

# TAMAHERE

## MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL

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

### Wiki/ Week 10 Happenings:

We hope you enjoyed the long Matariki weekend, despite the Waikato fog and cooler temperatures. What a wonderful occasion this new national holiday is. A time to remember others and spend time with whanau and friends, enjoying good food and doing the winter pruning and new plantings.

### Thank You Mrs Wilson!

Today we had a special surprise for Mrs Heather Wilson, as we celebrated 20 years of service at our school. Nobody thought everyone could do it - but we totally surprised Mrs Wilson with a special assembly in the sunshine outside the office. Every child contributed to a special book that was presented to Mrs Wilson along with a pot plant and gifts from the board and staff. A number of children spoke, Totara 10 shared a special poem they had written to honour Mrs Wilson, our Kapa Haka performed our Haka with mana and force and we all sang to celebrate and congratulate Mrs Wilson. We reflected back on what 20 years may look like and how many thousands of children, families and staff Heather has cared for and helped to support through her role as a Teacher Aide, Office Assistant, After-School-Care Supervisor and Office Wizz over the years. Heather's knowledge of how our school runs down to the tiny details and knowledge of families and children adds the special grease to help keep systems running. **Thank you, Mrs Wilson!!!**



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## **POEM FOR MRS WILSON** **From Totara 10**

*When my knee is feeling sore,  
You'll be waiting by the door.  
When I'm feeling sad and blue,  
Saying kind things is what you do.  
When I need a friend to talk,  
You'll be right there wherever I walk.*

*Thank you for having our backs!*

### **Welcome back Mrs Bacon!**

We are delighted to have Mrs Hayley Bacon back with our team next term. Hayley will be joining Mrs Adele Hickey co-teaching in Nikau One as we had planned at the start of the year. Deputy Principal, Mrs Natalie Toohey will also be supporting in Nikau one to cover release times.

### **Horoeka 21 - Our New Entrant Classroom**

After co-teaching with Mrs Hickey in Nikau One for Term 1 & 2, Mrs Christy Paladin will be taking on the next group of New Entrants, having her own class back together in Horoeka 21 from the beginning of Term 3. Christy's class will grow gradually over the next two terms as five year olds join us.

**Cohort Entry:-** Thank you for the feedback around cohort entry. It was great to hear your views, with the overwhelming majority preferring to move away from the rigid Cohort System. From Week 3 of next term, we will be moving towards new five year olds entering around their 5th birthday date. We still plan to cluster a few students if their birth dates allow, to provide the added support at enrolment times. Newly enrolling families will be receiving letters home to explain how things will be working when your child transitions to school with our new systems.

**Classroom Release Time (CRT) Increase:-** In Term 3 the next allocation of Teacher Release time will be rolled out by the government. This will mean that all classes will have extra time with a variety of teachers apart from their main classroom teacher, to allow classroom teachers time for assessment, planning and professional development. We acknowledge that this can be unsettling for some students/aakonga, but it gives our main teachers/kiako much needed time to allow them to be the best they can be when teaching your children/tamariki. Next term along with the general classroom support, specialist teachers will take classes for STEAM, Te Reo Maaori, Music and Visual Arts which adds another dimension and provides extra opportunities and depth to our programmes.

**Weather Tightness:-** We are very excited to have finally hit the jackpot with our classrooms in need of new cladding. Due to many years of ongoing dispute between the cladding manufacturers and the Ministry of Education, a number of our classes have fallen into a rotting state as can be seen easily in the wall of Pohutukawa 8. Luckily our school has got to the top of the list and work will begin over the holidays. Pohutukawa 8 will be the first class to be reclad and have roofing improvements to sort all weather tightness



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problems. The builders will then move to Rata 9, Totara 10, and Tawa 19 before sorting Kowhai 4 and then Nikau 1 and Kauri 2. Matai 11 will have some recladding. This whole process will take around six months, so there will be builders and roofers on site until well into the summer holidays, if everything goes according to schedule. Scaffolding and security fencing will become part of our landscape to negotiate around.



