

# TAMAHERE

## MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL

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### Wiki/ Week 8 Happenings:

#### Farewell Kowhai 4!

The Ministry of Education's Weather Tightness Programme has now been completed for our school. It is wonderful that the rotting boards that had to be left due to insurance claims have now all been dealt with and our school is looking smart and in good repair again. That is, all except for Kowhai 4, which is our oldest building apart from our beautiful historic library. Kowhai 4 is the larger classroom nestled in under the golden elm, karaka and golden totara.

Sadly the Ministry has reviewed our site and the cost of bringing Kowhai 4 up to today's standards would be in excess of \$400,000, which is deemed too expensive for our needs. Kowhai 4 will now need to be demolished. We are disappointed to lose this teaching space, which also contains toilets and a storage area for our school. However, having this as an empty space at the centre of our school, will provide a beautiful shaded area for our students/aakonga to enjoy and for us to develop into a feature of our beautiful school.

The Ministry will demolish Kowhai 4 early in the new year.

#### School Prize Giving:

The end of the year is a time when we come together to celebrate many of our aakonga/students for their hard mahi/work and what they have been able to achieve this year. We hope you can join us at Prize Giving on **Wednesday 11th at 10:30am**. More details are explained later in this newsletter.

#### Year 6 Graduation:

We had a very special evening last night, as we acknowledged and celebrated our Year 6 cohort with their parents and supporters. This year, 63 of our seniors leave us for the next step in their schooling journeys. We are proud to have supported and helped these wonderful young people through their time at Tamahere

Model Country School and wish them all the very best for their futures. We also farewelled 31 families who will be leaving our school now that their youngest child has moved on. This is always a significant impact to us. We would like to thank everyone so much for all their support over the years in so many ways. Thanks also go to the parent team, who helped to coordinate this evening with Mrs Mossop and Miss Visser. More photos will be shared in next week's newsletter.



## Wonderful Golf Day:

What a great day we had last Friday for Golf Day! Every team I spoke to had a great day despite - "Golf being the winner on the day!" for some of us! This is always a popular event and a great way to raise funds, while making connections and having fun. Huge thank you goes to **Callum Malcolm** and the Golf Day committee: **Dave Palmer, Freddy Davison, Chris Lyon, Natalie Toohey, Shannon Popplewell** and **Jarrad Hurrell**, who put in so much time to benefit our school. And thank you to all of our sponsors and those who supported us with teams on the day. Funds will be going towards ground beautification works when Kowhai 4 class is removed early next year.

## Tipu Ake Carving Programme

Under the kaitiaki of Master Carver, Matua Rei, our six aakonga/student carvers have created their second carving piece which was blessed on Tuesday. This programme run through Kirikiriroa Marae has been such a very special learning opportunity and experience for our ono/six tama/boys: **Robbie S, Mason B, Nikora C-K, Hamiora C-K, Simeona K, and Kent H.**



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## **BIG THANK YOU FOR GOLF DAY:**

The school Golf Day was held at Ngāruawāhia course last Friday in beautiful sunny conditions which made for a great day. Special thanks to **Russell and Angela Thomas Real Estate** for coming on board as the headline sponsor this year. We had a record 29 teams entered across both 9-hole and 18-hole formats. The Property Brokers team kept the BBQ going all day (thanks to **Inghams** for supplying the key ingredients - the chicken burgers were well received!).

The \$50,000 hole-in-one prize was not struck, but many thanks to **ZB Homes** (Zane Beckett) for supporting this initiative. We also had the pleasure of seeing one of NZ's longest drivers (George Wardell) in action on the 17<sup>th</sup> hole, who was consistently hitting the ball over 300 metres, showing us all how it is done.

Overall, it was another great day out and as always provides an opportunity for parents to catch up in a relaxed setting. Congratulations to the Property Brokers team for winning the 18-hole competition and being presented with the yellow jacket. The 9-hole comp was also closely contested and taken out by Shannon Popplewell's team. Well done all. The day raised plenty of funds for the school and thanks to everyone for their hard work in making it all happen.

Also a massive thank you to all our school families who supported our Golf Day Raffle. We are pleased to announce that the winner of the \$1,000 Hillcrest New World voucher was Darrell Bowler.

