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

Wiki/ Week 10 Happenings:

What an AMAZING Pumpkin Night!!!

We really want to thank everyone who was involved in making our 2025 Pumpkin Night such a fun and successful Tamahere Community event!

First up, a massive thank you to the 2025 Pumpkin Night organising team who made it all possible, working tirelessly behind the scenes to make it such a memorable night, not only for our tamariki but our entire school community to enjoy! We are so grateful to Joey Smith, Sarah Elliott, Fi Julian, Tessa Hargreaves, Leanne Somerville Smith, Natalie Toohey, Louise Mercer, Rebecca Toon, Kelly Martyn, Freddy



Davison, Heather Wilson, Mr Wickens and Mr Ball. We also acknowledge all the Pumpkin Night & PTA Reps who organised stalls, along with our wonderful teaching staff and student teachers who oversaw their smooth running on Saturday night!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of this very special school event, whether you donated books, quality clothing, lent us your nerf guns, donated lollies, baked yummy cupcakes, threaded lolly necklaces, helped set up on Saturday morning, were involved in the Saturday evening pack down crew, or just turned up on the night......THANK YOU!!!!!!!!



This fundraising event was a great success, and we are pleased to announce that the proceeds will be allocated to the beautification of the area where Kowhai 4 once stood. We appreciate your generous support in making this possible. The amount raised will be shared next term, when all the expenses have been paid. Further information and results can be found further down the Newsletter.

Haere Ra Kowhai Four!

Today we farewelled Kowhai 4 at a special whole school gathering, where we shared the history of our second eldest building on site and blessed it with a karakia led by Mr Stephenson and then sang karakia/waiata - He Honore. Kowhai Four has been a staffroom and has provided a safe environment for hundreds of classes, catering for thousands of students/aakonga for more than 60 years. We thanked Kowhai Four for its service and are looking forward to creating a beautiful outdoor space under our taonga raakau - our magnificent Golden Elm, Karaka and Golden Totara trees. As explained above, the PTA fundraising from Pumpkin Night will help to transform this space into a beautiful environment for everyone to enjoy.













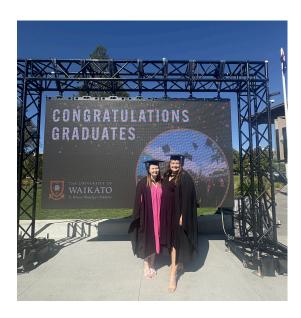




Please be aware that our **gates will be locked during Week 1 of the holidays** to keep the site safe and we ask that all children stay away from the area.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!!!

On Thursday our two wonderful beginning teachers, Miss Emily Dela Rue and Miss Lateisha Eddy both graduated from Waikato University. Emily graduated with a Post Graduate Diploma in Teaching and Lateisha graduated from her 3 year Bachelor of Teaching Degree. Congratulations to you both!!!!



TMCS VACANCIES

We are currently advertising for an After School Care TEAM LEADER, Teacher Aide and After School Care TEAM MEMBERS. If you know of someone who may be interested in applying for one of these roles, please get them to check out the details on our <u>school website</u>, under the Vacancy section.



SAFETY ALERT:

Just to let you know that a homeless gentleman, who sometimes sleeps in his car off Wiremu Tamihana Drive, has interacted negatively with staff at Lil' Pumpkins and we just want you to be aware of this, if your children play/bike unsupervised in that area.



Tamahere Country Club: Cycling Safety Message

There have been reports of our students cycling very fast through the village and along the bund area to get to school. Please everyone be careful and slow down if you are visiting grandparents in the area, because elderly people may not be able to react quickly enough to avoid cyclists. Nobody apart from those visiting residents should be biking through the village at any time. Thank you.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Once again we apologise for the disruption to learning and the impact on your busy lives, with the shorter day on Tuesday afternoon. This was to allow our staff to refresh their First Aid certificates, as per pictures below. Thank you.





TERM 1 VISION TICKET WINNING WHAANAU:

Congratulations to KAKAPO - winners of the Term 1 Whaanau Vision challenge.

Yesterday all our Kakapo Whaanau members were allowed to wear their own clothes to school and they were rewarded with a hot chippie treat at lunchtime.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!!!

What an activity-filled, successful learning, and enjoyable term we have had. Our students have worked hard and are ready for a break. We wish all our families/whaanau a wonderful two-week break, and hope you all get to enjoy some sun and relaxation. Whether you are staying close to home, enjoying the beautiful outdoors or venturing further afield - keep safe and be happy together.



START OF TERM 2 & WHAKATAU WELCOME:

We look forward to seeing you all refreshed and ready for another term on Monday 28th April, when we will be welcoming new students and their whaanau to our school. Everyone is warmly invited to come along to our Whakatau to welcome our new enrolments and their whaanau to our school in a special assembly. This will be held at 11.00am on Monday 28th April in the Tamahere Community Centre (TCC).

