

Initial Information Newsletter for 2025

Everything you need to know to help you settle easily into our 2025 School Year.

Kia ora koutou.

Firstly, a warm welcome to our new staff, students and families. We hope you have a very happy and successful time at our school. At present, we have **28 new students enrolled** for the beginning of 2025.

Welcomes:

We are very pleased to be welcoming three new teachers to our team for 2025.

Mr Anthony Wright: We are very pleased to welcome Mr Anthony Wright to our school as the new Leader for Pirongia Syndicate. Mrs Hayley Bacon has resigned her Syndicate Leaders position, as she focuses on her Kahui Ako Across School Leadership position next year. This year Laura Grant has been acting in this position and has done a great job. Laura will continue with us in the Pirongia team and will also be a Kahui Ako In-School Leader in 2025. Anthony comes to us as a Team leader from his present position at Point View School in Auckland. Anthony has already been able to join the Leadership Team for professional learning and he also joined our staff on Teacher Only Day for our Mathematics learning.

Hi, I am Anthony Wright. I have been teaching for a number of years in Auckland and am making the move to the Waikato with my wife and three children. When not at school, I enjoy family time, going on adventures outdoors and exploring new places. I am excited about being part of the school and look forward to meeting and getting to know everyone.

Miss Lateisha Eddy: We are very pleased also to welcome Lateisha Eddy onto our staff. Since completing her training earlier this term, Lateisha has been working as a relief teacher at Morrinsville Primary school across all ages of the school. Lateisha will be joining our Taupiri Team in 2025.

Kia Ora Koutou,

I'm Lateisha Eddy, and I'm beyond excited to be joining the team at Tamahere Model Country School as a teacher in 2025! Having recently graduated from the University of Waikato, I'm so excited to start my teaching career in such a welcoming and vibrant school. In my spare time, I love music and singing, walking my little dog Layla, spending time at the beach, and making memories with my whānau. These bring me so much happiness and energy. If you see me around the school, please come say hi, as I'd love to get to know you. Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday season. I can't wait to start 2025 with heaps of enthusiasm, positivity, and a shared passion for learning!

Ngā mihi nui

Lateisha

Emily Dela Rue: We are also very pleased to welcome Emily Dela Rue to our school team for 2025. Emily has been a regular member of our staff this year as one of our Graduate Student teachers. Emily and the other Grads spent a day a week with us in addition to their practicum blocks. Emily was mainly located in the Pirongia team and will take a Year 3 & 4 class next year in the same team. Emily is passionate about dance and is also a dance instructor in her spare time.

Kia ora e te whānau.

My name is Emily Dela Rue, and I am so excited to be starting my teaching journey at Tamahere Model Country School. This will be my first year teaching, however, I did spend most of last year at TMCS during my studies. Outside of school, I am a dance teacher at Limelight Dance Academy and love all things performing arts. In my spare time, I love travelling to new places, spending time with family, and getting outside in my garden.

I look forward to meeting you all next year.

Hillcrest Kahui Ako: A collaborative of Hillcrest High School, Berkley Normal Middle School, Peachgrove Intermediate, Hillcrest Normal School, Knighton Normal School, Hamilton East School, Silverdale Normal School, Tamahere Model Country School, Matangi School, Newstead Model Country School, and Tauwhare School.

Across School Leader (ASL):

Hayley Bacon will continue to be an Across School Leader in our Kahui Ako, working with a team of teachers from across the eleven schools to support classroom practitioners in such areas as neuro diverse education, attendance, writing and cultural diversity.

Within School Leaders (WSL):

Laura Grant and Hayley Smit will be our Kahui Ako - Within School Leaders for 2025. They will be using their knowledge and skills to mentor and support other staff and students, in the English and Mathematics areas.

