# NEWSLETTER 3rd April 2025

# TAMAHERE

MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL Phone: (07) 856 9238 Website: https://tamahere.school.nz/ Email: reception@tamahere.school.nz

### Wiki/ Week 9 Happenings:

#### Learning Conferences - an important opportunity

Our teachers have really valued the time they spent with you and your children/tamariki at our learning conferences yesterday. Thank you to everyone who has managed to attend this opportunity to focus on your student's/aakonga learning journey. This time to come together and share understandings and how best we can all support your child/tamariki to achieve their potential in both academic and social areas, can make a significant difference to their progress. We have almost 100% attendance so far which is fantastic.

If for some reason your family missed out, please touch base with your classroom teacher to organise an alternative time that could work.

#### THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!!!

A massive thank you to our wonderful PTA parents, who prepared such a delicious array of dishes on Wednesday night for our teaching staff involved in the Learning Conferences. Fabulous food! We felt very spoilt!!!!

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





Week 9, Term 1

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

# REMINDER: NEXT TUESDAY 8th APRIL: EARLY CLOSURE AT 2.00pm

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.



# SEE YOU ALL AT PUMPKIN NIGHT!!!! - THE FUN STARTS AT 3.00PM

We are really looking forward to seeing everyone on Saturday afternoon. So far the weather forecast is looking very promising!



Our Kapa Haka will be starting the show off at 3.00pm. All roopuu aakonga to meet at the Spider's Web Playground at 2.45pm.

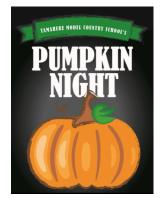
Pumpkin Night is a much loved Tamahere community event on our school calendar, which requires a big team effort each year to organise. A huge thank you to the amazing group of people, who have been working behind the scenes: Joey Smith, Sarah Elliott, Natalie Toohey, Leanne Somerville Smith, Ashley Best, Louise Mercer, Fi Julian, Rebecca Toon, Tessa Hargreaves, Samantha Cocker, for donating hay plus delivering/unloading, Kelly Martyn, Freddy Davison, Heather Wilson, Mr Wickens & Mr Ball, the Pumpkin Night Class Reps, and the wonderful team who have been working tirelessly to make hundreds of lolly necklaces and organise all the stalls and prizes.

Thank you also to everyone who has signed up to help out on an activity or stall.

We are looking forward to a wonderful evening, with our community coming together to enjoy this special event. Everyone is welcome! We look forward to seeing you there! Bring a raincoat just in case!

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

# PUMPKIN NIGHT Saturday 5th April from 3.00-7.00pm Sponsored by



#### WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT PUMPKIN NIGHT!!!! - THE FUN STARTS AT 3.00 PM

IRISTIE'S

We are really looking forward to seeing everyone on Saturday afternoon. We have fingers and toes crossed that the amazing autumn weather we are experiencing continues this weekend!

We have some amazing rides and competitions this year, with an Inflatable Course, Bouncy Castle and an Inflatable Slide, Pony Rides, Nerf Gun War Zone, Gumboot Throw, Splat The Teacher, Chocolate Toss, Balloon Pop, Exercise Competition and Ring Toss. We also have stalls selling books, toys and quality 2nd hand clothing. We have a large number of stalls selling yummy food items, including gourmet chicken burgers, Dino Nuggets, pizza, popcorn, cupcakes, fudge and many more.



What a great night it will be!

THOMAS

ESTATES

Thank you also to everyone who has signed up to help out on a stall, etc., for a short time. The more the merrier!

#### LAST MINUTE REQUESTS FOR HELP......

Please leave your name and number with the office ladies and you will be contacted with details on the stall you will be helping on.

We are on the hunt for GAZEBOS of all sizes! If you are able to let us borrow a gazebo, can you please drop it off to the back field between 9.00 am and 10.00 am Saturday morning.

We are still looking for assistance with PACKING DOWN on SATURDAY EVENING between 7.00pm & 9.00pm.



Nerf Guns (named please) to borrow. Please drop off at the school office.

We are looking forward to a wonderful evening, with our community coming together to enjoy this special event. Everyone is welcome!