PUMPKIN NIGHT

Please enjoy this rundown on what happened - in case you missed this special night and all our prize winners are shared below.

Message from the Organising Committee.....

Last Saturday, our wonderful community gathered to celebrate our much-anticipated Pumpkin Night. The morning air was crisp and filled with excitement as the busy setup unfolded. The Pumpkin Pals exhibit showcased carefully designed pumpkins and their pals' characters that brought smiles to everyone's faces. Nearby, the scarecrows stood guard, adding a nice touch to the vibrant atmosphere.

The highlight of the morning was the Pumpkins on Parade, where pumpkins were dressed with fancy lights, their glow adding a magical ambiance. Not to be outdone, the giant pumpkins, grown for months by our devoted gardening families, were ready for their big reveal and measurement. The judges carefully judged the Pumpkin Pals, the largest and most impressive pumpkins, and the scariest of scarecrows, while children

eagerly searched for their colouring in a competition that was on display and designed by our very own Miss Redman.

As the day progressed, the stage was alive with activity. Our wonderful Kelly and Freddy and their dedicated helpers worked busily to set up for the evening's performances. By 10 o'clock, the air was filled with music as musicians rehearsed, giving the workers a preview of the night's entertainment. The anticipation built throughout the day, reaching its peak by 3:00 PM when Pumpkin Night officially began.

The Tamahere Model Country School kapa haka roopuu performed, their talent and energy setting the tone for the evening. The school grounds turned into a hive of activity and excitement as people purchased their "pumpkin dollars" and turned to the stalls that were offering everything from chocolate toss to Nerf wars, and from face painting to crazy hairstyles. The variety of food stalls did not disappoint, featuring treats like fairy floss, lolly necklaces, and scrumptious home baking. For dinner, the scrumptious gourmet chicken burgers, Dino nuggets and sausage sizzle were a mouth-watering addition for everyone's hungry bellies.

For those feeling lucky, the gumboot throw offered a chance to win prizes, adding to the evening's excitement. Children and families enjoyed the bouncy castles, the inflatable slide, the obstacle course and the pony rides. As the evening progressed, the community were entertained by our talented Tamahere Model Country School performers, including stunning singers, musicians, bands and dancers, showcasing the incredible talent of our wonderful school.

The night concluded with everyone pitching in to help pack up, a true testament to the community spirit. Pumpkin Night was a memorable celebration that beautifully showcased the connectedness and support of our families and the local community.

Thank you to our wonderful community for making the night so fantastic ...

The Pumpkin Night Committee

Please click here to view our 2025 PUMPKIN NIGHT PHOTO GALLERY.



The Pumpkin Pals competition winners and the colouring-in competition winners were announced at this morning's assembly. There were many competitions throughout the afternoon and the winners are listed below.

CATEGORY	TAUPIRI	PIRONGIA	MAUNGATAUTARI
Pumpkins on Parade	1 st - Reuben S 2 nd - Emily P 3 rd - Brooke S Highly Commended - Danni P	1 st - Oskar N 2 nd = Lucca T = Elise F 3 rd - Julia D Highly Commended - = Phoebe C = Luka B = Isla A	1 st - Vida U 2 nd = Abbie T = Logan R 3 rd = Vanina & Mila B Highly Commended - Ben M
Pumpkins and Pals Jack-o-Lantern	1 st - Zeek F 2 nd - Mia L 3 rd - Penny U Highly Commended - William C	1st - Amelia & Elisabeth d 2nd - Oskar N 3rd = Gemma B = Chloe S Highly Commended - Christopher D 1st = Isla A = Rhylan E	1st - Riley D 2nd = Emma J = Jamie J 3rd - Eric A Highly Commended - Archie A 1st = Michael Mc = Archie A
GUMBOOT Decorating	Scarborough Family 3 rd - Pippa Y Highly Commended - Oliver M	2 nd = Zen K = Oskar N 3 rd - Fraser M Highly Commended = Ralph W = Gemma B 1 st - Oskar N 2 nd - Kalena J	1 st - Ben M 2 nd - Rocklynn J
Competition Family Scarecrow Competition	1 st - Ava H 2 nd = Lyra N = Pearl D 3 rd - Lucia H	Z - Kuleliu J	Z - NOCKIGIIII J