As you can imagine the disruption to classes will also be ongoing. We will try and make this as seamless as possible. To start with **Mrs Smit's Pohutukawa 8 class** will be **beginning Term 3 in Puriri 5**, the classroom that sits by itself between our new H block and the junior area. If parents can all be aware of this for day one please.



**Whanau Term Challenge:-** Congratulations yet again to Kotuku Whanau who won the Term 2 brick challenge for having the most tickets for positive behaviour over the term. Kotuku were clear winners and were allowed to have a uniform free day today with an extended playtime.



### **Please keep our kids safe!!!!**

On Tuesday when one of our staff members was heading home she witnessed two incidents within two minutes of children running to and from cars in our car park. These children had parents waiting for them in their cars, yet they were running in front of the bus by themselves. We really don't want a tragedy to happen. Please parents and caregivers, come onto our site to drop off and pick up your children, so everyone can stay safe. Thank you to all of those who do this already. We really appreciate it. Children move quickly and can be unpredictable as we know - let's make sure they can continue to be their lovely selves in a safe way.



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### **Wishing you all a very happy break.**

We have had another busy and enjoyable term and your children and the teachers are ready for some down time. We wish all our families a wonderful two-week break, and hope you get to relax and enjoy time with your whanau, even if it may be a bit cool and bleak at times.

### **Mrs Somerville Smith**

*I have had a busy 4 weeks getting to know the teachers and students at Tamahere Model Country School. The time has flown by since I was so warmly welcomed in a whakatau in Week 7. I have thoroughly enjoyed visiting classes and have really appreciated the warm welcome I have received. I have met some of the wonderful members of the PTA and BOT who do an amazing job to support the school. The school discos and pyjama day have also been a highlight so far.*

*I look forward to Term 3 and wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday break.*

### **START OF TERM 3 & WHAKATAU WELCOME:**

We look forward to seeing you all refreshed and ready for another term on **Monday 22nd July**, when we will be welcoming 8 new students to our school. Everyone is warmly invited to come along to **our Whakatau** to welcome our new enrolments and their whānau to our school in a special assembly. This will be held at **11.00 am in the Tamahere Community Centre (TCC).**



### **Kiwi Spelling Competition - Maungatautari students**

*The University of Canterbury is offering the Kiwi Spelling Bee competition for Year 5 and 6 students. The competitions cover grammar, spelling and vocabulary. The online competitions will be run during school time in the last 3 weeks of Term 3. Parents/caregivers will be provided with an individual student report outlining student performance. All participating students will be awarded a certificate and prizes will be awarded to the overall top students in each year group. The cost for a student to participate is \$9.90. If you are keen to enter, could you please message Josh Martelli [jmartelli@tamahere.school.nz](mailto:jmartelli@tamahere.school.nz) by Wednesday 31st July.*

# NINJA VALLEY HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER

9am-10am | SATURDAY, 13 JULY 2024

**Come kick-it at Ninja Valley for a fun holiday fundraiser!**

All friends and family of Tamahere Model Country School receive 10% off the normal entry fee *and* a further 20% goes back to our school!

Ninja Valley is Hamilton's very own premier "secret" training facility, where kids can gather to practice and develop the ancient arts of strength, balance, courage, perseverance and invisibility on the ultimate indoor playground!

Why not book the kids in for some holiday fun with their classmates and friends, while you grab a moment and a cuppa at the Ninja Café!?