To help make the day a success we would like to call out all the key supporters of the event:

### **Russell and Angela Thomas Real Estate (Property Brokers)**



### **Zane Beckett – ZB Homes**



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Also, thanks to:

Lucy Young - Lewis Law  
Peter Zhang  
Jarrad & Sarah Hurrell  
Tieke Golf Course  
Cambridge Stud  
Tim Southee  
Inghams Chicken  
Damian McKenzie  
Freddy Davison  
Ninja Valley  
Pro Drive Golf  
Maple Hair  
Marco Rojas

Luke Mitchell  
Bayleys  
Aiden Rodley  
Craigs Investments  
Dave Palmer  
Callum & Lindy Malcolm  
Smith and McKenzie  
Poppy Peach  
Shannon Popplewell  
Seddon Cricket Club  
Laurie O'Reilly  
George Wardell  
Matt Ward

Also thanks to the organising committee: **Dave Palmer, Freddy Davison, Chris Lyon, Natalie Toohey, Callum Malcolm, Shannon Popplewell and Jarrad Hurrell.**

*2024 Golf Day Committee*



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## Weetbix TRYathlon

Good luck to the large contingent of students taking part in the Weetbix Tryathlon on Sunday. The school will have a tent up within the village area, so keep an eye out for the school flag.



## THANK YOU MORNING TEA FOR ALL OUR WONDERFUL PARENT & SCHOOL COMMUNITY HELPERS Monday 9th December



We would like to thank everyone who has supported us this year, the many wonderful parents, caregivers, friends and sponsors who have stepped forward to help us in so many ways during the school year.

From sponsors, sports coaches and managers, trip helpers, PTA, book helpers, classroom assistants, and many more... we want you to know that your assistance is invaluable to us and our school simply wouldn't function the same without your help!

As a token of our sincere appreciation for all of your assistance throughout the year, we warmly invite you to attend a special morning tea to be held in your honour.

**WHEN:** Monday 9th December

**TIME:** 10.30am

**WHERE:** Tamahere Community Centre (TCC) Foyer

We look forward to sharing this occasion with you!!

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## Helping Families in Need this Christmas

A reminder that Zac & Tom S are collecting items for families in need this Christmas. If you are able to help, could you bring in children's christmas presents. (The presents must be new and please do not wrap). We have boxes in the school office for you to pop your donations into.

Please share a little magic this Christmas and give a gift to a child in need.



The presents will be delivered to *The Salvation Army & Kids In Need Waikato* next Wednesday 11th December.

**PLEASE CAN ALL PRESENTS BE DROPPED OFF BEFORE 4.00pm ON TUESDAY 10th DECEMBER!!**

Thank you

## PRIZE GIVING - NEXT WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER - 10:30AM START:

We are looking forward to Prize Giving next Wednesday 11th December. This is a very special day for us, and you are warmly welcomed to join us at this end of year school event.

This is a formal assembly where all students, with the exception of our Year 6 Graduates, wear their school uniform (not their whaanau shirt) and we celebrate the achievements of students across the school. Year 6 Graduates may wear smart casual clothing. As it is likely to be a warm day, so we suggest that students not wear a second layer under their uniforms.

We do hope you'll be able to join us on this very special occasion.



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## 2024 PTA Hosted Christmas Picnic - Friday 13th December from 5.00pm

We hope you can join us for our PTA hosted Christmas Concert & Picnic, starting at 5.00pm with performances from the school choir and kapa haka together with a variety of current and past Tamahere school pupils performing. Santa will hopefully make an appearance at the end of the night!

This year takeaway food is available to order from The Boundary. They will be offering a special deal on pizzas (\$15) and their shared platter (\$25) as well as their full kids menu. Orders are to be placed directly with the Boundary on 021 156 9952 (preferably in advance of the concert) and food will be available to collect on the night.

Local business, ClickCover Ltd are sponsoring a **Christmas Raffle Fundraiser** with over **\$500** worth of prizes to be won! Tickets will be sold on the night at x2 for \$5 or x5 for \$10, so please bring cash. 100% of proceeds will go straight to the school and go towards purchasing x15 new tents for school camps.

### **The Prizes:**

- \* Family Adventure Prize Pack - \$200 family pass to Waitomo Caves
- \* Family Movie Prize Pack - \$100 Event Cinema voucher
- \* Elf on the Shelf Prize Pack
- \* Lego Advent Calendar
- \* Squishmallows, sweet treats and loads more!