Learning Support 2025

In 2025, Mrs Natalie Toohey will coordinate our Learning Support Team comprising our 13 teacher aides and skilled teachers who will be working with students on a one to one basis or in small groups. All of our teachers are being upskilled in new structured literacy and mathematics approaches and we also have some having extra Accelerated Learning in Mathematics - ALIM and Accelerated Literacy in Learning - ALL professional development. In Term One - Mrs Hayley Bacon, Mrs Natalie Toohey and Mrs Christy Paladin will be supporting most of our target learners in Literacy and Maths.

Our School Structure and Organisation 2025

Below you can see the school structure and staffing for 2025. Each year our structure looks slightly different, depending on Ministry of Education funding for staff and student cohort numbers. This year, we will again be having three clear syndicates, with Maungatautari having Year 5 & 6 classes, Pirongia made up of Year 3 & 4 students and Taupiri will be taking the Year 0 - 2 classes.

Maungatautari Syndicate will have five classes in 2025, with each class having around 28-29 students.

Pirongia Syndicate will again have five classes of Year 3 & 4 students. Mr Anthony Wright will be the Syndicate Leader and will be teaching in Kawakawa 3.

Taupiri Syndicate will start the year with six classes. We have three Year 2 classes and three Year 1 classes, with a group of six Year One Girls joining into Tawa 19

| Maungatautari Syndicate - 5 classes of Year 5 & 6 | | | | |
|---|------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Pukeatua Pod | | | Te Akatarere Pod | |
| Yr 5 & 6 Karaka 15 | Yr 5 & 6 Manuka 16 | Yr 5 & 6 Mahoe 17 | Yr 5 & 6 Pukatea 14 | Year 5 & 6 Miro 13 |
| Mrs Frances Mossop | Ms Maria Oates Syndicate Leader | Miss Charlotte Visser | Mr Josh Martelli | Mr Luke Mitchell |

NB names from the two other peaks on Maungatautari Mountain - Pukeatua = 753m and Te Akatarere = 727m.

| Pirongia Syndicate - 5 classes of Year 3 & 4 | | | | |
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| Yr 3 & 4 Nikau 1 | Yr 3 & 4 Kauri 2 | Yr 3 & 4 Kawakawa 3 | Yr 3 & 4 Matai 11 | Yr 3 & 4 Tanekaha 12 |
| Miss Emily Dela Rue | Miss Laura Grant | Mr Anthony Wright Syndicate Leader | Ms Ann Marie Copponi | Mr Brendan Stephenson |

| Taupiri Syndicate - six classes to start the year | | | | | | | | |
|---|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Year 2 Rata 9 | Year 2 Totara 10 | Year 2 & 1 Tawa 19 | Year 1 Rimu 7 | Year 1 Pohutukawa P8 | Year 1 & 0 Horopito H20 | Term 2 Year 0 Horoeaka 21 | Term 3 Year 0 → | Term 4 Year 0 Titoki 6 |
| Miss Lateisha Eddy | Mrs Jasmine Saussey | Miss Monica Redman | Mrs Shelley Howse Syndicate Leader | Mrs Hayley Smit | Mrs Nicky Platje | Mrs Christy Paladin | → | New teacher |

| Regular Classroom Release Teachers | |
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| Mrs Gillian Stantiall (Te reo Maaori specialist) Mrs Sarah Singleton Mrs Vicki Foden Mrs Hayley Bacon | Mrs Bridget Griffiths (STEAM specialist) Mrs Gail Weston (Music Specialist) Mrs Leanne Somerville Smith Mrs Natalie Toohey |

| Leadership / Administration | |
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| Principal | Miss Waveney Parker |
| Deputy Principal & Special Needs Coordinator | Mrs Natalie Toohey |
| Deputy Principal - Property, Health and Safety | Mrs Leanne Somerville Smith |
| Admin Team Leader/Financial Secretary | Mrs Lisa Boyd |
| Administration Secretary | Mrs Lisa Laurence |
| Administration Secretary | Ms Angela Jenkins |

