

# TAMAHERE

## MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL

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

### Wiki/ Week 1 Happenings:

#### Happy to be back!

It is always lovely to welcome our tamariki back for a new school year. The bubbling excitement and squeals of happiness as friends catch up again, and new classes and opportunities are experienced, creates such a happy environment for us all. The enthusiastic smiling tanned faces in the playground say it all. We are so lucky to work in this environment. I hope your back-to-work experiences are as positive as ours.

The start of the year is a special time in schools, with students/aakonga and teachers/kaiako getting to know each other, the new expectations and how everything operates, plus the new dynamics within each classroom and syndicate. The children/tamariki strive to move up into their new year's roles and challenges, trying so hard to do their very best. With all these changes and effort, comes tired children heading home to you on hot afternoons. We get to see the best of your children. Thank you for all your extra support at this time of year, for having your children's stationery ready to go on day one and supporting your children through their nervous first few days. Thank you for also supporting them to be *kia maia* and take on the new challenges ahead. For your tamariki to achieve their best in the education system, we all need to be working together with the same goals and aspirations. We are so lucky in this community that this is achieved so readily.

#### Whakatau

It was very special to welcome our **34 new students, 4 new teachers** and **24 new families** to our school at the Whakatau on Monday. This was possibly our biggest ever whakatau and our Kapa Haka Roopuu who took up the challenge on our first day, produced a powerful Haka and Whakatau for our new students/aakonga and their whaanau. Our new Year 6 roopuu leaders did so well, and stepped up with confidence. Well done to: Lucas E, Isabella S, Hana K, KH & Emma J. We were so proud of our whole Kapa Haka Roopuu. Well done to you all! The *kia maia* attitude you showed was impressive.



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Our 24 new whaanau have brought a lovely richness of diversity to our school community/hapori. Within this group we have families from France, Canada, Australia, England, China, Singapore and across our beautiful nation/motu from Christchurch, Taranaki, Auckland, the Bay of Plenty and Kirikiriroa/Hamilton. We hope you all have a very happy and successful time at our school/kura.



### **Starting with a full school!**

Over the holidays we have had a number of unexpected enrolments and we have started the school with a roll of **382**. Due to the unexpected extra numbers across the school/kura just before we started this week, we have been able to re-organise our junior classes to cater for the growing numbers and better fit the students/aakonga, who will be arriving later this term and in Term 2, into our class structure. The changes we made last week have enabled us to have smaller classes across our Taupiri Syndicate / Junior School.

### **MEET THE TEACHERS EVENING - new format - Thursday 13th February**

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

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 their children's teachers across the school.

*We look forward to seeing you on Thursday evening!*

### **WHAKATAU PHOTO GALLERY:**

We had a lovely Whakatau welcome for our 34 new students/akonga and four new teachers and their whaanau on our first day of Term 1. Nau mai Haere mai! **Mr Wright, Miss Dela Rue, Mrs Wright, Miss Eddy, Luka U, Hudson Y, Sienna F, Ryan H, Aiden W, Luan M, Marcos M, Emily P, Chloe F, Oscar S, Olive B, Jasper J, Gabz H, Harry W, Lucy W, MaeMae Z, Ben M, Oasis R, Vanina B, Gemma B, Luca W, Lucy P, Hugo B, Tommy M, Isabel P, Aurora R, Joey Z, Oliver W, Orion R, Avni W, Mila B.**

Please [click here](#) to enjoy viewing our WHAKATAU PHOTO GALLERY.

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## PUMPKIN NIGHT 2025

The family fun day/night of the year is coming up soon - **PUMPKIN NIGHT!** This year it is on Saturday 5th April from 3.00-7.00pm. Pumpkin Night is a fun filled annual event for the whole Tamahere Community. It is focused on bringing the community together and providing entertainment for everyone. As a major fundraiser for TMCS, the event has lots of food and drinks to buy, along with activities for the family and wonderful live entertainment provided by the kids and local performers.

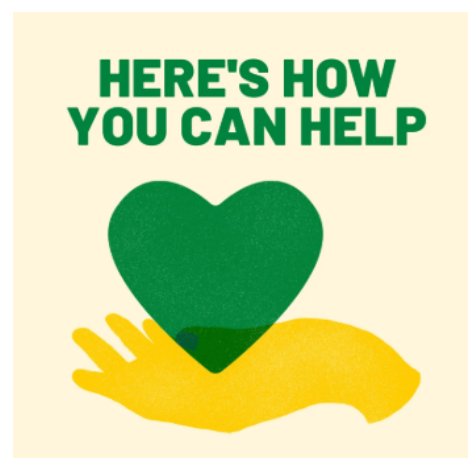
We need the help of all TMCS families, contributing in various ways - by volunteering to help run a stall for an hour, donating lollies and/or drinks, making fudge to sell and so much more. Helping on your class stall can be a great way to get to know other families in your child's class this year, the school and wider community.



There will be a central stage, a variety of fun activities for the kids to enjoy, with many food options to choose from.

