

TAMAHERE

MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL

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

Wiki/ Week 8 Happenings:

Learning Conferences: Thank you to all of you who have already attended your child/rens' Learning Conferences, with the remainder due to happen this afternoon. I hope you and your child/ren have found these to be interesting and worthwhile. I know the teachers enjoy linking with you in these important discussions and learning many new insights which will help to support your child/ren going forward.

Please touch base with your teacher, if for some reason you have missed out altogether. It would be fantastic if every family can connect with their children's learning journey during this time.

TOMORROW Friday 22nd March -12:30pm pick up!

A reminder that the Paid Union Meeting (PUM) for all of our teachers is TOMORROW Friday 22nd March. Classes will continue as normal in the morning and students may be picked up for a slightly longer weekend from 12.30pm. There will be no formal instruction in the afternoon. If you are unable to arrange an early pick up for your child/ren, please let our school know and we will make sure they are catered for. After School Care and the bus service will be operating as usual, from 2.30pm.



CAN YOU HELP US???? WE NEED SOME EYE MASKS

We are on the hunt for some **eye masks for our Burma Trail camp activity**. If you have any that you are willing to lend us for next week, we would be very grateful. We are looking for a number of pairs. Can you please drop them off to the school office tomorrow morning, in readiness for next week's Senior Camp. Thanks in advance.



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HAPPY CAMPING MAUNGATAUTARI SYNDICATE!

Next week, our Year 5 & 6 students will be heading off for a 3 day Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) experience at Tui Ridge Camp. We hope you all have a wonderful time. Thank you to all the parents who are giving up their time to be part of this great experience, and to those who sadly missed out. We look forward to being able to share exciting photos and updates with you next week.



GRANDPARENTS DAY LAST FRIDAY:

It was an honour and a privilege to host **480 grandparents and surrogate grandparents** to our school last Friday for our 'Grandparents & Special Friends Day'. What an amazing day we had and a brilliant way of being able to acknowledge the important role that grandparents play in their grandchild's life.

The day started with a welcoming assembly, including student performances, followed by morning tea, very kindly provided by our Taupiri parents. Grandparents & Special Friends were then invited to go to class with their grandchildren. The students thoroughly enjoyed having their grandparents at school for the morning. And it was wonderful to share the day and hear about their experiences from when they were in school. We love hearing about coming to school on a donkey, having to wait outside before school and singing the national anthem whilst the NZ flag was raised, then marching to class. Very different to our mornings!

Please check out our photo gallery, featured later in this newsletter, which beautifully captures why this is such a special day for our students and staff alike.

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU TO THE AMAZING PTA!!!

A massive thank you to our wonderful PTA parents who prepared such a delicious array of dishes for our teaching staff for Wednesday nights Learning Conferences. We felt very spoilt!!!!



**THANK YOU
SO MUCH**
YOU ARE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!

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Thank you Taupiri Parents



What a wonderful spread you put on for our *Grandparents and Special Visitors Day* - thank you all so much. And the flowers were glorious too. It really was wonderful that everyone contributed. There was such a great selection, no one went home hungry and the teachers enjoyed a few yummys with lunch too. If you are looking for any empty containers, they are located in the staffroom on a table.

Thank you again!

The Taupiri Team Teachers

EXTRA LONG WEEKEND COMING UP:

A reminder that there is no school for Easter Weekend on:

- **GOOD FRIDAY - Friday 29th March**
- **EASTER MONDAY - Monday 1st April**
- **EASTER HOLIDAY TUESDAY - Tuesday 2nd April**



We look forward to seeing everyone back at school at 8.30am on Wednesday 3rd April. At the end of this very short week, we have PUMPKIN NIGHT on Saturday 6th April.

PTA News

The PTA AGM was held on Tuesday 19th March. Thanks to all who attended. The PTA wish to thank Louise Mercer and Kristyn Thomas who have chosen to step back from their roles as co-chair, and vice-chair, respectively. **Sarah Elliott** was elected to act as the sole chairperson in 2024, with **Alice van der Heyden**, and **Frances McKenzie** agreeing to continue their valuable work as treasurer, and secretary, respectively. **Rebecca Toon** was successfully nominated to fill the vice-chair role vacated by Kristyn Thomas.

The PTA looks forward to another fun and productive year in 2024.