Any last minute performers wanting to have their moment on stage should email Alice on [alice.candy@gmail.com](mailto:alice.candy@gmail.com)



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## Upcoming Dates:

<b>December/ Hakihea</b>	
<b>Week 8</b>	
<b>Raatapu / Sunday 8th</b>	★ Weetbix Tryathlon - St Peter's Cambridge
<b>Week 9</b>	
<b>Raahina / Monday 9th</b>	★ Thank You Morning Tea - 10.30am in the TCC
<b>Raatuu / Tuesday 10th</b>	★ Big Day in - Pirongia ★ Board Meeting
<b>Rāapa / Wednesday 11th</b>	★ Prizegiving Assembly starting at 10.30am in the TCC
<b>Raapare / Thursday 12th</b>	★ Big Day In - Taupiri
<b>Raamere /Friday 13th</b>	★ Maungatautari Big Day Out ★ Christmas Carols at the Tamahere Piazza - 5.00pm to 6.30pm
<b>Week 10</b>	
<b>Rāapa / Wednesday 18th December</b>	★ Last Day of Term 4 - 12.30 finish
<b>February/ Huitānguru</b>	
<b>TERM 1 2025</b>	
<b>Raahina / Monday 3rd February</b>	★ First Day of 2025

## Important End of School Year Information

### BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAMME:

Please see below for the last day of operation of our Before & After School Care Programmes:

- Final **After School Care** for this year will be on **Tuesday 17th December**.
- Final **Before School Care** for this year will be on **Wednesday 18th December**.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL: School finishes on **WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER AT 12.30pm**.

FINAL SCHOOL BUS OF THE YEAR: The last day for the School Bus run this year is Tuesday 17th December.

GETTING READY FOR 2025: With only a few weeks to go, we are putting many of the final arrangements together for our 2025 organisational arrangements and learning programmes. We will be emailing out a comprehensive final newsletter, with all you need to know to begin the 2025 school year in the final week of school.

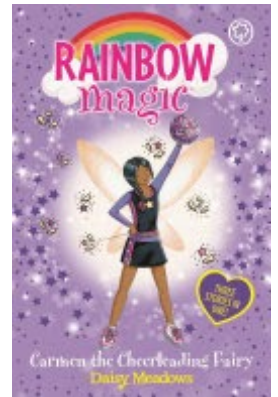
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## LIBRARY NEWS!!!!!!

**HAVE YOU RETURNED YOUR LIBRARY BOOKS?** We have 24 students that still need to return library books.

**DO YOU RECOGNISE THIS HAMILTON LIBRARY BOOK?** It has been mistakenly returned to our school. If it is yours, can you please call into the library to collect it.



### **WEEK 9 & 10.....SCHOOL LIBRARY SUMMER HOLIDAY ISSUING**

The School Library will be open to all Year 2, 3, 4 and 5 students, so they can issue books for the summer holidays during Week 9 & 10 on the following dates:

#### **Week 9:**

- Tuesday 10th December from 7.30am-3.00pm
- Wednesday 11th December from 7.30am-3.00pm
- Thursday 12th December from 7.30am-3.00pm

#### **Week 10:**

- Monday 16th December from 7.30am - 3.00pm
- Tuesday 17th December from 7.30am to 3.00pm



Students (Yrs 2, 3, 4 & 5) will be allowed to issue up to 15, early chapters or senior fiction books, for reading over the summer holidays. A parent must sign a permission form for issuing over the summer holidays. These are available from the library. I will be available during the above times to help choose books and give advice on what books your child/children might like to read. **STUDENTS MUST BRING A STURDY BAG FOR LIBRARY BOOKS**

Read about Research on *the 'Summer Slide & Summer Reading* by [clicking on this link](#).

Mrs Theresa Kewish  
Tamahere School Librarian  
[tkewish@tamahere.school.nz](mailto:tkewish@tamahere.school.nz)

## Winter Sport Uniform Return

All sports uniforms need to be returned for stocktaking. Please have your child/children return their sports uniform to the children's entrance of the office in a named bag with the sports code written on the outside. Uniforms to be returned include: Football, Netball, Hockey, Basketball. Thank you to all of the coaches and managers who have assisted this year.