**To claim the discount and school donation, you must BOOK ONLINE through the link below and enter code: TAMAHERE10**

**There are limited spots, so be in quick!**

<https://hamilton.ninjavalle.co.nz/tamaheremodelcountryschoolfundrayza13thjuly/en/home>



The poster features a central illustration of a female ninja in a black gi, performing a dynamic pose against a background of colorful, glowing spheres. The text is arranged on the right side of the poster, with the 'NINJA VALLEY' logo at the top. Below the logo, the event title 'NINJA VALLEY FUNDRAISER!' is written in large, stylized letters. The date and time '9-10 am | SATURDAY, 13 JULY 2024' are listed below the title. A promotional message states that friends and family of Tamahere Model Country School receive a 10% discount and a 20% school donation. A call to action encourages booking online with the code 'TAMAHERE10'. The price '\$20 PER CHILD' is highlighted in a purple circle on the left. The event website URL is provided at the bottom right.

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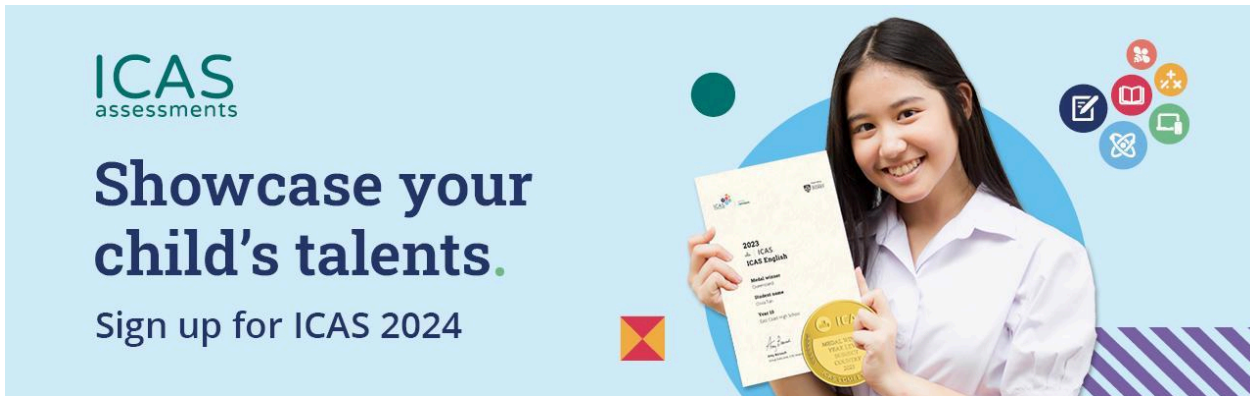
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## Upcoming Dates:

July / Hōngongoi	
WEEK 10	
Rāmere /Friday 5th	★ LAST DAY OF TERM 2
TERM 3	
July / Hōngongoi	
WEEK 1	
Rāhina / Monday 22nd	★ Whakatau - all welcome in the TCC at 11am
Rātū / Tuesday 23rd	★ Mid Year Reports go home
WEEK 2	
Rātū / Tuesday 30th	★ PTA Meeting 7pm
Rāhoroi / Wednesday 31st	★ Learning Conferences - 1.15pm - 7.15pm School Closes at 12.30pm
August/ Here-turi-kōkā	
WEEK 2	
Rāpare /Thursday 1st	★ Learning Conferences - 3.00pm - 5.12pm
WEEK 3	
Rātū / Tuesday 6th	★ Technology ICAS
Rāhoroi / Wednesday 7th	★ Writing ICAS
WEEK 4	
Rātū / Tuesday 13th	★ English ICAS
WEEK 5	
Rātū / Tuesday 20th	★ Science ICAS ★ BOT Meeting 7pm
Rāhoroi / Wednesday 21st	★ Spelling Bee ICAS ★ Whanau Hui/Kapa Haka - NZCER Research Meeting
Rāpare / Thursday 22nd	★ TMCS Cross Country
WEEK 6	
Rātū / Tuesday 27th	★ PHOTOLIFE Class Photos
Rāhoroi / Wednesday 28th	★ Mathematics ICAS
Rāmere /Friday 30th	★ Cambridge Kapa Haka Festival
September / Mahuru	
WEEK 7	
Rāhoroi / Wednesday 5th	★ Country Cluster Cross Country
WEEK 8	
Rātū / Tuesday 10th	★ BOT Meeting 7pm
Rāhoroi / Wednesday 11th	★ WIG Wednesday
Rāpare / Thursday 12th	★ Country Cluster Music Festival
WEEK 10	
Rātū / Tuesday 24th	★ PRODUCTION - Matinee 11am
Rāhoroi / Wednesday 25th	★ PRODUCTION - Matinee 11am - Night Show 6pm
Rāpare / Thursday 26th	★ PRODUCTION - Night Show 6pm
Rāmere /Friday 27th	★ LAST DAY OF TERM 3

