraisers and ways to improve our school community.

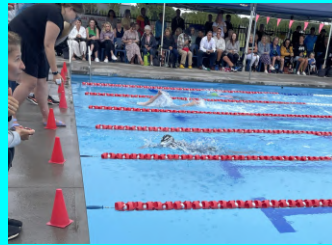


If meetings are not your thing, you can still support our PTA activities. *If you'd like to be involved with the PTA, or want more information, please email [pta@tamahere.school.nz](mailto:pta@tamahere.school.nz)*

## Maungatautari & Pirongia Swimming Heats Photo Gallery



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## Situations Vacant:

*Can you help or do you know of someone who might be great in one of these positions?*

We are recruiting **After School Care staff** and **Teacher Aides** for our school. We also have a **part time secretarial position for Term's 2 & 3**. These positions are all advertised on Seek and information will also be posted on our website next week. Applications close on Friday 8th March.

## Current Vacancies



## Year 6 Leadership Morning

On Tuesday morning, the Year 6 students worked with Paula Dewar from WILSS. The children participated in a number of activities that helped them better understand how to lead others and the skills they need to be successful leaders.



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## Taupiri Swimming Celebration Photo Gallery



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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*

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# KIDS CLUBS INFORMATION



**AIR TRACK TUMBLE CLASS**  
TAMAHERE COUNTRY MODEL SCHOOL

*Beginner and advanced classes for all school years*



**Term 1**  
**Monday 12:30-1:15pm.**  
**12th Feb - 8th April**  
*with grade certificate* **\$125**

*Book online at*  
[www.thegymnasticacademy.com](http://www.thegymnasticacademy.com)

*Call Marie* **0211705426**  
*for more information*



**TERM 1**  
**SUPER SUMMER SPORTS**



**TAMAHERE MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL**  
**EVERY THURSDAY 2:40 - 3:40PM**

- ✓ Cricket
- ✓ Rippa Rugby
- ✓ Ultimate Frisbee
- ✓ Athletics - Jump

BOOK ONLINE AT  
**KELLYSPORTS.CO.NZ**

## Music Lessons

at school

Learn to play guitar, ukulele, piano, drums or sing...

Individual, pair or group lessons

Info and enrol at  
**musichouse.co.nz**  
Sam Trenwith - 021845888

**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](http://www.kiwitennis.co.nz)  
Starts Friday 2nd February for 8 weeks

Tamahere Primary School


## Music Lessons



*Violin*



*Ukulele*



*Recorder*


*Experienced tutor*  
*Beginner to advanced*  
*Classical, traditional and modern music*  
*Exam preparation or just for fun*  
*Individual lessons \$35/half hour*  
*Small groups possible by arrangement*

**Chris Gale**  
[chris-gale-m@gmail.com](mailto:chris-gale-m@gmail.com) 021 044 2854

# Community News

**CLAUDELANDS ROVERS**  
**X**  
**WFA**  
**SKILLS CENTRE**

TERM ONE  
19TH FEBRUARY - 8TH APRIL 2024  
GALLOWAY PARK, HAMILTON  
EVERYONE WELCOME!



**6-8 YEAR OLDS**  
4PM - 5.15PM

**9-12 YEAR OLDS**  
4PM - 5.15PM

[WWW.WAIKATOFOOTBALLACADEMY.COM](http://WWW.WAIKATOFOOTBALLACADEMY.COM)



**HILLCREST**  
UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

**Have-A-Go Sessions**

Hillcrest United are running "Have-A-Go" Sessions at Jansen Park  
Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2:00pm to 3:00pm  
and  
Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2:00pm to 3:00pm

All new and returning players are welcome to head over and have a go at some fun, easy football training activities and games. Bring comfortable shoes or boots and a drink. You don't have to be registered to participate, just show up. Feel free to email [secretary@hillcrestunited.co.nz](mailto:secretary@hillcrestunited.co.nz) if there are any questions.



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