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PUMPKIN NIGHT COMPETITIONS



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ENTRIES ARE TO BE DROPPED OFF INSIDE GATE 10 BY 9AM SAT, 6 APRIL.
PLACE YOUR ENTRY IN THE AREA FOR YOUR SYNDICATE
(THERE WILL BE SIGNS)

- 1. Pumpkins on Parade** - Any pumpkin creation, either carved or decorated with embellishments, (e.g., Lego, toys, hair, ...). Let your imagination run wild!
- 2. Pumpkins and Pals** - Pumpkins and/or other vegetable friends, carved or decorated as you wish. You may use any other veggies you like, e.g., marrows, carrots, radishes...
- 3. Family Jack-o-Lantern** - One for the whole family to do together. Carve your most amazing, jolly, or scary jack-o-lantern for us to light up on pumpkin night.
- 4. Gumboot Decoration** - Get creative and decorate an old gumboot.
- 5. Family Scarecrow** - Let your creativity run rampant! Feel free to add props to your creation (not too large please).
- 6. Biggest Pumpkin** - The big measure for all those children who have been cultivating and watering all summer. The biggest is based on circumference.
- 7. Colouring Competition** - This will be distributed at school a couple of weeks before pumpkin night for those children that want to enter. Entries are to be put into in the office before pumpkin night.

There will be a special award given for the following categories which will be chosen from across all competitions:

- **Pumpkin Bumpkin - Cutest Little Pumpkin**
- **Scariest Squash - Most Spooky Pumpkin**
- **Jovial Jack - Funniest Pumpkin**
- **Pick of the Patch - Most Creative Pumpkin**



PUMPKIN NIGHT 2024 - Saturday 6th April 3.00 to 7.00pm

TWO WEEKS TO GO....

Thank you to all the wonderful people who have signed up to help with the class stalls for an hour on Pumpkin Night. Your help makes the event possible! If you haven't signed up yet, please add your name to the lists on the classroom doors/windows or email your child's teacher.

Thank you to the hard-working team who have stepped up to lead our Pumpkin Night. This is a very special night and one our tamariki look forward to so much each year. This happy night can not be achieved without the combined support of so many parents, staff and community members. A big thank you to everyone who has already offered to help and for all the lollies, chocolate, drinks, books & clothing that have been donated so far. **We URGENTLY require more helpers!!!** If you can give an hour or two, please fill in the forms on classroom doors, or fill in this [form](#). Someone will be in contact with you closer to the time.



This week...

Could we please look around home and beyond to see if you can donate:

- ★ Good quality, clean and unmarked used **clothing** for teens and adults
- ★ **Books** for adult readers
- ★ **Ice cream containers**
- ★ Good quality, clean **soft toys** for prizes (I am sure you would all like to declutter your child's bedroom)
- ★ **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).
- ★ **Kids Books:** Good quality children's books

Please bring them to your classroom and the helpers will collect them and give out Whānau points to those who bring items.

THANKS SO MUCH EVERYONE!



Some last minute reminders.....

- ★ **Pumpkin competitions** get delivered to the big shed on the back field on Saturday morning **before 10.00am**. They will be judged after that.
- ★ **Pumpkin Night Reps:** Could you all please be at school by 2.00pm to set up your stalls. All the equipment you will need will be ready for you. The instruction sheets will

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be sent home to you this week. More information will be sent to our wonderful helpers this week.

- ★ For those making fudge, brownies, coconut ice or lolly necklaces, could these please be dropped off to the school office on the morning of Friday 5th April.

We need YOU!!!!

Could you please help with:

1. Saturday night pack down 7.00-9.00pm
2. Sunday morning clean up crew from 9.00am

If you and the whānau are able to help please email: pta@tamahere.school.nz

Thank you so much!

The Pumpkin Night Committee

Donations / Tax Rebate:

Another reminder, that if you wish to make a tax claim on your school donation for the 2023 tax year, it needs to be paid before Friday 31st March 2024. If you require a receipt, please email accounts@tamahere.school.nz



On another note, we welcome our school families to make contact if you would like to set up an ongoing automatic payment towards school fees and expenses. Please call Lisa Boyd to discuss on 07 856 9238 or you can email accounts@tamahere.school.nz.

Thank you.

Upcoming Dates:

March / Poutū-te-rangi	
WEEK 8	
<i>Rāpare /Thursday 21st</i>	★ LEARNING CONFERENCES
<i>Rāmere /Friday 22nd</i>	★ Paid Union Meeting! 12:30pm pick up again please
WEEK 9	
<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	
WEEK 10	

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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

Year 1 & 2 NETBALLERS



Calling for all keen Year 1 and 2 Netballers
Any level and stage

Would you like to come and learn some fundamental netball skills?

Last year we had a wonderful group of parents, who offered their Friday afternoons to facilitate and teach netball skills. These parents provided their time and skills, to teach our Year 1 and 2 students about the basic skills of netball.

This year, we would like to offer the same format. Forms went home last week with students who were interested in joining the netball skills session. If you are interested, please return your form to **Miss Monica Redman in Tawa 19** by the end of Week 9 (next week). If a form did not make its way home, please collect one from the school office.