Starting off next week, we are looking for donations of bags of **LOLLIES** (lollies need to be individually wrapped i.e Fruit Bursts or Minties) that can be used as prizes and also to create lollie necklaces. There will be whaanau points allocated for these donations, so the more you give, the more your families whaanau group will receive. Could lollie donations please be given to your class teacher, before or after school.

Planning for this event is already well underway, however all offers of help are gratefully received. So if you are interested in being involved, please email the PTA email address:



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[PTA@tamahere.school.nz](mailto:PTA@tamahere.school.nz) and someone from the committee will get in touch with you.

The entire event is run by a committee of TMCS parents, volunteering their time and energy to make such a fun event a success. Any offers of help prior to the event, on the day or even cleaning up at the end of the evening, would be fantastic to receive.

Thanks for your continued support!

*From the Pumpkin Night Committee*

## Upcoming Dates:

### February / Hui-tanguru

#### WEEK 2

<i>Rāpare /Thursday 13th</i>	★ MEET THE TEACHERS EVENING - 5.15pm to 7.00pm
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#### WEEK 3

<i>Rātū /Tuesday 18th</i>	★ BOT MEETING at 6.30pm
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#### WEEK 4

<i>Rāhina / Monday 24th</i>	★ PIRONGIA & MAUNGATAUTARI SWIMMING HEATS
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<i>Rātū /Tuesday 25th</i>	★ TAUPIRI SWIMMING CELEBRATION 11.00am to 12.20pm
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<i>Rāapa /Wednesday 26th</i>	★ POSTPONEMENT DAY - Pirongia & Maungatautari Swimming Heats
	★ POSSIBLE POSTPONEMENT DAY # 1- TAUPIRI SWIMMING CELEBRATION

<i>Rāpare /Thursday 27th</i>	★ SWIMMING SPORTS FINALS
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<i>Rāmere /Friday 28th</i>	★ POSTPONEMENT DAY - Swimming Sports Finals
	★ POSSIBLE POSTPONEMENT DAY # 2- TAUPIRI SWIMMING CELEBRATION

### March / Poutū-te-rangi

#### WEEK 5

<i>Rāhina / Monday 3rd</i>	★ TRYATHLON - SPLASH & DASH
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<i>Rātū /Tuesday 4th</i>	★ POSTPONEMENT DAY - Tryathlon Splash & Dash
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<i>Rāpare /Thursday 6th</i>	★ COUNTRY CLUSTER SWIMMING SPORTS - hosted by TMCS
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#### WEEK 6

<i>Rātū /Tuesday 11th</i>	★ SOUTH EAST HAMILTON COUNTRY CLUSTER TABLOIDS - 10.00am to 11.45am
	★ PTA MEETING AT 7.00pm

<i>Rāapa /Wednesday 12th</i>	★ T.B.C - CITY CLUSTER SWIMMING SPORTS - hosted by TMCS
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<i>Rāpare /Thursday 13th</i>	★ T.B.C - CITY CLUSTER SWIMMING SPORTS - hosted by TMCS
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#### WEEK 7

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Rātū /Tuesday 18th	★ WAIHI BEACH CAMP A - Year 5 & 6
Rāapa /Wednesday 19th	★ WAIHI BEACH CAMP A - Year 5 & 6
Rāpare /Thursday 20th	★ WAIHI BEACH CAMP A - Year 5 & 6
Rāmere /Friday 21st	★ WAIHI BEACH CAMP A - Year 5 & 6
<b>WEEK 8</b>	
Rāhina / Monday 24th	★ WAIHI BEACH CAMP B - Year 5 & 6
Rātū /Tuesday 25th	★ WAIHI BEACH CAMP B - Year 5 & 6
Rāapa /Wednesday 26th	★ WAIHI BEACH CAMP B - Year 5 & 6
Rāpare /Thursday 27th	★ WAIHI BEACH CAMP B - Year 5 & 6
<b>WEEK 9</b>	
Rāhina / Monday 31st	★ <b>TEACHER ONLY DAY</b>
<b>April / Paenga-whāwhā</b>	
Rāapa /Wednesday 2nd	★ <b>LEARNING CONFERENCES</b>
Rāpare /Thursday 3rd	★ <b>LEARNING CONFERENCES</b>
Rahoroi /Saturday 5th	★ <b>PUMPKIN NIGHT</b>
<b>WEEK 10</b>	
Rātū /Tuesday 8th	★ <b>BOT MEETING at 6.30pm</b>
Rāmere /Friday 11th	★ <b>LAST DAY OF TERM 1</b>

## 2025 TERM DATES:

TERM	START DATE	END DATE	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
1	Monday 3rd February	Friday 11th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teacher Only Days: Thursday 30th and Friday 31st January 2025</li> <li>Waitangi Day: Thursday 6th February</li> <li>Teacher Only Day - Mathematics MoE - Monday 31st March</li> <li>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)</li> </ul>
2	Monday 28th April	Friday 27th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kahui Ako Teacher Only Day - 30th May</li> <li>King's Birthday - Monday 2nd June</li> <li>Matariki - Friday 20th June</li> <li>Saturday 28th June to Sunday 13th July</li> </ul>

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

## REMINDER - Please return your Summer Reading Books

We still have a large number of families who have not returned the library books that they were issued at the end of last year for **SUMMER READING**. Can you please return these to the library as soon as possible.



