

# TAMAHERE

## MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL

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

### Wiki/ Week 4 Happenings:

We hosted three very special swimming sport events this week, starting with our Pirongia and Maungatautari heats on Monday, and followed by our Taupiri Syndicate Swimming Celebration for our Year 1 and 2 students on Tuesday.

Earlier today, the Pirongia and Maungatautari swimming finals were held and again, we were so lucky with the weather. We had a huge turn out of supporters across all 3 days.

We feel so proud of all our students, who displayed their *kia maia attitude* and determination, along with their skills and talents. The respect - *kia manaaki* and support for others - *kia kotahi* has been beautiful to see from our students. We are also very grateful to all of the teachers and staff who were involved in organising these events - they would not be possible without all of you.

Please see the photo galleries featured later in the newsletter of all the action on Monday and Tuesday. We will publish the results of today's finals and photos in next week's newsletter.

Good luck to the 7-10 year old students, who will be selected to go on to represent TMCS at the Country Cluster Swimming Sports. TMCS will be hosting students representing Newstead, Matangi, 7th Day Adventist and Tauwhare Schools at the Vela Pool Complex next Thursday.



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## TRYATHLON / SPLASH & DASH -Next Monday 3rd March

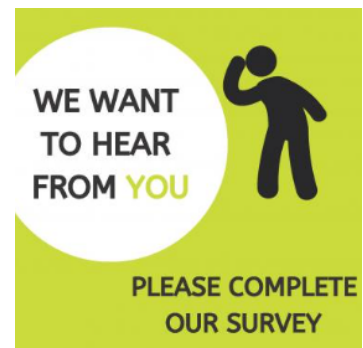
The children are all very positive and enthusiastic about next Monday. Our confident 'Can-Do' Tamahere kids know they are all winners and we are right behind them!

Parents, caregivers & whaanau are invited to come and encourage our tamariki. Please stay in the designated spectator areas for the safety of all children. We hope you enjoy this fun event and watch with pride, as your children celebrate their successes. You will find more detailed information about what to bring, where to go and timings, later in this newsletter to make the day go smoothly.

We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday.

### MEET THE TEACHER EVENING - we want your feedback:

Thank you to the school families who have already given their feedback on the new format Meet The Teacher Evening. It's not too late to have your say. Your feedback is very important to us. If you have not yet completed the survey, please complete our short *Meet The Teacher Review Survey* [by clicking here](#).



### TAMAHERE MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

Our main midterm elections are coming up later this year in September!! There will be 4 places available for re-election or new members to join and help our Board to continue making a positive difference in our children's education.

If you would like to find out more information on what becoming a board member involves - please contact us at [reception@tamahere.school.nz](mailto:reception@tamahere.school.nz) and we will pass on your query to the Board.



### TERM 1 LEARNING CONFERENCES COMING UP IN WEEK 9:

For all students, our Learning Conferences will be in Week 9, on **Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd April**. The booking link will be provided to families closer to this date. Please be aware that our teaching day will end at the usual time of 2.30pm on both days, with After School Care operating as normal. The school bus will also leave at the usual time.



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## IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP:

To give you plenty of notice of upcoming disruptions to our regular timetable, here are some dates you may want to put into your calendar.

### **Monday 31st March: TEACHER ONLY DAY:**

In line with the Ministry of Education specified Teacher Only Days, we will be holding our Mathematics Teacher Only Day, on Monday 31st March.



### **Tuesday 8th April: FIRST AID EARLY**

**CLOSURE:** To enable all of our staff to complete their First Aid Refresher course, on Tuesday the 8th of April we will be reducing the time for lunch and **closing earlier at 2.00pm**. ASC will start at 2.00pm on this day. The school bus will leave at the usual time.

### **Friday 30th May: Term 2 TEACHER ONLY DAY**

*A reminder about our Hillcrest Kahui Ako Teacher-only day being held on 30th May for all schools in our area including the Middle Schools and Hillcrest High School.*

## **PARENT FUNDRAISING BALL**

YES! It's a ball year, hooray! This popular biennial, adult only event is always a highlight. The Ball Team is starting to get planning underway. As usual we will be looking for sponsorship and will have more details in upcoming newsletters.



## **PHOTO GALLERY: Pirongia & Maungatautari Swimming Sport Heats & Taupiri Swimming Celebrations**

Please [click here to view](#) our photo gallery from **MONDAY'S SWIMMING HEATS**.

And [click here to view](#) our **TAUPIRI SWIMMING CELEBRATION** images.



