

TAMAHERE

MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL

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Wiki/ Week 1 Happenings:

Term 2 - Welcome Back!

I hope you all had a happy and relaxing time with your whānau and friends over the holiday break. The refreshed and smiling faces look as though you did.

We have another busy and exciting term of learning and activity ahead of us. We have already started with a bang, as we look towards our school's special 140th birthday on the Monday of Week 3! We hope you will be able to support the learning in this and join us if you are able.



Happy Birthday Tamahere Model Country School 140 years old!!!

Our school opened for students on 12th May 1884. On Monday 13th May, at the start of Week 3, we will be celebrating this great occasion!

We want to make this a special day for everyone and a learning experience for our students. We would like everyone to be **dressed up in clothes suitable for the 1884 era** - so please start looking at pictures and possibly in Op Shops. I'm sure everyone will look fantastic, as we do on our Book Character Days.

We will be having an **Open Day from 11.00am to 1.00pm**. During this time students will be involved in different activities that may have been happening in 1884 and sharing some of their learning around this time. We are hoping for a sunny day and would like to finish with a **large community picnic - 1884 style**. There was **no plastic** being used in those days! Maybe you can join us with a basket of wholesome food for your whānau. BYO picnic blankets and deck chairs. We do understand



if you can't, but maybe a special lunch and blanket, etc can be brought to school for your children to share.

We invite our community and past pupils to join us on this special day for some fun old fashioned games and activities. Walk down memory lane with some folk dancing or a game of knuckle bones.

Whakatau Welcome

We welcomed nine new students and their whānau at our Whakatau on Monday. This is a lovely way to welcome and introduce all of our new students to the school. We were very proud of our Kapa Haka Roopuu and our leaders, who led with karanga, waiata and our haka.

We hope you have a very happy and successful time at our school; **Charlie L, Olive M, Lewis M, Gursobhat C, Alfred A, Novelle W, Riley D, Reuben S, and Pippa Y!**

We also welcomed **Ms Casey Fisher, Miss Amber Goodall and Miss Liezel Griessel**, who have joined us as Teacher Aides. **Mrs Gayle Raleigh** who is joining our Office Admin Team for the next two terms, while Mrs Lisa Laurence travels abroad, was also welcomed.



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ANZAC DAY 2024

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
 age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
 At the going down of the sun and in the morning
 - we will remember them.*

Thank you to Elle and the Dunseath whānau who represented us so well at the ANZAC remembrance service in Cambridge.



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PTA MEETING - Tuesday 7th May

Would you like to meet twice a term and help support our school? If yes, please come along to the Staffroom at 7.00pm next Tuesday 7th May to join in with the PTA. We are an informal group of mums and dads who work together to fundraise for school improvements.

If you have any questions please get in touch with us at pta@tamahere.school.nz

YEAR 1 & 2 NETBALL SKILLS COACHING:

A reminder that our Friday afternoon netball coaching sessions for our Year 1 and 2 students are starting next Friday, 3rd May. The coaching session runs from 2.30pm to 3.30pm on the netball courts. In the event of bad weather, the session will move to the Tamahere Community Centre (TCC).



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

We are on the hunt for some **eye masks for our Pirongia Camp Burma Trail activity**. If you have any that you are willing to lend us, we would be very grateful. We are looking for a number of pairs. Can you please drop them off to the school office, in readiness for our upcoming Year 4 Camp. Thanks in advance.



Upcoming Dates:

May / Haratua	
WEEK 2	
<i>Rātū / Tuesday 7th</i>	★ PTA Meeting at 7.00pm ★ LIT QUIZ
WEEK 3	
<i>Rāhina / Monday 13th</i>	★ HAPPY 140th BIRTHDAY Tamahere Model Country School
<i>Rāmere / Friday 17th</i>	★ PINK SHIRT DAY
WEEK 4 - Road Safety Week	
<i>Rāapa / Wednesday 22nd</i>	★ Pirongia Camp - Yr 4's Camp Raglan Yr 3 EOTC Day 1
<i>Rāpare / Thursday 23rd</i>	★ Pirongia Camp - Yr 4's Camp Raglan Yr 3 EOTC Day 2
<i>Rāmere / Friday 24th</i>	★ Pirongia Camp - Yr 4's Camp Raglan Yr 3 EOTC Day 3
WEEK 5	
<i>Rātū / Tuesday 28th</i>	★ BOT Meeting at 7.00pm
June / Pipiri	
WEEK 6	
<i>Rāhina / Monday 3rd</i>	★ KING'S BIRTHDAY
<i>Rāpare / Thursday 6th</i>	★ TMCS Hosting Regional Chess Power Tournament