**PLEASE  
RETURN  
WINTER  
SPORTS  
UNIFORMS**

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# Last day of YOUR LUNCHBOX for 2024

A reminder that the final day for ordering a 'Your Lunchbox' is Tuesday 17th December.



## End of Term Sausage Sizzle - Monday 16th December

### End of Term Sausage Sizzle Reminder:

The PTA are organising an end of term sausage sizzle for the last Monday of the term, 16th December. Order forms were sent home with students today. Please ensure that the order forms and cash are returned to the class teacher before 9.00am on Thursday 12th December.



## 2025 TERM DATES:

TERM	START DATE	END DATE
Term 1	Monday 3rd February 2025	Friday 11th April 2025
Term 2	Monday 28th April 2025	Friday 27th June 2025
Term 3	Monday 14th July 2025	Friday 19th September 2025
Term 4	Monday 6th October 2025	No later than Friday 19th December 2025

## PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning

### Students of Week 7

**Kia Maia**  
*I try my best even when things are hard*

NIKAU 1	Phoebe C	TANEKAHA 12	Lola M
KAURI 2	Freddie M	MIRO 13	Maya H

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KAWAKAWA 3	Zoe R	PUKATEA 14	William T
PURIRI 5	Rylee W	KARAKA 15	Sebastian C
TITOKI 6	James M	MANUKA 16	Sienna M
RIMU 7	Fergus C	MAHOE 17	Beau C
POHUTUKAWA 8	Marley M	TAWA 19	Arlo B
TOTARA 10	Sasha J	HOROPITO 20	Pearl D
MATAI 11	Monty M	HOROEKA 21	Boston C



## Assembly News

### Sound of Music Piano Forte Awards

Miss Parker presented **Levi W** with the Soundz of Music trophy for “*Outstanding achievement in Pianoforte Under 2 Years Learning*”. Our wonderful *Soundz of Music* teacher Mrs Gill Earwaker, shared that “Levi is a conscientious, self-motivated student who has applied himself throughout the year to his learning. In 1 year of tuition in piano he has achieved outstanding results and this award is well deserved.” Congratulations Levi!

**Sienna W** was the winner of the ‘*Pianoforte Outstanding Achievement Award*’. Mrs Earwaker shared that “Sienna has a positive attitude to her learning, always applying herself to the task at hand and she has made consistent progress throughout her 2 years of tuition with excellent results. This award is well deserved.” Congratulations Sienna!



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## Musical Performance

Another of our very talented senior music students **Norah G** performed in front of the entire school, demonstrating and celebrating her musical progress.



## Tidy Kiwi Classroom Award

Starting at the beginning of Term 3, our Enviro Monitors became super sleuths in the search for the tidiest classroom each week. The criteria was neat shoes, carefully hung school bags and of course NO RUBBISH.

This week Karaka 15 were the winners and Morgan F accepted the trophy on behalf of her classmates.

Carry on the great work Enviro Team!

## Kiwi Spelling Bee Competition

The Kiwi Spelling Bee, designed by experienced New Zealand teachers, helps students improve spelling, increase their vocabularies, learn concepts, and use English correctly. But this is no ordinary spelling bee. In addition to the usual spelling, the Kiwi Spelling Bee competition included synonyms, antonyms, grammar and vocabulary! The question types included multiple choice, fill in the gaps and short answer format. This year we had a number of our Year 5-6 students take part. At Wednesday's Assembly, certificates were presented to the 6 students who achieved Merit or Distinction. Well done to everyone who took part!



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## LOST PROPERTY

With the end of term approaching, now is a great time to check that your children have all their correct uniform items. Any misplaced items may have found their way to our lost property room, which is located at the end of the deck behind the school office, so if you have items missing, please ensure you check there before the end of the term.



## 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>

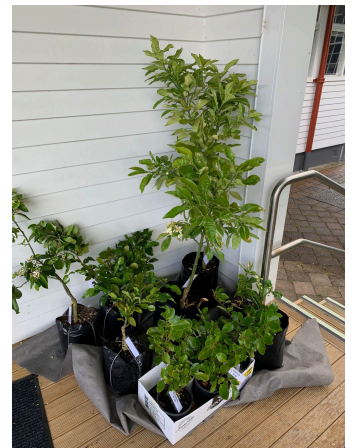


## Plants For Sale!

As previously shared, one of our school families, the Zachariades, have very kindly donated some plants for the school to sell, with all proceeds going towards TMCS. We currently have the following plants available:

- 2x Youzi Pomelo Trees - \$150.00 each
- 2x American Giant Lemon Trees - \$30.00 each
- 1x Ruby Grapefruit Trees - \$50.00
- 2x Thai Lime Kaffir plants - \$50.00 each

These plants are located at the steps at the office and will be on sale until all stock is gone.