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| Office Wiz | Ms Heather Wilson |
| Librarian | Mrs Theresa Kewish |
| Caretaker | Mr Allan Wickens |
| Assistant Caretaker | Mr John Ball |

| Teacher Aides | Before & After School Care |
|--|----------------------------|
| Mrs Rosemary Dexter | Miss Emma Pedersen |
| Mrs Vicki Foden | Mrs Inga Schiffer |
| Mrs Christine Woolley | Mrs Liz Lightfoot |
| Mrs Maura Hodgson | Miss Phoebe Letcher |
| Mrs Leanne O'Connell | Miss Amber Goodall |
| Miss Emma Pedersen | Mrs Gayle Raleigh |
| Mrs Marie-Claire Nicholson | Miss Sarah Cane |
| Mrs Ashlea Kowalski | Miss Emma Ashford |
| Mrs Casey Fisher | Mrs Sharie Tolland |
| Mrs Sharie Tolland | Miss Aya Capones |
| Miss Mariette Poortman (Volunteer Teacher) | |
| Miss Phoebe Letcher | |
| Mrs Theresa Kewish | |

| Music Tutors | |
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| Mrs Gill Earwaker | Piano / Keyboard |
| Mrs Chris Young | Violin / Strings |
| Music House | Guitar, Ukulele, Drums, Keyboard, Bass Guitar and Singing |
| Mrs Catherine Wallace | Flute, recorder, clarinet, sax and music theory lessons. |

| Board of Trustees | |
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| Owen Culliney | Presiding Member Personnel |
| Waveney Parker | Principal - <i>overseeing all portfolios</i> |
| Natalie Toohey | Staff Representative Curriculum Health & Safety - support Sponsorship |
| Buddy Annals | Property - lead Health & Safety - support Tamahere Community Committee Rep |
| Fraser Hodgson | Deputy Chair Health & Safety - lead Property - support |
| Hilary van de Molen | Sponsorship Finance support |
| Jim Mercer | Finance |
| Liz Donovan | Sponsorship Community & School Liaison |

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| Matt Martyn | Personnel Community & School Liaison Iwi Liaison |
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| PTA Leaders | |
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| Sarah Elliott | Chairperson |
| | Vice-Chairperson |
| Alice van der Heyden | Treasurer |
| Frances McKenzie | Secretary |
| Joey Smith | Lead Pumpkin Night Coordinator |
| Callum Malcolm David Palmer | Golf Day Coordinators |

School Dates for 2025

| TERM | START DATE | END DATE | SCHOOL HOLIDAYS |
|------|---------------------|-------------------|---|
| 1 | Monday 3rd February | Friday 11th April | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teacher Only Days: Thursday 30th and Friday 31st January 2025 Waitangi Day: Thursday 6th February Teacher Only Day - Mathematics MoE - Monday 31st March Holidays - Saturday 12th April – Sunday 27th April (includes Good Friday 18th April, Easter Monday 21st April, School Holiday Easter Tuesday on 22nd April and ANZAC DAY - Thursday 25th April) |
| 2 | Monday 28th April | Friday 27th June | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kahui Ako Teacher Only Day - 30th May King's Birthday - Monday 2nd June Matariki - Friday 20th June Saturday 28th June to Sunday 13th July |

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| 3 | Monday 14th July | Friday 19th September | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday 20th September to Sunday 5th October |
| 4 | Monday 6th October | No later than Friday 19th December | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labour Day – Monday 27th October |

Teacher Only Days - For your diaries!

Our staff will be back in the last week of January preparing for the term ahead.