	Highly Commended - Ian C				
Pumpkin Bumpkin (Cutest Pumpkin)	Amelia & Elisabeth D - "Spikey's Den"				
Scariest Squash	= Rhylan E				
(Most Spooky Pumpkin)	= Niam E				
Jovial Jack (Funniest Pumpkin)	Ava H - "Headless Scarecrow"				
Pick of the Patch (Most Creative Pumpkin)	Isa A - "Find your star sign"				
Planking	1 st - Max 20:02 minutes				
	2 nd - Gabe M 15:05 minutes				
	3 ^{rd -} Kathryn M 6:17 minutes				
	4 th - Sarah E 4:17 minutes				
Push-Ups	1 st - Zac S 115 push-ups				
	2 nd - Paul J 94 push-ups				
	3 rd Wilson 55 push-ups				
Headstand	1 st - Lee Jay T 8:02 seconds				
	2 nd - Chloe A Y 5:27 seconds				
	3 ^{rd -} Amelia J 5:02 seconds				
Gumboot Throw	Primary - Anru S				
	Intermediate - Max M				
	Adult - Oscar W				
Colouring	lst	2nd	3rd		
Competition	Kojalava a O	O there C	Laws D		
4 Years Old 5 Years Old	Krishna 0	Quinn S	Lena P		
6 Years Old	Pippa Y Matheson B	Lucy H Charlotte N	Harry H Opal R		
7 Years Old	Gemma B	Willow T	Brooke S		
8 Years Old	Riley H	Elise F	Charlotte H		
9 Years Old	Abbie T	Maddie C	Ania G		
10/11 Years Old	Ryan 0	Sophie G	Elin H		
Biggest Pumpkin	1st - Lucca & A	2.44m			
(circumference)	2 nd - Nicky A		2.08m		
	3 ^{rd -} Robbie S 1.98m				
	Highly Commended - Strachan, Bicknell & Gethen Families 1.94 m				



Thank you to our Sponsors

An event of this magnitude could not happen without the help and support of an enormous number of people and organisations. In addition to our wonderful school staff and parents, we would like to give particular acknowledgement to the businesses and supporters:

- Angela and Russell Thomas, Thomas Estates Gold Sponsor
- Shaun Elliott on behalf of Inghams Chicken donated the chicken patties and Dino nuggets and ran the burger stall
- Newstead Vets sponsorship of pony rides
- Active Games and Amusements donated the use of the bouncy castle and inflatable slide for use on the night and provided staff support for the night
- *Cocker Family* donated hay for the Nerf war and the stage area we were then able to sell this hay with all monies going to the school.
- Norman's Trucks provided the truck for the stage
- *Direct from the market* donated vegetables for the burgers
- Ohaupo Lions donation from hot chips and hotdog sales
- Black Dog provided the bar leaners
- St Peter's School, Cambridge provided the chairs
- Tamahere Play Centre for donating the play equipment for the under 4 year olds
- Li'l Pumpkins for judging our colouring in competition
- Paul Johnson from Wai Piiki Fitness provided the exercise equipment
- Red Lid Bins provided the red lid bins for the night.
- Ninja Valley prize vouchers.

Without the generous support from our amazing **PUMPKIN NIGHT SPONSORS & CONTRIBUTORS**, we couldn't have achieved such a special night for our school community.

Please make sure you support these local businesses, who so generously got behind our school.

THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING SPONSORS



























Save the Date

The 2025 TMCS Ball is happening on Saturday, 16th August — A night of elegance, fundraising, and celebration! Book your babysitters now and stay tuned for more details.



IMPORTANT DATES Coming up in Term 2:

Friday 30th May: 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.

PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning

STUDENTS OF WEEK 9 -					
NIKAU 1	Hudson W	TANEKAHA 12	Lewis M		
KAURI 2	Heidi H	MIRO 13	Hunter H		
KAWAKAWA 3	Charlie B	PUKATEA 14	Benji v		
RIMU 7	Millie T	KARAKA 15	Yasser A		
POHUTUKAW A 8	Pippa Y	MANUKA 16	Meeli M		
RATA 9	Nathan S	MAHOE 17	Sehaj S		
TOTARA 10	Масу В	TAWA 19	Opal R		
MATAI 11	Teacher Absent	HOROPITO 20	Sienna F		

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







The Finals of the 2025 Term 1 Splash Polo competition were held on Sunday, wrapping up a fantastic season of learning and fun for our players. It was awesome to see such competitive games and great skills across the board.

Congratulations to all teams for a great season. In the Open - Division 1 the final placings for our teams were:

2nd – Tamahere Tuna 4th – Tamahere Tohora 10th – Tamahere Makos

And the MVP Boy for the entire competition was awarded to Benji v.

In the Junior Division (Y3/4) the Tamahere Stingrays were placed 3rd.

Tamahere Tuna

We had an amazing term with Tamahere Tuna. We only lost two games!!! Unfortunately, one was the final. We finished 2nd overall. In our team we had Thomas C, Lucas E, Benji and Molly v, Tori A, Ava T, Angus T (who broke his arm). And me, Flynn H.

We played every Sunday in Term 1. And had training before school on Fridays. Sarah Elliott, our coach made us do backstroke for some reason???

