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MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL

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

Wiki/ Week 6 Happenings:

Yesterday we hosted the **City Cluster Swimming Sports**, welcoming teams from 7 other schools, Newstead, Matangi, Marian, Knighton, Tauwhare, Hillcrest and Silverdale. It was wonderful seeing so many whaanau supporting and cheering on all the competitors! Results will be posted for the 26 TMCS students who represented our school, as well as some photos, in next week's newsletter. Thank you to all of the parents who helped on the day and to Mr Mitchell for organising this event, and Mr. Martelli for supporting him.

HAPPY CAMPING MAUNGATAUTARI SYNDICATE!

Next week, the first of our Year 5 & 6 students will be heading off for a 4 day Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) experience at Waihi Beach Camp, followed by the second camp the following week. We hope you all have a wonderful time. Thank you to all the parents who are giving up their time to be part of this great experience, and to those who sadly missed out. We look forward to being able to share exciting photos and updates with you in the following weeks.



SEH COUNTRY CLUSTER JUNIOR TABLOIDS 2025









We had a wonderful day on Tuesday, hosting the Country Cluster Schools for our annual tabloids. However, this year, it was tabloids with a difference. We changed the event to include more student agency, less structure, and greater opportunities to get to know others in our neighbourhood.

Six Year 2s led the welcome beautifully with their pepeha, and the syndicate sang a song of welcome. Six Year 2 students introduced the activities that were on offer for our visitors.



Lastly we finished with a picnic and lemonade ice block.

Everyone shared a special day - we look forward to seeing our new friends again next year.















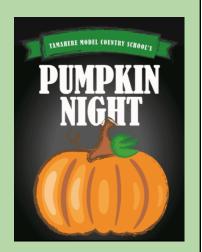




PUMPKIN NIGHT 2025

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Saturday 5th April from 3.00-7.00pm
Sponsored by
Russell and Angela Thomas Real Estate





This year, we have been incredibly fortunate to have our pony rides sponsored by the wonderful Newstead Vets. Their generosity has made it possible for our tamariki to experience this special activity, and we are so grateful for their support.

PUMPKIN NIGHT - WEEK 6 TO-DO LIST:

This week, we are focusing on collecting:

- ✓ Good-quality secondhand clothing & accessories Washed and ready to sell. (Both adult and kids' clothing accepted.)
- ✓ Books Children's and adult books in great condition.
- ✓ Large chocolate bars (50g size) For our famous Chocolate Toss stall!
- ✓ Drinks 500ml bottles or standard-sized cans of fizzy drinks, water, and juice drinks (low or zero sugar options welcome).
- **Drop-off points:** Bring donations to your child's classroom so whaanau points can be added to your child's whaanau group.

PUMPKIN NIGHT STALL SIGN-UP:

Each class will be running a stall at Pumpkin Night, and we need volunteers to help for just one hour. A sign-up sheet has been sent home and will also be outside your child's classroom—please add your name!

Grandparents, relatives, and older siblings are also welcome to help! We love seeing ex-pupils return to be part of the fun.

How to sign up:

- Email the PTA (or ask at the office for contact details)
- Write your name on the sign-up sheets outside classrooms
- Chat to a PTA committee member—we're happy to help!

STALLS	CLASSROOM NUMBER
Lollies in a Jar	Nikau 1
Burgers and Sausage Sizzle	Nikau 1
Inflatable Obstacle	Kauri 2
Bouncy Castle	Pukatea 14
Candyfloss	Kawakawa 3, Totara 10
Pumpkin Balloon Pop	Rimu 7
Ring Toss	Rimu 7
Cupcakes	Pohutukawa 8
Sweet Stall - Fudge and Lolly Necklaces	Pohutukawa 8
Popcorn	Tawa 19

Cold Drinks, Icecreams	Tawa 19
Exercise Competition	Miro 13
Ticket Booth	Miro 13
Gumboot Throw	Matai 11
Nerf Gun Challenge	Matai 11
Chocolate Toss	Tanekaha 12
Recycle Boutique	Karaka 15
Temporary Tattoos and Crazy Hair	Rata 9
Face Painting	Mahoe 17
Pizza	Manuka 16
Splat the Teacher	Manuka 16
Pony Rides	Horopito 20
Ticket Booth A	Student Teachers and Parents

