

TAMAHERE

MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL

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

Wiki/ Week 1 Happenings:

Term 2 - Welcome Back!

I hope you all had a happy and relaxing time with your whaanau and friends over the holiday break. The refreshed and smiling faces look as though you did. There have been some changes over the holidays, as I am sure you will have seen if you have been on site this week. Kowhai 4, our second oldest building after the Library, has been demolished and removed. The Ministry deemed this building too expensive to upgrade to the standards required for today's healthy learning environments.

Mr Ball was onsite during the demolition and took a number of photographs documenting the classroom's removal. Despite being sad to see a classroom go, we are also excited with this new space surrounded by our beautiful Golden Elm, Karaka and Golden Totara trees. Now that we can see the space we have, we are



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keen to hear everyone's ideas on how best to restore and use this environment. Our School Council and Enviro Team are busy getting everyone's ideas. If you have a talent in this area, please let us know or send us a sketch of what you think we could do. Thanks to our wonderful PTA, and everyone supporting their fundraising activities, profits from Pumpkin Night will go towards transforming the space into a beautiful environment for everyone to enjoy.



Farewell:- Mrs Renee Wright, who filled in for us in Matai 11 for Term One, has headed back to Auckland. I want to express our gratitude to Mrs. Wright for her dedication and hard mahi/work throughout Term 1. Mrs. Wright strived to create an enriched learning environment for our students, and we appreciated her commitment to their growth, learning, and well-being during that time and wish her well in her future endeavours.

Welcome:- We are very pleased to welcome Mrs Lynley Jobe / Whaea Lynley to our school. Whaea Lynley is an experienced teacher who comes to us from Matamata and has been teaching at Te Poi School. With her sons now going to Hamilton Boys High School, there has been a change of family circumstances and we are once again very lucky with the shortage of teachers nationwide, to have such an able teacher join our team to help guide and teach our children/tamariki.

Mrs Jobe has already spent considerable time in the last week of Term 1 getting to know the students, collaborating with Mrs Wright, and meeting with other staff members to ensure a smooth transition for the students of Matai 11. Welcome Lynley, I hope your time with us is happy and fulfilling.



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Clothe our Kids – **PYJAMA DAY** - Next Friday 9th May

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, **next Friday 9th May**, 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. This is 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 next week.**

If you want to know more about how you can help, please visit the website

www.clotheourkidswaikato.co.nz



WHAKATAU WELCOME:



We welcomed seven new students and their whaanau at our Whakatau on Monday. This is a lovely way to welcome and introduce all of our new students/aakonga to the school. We were very proud of our Kapa Haka Roopuu and our leaders, who led with karanga, waiata and our haka.

We hope you have a very happy and successful time at our school: **Aimee S, Zoe D, Rey A,**

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Nathan Z, Scarlett G, Lois W, Lexi T! We also welcomed Whaea Lynley, who joined our teaching staff.



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IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

ARRIVAL TIME AT SCHOOL:

A reminder that children who arrive at school prior to 8.00am, **must join** our **Before School Care Program**. This ensures all children are safe on our site as no teachers are on duty before this time.



We encourage students to arrive at school between 8.15am and 8.20am, so that they have time to get settled and prepared for their first class at 8.30am. This is to allow a calm start to the day. There is no playing on playgrounds at this time as teachers are in class preparing for the day.

Smart Watches:

We are required to follow the government principle of 'away for the day', which means that all student phones should be switched off and handed to the teacher for safekeeping throughout the school day. Smartwatches, however, may be worn solely to tell time and need to be turned to silent. **They should not be used for messaging, including communication with parents or caregivers, during school hours or while at Before or After-school-Care or on the bus. .**



PTA MEETING - Tuesday 6th May

Would you like to meet twice a term and help support our school? If yes, please come along to the Staffroom at 7.00pm next Tuesday 6th May to join in with the PTA. We are an informal group of mums and dads, who work together to fundraise for school improvements.

