

TAMAHERE

MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL

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Wiki/ Week 8 Happenings:

Maungatautari Camp

What fantastic experiences our Year 5 & 6 students/aakonga have been involved in over the last two weeks. We have had two four day camps at Waihi Beach and the Karangahake Gorge, with the syndicate split into two groups of 70 so we could fit into the facilities available. This area is rich in gold mining history and present day gold mining technology.



This is a significant outdoor education opportunity that we are able to provide our students that sadly, many schools no longer offer. The growth in student confidence, ability to manage themselves and develop new relationships is an important part of camp.

At this camp aakonga participated in a range of exciting challenges, worked closely together as a team, and had plenty of fun making memories in the great outdoors. Highlights included taking part in Beach Education, where they learnt important water safety skills, an adventurous outdoor hike that tested their resilience, and a refreshing river swim that brought lots of smiles and laughter. We are so proud of the way they represented our school, showing courage (kia maaia), team work (kia kotahi), and respect (kia manaaki) throughout their time away.

We sincerely thank the great group of parents who generously gave up their time from work and family to support our aakonga. Being a camp parent is a full-on experience and we brought tired parents home, as well as tired tamariki and teachers/kiako — we

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certainly couldn't have done it without you.

A heartfelt thank you also goes to our amazing teachers for the time, care, and energy they put into planning and managing the camps. Their efforts helped create a safe, fun, and truly memorable experience for everyone.

Camp is a chance to grow, connect, and shine. We're so proud of everyone involved.

IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR NEXT WEEK:

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.



Wednesday 2nd April & Thursday 3rd April - LEARNING CONFERENCES

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 to all those families who have already booked your Learning Conferences - so far we have 315 learning conferences booked. It would be great if we can achieve 100% communication and support for every child at these learning conferences. The information on how to book is repeated further down, in this newsletter. Thank you for your support.



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PTA MEET & GREET - in conjunction with Punnet Eatery and Russell and Angela Thomas of Thomas Estates

Friday 28 March is the last day to buy tickets - don't miss out!!!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for a relaxed afternoon catch up with some other school families. Whether you are new to the school, or new to the area, we would love to see you!

While this event has been designed primarily with new families in mind, everyone is welcome. The PTA have generously covered the food for this event and Punnet are supplying the venue. The \$5 ticket price for adults will give you \$5 towards your first drink at Punnet. Children's tickets are free and will include an icecream, kindly donated by Thomas Estates.

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We have trialled a new format this year to make it as achievable for families with children to attend and feel welcome in the community - we look forward to seeing you there!

Please use this link to purchase tickets [Click here](#)

**2:00 - 4.00pm, Sunday 30th March
Punnet Eatery - 337 Newell Road, Tamahere**

HAVE YOU BOOKED YOUR LEARNING CONFERENCE YET?

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.

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 3.00 pm until 5.34 pm.

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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.

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 4 ½ 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.



Biggest Pumpkin Trophy - Thank you Mr Wickens!

Today, we had the absolute pleasure of recognising one of our valued staff members – someone who consistently goes above and beyond behind the scenes to make Pumpkin Night a big success. Whether it's running the ever-popular “Dunk the Teacher,” building stages, shifting hay bales, or hauling pumpkins (and that's just the start of the list!) His generosity with his time and energy never goes unnoticed. To show our appreciation, we presented Mr. Wickens today with a very special trophy that will be awarded to the family or person who grows the biggest pumpkin. This small token is to acknowledge the big impact Mr Wickens has on our school community. Thank you for everything you do, Mr. Wickens – we are so lucky to have you!



PUMPKIN NIGHT 2025 - Saturday 5th April 3.00pm to 7.00pm

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Saturday 5th April from 3.00-7.00 pm

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Pumpkin Night – The Night of the Year Is Almost Here!

Only **one week to go** until our much-loved **Pumpkin Night**, and the excitement is building fast! A huge thank you to all the amazing families who have already signed up to help on the class stalls – we couldn't do it without you. Your time and energy are what make this event so special.

If you haven't had a chance to pop your name down yet, it's not too late! Check the sign-up sheets on your child's classroom door/window or send their teacher a quick email.

 **Incentive alert!** The **first class** to fill in all the spaces on their helper sheet will win a prize – so don't wait, get in quick!

To the incredible organising team leading Pumpkin Night – thank you! This night is a true highlight of the year for our tamariki and one they eagerly look forward to.

It simply wouldn't happen without the wonderful support from you – our parents, staff, and wider community.


We are very grateful for all the **offers to help** and the **donations** of lollies, chocolate, books, drinks, and clothing – we are so appreciative.

We desperately need more!

 **Children's books**

 **Soft toys** (clean and unmarked – ideal for stall prizes!)

 **Large chocolate bars** (50g)

 **Cans of drinks** (fizzy, juice, or water – low/zero sugar welcome)

Other Helpful Donations

 **Good quality, clean clothing** (teen & adult sizes)

 **Nerf guns (named and handed to the office)** These can be collected at the end of the night or will be returned the following Monday.

