

# TAMAHERE

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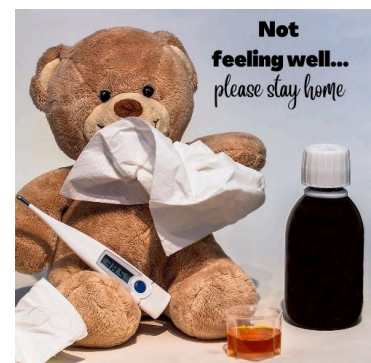


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### Trying to keep us all healthy!

We hope this newsletter finds you well. The bugs are certainly out and about in force at the moment with gastro bugs, colds, flu, nits and COVID all impacting our classrooms and school. Thank you for keeping any unwell students at home. We do need to send students who are unwell home. We have learnt through the COVID pandemic that if people who are unwell isolate and get healthy by themselves, others can remain healthy. With so many bugs around and another wave of COVID going through, many students are impacted. So too are our teachers. We have two away with COVID at present and we are already finding it very difficult to cover classes. We do apologise in advance, but we have already had to share classes out as we have been unable to get relievers. This situation will only get worse as winter sets in, and once more classroom release time is allocated to teachers under their agreement. The only way we have to keep the majority of us learning and teaching, is to send home those who are unwell and who may be spreading the viruses. Masks are also available to be worn to help reduce the spread of infection. If we get really short we may have to ask some classes not to attend on certain days. PLEASE, PLEASE don't send your children to school if they are unwell in any way. We appreciate it may also be hard with parental sick leave, but we need to keep our site healthy to be able to continue to operate. We will continue to keep classrooms well-ventilated and encourage regular hand washing. Masks and hand sanitiser are available in all classrooms.

Thank you for your support in this.



## Wiki/ Week 5 Happenings:

### Walking Bus to School During Fieldays' Week

Thank you to those who have already contacted us about being part of a walking bus to school during the Fieldays' week. It looks like we have a reasonable number for a walking bus, to walk the 1.3 km from Woodcock Drive to school.

We keep sharing information that this year Fieldays traffic will be flowing towards the Mystery Creek site in two lanes in the morning. Families needing to go North East on Tauwhare Road will be unable to and will have to drive into Hamilton and around. There will be no right turn out of Pencarrow Road. Please be aware of this. Our suggestion, to save stress and hours in traffic is to meet at the end of Bruntwood Road and a group all walk together - *walking bus style* the 1.6 km to school, using the new lights and crossings with one or two volunteer parents. The same could happen from Woodcock Road with a 1.3km walk, and another group from Pencarrow Road and surrounding areas, could meet at St Stephens and use the underpass to walk around 500-700m across to the backfield. These walking buses would walk - weather permitting on Wednesday and Thursday (no school on Friday due to our Teacher Only Day).

If you are interested in this idea, can you please let the office know and we will try and coordinate something. The Fieldays traffic management may also be able to help the walkers to cross the Hamilton off-ramp for safety.



### Fieldays Friday - Teacher Only Day - 14th June:

Our School will be closed on Fieldays Friday - 14th June for a Teacher Only Day. This day is part of the Ministry's revised curriculum development schedule. Our staff will be looking at the Ministry's new directions with the Science of Learning. We have selected this day to help alleviate some pressure for the traffic in the area and make life easier for some families, although we appreciate the inconvenience a school closure can cause. Thank you for navigating the challenges of this busy week.



## **Fieldays 2024 Traffic Update - From Fieldays themselves**

Traffic congestion and flow could be an issue for those living and working around Mystery Creek; en route to and from work and/or school, places of work and areas like the Airport.

Please plan accordingly for these disruptions. This may include leaving home earlier for work before the traffic builds or working from home if possible.



**Mystery Creek Rd. | Mellow Rd. | McEldownie Rd. | Kaipaki Rd.**

### **MORNINGS**

#### **5.45am – 11.30am \*\***

Mystery Creek Road will be one way from Mellow Road to Gate 5 heading north toward Hamilton Airport (refer to map).