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## ICAS 2024:



**ICAS**  
assessments

# Showcase your child's talents.

Sign up for ICAS 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We know our students are amazing, so we're giving them the opportunity to showcase and celebrate their talents in the world-renowned ICAS competition this year.

### What is ICAS?

ICAS is an online academic competition that gives students the opportunity to challenge their higher order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee, and Digital Technologies.

Every student who participates is celebrated and recognised with a printed certificate in each subject area, and an online results report to track development each year. Top performers are eligible for one of the highly coveted ICAS medals.

To learn more about this year's exciting ICAS competition, visit: ([icasassessments.com/products-icas/](https://icasassessments.com/products-icas/))

### How to participate in ICAS

If you wish for your child to participate in ICAS this year, please:

1. Read about ICAS subjects and prices [here](https://icasassessments.com/products-icas/): ([icasassessments.com/products-icas/](https://icasassessments.com/products-icas/))
2. Read the Privacy Collection Statement below.
3. Read the terms and conditions [here](https://icasassessments.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/2023-ICAS-Assessments-Schools-TsCs_S2023.V6-1.pdf): ([icasassessments.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/2023-ICAS-Assessments-Schools-TsCs\\_S2023.V6-1.pdf](https://icasassessments.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/2023-ICAS-Assessments-Schools-TsCs_S2023.V6-1.pdf))
4. Go to the Parent Portal to sign up to chosen subject areas [here](https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps): ([shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps](https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps))
5. Enter our school's access code – **LVS217**
6. Enter your child's details, select the subject areas your child would like to participate in, then proceed to payment.

Please note that the ICAS subject areas shown for selection are at the school's discretion.

After payment is made via the Parent Payment System, you will receive an order confirmation email, please keep this for your records.

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## ICAS results and certificates

All assessments will be conducted online, at school. We will notify you of the date(s) that we will run ICAS assessments, and when your child's ICAS results are ready. Your child's ICAS certificates will be delivered to school. Once we have received them, we will present them to your child to bring home. The back of the certificate will show your child's ICAS results and the login details, "TAP ID and Pin". - Use these to enter the [Results Portal](https://orti.icasassessments.com/ortiStudent) [orti.icasassessments.com/ortiStudent](https://orti.icasassessments.com/ortiStudent).

## Privacy collection statement

The following information is a privacy notification about how your child's data is kept private and secure.

*ICAS Assessment is owned by Janison Solutions Pty Ltd (We, Us, Our).*

*To deliver assessment products, Janison will require your child's School to obtain your consent to provide Janison with certain personal information of students. Janison will collect, store, use, disclose and otherwise deal with such personal information in accordance with its privacy policy (below). We are aware of our responsibility to protect personal information related to children and students from being disclosed when we deliver an ICAS Assessments product. Unless you, as the child's legal guardian consents, we **will not**:*

- *collect any personal information or data of children other than the information we need for the successful completion of an assessment, test, or exam.*
- *transfer any personal information we obtain from a child in the delivery of assessments and tests to any jurisdiction outside of Australia.*
- *share any personal information relating to children with any third parties (except for those third parties necessary for us to carry out our Services or provide our Products e.g., medal engraving).*
- *use any personal information or data relating to children for marketing purposes.*

*You can view our full privacy policy at <https://www.janison.com/privacy-policy/>.*