In the semi final we had to beat the Tamahere Tohora. It was such a tough game. They were beating us in the first half but we finished strong. The final score was 7-10.

In the final we played the Hillcrest Wizards, who were a really good team. We had played them 2 times before, we won one game and lost one game. But in the final they were too good. They won 9-4. We had lots of shots at the goal but not many went in.

Thanks to all the supporters who watched the final and our mascot Lucas P. Even though it didn't go to plan we still had a good game. Thanks to our amazing coach Sarah Elliott and manager Alice Van Der Heyden. I can't wait to play in term 4!

By Flynn H

Battle of the Schools Cycling

This Sunday, 13th April, the annual BOTS cycling challenge is taking place at the Velodrome from 10.00am - 3.30pm. Tamahere has 3 teams entered in this competition, and they have been training hard for 6 weeks to become accredited track riders. They will be aiming to see how fast they can complete their 3 lap team sprint and would love your support. Gold coin donation, U14 free.



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



PYJAMA DAY - Friday 9th May



Clothe our Kids – Waikato's mission is to provide needy Waikato children with good quality second-hand clothing. By filling this need, they can help ensure these children are clothed and warm, while helping reduce the financial pressure on their parents.

To support Clothe our Kids – Waikato and the children and families in our community, on Friday 9th May our children can wear their pyjamas to school and if they have any pyjamas, dressing gowns or other items of clothing they no longer need that are in good used condition, please bring these to donate to this cause, or cash donations are also welcome. A great chance to clear out the cupboards!

There will be bags for the donations in each classroom on the day, or if you have any bulk lots you wish to donate, these can be dropped off at the office or Titoki 6 any day that week.

If you want to know more about how you can help, please visit the website www.clotheourkidswaikato.co.nz

Tamahere Lions Best Artisan Easter Market - Saturday 12th April

Come see us at the Easter Market this Saturday. We have Easter Egg hunts, Easter Colouring competitions, plus our amazing stall holders attending:

- ★ over 30 indoor and outdoor stalls selling all types of craft, gift, food, coffee, art, wood turning, jewellery and so much more
- ★ Scavenger Easter Egg Hunt with prizes
- ★ Stall Holder Raffle with Prizes
- ★ Unicorn horse rides

And sooo much more, buy unique, support small businesses and local communities

As always we will be collecting good quality toys/clothes for Kids In Need Waikato, Old spectacles for the Fred Hollow Vision appeal, Wine bottle tops and Can tabs for KidsCan Please check out our Facebook page for more information. Make a morning of it and come along and see us from 9am till 1pm tomorrow. See you there.



News from your local Waikato District Councillors - April 2029

Have your say on the Council's Long Term Plan that sets the rates for the next two years and establishes a new model for managing our water services.

Consultation on the Waikato District Council's proposed Long Term Plan opens on Friday 11 April and runs to 11 May. Drop-in sessions will be run for those interested to discuss the plan with Council staff.

For this and more Council news, see your Tamahere-Woodlands ward councillors' monthly update for March-April here: www.crystalbeavis.com/updates

Contact your Tamahere-Woodlands Ward Councillors:



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HOLIDAY CHESS CLASSES

The holidays are here, and it's the perfect time to level up your chess game! Whether you're looking to catch up, boost your confidence, or get a head start for next term, our holiday chess classes and tournaments are designed just for you!

What's in Store?

- Expert Coaching: Learn from experienced coaches who will guide you through strategies, openings, and tactical puzzles to sharpen your skills.
- Interactive Tournaments: Put your newfound knowledge to the test in friendly but competitive tournaments that will challenge you and improve your gameplay!
- Personalised Feedback: Get insights into your strengths and areas to improve with individualised attention.

Why Join?

- Catch Up: Perfect for students who need to review or strengthen their chess foundation.
- Build Confidence: Sharpen your strategies and build the mental toughness needed to succeed in competitions.
- Get Ahead: Prepare early for next term and start ahead of the curve with skills that will leave you one step ahead of the competition.
- ** Whether you're a beginner or an advanced player, these holiday classes are designed to help you grow, learn, and have fun! Don't miss out on the chance to unlock your potential and dominate the chessboard next term!
- Sign up today and get ready for an exciting, action-packed holiday full of chess fun!

Holiday Chess Classes & Tournaments

Cambridge Cycling Festival - Anzac Day 2025





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.

Click <u>here</u> to book or find out more.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

Families can find information about a number of School Holiday Programmes that are running these holidays. Please check out the options on our <u>'Community Notices'</u>.



!!LOCAL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME!!

Paul from Wai Piiki 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, playgound and fitness areas.

For 7 to 11yr olds \$50 per day For more info paul.johnson@waipiiki.com or txt on 021 08 949 818





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.