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WEEK 7	
Rātū /Tuesday 11th	★ Marae Hapu Visits & Activity Day
Rāmere /Friday 14th	★ FIELDAYS FRIDAY - TEACHER ONLY DAY
WEEK 8	
Rātū /Tuesday 18th	★ Marae Hapu Visits & Activity Day ★ PTA Meeting at 7.00pm
Rāpare /Thursday 20th	★ Marae Hapu Visits & Activity Day
WEEK 9	
Rāhina / Monday 24th	★ PHOTOLIFE - Team Photos
Rātū /Tuesday 25th	★ BACK UP DAY - Marae Hapu Visits & Activity Day ★ BOT Meeting at 7.00pm
Rāpare /Thursday 27th	★ PJ DAY ★ DISCO
Rāmere /Friday 28th	★ MATARIKI
July / Hōngongoi	
WEEK 10	
Rāmere /Friday 5th	★ LAST DAY OF TERM 2

IMPORTANT DATES:

Fieldays Friday - Teacher Only Day - 14th June:

As per previous years with the horrific Fieldays traffic and travel restrictions, we will be having a **Teacher Only Day on Friday 14th June**, which we hope will help to ease the congestion and frustration for many of you. This day will be part of the Ministry's revised curriculum development schedule. Please mark this date on your calendars. Once again we do apologise for any inconvenience.



PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning

Students of Week 11, Term 1

Kia Maia, Kia Kotahi, Kia Manaaki - Student Voice

<i>NIKAU 1</i>	<i>Riley D</i>	<i>TANEKAHA 12</i>	<i>Gursohbat C</i>
<i>KAURI 2</i>	<i>Charles B</i>	<i>MIRO 13</i>	<i>Xin Yuan Z</i>
<i>KAWAKAWA 3</i>	<i>Michael M</i>	<i>PUKATEA 14</i>	<i>Teacher absent</i>

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<i>TITOKI 6</i>	<i>Teacher absent</i>	<i>KARAKA 15</i>	<i>Jaykob J</i>
<i>RIMU 7</i>	<i>Ethan M</i>	<i>MANUKA 16</i>	<i>Logan L</i>
<i>POHUTUKAWA 8</i>	<i>Lucca Toon</i>	<i>MAHOE 17</i>	<i>Isabelle M</i>
<i>TOTARA 10</i>	<i>Teacher absent</i>	<i>TAWA 19</i>	<i>Seren B</i>
<i>MATAI 11</i>	<i>Annabel N</i>	<i>HOROPITO 20</i>	<i>Matheson B</i>



FAREWELL MRS HOWARD.....

Our assembly to farewell Mrs Howard was a very special and memorable occasion. Here are some of the pictures that couldn't quite make it into our last newsletter. We hope Mrs Howard is having a happy week as Principal of her new school - Orini Combined School. We miss you Mrs Howard!



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Pumpkin Night Competition Results

We absolutely loved receiving all the amazing entries for our **Pumpkin Night competitions**. The size of your pumpkins and the creativity of the entries was wonderful. Children could enter into any of the competitions below:

- ★ **Pumpkins on Parade** - Any pumpkin creation either carved or decorated with embellishments, (e.g, Lego, toys, hair, ...).
- ★ **Pumpkins and Pals** - Pumpkins and/or other vegetable friends, carved or decorated as you wish.
- ★ **Biggest Pumpkin** - The big measure for all those children who have been cultivating and watering all summer. The biggest is based on circumference..
- ★ **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.
- ★ **Pumpkin Colouring Competition**
- ★ **Family Scarecrow Competition**
- ★ **Gumboot Decoration**



Thank you to **Lee Tulloch** from **Lil' Pumpkins** who judged the colouring competition. She was impressed with all the entries, making a special comment about Ryan O's winning entry for the Year 5 section, saying that it was 'outstanding'.

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Colouring Competition	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
	1 st Julian N	1 st Joy B	1 st Elise F
	2 nd Charlotte N	2 nd Lucy B	2 nd Lyra N
	3 rd Libby C	3 rd Lucca T	3 rd Claire J
	4 th Jack H	4 th Lucca T	4 th Ema R
	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	1 st Summer L	1 st Ryan O	1 st Pip O
	2 nd Isabella M	2 nd Victoria T	2 nd Lenny M
3 rd Abbie T	3 rd Hannah D	3 rd Xin Yuan Z	
4 th Hana K	4 th Evie S	4 th Maya H	

A massive thank you to **Sarah Peterson** from **RosiePosy**, who judged this year's Pumpkins and Pals Competitions. Congratulations to everyone who entered!