Please bring them to your classroom and the helpers will collect them and give out Whaanau points to those who bring items.

THANKS SO MUCH, EVERYONE!

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Important Reminders

- **Pumpkin Competition Entries:** Bring to the big shed on the back field by **10:00 am Saturday** (before Pumpkin Night). Judging will take place soon after.
- **Stall Reps:** Please be at school by **2:00 pm Saturday** to set up. Everything you need will be ready, and instruction sheets will be sent out this week.
- **Baking Donations:** If you're making **fudge, brownies, coconut ice, or cupcakes** please drop them at the **school office on the morning of Friday, 4th April**.

Thank you



Thank you to the wonderful Maple Construction team for donating the hay bales for this year's Pumpkin Night. We will be selling these hay bales for \$10/bale email pta@tamahere.school.nz to order/reserve bales. Available for pickup from April 7.

We need YOU!!!!

Could you please help with the following:

1. Saturday night pack down 7.00 - 9.00 pm
2. Sunday morning clean up crew from 10.00 am

If you and your family can help, please email: pta@tamahere.school.nz

Thank you so much!

The Pumpkin Night Committee

PUMPKIN NIGHT COMPETITIONS



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ENTRIES ARE TO BE DROPPED OFF INSIDE GATE 10 BY 9AM SAT, 5 APRIL.
PLACE YOUR ENTRY IN THE AREA FOR YOUR SYNDICATE - THERE WILL BE SIGNS.

- 1. Biggest Pumpkin** - The big measure for all those children who have been cultivating and watering all summer. The "biggest" is based on circumference. This year the inaugural trophy will be awarded to the winning entry, to be presented at assembly after Pumpkin Night.
- 2. Pumpkins on Parade** - Any pumpkin creation, either carved or decorated with embellishments, e.g., Lego, toys, hair, etc.
- 3. Pumpkins and Pals** - Pumpkins and/or other vegetable friends, carved or decorated as you wish. You may use any other veggies you like, e.g., potatoes, carrots, radishes, etc.
- 4. Gumboot Decoration** - Get creative and decorate an old gumboot.
- 5. Jack-o-Lantern** - Carve your most amazing, jolly, or scary jack-o-lantern for us to light up on pumpkin night.
- 6. Family Scarecrow** - One for the whole family to do together. Let your creativity run rampant! Feel free to add props to your creation (not too large please).

There will be a one-off special award given for the following pumpkins which will be chosen from across all the above categories:

- **Pumpkin Bumpkin** - Cutest Little Pumpkin
- **Scariest Squash** - Most Spooky Pumpkin
- **Jovial Jack** - Funniest Pumpkin
- **Pick of the Patch** - Most Creative Pumpkin



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Exciting Sponsorship Opportunities for 2025

We are so proud to be part of such a supportive community, and in 2025, we're offering new ways for local businesses and whaanau to get involved through our updated sponsorship packages.

Our levels of sponsorship are: Platinum, Gold, and Silver. Each level comes with its own special benefits and opportunities to connect with and support our school community. Your logo will also be placed on our lovely new school banner and advertising opportunities in our school newsletter.



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If you or someone you know is interested in partnering with us as a sponsor, we'd love to hear from you! Please email the sponsorship team at sponsorship@tamahere.school.nz

Upcoming Dates:

March / Poutū-te-rangi

WEEK 8

Rātapu / Sunday 30th



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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 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**

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Donations / Tax Rebate:

Just a reminder, that if you wish to make a tax claim on your school donation for the 2024/25 Tax Year, it needs to be paid before Monday 31st March 2025. If you require a receipt, please email accounts@tamahere.school.nz.

On another note, we welcome our school families to make contact, if you would like to set up an ongoing automatic payment towards school fees and expenses. Please call Lisa Boyd to discuss on 07 856 9238 or you can email accounts@tamahere.school.nz.

Thank you.



Waihi Beach Camp A:



Camp Recount

Stomp! Stomp! We marched through the wet rainy trail. My feet are as tired as a marathon runner. Soon we came across a boggy cave with a stream of water in it. The cave echoed loudly. Twenty painful minutes passed by. Finally we reached the crystal clear stream. Splish! Splash!

By George D

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Oceania Gold Education Centre

After what felt like an eternity of waiting for morning tea to end, we were finally filed into the fascinating Oceania Gold building. We were greeted by Phill who showed us to a room with high vis vests and hard hats. After a few hours of critical learning, we were taken into a breathtakingly interesting room of challenges. As we entered, we were given a random card and then gold and silver was placed on our hands. After another briefing we were split into random groups and in our groups we completed simulations of mining. Everyone won a little chocolate. But unfortunately me and a few others couldn't eat the chocolate because we have allergies. Then I politely asked Phil if he had anything else other than chocolate...he replied YES. Do you want a rock? I said YES! He came out with a magnificent core sample glimmering with gold and silver flecks, shimmering in the light. I said thank you in awe of my privilege and left the centre much more educated than I had entered.