- In line with the Ministry of Education specified Teacher Only Days we will be holding our **Mathematics Teacher Only Day on Monday 31st March.**
- In Term 2 we have a **Kahui Ako combined Teacher Only Day on Friday 30th May**

Tamahere Tupu

Our five year old new entrants will be welcomed to be part of our eight-week transition to school programme. Our Tamahere Tupu Roopu transition programme (*Tupu are the emerging buds that will grow at our school. Roopuu is a group*) and is designed for eight pre-school visits, held at school on a Friday morning from 8:30am and concluding at 11:00am, after morning tea. The visits are based around a typical morning routine in a new entrant classroom with some time set aside to explore and get to know the school environment, make connections with other children in the Junior Syndicate, experience break times at school and meet other children and staff across the school. Our transition to school programme gives children time and experiences, so they can feel comfortable and prepared before they attend full-time school.

Parents may choose the eight sessions that will work best for their whaanau & Early Childhood Education Provider (ECE). With our staggered entry we have a more flexible system to cater for the different birth dates. We will continue to have a Week One whakatau to welcome our groups of new arrivals and whaanau before they join us officially, and sometimes we may hold mid term ones where necessary.

Children may start school on the Monday of the week after their 5th birthday. We try to facilitate clusters of children starting at the same time to provide support for each other.

E-Learning Devices

Our **Maungatautari** seniors will be using their chromebooks, as part of our Bring Your Own Devices (BYOD) programme. Students bring **chromebooks** and the school will provide the iPads for more creative work that needs to be achieved.

Year 3 & 4 students in **Pirongia** may, **if their parents feel they are ready** for it, bring a chromebook to school to support their learning.

On the last day of 2025 Year 3, 4 & 5 students were provided with a letter and further information on BYOD. If you did not receive this, please go to our website homepage www.tamahere.school.nz and click on the link at the top saying - 'Our Learning'. Next click BYOD and in here you will find everything you need to know.

If you are considering purchasing a new BYOD device over the holidays, and you wish to add the student school account to the Chromebook, please email Danny Burt (dburt@tamahere.school.nz). He can email your child's school login details. If this is not urgent, your child will receive their login details when they start school next year.

We have organised an onboarding session for families on Tuesday the 28th of January who wish to have their devices set up for school use before the new term begins. If you would like to attend, please email Danny Burt on dburt@tamahere.school.nz.

Stationery Packs for 2025

Stationery Packs are available online. Go to: www.myschool.co.nz/tamahere and follow the prompts to complete your order.

You should place your order **BEFORE Monday 20th January 2025**, to ensure delivery before school starts on Monday 3rd February 2025.

The school office does not hold a large amount of stationery, so we will not be able to supply packs directly for your child. Please note that if you do not know your child's class at this stage, please purchase a stationery pack for the year level appropriate.

Tip:

Take advantage of the free delivery by "buddying up" with another family to ensure your order is over the minimum spend of \$70.00.

Our school receives rewards for all stationery purchases made through OfficeMax.

School Donations / Activity Fees and Other Costs in 2025

Due to increased costs in all areas, we have been required to make some small incremental increases to our donations and fees. For example, we have not increased our donations for almost 20 years and our pool levy has remained the same since we put in the pool. We are sorry to add costs to you in our current very expensive world but the increases will help our budgets balance.

At Tamahere Model Country School there are two different donations/fees that help support learning. The school depends on school donations to fund operations, facilities and learning to the high standard expected by our families. Many additional facilities and opportunities are only provided to students, due to the extra funding generously paid through the school donations.

Understanding the real need for School Donations:

You may have heard that since 2020 the government now pays school donations of \$150 per child to most schools. We are not eligible for this, based on our Equity Funding Level.

The Big Picture and Government Funding:

- Tamahere Model Country School has an EQI funding level of 368, decided by the Ministry of Education and School Funding by the Government is determined by this EQI rating.
- If our EQI level was higher, the school would receive approximately \$990,000 in Government funding per year.
- The reality is, for our school's EQI rating, we receive approximately \$550,000 per year, around 50% less than the highest rated schools.
- We have to try and make up the difference in this funding to be able to offer the facilities, teaching and support staff, and resources that we all want our tamariki to enjoy and benefit from, in order to offer them the learning opportunities we want them to have.
- School donations and various fundraising initiatives by our wonderful school community are the two main sources of funding to supplement what is provided by the Government.