PUMPKIN STAGE TALENT SHOW:

If you want to take part in the wonderful activity of a stage performance we want to hear from you. Registration forms are available at the office, need to go home, be signed by a parent and returned to the office. Dances, magic shows, rock bands or anything entertaining (and suitable) are welcome. Normans Transport are providing their big Gold truck as the stage once again and we are thankful for their support - literally! Please note entries will be closing on the 28th of March.



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. Our school is NOT closing early and regular pick-up times will stay the same on both days. The bus will be running as normal, as will After School Care. However, if you would like to take your child home after their conference, please sign them out at the school office.



Thank you for your support in helping to make this day run smoothly.

On Wednesday 2nd April, our Parent-Teacher Learning Conferences will begin at **1.15 pm for our Pirongia and Maungatautari Syndicates**. Our Junior, Taupiri Syndicate Learning Conferences will start from 3.00pm. While our first few Year 3-6 learning Conferences take place, school will continue as usual for students who are not attending their conference, with changes to the afternoon programme to cater for the larger groups of students. Our Year 1-2 students will continue as usual in their classrooms. Our Learning Conferences (Parent Teacher Interviews) on Thursday 3rd April will run from 3.00pm until 5.34pm.

This year **all of our learning conferences will include the children** who are at the centre of the conversations, to increase your child's ownership and understanding of their learning and the goals they are setting for their improvement. It is important that all three points of the learners support triangle are linked into the same conversations - Student - Teacher - Parent. We are allowing **12 minutes** per conversation to allow a bit more time for everyone. If parents have a delicate issue to share with your teacher, maybe your child can pop out early or you can catch up at another time with your teacher.

One Conference per child: So that each child can celebrate their learning journey with the ones they love and get all caregivers on the same page with the support required, we ask that all parents join together for this occasion to support your child and enable teachers to have the time needed for all conferences. There are not enough spaces for our split family parents to have an appointment each. We appreciate your support in this matter.

HOW TO BOOK YOUR INTERVIEW:

Bookings for our upcoming Learning Conferences to be held on Wednesday 2nd & Thursday 3rd April are now open. Bookings operate on a first in first served basis. Please book your Learning Conference times by clicking on the link provided below or the QR code:



Student Centered Learning Conference BOOKING LINK

Book the time that you require with your child's teacher. If you do not have access to the internet or if you require any assistance with your booking, please contact Lisa or Angela at the school office on 856 9238 or reception@tamahere.school.nz.

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:

We will be using one of our two designated Teacher Only Days, given to us by the Government, to get all teachers up to speed with the new curriculum and mathematics resources, 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**, to enable teachers to complete the 4½ hour training, straight after school. 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.

Upcoming Dates:

March / Poutū-te-rangi				
WEEK 7				
Rātū /Tuesday 18th				
Rāapa /Wednesday 19th	★ MAUNGATAUTARI WAIHI BEACH CAMP A - Karaka 15,			
Rāpare /Thursday 20th	Miro 13 and Manuka 16 Yr 5 Boys and Yr 6 Girls.			
Rāmere /Friday 21st				
	WEEK 8			
Rāhina / Monday 24th				
Rātū / Tuesday 25th	★ MAUNGATAUTARI WAIHI BEACH CAMP B - Pukatea 14,			
Rāapa / Wednesday 26th	Mahoe 17, and Manuka 16 Yr 6 Boys and Yr 5 Girls.			
Rāpare / Thursday 27th				
Rātapu / Sunday 30th	★ PTA MEET & GREET at 2.00pm punnet eatery			
	WEEK 9			
Rāhina / Monday 31st	★ TEACHER ONLY DAY Ministry Day - Mathematics and Statistics.			
	April / Paenga-whāwhā			
Rāapa /Wednesday 2nd	★ LEARNING CONFERENCES			
Rāpare /Thursday 3rd	★ LEARNING CONFERENCES			
Rahoroi /Saturday 5th	★ PUMPKIN NIGHT - sponsored by Russell and Angela			
Kullulul / Saturday Sul	Thomas Real Estate			
WEEK 10				
Rātū /Tuesday 8th	★ SCHOOL DAY ENDS AT 2.00PM			