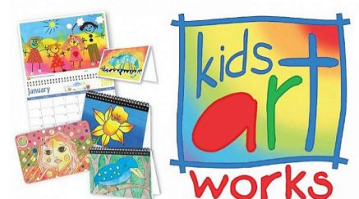


## FINAL Calendar Art Orders OPEN NOW - DON'T MISS OUT!!!

*This is a reminder that we're currently taking orders for Calendar Art. The first order has already arrived. If you missed out placing your order, we have opened up a late order link, closing on **Monday 9th December at 11.30pm**. These make unique Christmas gifts for family and friends and are perfect for posting overseas.*

*Follow these instructions to place your order online:*

- 1/. Go to [www.kidsartworks.com](http://www.kidsartworks.com)
  - 2/. Use the Entrance Code: K\*..... (add in your entrance code from your welcome letter e.g. "KZ3452")\*
  - 3/. Enter your child's room & name
- Payment can be made over the website via credit card or account2account.*



**This 2nd and final order is open until 11.30pm next Monday 9th December 2024.**

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**Summer Spectacle | Monday 13 - Friday 17 January 2025**

Monday 13 January <b>SUN SAND &amp; SURF</b> Sun, Sand & Surf	Tuesday 14 January <b>WINDSURFING FIESTA</b> Fun Fair Fiesta	Wednesday 15 January <b>SUMMER SHOWDOWN</b> Summer Showdown	Thursday 16 January <b>ISLAND ESCAPE</b> Island Escape	Friday 17 January <b>CIRCUS CELEBRATION</b> Circus Celebration
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**Fan Favourites | Monday 20 - Friday 24 January 2025**

Monday 20 January <b>EVERYTHING IS AWESOME</b> Everything is Awesome	Tuesday 21 January <b>SPINJITAI MASTERS</b> Spinjitzu Masters	Wednesday 22 January <b>PLANETARY PURSUIT</b> Planetary Pursuit	Thursday 23 January <b>MISCHIEF &amp; MAGIC</b> Mischief & Magic	Friday 24 January <b>PIXEL PLAYGROUND</b> Pixel Playground
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**Fan Favourites | Monday 28 - Friday 31 January 2025**

Tuesday 28 January <b>MARIO &amp; FRIENDS</b> Mario & Friends	Wednesday 29 January <b>POKEMON PURSUIT</b> Pokemon Pursuit	Thursday 30 January <b>SPEEDWAY 95</b> Speedway 95	Friday 31 January <b>SPEEDY SONIC</b> Speedy Sonic
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**Wed 18 December**  
**GREETINGS FROM THE GRINCH**

**Thu 19 December**  
**WACKY WORKSHOP**

**Fri 20 December**  
**CHRISTMAS CRAZE**

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# FOOTBALL CONNECT

**NORTHERN UNITED SPORTS CLUB**

17th December 12.30pm - 6pm,  
18th-20th December 8.30am - 3.30pm

**FOR GIRLS AGED: 7-15**

COST: \$20 PER DAY Rototuna Library  
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Rototuna North, Hamilton

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## UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

13th October 11am-1pm  
**Holiday workshop - Puppet making with Summer Okey**

19th October 10.30am-1.30pm  
**Creative Floristry with Nita from The Floral Shed**

3 November 10.30am-1pm  
**Watercolor painting with Susannah Salter**

17th November 11am-3pm  
**Felt Landscaping with Megan Balks**

23rd November 11am-1pm  
**Christmas decorations with Sylvia Sinel**

30th November 11am-2pm  
**Nourish your body and mind  
Yoga & Lunch treat with Elizabeth Missen**

16th February 11am-3pm  
**Silver Clay Jewellery with Marcia Colquhoun**

23rd February 11am-1pm  
**Drawing with Susan St Lawrence**

9th March 11am-2pm  
**Riveted - Aluminium sculpture with Harley Moore**

23rd March 10.30am-2.30pm  
**Botanical inks and book-making with Marion Manson**

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