What that means for Tamahere Model Country School:

- The Board of Trustees chooses to fund additional teacher time to support learning at our school.
- The Board of Trustees chooses to fund additional teacher aide time to support individual needs.
- The school owns a number of buildings over and above ministry-owned buildings, e.g. Our beautiful library, the Koromiko After School Care block and our Shed, our magnificent swimming pool complex and Ponga Iti. We are responsible for maintaining all of these using our own funds.
- The school is over 140 years old and the infrastructure continually needs replacing, maintenance is high and there are immense challenges to keep pace with exceptional growth in our school roll.
- Unfortunately, when operating funds are tight it's the additional-curricular spending that suffers.

Where does your School Donation go?

Your School Donation is added to the School's budget to support our learning programmes. In the past year school donations have allowed us to fund additional teacher hours, provide additional teacher aides in classrooms, and maintain school buildings and grounds. As well, sports equipment, books, musical instruments and extra materials for artwork are all school items paid for by your school donation.

The 2025 School Donations are:

- \$250.00 per child for the school year
This is just \$62.50 per child per term (or pro-rata depending on enrolment date)

Activity Fees:

Activity Fees are the second contribution and this covers specific costs related to cultural, academic and sporting activities that we undertake throughout the year, e.g. bus costs, visiting acts and entry fees.

The activity fee does not include camp costs or end of year trips.

This fee alleviates the need to constantly ask parents for small amounts of money during the year.

To ensure our students can enjoy the various activities throughout the year that extend and support their learning, we kindly request that all Activity Fees are paid by the end of Term 2 please:

\$65.00 - Taupiri Junior Syndicate

\$80.00 - Pirongia Middle Syndicate

\$90.00 - Maungatautari Senior Syndicate

(or Pro-rata depending on enrolment date)

Swimming Pool Levy:

The Swimming Pool Levy is \$25.00 per child per year. This money contributes to the ongoing maintenance of our wonderful pool facilities. The Vela Pool Complex, which opened in November 2017, allows us to offer increased swimming opportunities for our students, significantly above the level that was possible with the old ministry provided pool. Families agreed to help support the ongoing costs, to achieve such a great facility for our students.

Seesaw:

Tamahere School uses Seesaw, a digital portfolio that gives your child a safe place to record what they're learning at school and share that with you. The cost for Seesaw is \$5 per student for the year, which covers the licence cost for the programme.

Cyber Safety

Our school's Online Safety Hub is at: <https://tamahere.onlinesafetyhub.nz/>

Families can access this Hub for advice, guidance and importantly free Qustodio tools which they can use at home to filter, monitor etc. your children's home devices (eg phones, iPads etc).

If you scroll down the home page, you'll see a blurb on Qustodio tools and the link to set up your free account.

School Bus Arrangements for 2025:

Our school bus operator is Go Bus. To make sure that the start of the school year goes as smoothly as possible, please familiarise yourself with the information below.

As always, please either stay with your children while they are waiting for their school transport in the morning or keep in contact with them, to make sure that they are picked up safely. *If the bus arrives at school prior to 8.00am, your child is required to go to Before School Care. (Please note - there is no charge for bus children to attend BSC.)*

If you would like your child/ren to catch the school bus, please email reception@tamahere.school.nz to confirm their eligibility.

Responsibility of Caregivers:

To ensure a safe environment for bus loading and unloading, caregivers should:

- not park in bus bays
- adhere to the speed limit (20 km/h while passing a stationary school bus on either side of the road)
- try to eliminate the need for children to cross the road
- ensure that children get to and from the bus stop safely
- teach children to not run across the road

Tamahere Vela Pool - St Peters Swim Lessons in Term 1 2025:

St Peter's Swimming lessons will resume in Term 1, starting from Monday 3rd February and ending on Friday 6th March 2025, for students who were enrolled for Term 4 lessons.