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**PUMPKIN NIGHT**  
**Saturday 5th April from 3.00-7.00pm**

**Sponsored by**  
***Russell and Angela Thomas Real Estate***

Pumpkin Night is a much-loved annual event that brings the Tamahere Community together for an evening that's focused on **FUN, laughter and connection**. While we do raise funds, the focus is on creating a fantastic night for everyone to enjoy. There will be **food and drinks to purchase, entertainment and plenty of fun activities** for the whole family.



To make this event a success, we ask all families to get involved—**whether it's volunteering on the night, helping run a stall, donating treats, or baking some goodies to sell**. Your support makes a huge difference, and it's also a wonderful way to meet other families in our community.

THIS WEEK WE ARE COLLECTING...



**CHOCOLATE BARS:** Small bars of chocolate (NO NUTS PLEASE).



**CLOTHING:** Good quality label secondhand clothing and accessories. This must all be washed and ready to sell. These can be both ADULT and KIDS clothes.



**WAX WRAPPED LOLLIES:** Please can we have the wax - wrapped lollies delivered to school. A reminder that donated lollies must be wrapped in wax paper, e.g., Fruit Bursts, Minties or McIntosh's Toffees.

**Please bring all items to your classroom, so you can be awarded Whaanau points.**

**THANKS SO MUCH EVERYONE FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

**PUMPKIN STAGE TALENT SHOW:**

Pumpkin Night is coming up fast and we will have a stage available for students who would like to do a pre-prepared performance. If your child would like to perform on stage, a musical item, dance, trick, etc and they haven't brought home the permission slip for you to complete, please ask them to go to the children's entrance at the office to collect the form. **Forms must be returned before 9.00am on Friday 27th March.**



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## Upcoming Dates:

March / Poutū-te-rangi	
<b>WEEK 5</b>	
<i>Rāhina / Monday 3rd</i>	★ TRYATHLON - SPLASH & DASH
<i>Rātū /Tuesday 4th</i>	★ POSTPONEMENT DAY - Tryathlon Splash & Dash
<i>Rāpare /Thursday 6th</i>	★ COUNTRY CLUSTER SWIMMING SPORTS - hosted by TMCS
<b>WEEK 6</b>	
<i>Rātū /Tuesday 11th</i>	★ SOUTH EAST HAMILTON COUNTRY CLUSTER TABLOIDS - 10.00am to 11.45am ★ PTA MEETING AT 7.00pm
<i>Rāpare /Thursday 13th</i>	★ CITY CLUSTER SWIMMING SPORTS - hosted by TMCS
<b>WEEK 7</b>	
<i>Rātū /Tuesday 18th</i>	★ MAUNGATAUTARI WAIHI BEACH CAMP A - Karaka 15, Miro 13 and Manuka 16 Y5 Boys and Y6 Girls.
<i>Rāapa /Wednesday 19th</i>	
<i>Rāpare /Thursday 20th</i>	
<i>Rāmere /Friday 21st</i>	
<b>WEEK 8</b>	
<i>Rāhina / Monday 24th</i>	★ MAUNGATAUTARI WAIHI BEACH CAMP B - Pukatea 14, Mahoe 17, and Manuka 16 Y6 Boys and Y5 Girls.
<i>Rātū /Tuesday 25th</i>	
<i>Rāapa /Wednesday 26th</i>	
<i>Rāpare /Thursday 27th</i>	
<b>WEEK 9</b>	
<i>Rāhina / Monday 31st</i>	★ TEACHER ONLY DAY - Ministry Day, Mathematics and Statistics.
April / Paenga-whāwhā	
<i>Rāapa /Wednesday 2nd</i>	★ LEARNING CONFERENCES
<i>Rāpare /Thursday 3rd</i>	★ LEARNING CONFERENCES
<i>Rahoroi /Saturday 5th</i>	★ PUMPKIN NIGHT sponsored by Russell and Angela Thomas Real Estate
<b>WEEK 10</b>	
<i>Rātū /Tuesday 8th</i>	★ SCHOOL DAY ENDS AT 2.00PM
<i>Rāapa /Wednesday 9th</i>	★ BOT MEETING at 6.30pm
<i>Rāmere /Friday 11th</i>	★ LAST DAY OF TERM 1

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# TRY-ATHLON

## Next Monday 3rd March

We hope you can come along and enjoy supporting your children in this fun event next Monday, with our postponement day planned for the following day, if needed.