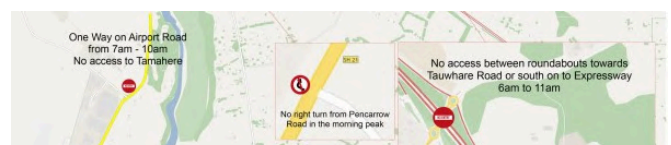
Mystery Creek Road between Gate 5 and Gate 2 will be closed for the above duration; however, vehicles displaying the 'Neighbour' pass will be granted access.

While the one-way system is in place both in the morning and in the afternoon, there will be a manned road closure at the intersection of Mellow Road and Mystery Creek Road with access being granted for emergency services only.

For those properties on Mystery Creek Road beyond the road closure, access will be via McEldownie Road. At the junction of Kaipaki Road and McEldownie Road, a chicane will be in place to provide access to the area for all residents with a pass. This will enable vehicles to move to and from the junction without having to enter the oncoming traffic lane.

#### **11.30am – 1pm**

Mystery Creek Road and Mellow Road will return to dual carriageway and all road closures will be removed.



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## AFTERNOONS

### **1.00pm – 6.30pm \*\***

The road from Gate 5 on Mystery Creek Road to Mellow Road heading south toward Cambridge will be one way.

The road between Gate 5 and Gate 2 will be closed for the above duration; however, vehicles displaying the official 'Neighbour' pass will be granted access.

Neighbours residing between Mellow Road and Gate 2

If you are heading back during this time access to your property will be via Airport Road onto Mystery Creek Road through the road closure to Mellow Road.

### **6.30pm – 5.45am**

Mystery Creek Road & Mellow Road will return to dual carriageway and all road closures will be removed.

### **\*\* POLICE NOTIFICATION - Travelling on the Grass Berms**

If the Police deem it not safe for residents to drive along the grass berms (particularly during heavy traffic going to/from Gate 5) they will NOT allow it. Police decisions override all traffic management decisions.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding around traffic delays and road closures during this busy time for the NZ National Fieldays Society.

## SH21 / Airport Road

We are implementing one change this year to address network congestion. A one-way system will be created on SH21, Airport Road from Raynes Road to SH1 (Tamahere Interchange.) Previous events have shown that the Narrows Bridge causes issues due to high traffic volume, resulting in major delays for people accessing the area with queues stretching for kilometers.

By removing oncoming traffic on the bridge during peak times, traffic flow will improve. The most significant congestion occurs in the morning between 8am and 9:30am, and in the afternoon from around 4pm, gradually easing after 5pm and returning to normal around 6:15pm.

### **COMING UP IN WEEK 6:**

#### **Monday 3rd June – Public Holiday – King's Birthday**

Our School will be closed on Monday 3rd June for the King's Birthday public holiday.





## Thursday 6th June - Hamilton (Junior) Zone Regional Chess Tournament.

Our school will be hosting the Hamilton Power Chess competition in the Tamahere Community Centre (TCC) next Thursday. We have many eager players and are in the process of selecting who will be representing our school and competing in this event.



## Sponsorship

We have received **\$1,499.87** in OfficeMax School Rewards as a result of you, our wonderful parents choosing to make purchases through the OfficeMax MySchool Back to School program. The teachers really appreciated having the students start 2024 with all their stationery requirements organised, and purchasing from one supplier creates uniformity of exercise books. *Thank you.*



## Year 3 & 4 Outdoor Education / Camp Week:

Our Year 3's and 4's had a fantastic time last week with their outdoor education. Enjoy the photos and a couple of stories from our students below.



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On the water slide at camp I sped through the puddle.  
Oh, you want some real-life comedy😂 don't you. Well here's  
some, when I was racing Lulu I was speeding down the slide I  
was about to stand up but... I slid down backwards on my  
hands and knees then I stood up on the bright-blue shiny  
muddy tarp. I stepped in a puddle and splattered flat on the  
ground. The way up is so muddy that I slipped in it, gross🤢. I  
still won the race. It was a fun experience! Yay!  
By Jamie Jacobson



At camp we did the water slide. It was super fast and  
water sprayed in your face. There was a huge splash at  
the bottom and on the way up it was very muddy. It is a long way up but when you get to  
the top you can do it again.  
By Ben Malcolm

### **Year 6 Winter Sports Tournament**

Our Year 6 students took part in the Winter Sports Tournament at the University of Waikato last Thursday. This is a cluster school event, where we compete against Newstead Primary, Silverdale Primary, Tauwhare Primary and Matangi Primary Schools.