Please note, this skills session unfortunately will not go ahead unless we do have a parent(s) to coach it. At this stage we have tentatively booked the courts by the pool on Fridays from 2.30-3.30pm (however, this day is flexible) for whoever wants to take on the training element. I do know Friday afternoons worked well for this age group last year. We have also booked the Tamahere Community Centre (TCC) should it be wet.

PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning

Students of Week 7

Kia Maia

I try my best, even when things get hard

<i>NIKAU 1</i>	<i>Dreco D L</i>	<i>TANEKAHA 12</i>	<i>Isabelle F</i>
<i>KAURI 2</i>	-----	<i>MIRO 13</i>	<i>Logan R</i>
<i>KAWAKAWA 3</i>	<i>Zachary H</i>	<i>PUKATEA 14</i>	<i>Harriet E</i>
<i>TITOKI 6</i>	<i>Mikaere K-C</i>	<i>KARAKA 15</i>	<i>Koby S</i>

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<i>RIMU 7</i>	<i>Arlow N</i>	<i>MANUKA 16</i>	<i>Teacher Absent</i>
<i>POHUTUKAWA 8</i>	<i>Oliver T</i>	<i>MAHOE 17</i>	<i>Teacher Absent</i>
<i>TOTARA 10</i>	<i>Isla A</i>	<i>TAWA 19</i>	<i>Liam H</i>
<i>MATAI 11</i>	<i>Cooper W</i>	<i>HOROPITO 20</i>	<i>Khya A</i>



Celebrating Student Success!!!!!!

Awesome results at Waikato Junior Swimming Championships

Well done to our amazing swimmers who achieved some great results at the recent Waikato Junior Swimming Championships.

Dylan H participated in 13 events and won 12 gold medals, along with a Waikato junior record!

Charlotte C won a bronze medal and made six finals.

Norah G participated in 10 events, winning three gold medals, one silver and two bronze.



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Well done Millar!

Millar G recently competed in the Waikato Schools Mountain Biking Championships held at Te Miro.

He won the Junior Boys Cross Country Race, then joined up with the St Peter's team to take first in the relay!

Well done Millar, we are very proud of you!



Grandparents & Special Friends Day PHOTO GALLERY

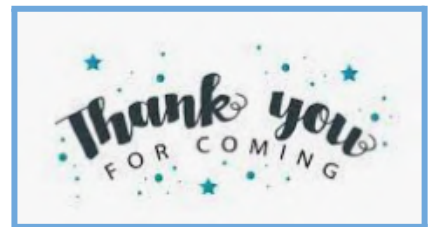
Once again, thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to making this day so special. Your presence and support meant the world to us. Please enjoy our photo gallery.



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City Cluster Swimming Results

City Cluster Swimming

On Thursday the 14 of March, 10 schools arrived at Tamahere to swim in the city cluster. Newstead, Tauwhare, Matangi, Marian, Hillcrest, Silverdale and of course Tamahere. We all competed in different events such as Freestyle, backstroke, backstroke and medley. Tamahere children did very well in all the events and we had swimmers in every event.

After the heats it got very wet and very cold but it still carried on. At lunch it started raining. After lunch were finals. It was competitive but Tamahere children swam so well and we placed in the top 4 in all events.

The last event of the day was the relays. Every school competed with their top 3 girl swimmers and top 3 boy swimmers. In the first length we were losing by about 2 meters but then we caught up and ended up winning by a country mile! (that means we won by almost a whole length). We hold the trophy for the 8th year in a row.

It was a very fun day and everyone loved it so much.

Thank you to our lovely timekeepers, Letitia C and Katrina C, and to Kylie M. for helping us with the team. Thank you to Liz D and Sariza for selling ice blocks at this event. The PTA did a great job with the sausage sizzle at the Country Cluster event and we thank them for their support too. Thank you to our supporters for their awesome cheering.

By Charlotte and Olivia



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School Relay Results:

- 1st: TAMAHERE MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL
- 2nd: Hillcrest Primary School
- 3rd: Matangi School

FREESTYLE RESULTS:

8 Year Old Boys Freestyle		8 Year Old Girls Freestyle	
3rd	Samuel C	1st	Amelia J
		3rd	Ayla H

9 Year Old Boys Freestyle		9 Year Old Girls Freestyle	
1st	Dylan H	2nd =	Bridgette C
3rd	Anru S		

10 Year Old Boys Freestyle		10 Year Old Girls Freestyle	
1st	Nico V	2nd	Charlotte C
2nd	Benji v d H	3rd	Norah G
3rd	Isaac S		

BACKSTROKE RESULTS:

8 Year Old Boys Backstroke		8 Year Old Girls Backstroke	
2nd	Benjamin M	1st	Ayla H
3rd	Samuel C	2nd	Tori A

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9 Year Old Boys Backstroke		9 Year Old Girls Backstroke	
1st	Dylan H	2nd	Bridgette C
3rd	Anru S		

10 Year Old Girls Backstroke	
2nd	Charlotte C
3rd	Olivia A Y

BREASTSTROKE RESULTS:

8-Year-Old Boys Breaststroke		8-Year-Old Girls Breaststroke	
2nd	George D	2nd	Molly v d H
		3rd	Jamie J

9 Year Old Boys Breaststroke		9 Year Old Girls Breaststroke	
1st	Dylan H	1st	Greta C

10 Year Old Boys Breaststroke		10 Year Old Girls Breaststroke	
1st	Logan L	1st	Norah G
2nd	Skip t B	2nd	India D
3rd	Benji v d H	3rd	Charlotte C

MEDLEY RESULTS:

9 Year Old Boys Medley		9 Year Old Girls Medley	
1st	Dylan H	2nd	Bridgette C
2nd	Elijah D		

10 Year Old Boys Medley		10 Year Old Girls Medley	
1st	Logan L	1st	Norah G
		2nd	Charlotte C

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First Credit Union School Banking Programme



As you will know First Credit Union has been offering our School Banking programme to our schools for over 45 years. Over the last three years our School Banking Team have noticed a significant drop in the number of school banking deposits and the effects of Covid lockdowns and the ever-increasing cost of living has taken a toll on our school banking families.

We have made the difficult decision to cease our school banking programme at the end of Term One (12 April 2024). This decision was not made lightly, and we acknowledge the positive impact this programme has had on our school children and the relationships we have built with our school communities over the years. We are very grateful to you for allowing us to offer school banking to your community. First Credit Union remains committed to maintaining these connections with our schools and our teams will continue to engage with their school communities.

Although we are discontinuing the school banking programme, we are actively working on a new electronic product to replace it, with a primary focus on children's banking. We will provide you with further details on this new initiative as developments progress.

Our team will start advising our school banking participants as soon as possible via slips inserted into banking passbooks. It's important we reach as many of our school banking families as possible, to assist us we kindly ask that you display the attached poster on the school banking box/ in the office area. We have also provided some information for you to use in your school newsletter to advise your families of this decision.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support over the years and we have loved being part of your school community. We are still committed to supporting your school and children, so please continue to get in touch if there is anything we can help with.

The team at First Credit Union

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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>



Puppet Theatre Workshop – Register Now!

The Puppet Theatre Workshop is specifically designed for **7-12 year olds, spanning six days during the second week of the school holidays in April (22-27th April) at Matangi Community Hall**. Each four-hour session immerses participants in the art of puppetry, culminating in a three-hour rehearsal and performance on Saturday, April 27th. Depending on the participants' availability, we would consider including ANZAC Day as part of the workshop. You can watch a short video of our last workshop at Karangahake hall [here](#)

When: 22nd-27th April (9-1pm) / 27th April (10-1pm)

Where: Matangi hall, 478 Tauwhare Road, Matangi

Price: Between \$150-\$250. To be confirmed on April 2nd, depending on successful funding application.

Materials included. Limited spots.

If you think this is something that could be of interest for your child, please send an email to naranjarte@gmail.com, and we will book a spot for your child and send payment details at the beginning of April.



Adventure Holiday Programmes

Adventure Hamilton is back these coming school holidays.

- **Adventure Everyday (themed days)** - 5-13 yr olds - \$50/day
 - **Dungeons and Dragons with Lewis** - 9-13 yr olds - \$75/day
- Daily activities based at Berkley Middle School, OSCAR available, 8.00am - 5.30pm

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Todd is also running a Brand New Camp...
Adventure Young Adventurers Camp 2024 (8-12 year olds), based at Omokoroa's TOP 10 Holiday Park and Thermal Pools (Tenting). Monday 15th April to Friday 19th April
 \$650.00 (20 Spaces available)



Please visit www.edventure.co.nz to BOOK NOW

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

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KELLY SPORTS TERM 1 SUPER SUMMER SPORTS

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

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

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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

HILLCREST UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

Registrations Open

Hillcrest United is a local football club based at Jansen Park providing boys' and girls' football teams for young players from the wider community. Games are played on Saturdays during Terms 2 and 3.

Registrations are now open for any player to join. New players are welcome. Details can be found on the home page of the Hillcrest United website (www.hillcrestunited.co.nz) or feel free to email secretary@hillcrestunited.co.nz if there are any questions. Registrations close March 30th.

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