Each syndicate will be competing during a different block of the school day. Please see the outline below, to get a better idea of the plan for the day.

A reminder that it is a great idea to have something distinctive on your bikes, for easy identification mid race.

Once we are underway, we ask all spectators not helping out as marshalls, to remain in the designated areas, for the safety of everyone.

### **CHILDREN WILL NEED:**

Whaanau shirt, running shoes, togs and towel, swimming cap, bike and helmet. Please make sure all belongings are named. Please also ensure your child has plenty of food and water. If you do not have these items, please see your class teacher and they will help to organise the appropriate gear for your child. Sunblock will be available, however students will be asked to wear sunblock to school and to reapply during the day.

### **WHERE DO I TAKE MY BIKES & HELMETS ON MONDAY MORNING?**

Bikes and helmets are to be placed in the following designated areas on the Monday morning.

**MAUNGATAUTARI (Yr 5 & 6)** = on the reserve

**PIRONGIA (YR 3 & 4)** = on the tennis courts

**TAUPIRI (Yr 1 & 2)** = a separate notice for the 'Splash and Dash' can be found below

NB: Every Pirongia and Maungatautari competitor **MUST BE WEARING SHOES!**

All cyclists **MUST WEAR A HELMET.**

### **OUTLINE OF THE DAY & RACES:**

Please note that all times are approximate.

8.45am - Welcome

9.00am - Races begin with Maungatautari (Yr 5 & 6)

- Year 6 Girls individual
- Year 6 Boys individual
- Year 5 Girls individual
- Year 5 Boys individual

10.00am - Morning tea (flexible timing - when finished)

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10.15am - Races continue with Pirongia (Yr 3 & 4)

- Year 4 Girls individual
- Year 4 Boys individual
- Year 3 Girls individual
- Year 3 Boys individual

**ARE YOU AVAILABLE TO HELP MARSHALL STUDENTS:**

We are seeking parents' support to marshall students on the course. If you are able to support with the Maungatautari and Pirongia Tryathlons, could you please email Josh

[jmartelli@tamahere.school.nz](mailto:jmartelli@tamahere.school.nz)

If you have any questions please email Josh Martelli [jmartelli@tamahere.school.nz](mailto:jmartelli@tamahere.school.nz)

## Taupiri 'Splash & Dash'

We are hoping to start the Taupiri Syndicates Splash & Dash at 11.30am, following the completion of the Maungatautari/Pirongia Syndicates Tryathlon, which takes place before our event.



The order is:

- ★ Year 2 Girls
- ★ Year 2 Boys
- ★ Year 1 Girls
- ★ Year 1 Boys

The children are all very positive and enthusiastic. They will all complete two disciplines i.e. run/swim/run as individuals. Our confident 'Can-Do' Tamahere kids know they are all winners and we are right behind them! Like the Weetbix Try-athlon, we will not be having official placings. We will instead be celebrating all entrants for their accomplishments. Placings can come later in Middle and Senior School when children are well-practised and where they will be participating in a Triathlon (run/bike/swim).

**CHILDREN WILL NEED:**

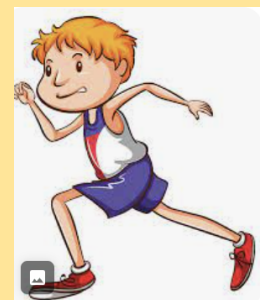
All children will need shoes suitable for running and their swimming gear. This includes a towel, swimming hat, rash vest and goggles, if desired. Their gear is to all be named and put in a bag, please. Children can come to school in their togs with

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their Tamahere uniform over top. Remember to bring a drink bottle and to apply sunblock in the morning.

**WHERE IS THE SPLASH & DASH COURSE:**

The event will start with a run on the back field. Children will run in their swimsuits with sneakers for the first part of the event. They will then remove their sneakers at a designated area outside the pool and have a go at the short swim in the Pumpkin pool. They will finish the ‘Dash and Splash’ with a run to the finish line.



Parents are invited to come and encourage our tamariki. We look forward to seeing you next Monday. Please stay in designated spectator areas for the safety of all children and to help them become independent. We hope you enjoy this fun event and watch with pride as your children celebrate their successes.

Thank you for your continued support.

