

TAMAHERE

MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL

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Wiki/ Week 0 Happenings:

NAU MAI, HAERE MAI!

Welcome back everyone to Term 1 2025!

I hope you have had a very happy and rejuvenating holiday break with your whaanau and friends. To help settle everyone in, I thought a Pre-Week 1 newsletter may help us to get into the groove and thinking about what we need to prepare and do, in readiness for our actual Week 1 & 2 2025.

Firstly, if you haven't had a chance to read our **Initial Information Newsletter 2025** sent out before Christmas please [click here](#). It will tell you all you need to know about our school structure, dates, stationery ordering, donations and activity fees, etc for 2025.

An unexpected change!

Farewell Mrs Copponi! We are very sad to have said farewell to Ann Marie Copponi over the holidays. Ann Marie has been part of our school community since 2003, first as a parent, then from 2005 as a reliever and part-time teacher, and finally she became part of our full-time teaching team in 2009. So, as you can imagine, moving away from our school has been a very hard decision for Ann Marie. She is heading to Rototuna Junior High School to support the ESOL student groups with Literacy. This will mean she has only one curriculum area to focus on and no home class, freeing up a bit more time for herself to enjoy a more balanced lifestyle. This may seem a huge change, but before moving to the Waikato, Ann Marie taught part-time at Buckland Beach Intermediate in Auckland supporting ESOL students.

Thank you Ann Marie, for all you have done. Your energy and vitality, and your leadership in sport have been part of who we are for so long. You will certainly be missed! We hope your new position is all that you are hoping for.

We plan to farewell Ms Copponi at an Assembly early in Term 1, so our tamariki and community can say farewell 'kanohi ki te kanohi' /face to face. Everyone is very welcome to join us.

Welcome Mrs Renee Wright!

We have been incredibly lucky to secure an experienced teacher to take over in Matai 11. Mrs Renee Wright, will be joining our team in Pirongia. Yes, the name is familiar, Renee is the wife of our new Syndicate Leader Anthony Wright. Renee comes to us from Alfriston School in Auckland, where she taught a Year 4 and 5 class.

ORGANISATION:

Day One!

Monday 3rd February - First Day:

- Children can go directly to their classes after 8:00am and take all of their stationery with them.
- New students may head to their new class if they feel comfortable or can meet us in the office foyer to be introduced.
- Road Patrol will be operating from 8:10am - 8:28am
- Please remember your hats, togs and suncream.

11:00 am Whakatau!!

- Everyone is welcome to join us for our first assembly and Whakatau welcome.
- All new families need to wait in the TCC Foyer area to be welcomed into the hall.
- Existing whaanau are tangata whenua, and can find a seat in the TCC hall.
- All Kapa Haka Roopuu tamariki - please be ready and practice our Haka and Haere Mai welcome waiata.

Whole School Tabloid Sports on Friday 7th February:

- Your children will come home with a number and letter on their hands on Wednesday after school, to help them remember which team they will be in on Friday. (Apologies, it is in Vivid)
- All children need to come to school covered in suncream, with more to apply later in the day.
- Whaanau Shirts to be worn on this day - and can be worn every Friday of the year.
- Hats - please remember your school hats each day.
- Water bottles - are a great addition on hot days. We do have water fountains to help refill these if needed.
- This is a relaxed, fun event that is designed to bring students/aakonga from all ages of the school together, to mix and work as a team - kia kotahi, with our new Year 6's taking leadership roles.
- All supporters are very welcome - we plan to start gathering at 8:45am to avoid the heat of the day.

Year 6 Elections for Leadership Positions:

- We will be holding our leadership elections on Monday 10th February.
- All Year 6 students can step up in front of their Whaanau to share why they should be a leader in our school in 2025.

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- Please encourage your Year 6 tamariki to step up to this challenge. This needs to be in person - not a video. A short talk - it doesn't need to be a long speech.
- Whaanau shirts to be worn on this day, to support whaanau leaders, as well please.

Sporting Codes - Please don't miss out! Organising teams for the second half of the inter-school summer sports season means that registrations need to happen straight away! Please don't miss out!

Years 3-6 Touch - Registrations due Monday 3rd of February

The Junior Touch Module will be running for 6 weeks in Term 1, 2025. The games will be run on Friday afternoons at Memorial Park, Taylor St, Cambridge. The module will run for six weeks from the 14th of February until the 21st of March. Girls and boys in Year 3 - 6 can enter to play. There is a Year 3 and 4 section, and a Year 5 and 6 section. We will organise teams when all the forms have been returned. To register, please complete this [Google Form](#) by Monday the 3rd of February. Fees will be \$30 per child. The first round will start at 4 pm and half hourly thereafter. Thank you for taking the time to fill out the form, it is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions please email jmartelli@tamahere.school.nz

Years 3-6 Splash Polo - Registrations due Monday 3rd of February

Please fill in the form below to register your child for Splash Polo in Term 1. Splash Polo happens on Sundays from the 16th of February to the 6th of April. Games are between 8am and 7pm at Hillcrest Normal School. Some games may be played on Saturdays depending on the number of team entries from schools. Training sessions can be arranged for teams. Fees will be \$45 per child. To register your child, please complete this [Google Form](#) by Monday the 3rd of February. If you have any questions please email jmartelli@tamahere.school.nz

First PTA Meeting of 2025 - Tuesday 11th February:

The Tamahere Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is a friendly group of parents and teachers, who are enthusiastic about maintaining and improving an enjoyable and fun school environment for our students, and the wider school community. The primary aim is to organise fun events for the school community to enjoy, and to fundraise money for the school. The PTA meets twice a term, with the first meeting for the year being **Tuesday 11th February, at 7.00pm** in the school staffroom. We look forward to seeing anyone and everyone who would like to join us.

Meet The Teacher Evening - Thursday 13th February:

We welcome all parents and caregivers to our *Meet the Teacher Evening* in Week 2, on Thursday 13th February, from 5.15pm to 7.00pm.

We are trialling a new format this year, as we have found that parents want to meet their children's teacher properly, rather than have a presentation. We would love you to introduce yourselves, so please do pop into our classrooms with your children/tamariki, where your teachers will be looking forward to chatting and meeting with you. You may have questions to ask about routines or have

information to share that may be useful for the happiness of your child. This is an informal meet-and-greet opportunity where parents can connect with the teachers across the school.

We are looking forward to welcoming back the smiling, excited faces of all of your/our beautiful children/tamariki on Monday.

Your Lunch Box is Back for 2025

Want the hassle taken out of school lunches? Struggle to think of something new for the kids to have everyday? Well say no more, 'Your Lunch Box' is here to help! Delivering delicious and nutritious lunchboxes filled with fresh local ingredients direct to school everyday.



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And if you are an **existing subscriber**, please remember that you need to start up a new subscription again for 2025, so that your child's new classroom information is up to date, to assist with getting the lunches delivered to the correct room.

Sophie Beck

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KIDS CLUBS INFORMATION


All children at our school can get involved in our Kids Clubs activities. Please contact the providers directly if you would like to find out more or register your child. You can also find out more information on our website under Key Information>Kids Clubs.

Different activities are designed for different age groups and the timings vary, with music lessons and gymnastics available during school hours and others on offer after school hours.


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