Rāapa /Wednesday 9th	★ BOT MEETING at 6.30pm
Rāmere /Friday 11th	★ LAST DAY OF TERM 1

PTA News

The Tamahere Parent Teacher Association held their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 11th March. The meeting was well attended and we would like to congratulate the following parents who were elected onto the executive:

- Sarah Elliott will continue on as chair.
- Joanna Smith will take up the position of vice chair.
- Fiona Julian comes into the role of treasurer.





The PTA are feeling energized for another full year of community building, interspersed with fundraising opportunities. We continue to encourage new parents to bring forward new ideas and initiatives. Please get in touch with pta@tamahere.school.nz if you would like more information on the secretary position, or if you would like to view any of the minutes or reports presented on Tuesday.

Meet and Greet Event

The PTA, in conjunction with Punnet Eatery, are excited to bring you the first community event for 2025. MARK YOUR CALENDARS for a relaxed afternoon catch up with some other school families on **Sunday 30th March from 2.00pm**. Whether you are new to the school, or new to the area, we would love to see you! While this event has been designed for new families, anyone who would like to make some new connections is welcome. More details to follow...



REMINDER: TMCS FOOTBALL REGISTRATIONS CLOSE TODAY at 2.30PM!!!!!!

As shared in last week's newsletter, we are offering First Kicks for our youngest footballers

who are just starting out and we are also entering social teams into all grades, if there are enough players to make the teams. We will offer as many teams as we have coaches and managers for. We completely understand that our competitive players may opt for the more structured club environment. It is for each family and child to make their own decisions as to what is the best place for each player.



The TMCS 2025 football season runs from Saturday 3rd May through to Saturday 23rd August 2025.

To register your child/ren to play football for TMCS, please fill in the form below before 2.30pm TODAY.

If you want to play for Tamahere Model Country School please <u>click on this link</u> to register. If you have any questions, please email Maria Oates (TIC football) moates@tamahere.school.nz







Calling for all keen Year 1 and 2 Netballers Any level and stage

Would you like to come and learn some fundamental netball skills?

Last year we had a wonderful group of parents, who offered their Friday afternoons to facilitate and teach netball skills. These parents provided their time and skills, to teach our Year 1 and 2 students about the basic skills of netball.

This year, we would like to offer the same format. Forms will go home with students who are interested in joining the netball skills session, this week. If you are interested, please return your form to Miss Monica Redman in Tawa 19 by the end of Week 9. If a form did not make its way home, please collect one from the school office.

Please note, this skills session unfortunately will not go ahead unless we do have a parent(s) to coach it. At this stage we have tentatively booked the courts by the pool on Fridays from 2.30-3.30pm (however, this day is flexible) for whoever wants to take on the training element. I do know Friday afternoons worked well for this age group last year. We have also booked the Tamahere Community Centre (TCC) should it be wet.

Year 3-6 Netballers!

A reminder that the netball season is fast approaching and it is time for us to start registering our netball players. The season begins on Saturday 10th of May.

We require **all players** to fill in **two registration forms** this year.



Please ensure that both forms are completed so we have all the information we need to place players into the appropriate teams. The links can be found below.

If you are keen to either manage or coach one of our netball teams, please indicate this on the Tamahere School google registration form below. We appreciate all the help we can get!

Registration is due on Thursday 27th of March.

- 1. Tamahere Model Country School Registration Form
- 2. Cambridge Netball Registration Form

I will be sending out more information about the rules, once registration has closed and teams have been organised. If you have any questions about the registration process please email me at cvisser@tamahere.school.nz. You can also check out the information page on the Cambridge Netball website: https://www.cambridgenetball.co.nz/

2025 HOCKEY REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

As shared earlier today, Friday night & Saturday hockey registrations are now open for the 2025 winter hockey season.