*The Taupiri Team Teachers*

**PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning**

**STUDENTS OF WEEK 3**

Kia Maia - I am enthusiastic, curious, and ask questions

NIKAU 1	Phoebe C	TANEKAHA 12	Sienna W
KAURI 2	Sophie E	MIRO 13	Chilli M
KAWAKAWA 3	Knox H	PUKATEA 14	Etain B S
RIMU 7	Austin C-S	KARAKA 15	Ishaan V
POHUTUKAWA 8	Mia L	MANUKA 16	Karma H
RATA 9	Nicky A	MAHOE 17	Lauren C
TOTARA 10	Arlo B	TAWA 19	Niam E
MATAI 11	Riley H	HOROPITO 20	Jiana P

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## Celebrating Student Sporting Success

**Van W** performs at a high level in Go Kart Racing. Last weekend, he won 1st place in Cadet Class (7-10 year olds) at the Hamilton Club Track.

He is preparing for the New Zealand Grand Prix, which is happening this weekend at the Hamilton track. Racing is on Saturday and Sunday, with all of New Zealand's best drivers and is open to the public to come out and watch.

Good luck to Van!!!



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## Skool Loop App

A promotional graphic for the Skool Loop app. It features a smartphone displaying the app's interface with various icons like 'Welcome to the Skool Loop App', 'Notices', 'Absence', 'Forward Point', 'Calendar', 'Permission', 'Bookings', 'Contacts', and 'Newsletter'. The background is decorated with autumn leaves in shades of red, orange, and yellow. A dark grey box contains text about downloading the app, and a QR code is provided for easy access.

**Seasonal Updates, Anytime**

**With our Skool Loop app!**  
Download today to keep up to date with school information. Notices, newsletters, absentee notifications and much more.

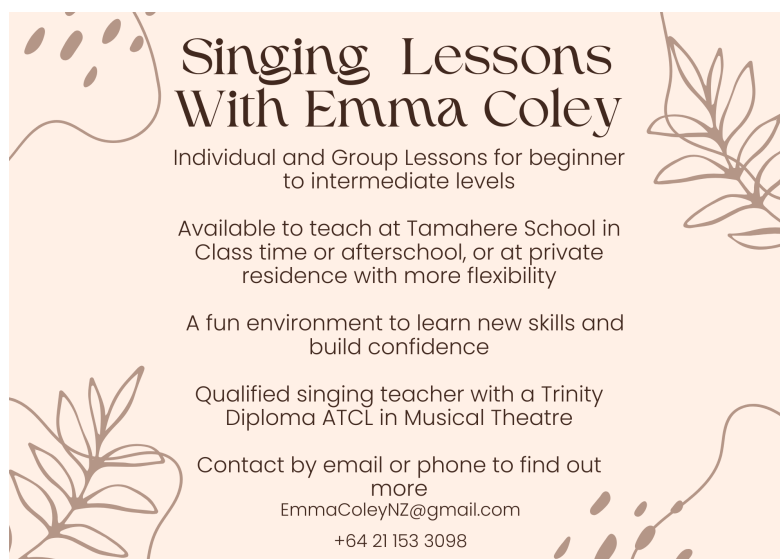
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Download on the App Store

SKOOL LOOP

## KIDS CLUBS INFORMATION

Children at our school can get involved in our after school Kids Clubs activities. Please contact the providers directly if you would like to find out more or register your child. **We are excited to announce that we have a new singing tutor, Emma Coley.** Please see her contact details below, along with those of our other Kids Clubs.

A flyer for singing lessons with Emma Coley. The background is a light beige color with decorative line art of leaves and a profile of a person's head. The text is centered and provides details about the lessons, including their availability and contact information.

**Singing Lessons With Emma Coley**

Individual and Group Lessons for beginner to intermediate levels

Available to teach at Tamahere School in Class time or afterschool, or at private residence with more flexibility

A fun environment to learn new skills and build confidence

Qualified singing teacher with a Trinity Diploma ATCL in Musical Theatre

Contact by email or phone to find out more  
EmmaColeyNZ@gmail.com  
+64 21 153 3098

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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.



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**WHERE** Tamahere Hall    **TIME** Mon 12:30-1:15pm    **WHEN** 10th Feb - 31st March

Keen to know more? Email or Call [marie@gymschool.nz](mailto:marie@gymschool.nz) or 021 1705 426  
book online at [www.gymschool.nz](http://www.gymschool.nz)

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**Chris Gale**  
[chris-gale-m@gmail.com](mailto:chris-gale-m@gmail.com) 021 044 2854

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Sam Trenwith - 021845888



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Individual lessons at school  
Beginner to advanced, all styles of genre

Tutor: Gill Earwaker ATCL, AIRMTNZ

Info & enquiries Ph: Gill 027 570 4281  
Email: [soundzofmusiccta@gmail.com](mailto:soundzofmusiccta@gmail.com)

**2025 JUNIOR RUGBY SEASON:**

For all children interested in playing Rugby this year, including Rippa Rugby, please contact your local rugby club to register.