CATEGORY	TAUPIRI	PIRONGIA	MAUNGATAUTARI
Pumpkins on Parade	1 st Zen K	1 st Abbie T	1 st Ella & Abby P
	2 nd Oskar N	2 nd Lyra N	2 nd Logan R
	3 rd Penny U	3 rd Vida U	3 rd Emily M
		4 th Izzy & Evelyn S	4 th Indie H
Pumpkins and Pals	1 st Oskar N	1 st Emma S	1 st Leo P
	2 nd Niam E	2 nd Rhylan E	2 nd Zeek & Elise F
	3 rd Lucca T	3 rd Jamie S	3 rd Grace J
	4 th Pearl D	4 th Abbie T	
GUMBOOT Decorating Competition	1 st Oskar N	1 st Maddie E	
	2 nd Adaline W	2 nd Gabriel W	
	3 rd Millie G & Finn	3 rd Hayley C	
		4 th Maemae Z	
Biggest Pumpkin (circumference)	1 st Robbie & Ben S	106cm	
	2 nd Charles B	96cm	

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	3 rd Millie & Charlie 80.5cm
	4th Maisie F 74cm
Family Jack-o-Lantern	1 st Oskar N 2 nd Scarborough Family 3 rd Logan R 4th Robbie & Ben S
Family Scarecrow Competition	1 st Lauren C 2 nd Abbie & Lucca T

This year, we introduced Special Awards, which were chosen across all the Pumpkin & Pals competition categories and the winners are:

SPECIAL AWARDS	
Pumpkin Bumpkin - Cutest Little Pumpkin	Michael M
Scariest Squash - Most Spooky Pumpkin	Joe M
Jovial Jack - Funniest Pumpkin	Leo A
Pick of the Patch - Most Creative Pumpkin	Niam & Rhylan E

Announcing the winners of the Guess The Number of Lollies in the Jar Competitions

We know that everyone is excitedly waiting to hear not only who won the competitions, but how many lollies were packed into each glass jar. We are pleased to let you know:

218



- Olivia B - Mr Ball's Granddaughter!!!

207



- Jack H



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There were many fun competitions throughout the afternoon. Thank you to **Paul Johnson** from **Wai Piiki**, who judged the Kettle Bell Squats and the Fastest Ninja competition. Here are the results:

Kettle Bell Squats	Big Girlz	1st	Molly C
		2nd	Megan S
		3rd	Liv S
	Big Boyz	1st	Luka F
		2nd	Leo P
		3rd	Braxton P
	Girls -	1st	Charlotte
		2nd	Holly
		3rd	Isabelle
	Boys -	1st	Cooper T
		2nd	Sam F
		3rd	James
Fastest Ninja	Girl -	Molly C	
	Boy -	Luka F	

And last but not least, we are pleased to announce the winners of **2024 Pumpkin Night Gumboot Throw Competition**:

Gumboot Throw	1 st	Rob - won \$50.00
	2 nd	Max - won \$20.00
	3 rd	Pearse - won \$10.00



We had a huge number of students, including past TMCS students show their talents on the Pumpkin Night stage. A HUGE thank you to Kelly Martyn and Freddy Davison who made this possible!!!



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Once again, a massive thank you to all the amazing **PUMPKIN NIGHT SPONSORS & CONTRIBUTORS**. We couldn't have achieved such a special night for our school community. Please make sure you support these local businesses, who so generously got behind our school:



Russell & Angela
THOMAS



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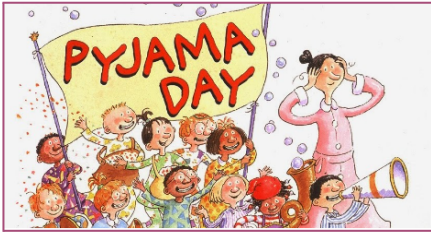


Mobile Farm Animal Visits
samandhisfarmyardfriends.co.nz



PYJAMA DAY - Thursday 27th June

In Week 9, to support Clothe our Kids – Waikato and the children and families in our community, our children will be able to wear their pyjamas to school and if they have any pyjamas, dressing gowns or other items of clothing they no longer need that are in good used condition, please bring these to donate to this cause, or cash donations are also welcome. A great chance to clear out the cupboards over the school holidays!



Clothe our Kids – Waikato's mission is to provide needy Waikato children with good quality second-hand clothing. By filling this need they can help ensure these children are clothed and warm while helping reduce the financial pressure on their parents. If you want to know more about how you can help, please visit the website www.clotheourkidswaikato.co.nz

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