HOT DOGS AND HOT CHIPS	\$5 each	
PIZZA SLICES	\$3 per slice	
	2 slices for \$5	
CHOCOLATE TOSS	\$2 for 3 throws	
BALLOON POP	\$2 for 3 throws (Iollies) \$5 for 3 throws (soft toys) \$20 for Super Unicorn throw	
CANDYFLOSS & SNOWCONES	\$4 per serving	
CRAZY HAIR AND TATTOOS	\$4 Wacky hair	
	\$2 Temporary tattoo	
FACE PAINTING	\$3 Face Painting Volunteer \$5 Professional Face Painter	
BAKING STALL & LOLLY NECKLACES	Baking from \$2 \$2 per lolly necklace	
DINO NUGGETS	\$5 for 5 nuggets	
GOURMET CHICKEN BURGERS	\$10 burger	
SAUSAGE SIZZLE	\$3 sausage	
GUMBOOT THROW	\$1 per throw	
SPLAT THE TEACHER	\$2 for 3 throws	
RECYCLED BOUTIQUE	Prices as Listed	
COLD DRINKS	\$1 (small), \$2 (medium), \$3 (large)	
ICE BLOCKS	From \$3	
EXERCISE CHALLENGE	\$1 per turn	
NERF GUN FUN ZONE	\$5 per person for 5 minutes \$15 for Super Nerf Pass (all day)	
PONY RIDES	\$5 per ride	
RING TOSS	\$2 for 3 throws	
INFLATABLE COURSE	\$2 per run (Age limits apply)	
INFLATABLE SLIDE	\$5 all day (Age limits apply)	
BOUNCY CASTLE	\$2 all day (under 4 years old only)	
GUESS THE LOLLIES IN THE JAR	\$1 a guess	

# Pumpkin Night Competitions:

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.		
<b>1. Biggest Pumpkin</b> - 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.		
<ol> <li>Pumpkins on Parade - Any pumpkin creation, either carved or decorated with embellishments, e.g., Lego, toys, hair, etc.</li> </ol>		
<ol> <li>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.</li> </ol>		
4. Gumboot Decoration - Get creative and decorate an old gumboot.		
<ol> <li>Jack-o-Lantern - Carve your most amazing, jolly, or scary jack-o-lantern for us to light up on pumpkin night.</li> </ol>		
<b>6. Family Scarecrow</b> - 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:		
<ul> <li>Pumpkin Bumpkin - Cutest Little Pumpkin</li> <li>Scariest Squash - Most Spooky Pumpkin</li> <li>Jovial Jack - Funniest Pumpkin</li> <li>Pick of the Patch - Most Creative Pumpkin</li> </ul>		

#### **END OF DAYLIGHT SAVING:**

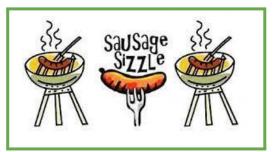
Daylight Saving ends this Sunday 6th April. Don't forget to set your clocks back 1 hour!



#### **PTA Sausage Sizzle:**

#### END OF TERM SAUSAGE SIZZLE REMINDER:

The PTA have organised an end of term sausage sizzle for next Friday. Order forms have been sent home with students. Please ensure that the order forms and cash are returned to the class teacher before 9.30am on Tuesday 8th April.



### **Upcoming Dates:**

Apr	il / Paenga-whāwhā	
Rāpare /Thursday 3rd	★ LEARNING CONFERENCES	
Rahoroi /Saturday 5th	★ PUMPKIN NIGHT - sponsored by Thomas Estates	
	THOMAS ESTATES CHRISTIE'S	
	WEEK 10	
Rātū /Tuesday 8th	★ SCHOOL DAY ENDS AT 2.00PM	
Rāapa /Wednesday 9th	★ BOT MEETING at 6.30pm	
Rāmere /Friday 11th	<ul> <li>★ PTA SAUSAGE SIZZLE</li> <li>★ LAST DAY OF TERM 1</li> </ul>	

# 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.



# TERM DATES

TERM	START DATE	END DATE	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
1	Monday 3rd February	Friday 11th April	<ul> <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> <li>Kahui Ako TEACHER ONLY DAY - Friday 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>
3	Monday 14th July	Friday 19th September	<ul> <li>Saturday 20th September to Sunday 5th October</li> </ul>
4	Monday 6th October	No later than Friday 19th December	• Labour Day – Monday 27th October

# PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning

STUDENTS OF WEEK 8 - I make good choices			
NIKAU 1	Ralph W	TANEKAHA 12	Lucia H
KAURI 2	Ella M-B	MIRO 13	Asher J
KAWAKAWA 3	Monty M	PUKATEA 14	Leon S
RIMU 7	Lucy H	KARAKA 15	Tamara J
POHUTUKAWA 8	Thea B	MANUKA 16	April C

RATA 9	Faris A	MAHOE 17	Kate D
TOTARA 10	Khya A	TAWA 19	Aurora R
MATAI 11	Kalena J	HOROPITO 20	Oliver H





# WAIHI BEACH CAMP B:

# Waihi Camp B

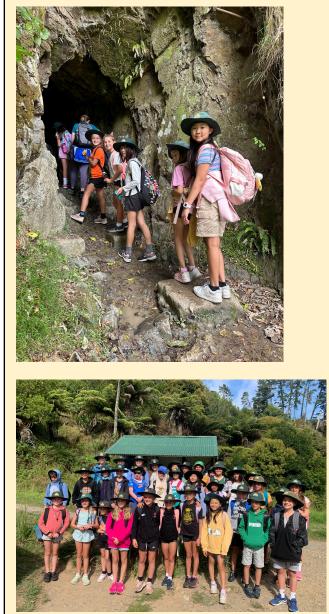
At Waihi Beach, the waves crash loud, The sun above the golden clouds, We gather around, the camp has begun, Excitement builds, this will be fun!