Last Thursday the year sixes took a trip to St John's College and Waikato University to take part in the Winter Sports Tournament. There were five sports up for selection; Hockey, Soccer, Basketball, Netball, and Rippa Rugby. Hockey players had a separate area from the others; St John's College. Meanwhile, all the other sports were held at Waikato University. Winter Sports had such a competitive atmosphere even though it was just for fun. We participated, gave it our all and most importantly had fun. Our class' (Pukatea 14) favorite things about the Winter Sports were winning, scoring goals and trying new things. Overall, it was an amazing experience and definitely a highlight of the term. Thank you to our amazing parent helpers who made the trip that much better: Shannon, Lisa, Katrina, Marc, Rob, Gene, Joanna and Liz.

By Shiya and Norah




National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is held annually by the Australian Information Association (ALIA), Scholastic and LIANZA. Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around New Zealand and Australia. Now in its 24th successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy.

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On May 22nd across NZ and Australia at the exact same time the book was read and listened to by 2.18 million children in 21,969 locations across NZ and Australia.





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## Junior Syndicate Parents Dinner

An invitation for all Taupiri parents of Year 0, 1 & 2 children, to a fun gathering, making new friends and enjoying a relaxed night out!

**When: Wednesday 26th June 7pm**

**Venue: The Boundary Restaurant + Bar**  
65 Devine Road Tamahere

SAVE THE DATE - MORE INFORMATION COMING NEXT WEEK



**WELCOME**

**We look forward to seeing you there!**

P.S. we understand family pressures and babysitting costs, so please don't feel that both parents need to attend. For those who miss out this time there are lots of other fun social events the PTA have coming up!

**THE BOUNDARY**  
RESTAURANT + BAR

## 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.



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## DISCO - SAVE THE DATE! Week 9 on Thursday 27th June.

Thanks to the PTA we are pleased to announce that we will be having two discos, one for Pirongia Syndicate and one for Maungatautari Syndicate on Thursday 27th June.

**Pirongia Disco** will be from 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

**Maungatautari Disco** will be from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

The **Taupiri Disco** for our Year 0-1 students will take place during school hours, and will be held outside in the Junior area as we have a Professional Learning course happening in the TCC at that time.

We will share a theme and more details about ticket sales soon.



## Lost Watch

One of our students has lost her Fitbit watch. This watch was lost on Tuesday this week. If you have any information about this watch please get in touch with Mrs Smit, in Pohutukawa 8.



### June / Pipiri

#### WEEK 6

*Rāhina / Monday 3rd*

★ **KING'S BIRTHDAY**

*Rāpare / Thursday 6th*

★ **TMCS Hosting Regional Chess Power Tournament**

#### WEEK 7

*Rāhina / Monday 10th*

★ Whakatau for new Deputy Principal Leanne Somerville-Smith and new enrolments - 9am

*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**

*Rāhoroi / Wednesday 26th*

★ **Taupiri Syndicate Parents Dinner 7.00pm**

*Rāpare / Thursday 27th*

★ **PJ DAY**

★ **DISCO**

*Rāmere / Friday 28th*

★ **MATARIKI**

### July / Hōngongoi

#### WEEK 10

*Rāmere / Friday 5th*

★ **LAST DAY OF TERM 2**

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## PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning

*Students of Week 4, Term 2 2024  
I value others and the environment.*

*Kia Manaaki  
'Honour Be Your Guide'*

*We have **respect** for ourselves, others, property, and the environment.*

<i>NIKAU 1</i>	<i>Lewis S</i>	<i>TANEKAHA 12</i>	<i>Leo A</i>
<i>KAURI 2</i>	<i>Sam F</i>	<i>MIRO 13</i>	<i>Grace G</i>
<i>KAWAKAWA 3</i>	<i>Lauren C</i>	<i>PUKATEA 14</i>	<i>Norah G</i>
<i>TITOKI 6</i>	<i>Heidi H</i>	<i>KARAKA 15</i>	<i>Bennett S</i>
<i>RIMU 7</i>	<i>Libby C</i>	<i>MANUKA 16</i>	<i>Addison M</i>
<i>POHUTUKAWA 8</i>	<i>Joy B</i>	<i>MAHOE 17</i>	<i>Elin H</i>
<i>TOTARA 10</i>	<i>Parker C</i>	<i>TAWA 19</i>	<i>Oscar M</i>
<i>MATAI 11</i>	<i>Bryan Z</i>	<i>HOROPITO 20</i>	<i>Jack A</i>



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Behaviour  
for Learning*

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## Community Notices

### Hamilton Holiday Programmes - Edventure @ Berkley

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July				
<b>Monday 8th</b> <b>Olympic Games Opening Ceremony</b> DIY Hand Drums and pom poms to cheer on your teammates. Followed with Olympic games to play.	<b>Tuesday 9th</b> <b>Hamilton Gardens (Trip Day)</b> Join us and learn about 20 themed gardens, including Egyptian and Japanese gardens and many other more to learn about.	<b>Wednesday 10th</b> <b>Passport to Paris</b> We are traveling all over the world, visit different countries & competing in the Olympics. get your passport stamped going in and out.	<b>Thursday 11th</b> <b>Bowling (Trip Day)</b> Are you ready to bowl with your team. Get you're a game ready we are going to have some fun.	<b>Friday 12th</b> <b>Clay Gold Medals</b> Gold, Silver, Bronze we are making our own Clay medals today. Mold and shape your medal ready to celebrate your wins.
July				
<b>Monday 15th</b> <b>Team T-shirt Creation</b> Paint your T-shirt, what country are you from and come and show us your history. Paint and create your Olympic shirt.	<b>Tuesday 16th</b> <b>Alpacas Farm (Trip Day)</b> Alpacas were first imported to NZ in the late 1980's from Chile, are you excited to learn more about them and get to feed them.	<b>Wednesday 17th</b> <b>Camping &amp; Picnic</b> Work as a team to assemble your tents in your group. We will have heaps of fun in the sun, with a picnic and music. Teamwork yayyy!!	<b>Thursday 18th</b> <b>Movies (Trip Day)</b> Come along and enjoy a movie together, or to the Base to enjoy a movie with popcorn. (Optional to bring money for treats)	<b>Friday 19th</b> <b>Closing Ceremony Disco Party</b> Lazer lights and smoke machine, are you ready to do some dancing and to celebrate your hard work in the Olympics.

**2024 KID'S CLUB**

**TAMAHERE HIKING CLUB - KID'S CALENDAR**

**January** | Windows Walk | **Karangahake**  
**February** | Hakarimata Rail Trail | **Ngaruawahia**  
**March** | Tamahere Reserve | **Club Anniversary**  
**April** | Pukemokemoke Summit | **Tuahihi**  
**May** | Taitua Arboretum | **Hamilton**  
**June** | Waiwhakareke Natural Heritage Park | **Hamilton**  
**July** | Jim Barnett Reserve | **Awapuni**  
**August** | Piripiri Cave Walk & Marokopa Falls | **Waitomo**  
**September** | Yandley's Bush | **Te Awamutu**  
**October** | Te Ara Tirohia Loop Track | **Maungatautari**  
**November** | Tui Domain Track | **Te Aroha**  
**December** | Wainui Reserve Bush Park | **Raglan**

Our kids hikes are designed for beginners and families with children of all ages. Hikes are scheduled each month on a Saturday or Sunday. See our Facebook page for the latest updates.

**Adventure Awaits**

**Tamahere Hiking Club**  
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Fieldays is a hit with families, and this year we have some exciting activities planned for all ages in the Family Activation Zone.

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