It is always more fun playing in an environment where you know others around you, so if you are not already aligned to a club, we suggest that you go with Hautapu Club, as this is the closest club to our school.



Below are the links to the registration pages for several clubs:

**HAUTAPU JUNIOR RUGBY REGISTRATIONS:**

Hautapu Sports is proud to be offering junior rugby again this year. Registrations are now open for the 2025 season. To register with Hautapu Junior Rugby is a two step process in 2025.

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1. Create a profile and register under Hautapu Sports on Rugby Xplorer. This is a NZ Rugby requirement. Instruction on how to do this are here - [Rugby Xplorer user guide 2025](#)
2. Register with Hautapu Sports and pay your account using Friendly Manager - The Hautapu Sports online club management system. [Junior rugby registrations - Hautapu Sports Club](#)

### LEAMINGTON JUNIOR RUGBY REGISTRATIONS:

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/leamingtonrsc/Junior-Sports-Registrations/junior-rugby-player-registration>

### OHAUPO JUNIOR RUGBY REGISTRATIONS:

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/ohauporugbysports/Junior-Rugby/registration>

If you have any questions about this please email [jmartelli@tamahere.school.nz](mailto:jmartelli@tamahere.school.nz)

*Josh Martelli*

## Furniture Restoration Workshop in Tamahere - Saturday 29th March

Brought to you by the Waikato District Council Waste Minimisation Fund, and in partnership with [The ReCreators!](#)

### What to expect

The day starts with a 45-minute talk and demonstration of repair techniques, including:

- Learn how to repair breaks, cracks, splits, and bora.
- The 4 stages of wooden furniture restoration: Strip/ Sand/ Stain/ Seal.
- A walk through all the repair tools and products.

Following this there is 4 hours of repair cafe time where the participants repair their furniture with the help of our specialist. Please bring a piece of furniture from home with you to restore.

**Location:** St Stephen's Church, 14 Tamahere Drive, Tamahere

**Date:** 29 March 2025, 11:00 am - 04:00 pm



Furniture Restoration and Repair  
Community Day in Tamahere

SATURDAY 29 MARCH 11AM - 4PM  
ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH, 14 TAMAHERE DRIVE, TAMAHERE



FREE COMMUNITY EVENT!

Have you got beloved furniture with a crack, a loose joint, or a piece suffering from borer or splits? Bring it back to life with our restoration specialist. Our day includes an engaging presentation about restoring loved furniture, then there is time to repair your piece of furniture under the eye of our expert!

BOOK: [THERECREATORS.CO.NZ/PAGES/WAIKATO-WORKSHOPS](https://www.therecreators.co.nz/pages/waikato-workshops)

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Come and get your creaky or cracked furniture repaired under the guidance of a furniture restoration specialist at our community repair-cafe style event! No more squeaky chairs!

The aim is to promote sustainability, reduce waste, and upskill participants in furniture restoration techniques.

This event offers a practical solution for upcycling old furniture that would otherwise end up in landfills, while simultaneously fostering a sense of community and environmental responsibility.

Tickets are \$5 each - Places are limited so book your place so you don't miss out! [GET YOUR TICKETS HERE!](#)

## Te Miro Twister - Sunday 30th March

It's time for the Te Miro Twister on 30 March 2025! There are several distances to choose from starting at 2.5km for little ones right to 42km for serious racers. There are amazing spot prizes.

To enter follow [this link](#):

For more information, please download the [events manual](#)

## Te Miro Twister XC Mountain Bike Race 30th March 2025



**Choose from the below races:**

**2.5km Suitable for Littlies or Beginners**

**(2 or 4 Laps will finish after 45 minutes)**

**7km, 14km, 21km or 42kms (Approximately)**

**E-Bike Classes Available in 21 and 42kms**

**Plenty of Awesome Spot Prizes**

**Sausage Sizzle and Drinks for Sale**

**No Eftpos Available Please Bring Cash**

For more information and course maps go to:

[temiromtbclub.co.nz](http://temiromtbclub.co.nz)

Any queries email: [temiromtbevents@gmail.com](mailto:temiromtbevents@gmail.com)

Registration now open, enter on the following link:

<https://my.raceresult.com/325980/>



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