With backpacks packed and spirits high, We race the tide, we touch the sky, Through forests paths and rocky roads, We find new strength with our heavy loads.

The camp light flickers, stories are told, Of golden times and treasures of gold, We laugh and sing under the stars As memories form, like dreams from afar.

With sand between our toes we play As the ocean whispers "stay, stay, stay" At Waihi Beach our hearts unite Our school camp shiones with pure delight!

# Shared at camp by Logan R & Jordan Y









#### Punnet Eatery Meet & Greet:

On Sunday afternoon around 35 adults and 40 children enjoyed a relaxing catch up at Punnet Eatery, for the *PTA Meet and Greet*. The new afternoon format seemed to be a hit, with parents enjoying a drink and a chat in the sun, and children making the most of the free ice creams and playground. A huge thank you must go to Haley B and her team at Punnet, for allowing us the use of their wonderful venue, and doing a fabulous job of setting up and hosting. Thanks to Paul J and Sarah E for driving the event on behalf of the PTA, and also to the PTA for covering catering costs. Finally, thanks to our generous sponsors Russell and Angela Thomas of Thomas Estates, who covered the ice creams for the kids.





If you were there and loved the format, please let us know at <u>pta@tamahere.school.nz</u>. We would love to hear from you! If you could not make it, but have ideas for other social events you would like to see happen this year, please let us know too.







### Splash Polo Finals - Come & Support Our 4 TMCS teams on Sunday

This term a large number of Tamahere kids have enjoyed playing splash polo on Sundays, at the Hillcrest Normal School pool. Players and spectators alike have enjoyed watching fast-paced, competitive games and all the kids have developed their skill levels immensely. This Sunday, 6 April, is finals weekend. Our 4 teams have their last games, with a number of the teams playing off for placings.



#### The teams would love your support if you are free! Wear your green and yellow and we will see you there.

Playoff for 3rd/4th Y3/4 Division :	TAMAHERE STINGRAYS v Matangi Sharks at 11.10am
Final game for Y5/6:	TAMAHERE MAKO v Newstead Sharks at 1.50pm
Playoff for 3rd/4th Y5/6 Division 1:	TAMAHERE TOHORA v Hillcrest Mavericks at 2.50pm
Playoff for 1st/2nd Y5/6 Division 1:	TAMAHERE TUNA v Hillcrest Wizards at 3.20pm

# Year 1 & 2 NETBALLERS



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 Friday 4th April. 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.

#### 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. <u>Click here</u> 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 <u>www.clotheourkidswaikato.co.nz</u>

### Tamahere Lions Best Artisan Easter Market - Saturday 12th April

Two weeks until our Easter Market on the 12th of April. 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
- \star 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 <u>Facebook</u> page for more information. *Make a morning of it and come along and see us from 9am till 1pm on Saturday 12th April. See you there.* 



### 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

There is only 1 week until 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 <u>'Community Notices'</u>.





# 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 <u>chess@swift-horse.co.nz</u> who is also the Chess Coach at Hillcrest High School, Berkley Normal Middle School, Silverdale Normal School, and Knighton Normal School.



See how to enter an individual event tutorial.

#### **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.



#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**



#### **FREE** Governance and **Funding Workshop**

Passionate about your **Tamahere -**Gordonton-based community, not for profit, or volunteering organisation?

Keen to learn more about funding and grants to help bring your organisation's projects and aspirations to fruition?

Join us on 16 April and learn about:

Governance • Know what the key responsibilities of governance are Differences between board responsibilities and operations • Defining and communicating your organisation's purpose and setting outcomes.

Funding tips
Planning and preparation
Accountability and reporting
Planning for an alternative income source.

Registration required, limited places.

#### **Register today!**

cldworkshops@waikatodc.govt.nz waikatodistrict.govt.nz/events



When Vednesday 16 April

6 - 9pm Refreshments provided.

Where

Hamilton Car Club 116 Vaile Road, Newstead

**RSVP** 



Register at sportscamps4kids.co.nz