Lessons are available to any school age child. If you would like to register your children, the link to register for lessons is as follows: <https://app.iclasspro.com/portal/stpetersswimschool/classes?programs=87>.

Please also see the information below on how to register and the list of the pre-requirements for each level, to help you find the correct level for your child. **If you would like to book in and there is not a class available for you, please email swimschool@stpeters.school.nz.**





TAMAHERE MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL LESSONS
LEVEL PRE-REQUIREMENTS

Goldfish: Pre Requirements -
Beginner - no experience needed

Whitebait:
Full submersion/ retrieve toy from the floor
Back float unassisted (5 secs)
Streamline front kick 3m unassisted
Back kick arms by side 5m unassisted

Snapper:
Back kick split arms 12.5m unassisted
3 strokes of straight arm freestyle, standing to breathe, for 12.5m
3 freestyle arm strokes + roll to back and kick for 3m's

Swordfish/Seals:
Side breathing with split arms 12.5m
4 x 12.5m of freestyle with alternate breathing
6 Kick backstroke 12.5m

Stingray/Dolphin
50m Freestyle: correct stroke technique
50m Backstroke; correct stroke technique
25m Breaststroke kick: Correct movement and glide

Before/After School Care (B/ASC):

Unfortunately next year we are unable to keep the charges the same as 2024 for our Before/ASC Programme. The After School Care hourly charge will increase to **\$8.50 per hour** – capped at \$85 per week for 1 child, \$170 per week for 2 children and \$225 per week for 3 children. The capped rates give parents a discount, if children attend more than 10 hours a week. After School Care goes through to 5.45pm daily. There is a late fee penalty payment charged for children left after 5.45pm – \$10 for the first 15 mins and \$25 after 6.00pm.

The 2025 Before School Care will be charged at \$10.50 per session (7.00am until 8.00am)

Fee Structure BSC:

- \$10.50 per day per child
- One child per week capped at \$42

Sorry, we are not OSCAR subsidised.

Automatic Payments:

You may wish to set up an Automatic Payment to spread the School Donations and Fees across the school year. Payments can be made to the account below (please note your child's name in the reference field):

Tamahere School
12-3152-0070140-00

Please note you will be notified/invoiced early in Term 1 for the School Donation, Activity Fee, Pool Levy and Seesaw subscription.

Did you know you can apply for a tax rebate from the Inland Revenue Department for your voluntary school donations?

You may be able to get a rebate of up to one-third of the voluntary school donations you have paid if you:

- have earned taxable income
- lived in New Zealand at any time over the tax year
- are an individual (not a company or partnership for tax purposes), and
- have paid voluntary donations to a state or state-integrated school

Please contact Lisa Boyd in the School Office to make payments, set up automatic payments and for information on how to apply for tax deductions.

Fundraising Achievements:

Huge thanks go to our PTA and their dynamic fundraising teams, who have run successful fundraising and community building events such as: *Pumpkin Night* and *Golf Day*. These have all raised significant funds towards safety in classrooms with blinds and our new sun shades. Thank you to everyone involved in coordinating, leading, organising and supporting these great events. In 2025 the money raised will support our budget and allow for extras to be achieved.

Security:

Our school gates will be locked over the holidays. This is due to the increased vandalism and crime happening in the area.

Music & Kid's Clubs:

We have a variety of music and other extracurricular opportunities available for 2025. Itinerant tutors visit our school offering lessons in guitar, ukulele, piano, drums, singing and violin, to name just a few. Classes are also offered in gymnastics, Bricks4Kidz, and tennis. The full list can be viewed on our website <https://tamahere.school.nz> - Go to Key Information → Kids Clubs.

If your child is continuing lessons or you wish to enquire about your child starting up with a tutor, please contact them directly using the list on our website. (As noted above).