*We may retain personal information and data relevant to a child for their future purposes or for research purposes by Janison for the duration of the school life cycle of the child. However, if you or your child at any time wish to have their personal information or data removed from our systems, they or you may opt out by simply contacting our Privacy Officer at [privacy@janison.com](mailto:privacy@janison.com) or by contacting [icasassessments@janison.com](mailto:icasassessments@janison.com).*

We are excited to be offering ICAS to our students this year and look forward to celebrating their achievements. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Heather Wilson  
Office Administrator  
Tamahere Model Country School



## [Hamilton Cat Club](#)

If you're looking for something to do on Sunday, 7th July, come and check out the Hamilton cat club 73rd Annual cat show, at the Tamahere Community centre, 21 Devine Road, Tamahere

Doors will open to the public between 10am and 3pm. Come and see over 160 cats all in one place, over 15 different breeds, including New Zealand's largest cat, the Maine Coon and many other breeds like Ragdoll, Oriental, and domestic and companion cats. Watch the stunning felines being judged by international and national judges

\$10.00 adults, \$5.00 children, under 3's free.  
Family pass \$25.00. Eftpos available.

There will be spot prizes and you can even vote for your favourite cat!

We hope to see you there!

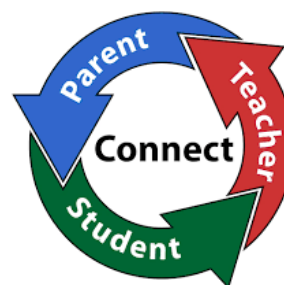
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Hamilton Cat Club



## Learning Conferences - Week 2 Term 3. (Reminder information) Wednesday 31st July & Thursday 1st August

Thanks to all those who have already booked their learning conferences already. **153** slots have already been taken in this **first-in-first-serve** online booking system. It would be fantastic for **child** to have a learning conference with their parents and teacher.



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### (Reminder information)

Teachers have been busy testing their students and are in the process of writing mid-year reports. These will go home in Week One of next term and Learning Conferences will happen in Week Two. Please be aware that on Wednesday 31st July we will focus on our three hours of literacy and numeracy until 12:30 pm. After this, students will head home and attend their learning conferences later that afternoon or evening or on Thursday 1st August.

We are so lucky at our school to have such strong partnerships between home and school. It has been shown that the strength of the connection between parents, school and students all working together to support the learner makes a huge difference for academic and social outcomes, and helping students to reach their potential. Our Learning Conferences with nga aakonga/students included are designed to reinforce this. Our conferences will be 12 minutes to enable time for a quieter one-to-one conversation if needed. Nga aakonga/students can pop outside for a short time.

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Our Learning Conferences (Student, Parent & Teacher conversations) will run from 1.15 pm through to 7.15 pm on Wednesday 31st July and from 3.00pm till 5.12pm on Thursday 1st August.

- **Please note:** On Wednesday 31st July our school day will **finish at the earlier time of 12.30pm**. We will run two longer learning blocks to cover as much class time as possible.
- After School Care will start at 1.45pm. Please note that the bus will be running at the normal time of 2.35 pm. Bus students can go to afterschool care and then take the bus home, if parents wish.
- Normal school hours will resume on Thursday 1st August with our learning day concluding at the usual time of 2.30pm. Conferences will start after this at 3:00pm. We apologise for any inconvenience caused by our early conclusion of learning 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.

#### **For Interviews:**

Bookings for our upcoming Learning Conferences to be held on Wednesday 31st July & Thursday 1st August are **now open**.

**Bookings operate on a first in first served basis.**

Please book your Learning Conference times by clicking on the links provided below.

We suggest you allow gaps between your different children's interviews to allow time to get from room to room.

Please follow the following link:

**Learning Conference link:** <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/xuk29>

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 Ange at the school office on 856 9238.