Benjamin M



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PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning

STUDENTS OF WEEK 7
I try my best even when things are hard.

NIKAU 1	Oliver T	TANEKAHA 12	Malachi L
KAURI 2	Luka B	MIRO 13	James L
KAWAKAWA 3	Marley M	PUKATEA 14	Ben M
RIMU 7	Elisabeth d	KARAKA 15	Anaya S
POHUTUKAWA 8	Finn G	MANUKA 16	Freddie M
RATA 9	Evie H	MAHOE 17	Teacher Absent
TOTARA 10	Zoey S	TAWA 19	Aisea T
MATAI 11	Brinley P	HOROPITO 20	Oscar S

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Year 1 & 2 NETBALLERS



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 are offering the same format on Friday afternoons. **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.**

We have booked the courts by the pool on Fridays from 2.30-3.30pm. We have also booked the Tamahere Community Centre (TCC) should it be wet.

2025 TERM DATES:

TERM	START DATE	END DATE	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
1	Monday 3rd February	Friday 11th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● TEACHER ONLY DAY - Mathematics MoE - Monday 31st March ● 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)
2	Monday 28th April	Friday 27th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kahui Ako TEACHER ONLY DAY - Friday 30th May ● King's Birthday - Monday 2nd June

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Matariki - Friday 20th June ● Saturday 28th June to Sunday 13th July
3	Monday 14th July	Friday 19th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Saturday 20th September to Sunday 5th October
4	Monday 6th October	No later than Friday 19th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Labour Day – Monday 27th October

News from the Library

Jessica Townsend the author of *Nevermoor* will be at the New Zealand Writers Festival in Auckland in May. Tickets are on sale now. [Click here](#) for more information



Free Family Circus Sessions on Saturdays

Black Sheep Circus Entertainment have been running [Circus in the Centre](#) and there are only a few weekends left to join in the fun. These are relaxed, drop-in sessions and are a great way for families to spend a Saturday, move, and try something new—whether it’s hula hooping, juggling, or spinning plates! Some people stay for five minutes, others two hours! Whatever works with families schedules.

Remaining Dates:

CIRCUS IN THE CENTRE

January 25th - April 5th

Most Saturdays
12pm - 2:30pm

Have a go at circus in Garden Place!

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- Saturday 29th March
- Saturday 5th April

Time: 12:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Where: Lawn section, Garden Place, Hamilton

Cambridge Cycling Festival - Anzac Day 2025



AWESOME KIDS' RACING! **BICYCLE REVOLUTION Presents** **BIG AIR TRICKS**

CAMBRIDGE Cycling FESTIVAL

— ANZAC DAY, APRIL 25TH, 2025 —

FROM 11:30AM, VICTORIA ST, CAMBRIDGE

ENTER ONLINE TODAY!

ITTY BITTY BIKE DASH!
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BOUNCY CASTLES FACE PAINTING
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SPOT PRIZES GALORE!

ANZAC DAY, FRIDAY 25TH APRIL

Term 2 After School Sports Programme - KELLY SPORTS

The Kelly Sports multi-sport programme is an introduction to sports in a safe and fun environment. We learn through play and the programme is designed to foster a love of physical activity while building fundamental movement skills that can be transferred to many sports. It helps children to grow in confidence, encourages social skills like teamwork and allows them to progress at their own pace.

If your child wants to:

- burn some energy
- find out more about different sports
- make new friends
- try something new with no pressure to perform
- build on the skills they already have

.....then our multi-sport programme is for you.



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AWESOME AUTUMN SPORTS

As the weather starts to get colder the games are heating up. Our Autumn Sports Programmes are designed to introduce your child to some new skills that will serve them well as they chase their sporting goals. If your child is yet to find a sport that captures their attention, we offer a variety of sports, giving them a taste of what's available to them.

BOOK ONLINE AT
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Click [here](#) to book or find out more.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

There are only 2 weeks till the April School Holidays start. Families can find information about a number of **School Holiday Programmes** that are running these holidays. Please check out the options on our [Community Notices](#).



April Sarapu Cup Hamilton coming soon - Register today!

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, 6th April 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 - Four 7 round Swiss tournaments with a time control of 15 minutes for each player. Each game lasts 30 minutes maximum.

- 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](#)

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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.




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COMMUNITY NEWS



!!LOCAL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME!!

Paul from Wai Piihi Fitness including the kids running group and old friend Ali from Namaste Yoga NZ have booked out the Tamahere Community Centre for the school holidays 8:30am-3:30pm. With time for skill development in an array of sports, kids yoga, mindfulness skills, chill with lego, drawing and plenty of PLAY. with the TCC as our base we have loads of space no matter the weather but will also be outside using the park, playground and fitness areas.

For 7 to 11yr olds \$50 per day

For more info pauljohnson@waipiiki.com or txt on 021 08 949 818



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Boys & girls ages 5 - 13
All abilities welcome
Overall sport skill development
Team building
Rippa and Touch

TIME:
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START TIME 9AM
FINISH 2:30PM
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