RAINBOW & MINI COMPETITION:

This is played on Saturday morning at the Gallagher Hockey Centre in Hamilton (Hamilton Lake) or at St Paul's Collegiate. This competition is competitive and is available for children in Years 0-6. The season starts on the 3rd of May and ends on August 30th (no play on 31st May, 21st June, 5th and 12th July). The cost is \$75 per player for Years 3-6 and \$65 per player for Years 0-2.

Please complete this form by **Wednesday 26th of March** to register your child for this competition.

FRIDAY NIGHT CAMBRIDGE MINI:

This is played at St Peter's Cambridge on Friday nights and is intended as a fun and less competitive competition. The season starts on 9th of May and concludes on 29th August. No play dates include 30th May, 20th June, 4th July and 11th July. Players can be Years 3-6 only. The cost is \$55 per player.

Please complete <u>this form</u> by **Wednesday 26th of March** to register your child for this competition.

Josh Martelli

<u>jmartelli@tamahere.school.nz</u>

YEAR 3-6 BASKETBALL

Next week, we will be sending home information for our Year 3-6 students who are interested in signing up to play Basketball in Terms 2 & 3. Keep an eye on your inbox.



PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning

STUDENTS OF WEEK 5 Kia Kotahi - I am reliable and trustworthy				
NIKAU 1	Millie G	TANEKAHA 12	Lewis M	
KAURI 2	Hayley C	MIRO 13	Mia H	
KAWAKAWA 3	Liam H	PUKATEA 14	Thea B	
RIMU 7	Sloane S	KARAKA 15 Donay Z		
POHUTUKAWA 8	Mila J	MANUKA 16	Hannah D	
RATA 9	Ava H	МАНОЕ 17	Claudia F	
TOTARA 10	Liam H	TAWA 19	Jack H	
MATAI 11	Gemma B	HOROPITO 20	Olive B	







COUNTRY CLUSTER SWIMMING SPORTS:

As promised in last week's Newsletter, here are the results from last Thursday's Country Cluster Swimming Sports. Well done to all swimmers that represented TMCS!

FREESTYLE:

7-Year-Old Boys Freestyle		7-Year-Old Girls Freestyle	
3rd	Lewis M	2nd	Zara B
		3rd	Harriet B
		4th	Matilda C

8-Year-Old Boys Freestyle		8-Year-Old Girls Freestyle	
1st	Thomas C	1st	Hayley C
4th =	Leo A	2nd	Lucie H
		4th	Charlotte H

9 Year Old Boys Freestyle		9 Year Old Girls Freestyle	
1st	Charlie T	1st	Tori A
3rd	Sam C	4th	Molly v

10 Year Old Boys Freestyle		:	10 Year Old Girls Freestyle
1st	Dylan H	1st	Bridgette C
3rd	Benji v	2nd	Emily M
		3rd	Gabz H

BACKSTROKE:

7-Year-Old Boys Backstroke		7-Year-Old Girls Backstroke	
2nd	Lewis M	1st	Genevieve M
3rd	Arthur v	2nd	Vivian Z
4th	Oliver L	3rd	Leah S
		4th	Chelsea E-S

8-Year-Old Boys Backstroke		8-Year-Old Girls Backstroke	
1st	Thomas C	1st	Hayley C
		2nd	Riley H
		3rd	Lucie H
		4th	Madison F

9-Year-Old Boys Backstroke		9-Year-Old Girls Backstroke	
1st	Charlie T	2nd	Tori A
2nd	Benjamin M	3rd	Molly v
3rd	Sam C		

10 Year Old Boys Backstroke		10 Year Old Girls Backstroke	
1st	Dylan H	1st	Bridgette C

3rd	Elijah D	2nd	Emily M
4th	Beau C	3rd	Chilli M

BREASTSTROKE:

7-Year-Old Boys Breaststroke		7-Year-Old Girls Breaststroke	
3rd	Arthur v	1st	Emily R
4th	Lewis M	3rd	Leah S
		4th	Abigail P