Camp Dates

- **Maungatautari Camp** for our Year 5 & 6 students, will be at Waihi Beach in 2025. Due to the nature of this camp, we will run this over two weeks. Karaka 15, Miro 13 and the Year 5 Boys & Year 6 Girls from Manuka 16 will attend Camp A in Week 7, from Tuesday 18th to Friday 21st March. Then Mahoe 17, Pukatea 14 and the Year 5 girls & Year 6 Boys from Manuka 16, will attend Camp B the following week, from Monday 24th March to Thursday 27th March. For further information on the Senior camp please click [here](#).
- **Pirongia Camp** - Our Year 4 camp will be held at Camp Raglan again in 2025, and the dates will be **Wednesday 14th – Friday 16th May.**

Police Vetting: All parents wanting to be a parent helper on one of our camps, need to be police vetted to be considered. Please pop into the office with two forms of photo ID and fill in the application form. The cost to process this is \$10.00. This can take a few weeks to process, so you need to be in early.

Web Site

In 2025 we will be upgrading our website to make it more user friendly. This is our major communication portal, accessible to all families. We focus on our website, with our newsletter available here each week on a Thursday. A link is sent directly to the email address listed in our contacts. Please keep your contact details up to date at our office.

School Docs

SchoolDocs is an online policy platform for schools in Aotearoa. Your SchoolDocs site contains policies and procedures that are specific to your school and can be accessed by the whole school community.

Our School Policies can be found by following the instructions below:

1. Go to <https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/>
2. Click search for your school.
3. Start typing Tamahere Model Country School and select from the dropdown menu.
4. Enter your community **user name: tamahere** and **password: nurturing**
5. Search for the policy you require.

School Uniform

We look forward to seeing all our students proudly wearing their correct school uniform in 2025. Please ensure that all uniform items are clearly named. If you do find that you need to purchase new items of uniform before the start of term, our school office will be open on **Tuesday 28th, Wednesday 29th, Thursday 30th and Friday 31st January, between 9.00am - 3.00pm.**

Our uniform prices are set out below:

| Uniform Prices | |
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| Item | Price |
| Dress | \$70 |
| Polo Shirt | \$45 |
| Microfleece | \$58 |
| Merino Jersey | \$90 |
| Shorts | \$35 |
| Skorts | \$38 |
| Jacket | \$64 |
| Trackpants | \$55 |
| Trackpants (<i>weather proof</i>) | \$55 |
| Hat | \$21 |
| Hat Embroidery | \$9 |
| Beanie | \$29 |
| Whanau Shirt | \$37 |

| Sports Uniform | |
|-------------------------------------|------|
| Soccer / Hockey / Basketball shorts | \$30 |
| Socks | \$17 |

Please remember that our TMCS wide brim or bucket hats are compulsory during Term 1. The school holidays are a great time to organise for children's names (first name and first letter of surname) to be embroidered on the back of their school hats. This costs only \$9.00 each! Not only is this an extremely competitive price, but the investment in purchasing only one hat and eliminating the need for several replacements, more than pays for itself. This is not just for brand new hat purchases but existing hats too!

To make an order please bring your child's hat to the school office with your \$9 payment (or order a new one for a total of \$30). This can take between 1-2 weeks, so please order as soon as possible.

Holiday Office Hours:

Our administration team will be starting their well earned break from Monday 23rd December. The office will then be open on **Tuesday 28th, Wednesday 29th, Thursday 30th and Friday 31st January, between 9.00am - 3.00pm only**. We invite families to purchase uniform items at this time and ask new families to finalise their enrolment details, if they have not already done so (including providing all necessary documentation), prior to the first day of school on Monday 3rd February.

**We hope you all have a wonderful holiday
and a very happy Christmas / *Kirihimete***

Te Harinui

Kia pai to hararei
May your holiday be wonderful

Keep Safe!

We look forward to seeing you all on 3rd February 2025.