Thank you.

*Mrs Theresa Kewish  
Librarian*

## Farewell Macius

We have been gifted a beautiful kauri tree from the Jahn family from Germany. Marcius spent 6 months with us in Karaka 15 and his English was amazing by the time he left. His parents bought a kauri tree to donate to the school as a thank-you gift for his time with us.



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## Year 5 & 6 Students - Waikato Bay of Plenty Schools XC MTB Champs

It's time again for the Waikato BOP Schools XC MTB Race for students from Year 5 - 13. If any of our Year 5 or 6 students would like to sign up to take part, please email Josh Martelli to register on [jmartelli@tamahere.school.nz](mailto:jmartelli@tamahere.school.nz),

The 2025 Champs are being held on Wednesday 12th March at the Te Miro Mountain Bike Park, Waterworks Road, Te Miro. The event is a cross-country race, predominantly on a Grade 2 track. New for this year is a team relay.

Pricing is as follows:

Individual Entry: \$25.00 per person

Relay Teams \$30.00 per team (3 riders per team)



**WAIKATO BOP SCHOOLS  
XC MTB CHAMPS 2025**  
Sponsored by Sign Logic & Alitech Window Systems

Track suitable for all abilities - Open from Year 5 - Year 13  
Enter through your school by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March  
**TEAM RELAYS ARE BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!**

**Wednesday 12 March**  
**Te Miro MTB Park**

Please email  
[temiromtbevents@gmail.com](mailto:temiromtbevents@gmail.com)  
for any queries

Food and drink available - please bring cash



For more information, please read the Event Manual on the Te Miro MTB Club website

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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. 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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**KELLY SPORTS**

**SUMMER SPORTS SPECTACULAR**  
SUMMER SPORTS IN TERM 1

Our summer sports programme focuses on developing your fundamental sporting abilities, so if your child is a budding superstar or looking to ignite a sporting passion we have something to offer, with our fun and inclusive programmes.



**INFORMATION FOR PARENTS** | **MULTI-SPORT PROGRAMME**

This term we will focus on the following sports:

- Cricket
- Football
- Ultimate Frisbee

This weekly programme gives children skills and confidence in a fun and enjoyable environment. It also encourages their enthusiasm for sport and the life skills that such involvement brings - giving them confidence to join sports clubs and teams in the future.

Programmes run weekly - once a week for one hour and are designed for Year 0-4 students (Years 5-6 are also welcome)


- Rototuna Primary School - Monday's at 3:10pm meet at the undercover court
- Hukanui School - Tuesday's at 3:10pm meet on the field
- Te Kowhai School - Wednesday's at 3:10pm meet at the court
- Tamahere School - Thursday's at 2:40pm meet at the TCC building

**\$90 FOR 6 WEEKS**

BOOK ONLINE AT [www.kellysports.co.nz/waikato](http://www.kellysports.co.nz/waikato)

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## Battle of the Schools

The team at the Grassroots Trust Velodrome is thrilled to be holding the Battle of the Schools event for 2025! If your child is interested in a fun and challenging 6-week course on a world-class velodrome, please [CLICK HERE](#) to head to the website and download the information pack for all the details.



**Battle of the Schools 2025**

**WHAT** is BOTS?  
Six weeks of training with friends on a world class velodrome  
Team Sprint Event  
Track cycling, food trucks, music and prizes  
\$100 entry cost

**WHO** can enter?  
Anyone at school aged 10+  
Both accredited and non-accredited riders welcome

**WHEN** is the event?  
Training Starts: 2<sup>nd</sup> March  
Race Day: 12<sup>th</sup> April  
Entries Close: 21<sup>st</sup> February

**HOW** to enter  
Enter your team via our website  
[www.velodrome.nz](http://www.velodrome.nz)  
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PLUS **VELOCITY** training

A photograph showing several cyclists in various colored jerseys (blue, red, black) riding on a wooden velodrome track. The background shows a large indoor arena with spectators.

## 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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Visit us at [www.yourlunchbox.co.nz](http://www.yourlunchbox.co.nz) or look us up on Facebook

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  
Owner  
ph: 027 339 9353

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**TT Kidz**  
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**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, Whitoria, Hamilton, 3200  
Start Date: Saturday, starting 15th February 2025  
Time: 10am to 11am  
Cost: \$100 (new participant) or \$60 returning participant (Already have equipment pack)

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 2025

## KIDS MUSICAL THEATRE CLASSES

In Hamilton for 9-12 year Olds

**CLASS TIMES**  
Wednesdays  
4:15 pm - 5:15 pm  
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