8-Year-Old Boys Breaststroke		8-Year-Old Girls Breaststroke	
1st	Thomas C	1st	Hayley C
		2nd	Riley H
		3rd	Madison F

9 Year Old Boys Breaststroke		9 Year Old Girls Breaststroke	
1st	George D	1st	Emma J
4th	Sam C	2nd =	Jamie J
		4th	Molly v

10 Year Old Boys Breaststroke		10 Year Old Girls Breaststroke	
1st	Dylan H	1st	Greta C
4th	Benji v	4th	Bridgette C

MEDLEY:

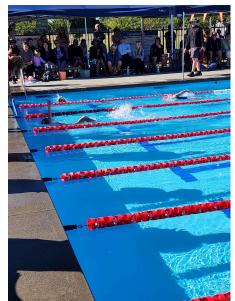
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9 Year Old Boys Medley		9 Year Old Girls Medley	
1st	Charlie T	1st	Tori A
4th	Benjamin M	3rd	Molly v
		4th	Ayla H

10 Year Old Boys Medley		10 Year Old Girls Medley	
1st	Dylan H	1st	Bridgette C
3rd	Beau C		
4th	Benji v		







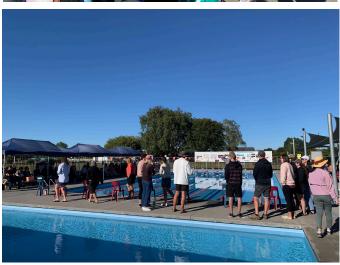




Together As One! Confident Can Do Kids! Honour Be Your Guide.





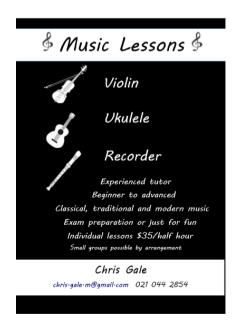


KIDS CLUBS INFORMATION

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.









Hamilton Sarapu Cup

A fun, social chess tournament just for kids aged 4 to 18 inclusive. Open to all kids from complete beginners to experienced players. Lots of great prizes!

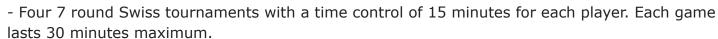
DATE: Sunday 16th March 2025

TIME: 01:00 PM - 05:30 PM

VENUE: Berkley Normal Middle School, Performing Arts Centre

COST: \$33 per entry, if prepaid

FORMAT: Pawns, Knights, Bishops and Rooks Divisions



- The Pawns Division is for players who are new to Chess and are still taking their first steps.
- The **Knights Division** is for players who have gained some confidence in Chess, perhaps played in a number of tournaments but aren't established players yet.
- The **Bishops Division** is for players who are confident in Chess, are established players but are still working on their consistency.
- The Rooks Division is designed for established players that are confident and have experience.



If your child has never attended a Sarapu Cup before and would like to come and have a look (and maybe play a game with those who have finished a round), please email the Arbiter Jerry Hsiao chess@swift-horse.co.nz who is also the Chess Coach at Hillcrest High School, Berkley Normal Middle School, Silverdale Normal School, and Knighton Normal School.

READ MORE REGISTER NOW

See how to enter an individual event tutorial.

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. Winter rugby registrations close at the end of March.

<u>Years 0-2:</u> Rippa Rugby is played on a Friday night at Hautapu Sports with one game a month taking place at Leamington. All games are played on a Friday night with training before the game. All shirts are provided.

<u>Years 3-6:</u> Tackle rugby is played at this age with games being played at 10am on a Saturday. We enter into the Waikato Wide competition and travel to Morrinsville, Matamata, Hinuera, Putururu and Tokoroa for our games. Jerseys are provided. To register with Hautapu Junior Rugby is a two step process in 2025.

- 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. <u>Junior rugby registrations Hautapu Sports Club</u>



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

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



Furniture Restoration Workshop in Tamahere - Saturday 29th March

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!**

Brought to you by the Waikato District Council Waste Minimisation Fund, and in partnership with <u>The ReCreators!</u>

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

e: Saturday 29 March 2025, 11:00am - 04:00pm