## Students of Week 9 I listen, share, and contribute.

**Kia Kotahi**  
**'Together as One'**  
We learn and work together, supporting, and caring for each other.

<i>NIKAU 1</i>	<i>George C</i>	<i>TANEKAHA 12</i>	<i>Chloe S</i>
<i>KAURI 2</i>	<i>Eric A</i>	<i>MIRO 13</i>	<i>Joe M</i>
<i>KAWAKAWA 3</i>	<i>Zoe R</i>	<i>PUKATEA 14</i>	<i>Connor H</i>
<i>TITOKI 6</i>	<i>Oskar N</i>	<i>KARAKA 15</i>	<i>Aynsley B</i>
<i>RIMU 7</i>	<i>Elissa T</i>	<i>MANUKA 16</i>	<i>Greta C</i>
<i>POHUTUKAWA 8</i>	<i>James L</i>	<i>MAHOE 17</i>	<i>Maya K</i>
<i>TOTARA 10</i>	<i>Vivian Z</i>	<i>TAWA 19</i>	<i>Knox C</i>
<i>MATAI 11</i>	<i>Fraser M</i>	<i>HOROPITO 20</i>	<i>Arlo J</i>



# Community Notices

## Sew, craft, and create in the school holidays!

### Craft Workshops

Tuesday 9 July 9.30 - 12.30pm  
 Wednesday 10 July 12.30 - 3.30pm  
 Friday 12 July 9.30 - 12.30pm

Learn to sew by hand and craft with fabric, wool, lace, ribbons, buttons and more...

Children 6+ yrs (\$50)



Small groups in The Sewing Room Matangi.  
 Contact Sue: 0273646316 [suemalcolm@pm.me](mailto:suemalcolm@pm.me)

### Sewing Workshops

Monday 15 July 12.30 - 3.30pm  
 Wednesday 17 July 12.30 - 3.30pm  
 Friday 19 July 9.30 - 12.30pm

Learn to sew by hand and machine. A fun, unique way to make and create!

Children 9+ yrs (\$80)



**8 Weeks of FUN!**  
 TT Kidz (NZ) gives children aged 6-11 a great first experience in table tennis.  
**REGISTER NOW!**

**TT Kidz - Waikato**  
 Venue: Waikato Table Tennis Stadium  
 Edgecumbe Park, Edgecumbe Street, Whitiora, Hamilton.  
 Start Date: Saturday 3rd August 2024  
 Time: 10:00am-11:00am Cost: \$100  
 Equipment pack included: T-shirt, Bag, bat and balls.

[www.tabletennis.org.nz/tt-kidz](http://www.tabletennis.org.nz/tt-kidz)

Enrolments Open for Term 3  
**KIDS MUSICAL THEATRE CLASSES**  
 In Hamilton for 9-12 year Olds

**CLASS TIMES**  
 Wednesdays  
 4:15 pm - 5:15 pm  
 Gallagher Academy of Performing Arts  
 Teens & Adults Classes Also Available

[www.scotshallvoicestudio.co.nz](http://www.scotshallvoicestudio.co.nz)

## VOLLEYBALL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

When : Tues 16 July  
 Time: 9.00am - 3.00pm  
 Where : Cambridge High School Gym  
 Cost : \$40

Volleyball skills, drills, games, and other activities for yr 5 to yr 8 students

Bring your lunch, water bottle, and non marking shoes.  
 A bake stall will be running (\$2 items) at lunch time.

For info and registration please email :  
[volleyball@camhigh.school.nz](mailto:volleyball@camhigh.school.nz)

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## Holiday programme

Venue - Gower Park Clubrooms  
 Prices - \$45 Full day | \$30 Half-day  
 Time - Full day (8:30 am - 3:30pm)  
 Half day - (8:30am - 12:30 pm)  
 Date's - 15th - 17th July  
 Contact - [melvilleunitedcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:melvilleunitedcommunity@gmail.com)

Register at  
[www.melvilleunited.co.nz/  
 community/holiday-programme](http://www.melvilleunited.co.nz/community/holiday-programme)

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