If you have any questions please get in touch with us at pta@tamahere.school.nz



DISCO HELPERS:

You may have seen that the annual school disco for our Year 3/4 and 5/6 students is

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scheduled for Thursday 29th May. More information will come out for students in due course, but in the meantime we are looking for some more keen parent helpers to organise and/or supervise. We are also after someone, or maybe 2 someones, to take on the "lead role" for this event. Please indicate your willingness to help on [this form](#). Or if you have questions please email pta@tamahere.school.nz.



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.



Upcoming Dates:

May / Haratua	
WEEK 2	
Rātū / Tuesday 6th	★ PTA MEETING at 7.00pm
Rāmere / Friday 9th	★ PINK SHIRT DAY
WEEK 3	
Rāapa /Wednesday 14th	★ Year 4 Camp Raglan ★ Year 3 EOTC Day ★ Waikato Lit Quiz - Berkley Normal Middle School from 6.30pm to 9.30pm
Rāpare /Thursday 15th	★ Year 4 Camp Raglan ★ Year 3 EOTC Day
Rāmere /Friday 16th	★ PINK SHIRT DAY ★ Year 4 Camp Raglan ★ Year 3 EOTC Day
WEEK 5	
Rātū /Tuesday 27th	★ BOARD MEETING at 6.30pm
Rāpare /Thursday 29th	★ Year 6 Winter Sports Tournament

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	★ DISCO
Rāmere /Friday 30th	★ Kahui Ako Combined TEACHER ONLY DAY
June / Pipiri	
WEEK 6	
Rāhina / Monday 2nd	★ KING'S BIRTHDAY
Rāpare /Thursday 5th	★ Photolife Studios - Team Sports Photos ★ Postponement Day - Year 6 Winter Sports Tournament
WEEK 7	
Rātū /Tuesday 10th	★ PTA MEETING at 7.00pm
Rāapa /Wednesday 11th	★ Year 3 Tabloids at Matangi School
Rāmere /Friday 13th	★ FIELDAYS FRIDAY
WEEK 8	
Rātū /Tuesday 17th	★ BOARD MEETING at 6.30pm
Rāmere /Friday 20th	★ MATARIKI
WEEK 9	
Rāmere /Friday 27th	★ Last day of Term 2
TERM 3	
July / Hōngongoi	
WEEK 1	
Rāhina / Monday 14th	★ Start of Term 3
WEEK 2	
Rātū /Tuesday 22nd	★ Photolife - Portrait & Class Photos
August / Hereturikōkā	
WEEK 4	
Raapare /Thursday 7th	★ Dress Up As Book Character Day
WEEK 5	
Raahina / Monday 11th	★ SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR
Raatū /Tuesday 12th	
Raapa /Wednesday 13th	
Raapare /Thursday 14th	
Rahoroi /Saturday 16th	★ TMCS FUNDRAISING BALL
WEEK 7	
Raapa /Wednesday 27th	★ Chess Power Regional Tournament - hosted by TMCS
Raamere /Friday 29th	★ Book Battle Waikato at the Hamilton Central Library - 9.00am to 11.00am
September / Mahuru	
WEEK 9	
Raapa /Wednesday 10th	★ WIG WEDNESDAY
WEEK 10	
Raamere /Friday 19th	★ Last day of Term 3

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TERM 4

October / Whiringa-ā-nuku

WEEK 1

Rāhina / Monday 6th

★ Start of Term 4

WEEK 4

Rāhina / Monday 27th

★ LABOUR DAY

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 **Friday 30th May** for all schools in our area including the Middle Schools and Hillcrest High School.

Friday 13th June- Fielddays Friday - Teacher Only Day

As per previous years with the horrific Fielddays traffic and travel restrictions, we will be having a **Teacher Only Day on Friday 13th June**, which we hope will help to ease the congestion and frustration for many of you. This day will be part of the Ministry's revised curriculum development schedule. Please mark this date on your calendars. Once again we do apologise for any inconvenience.



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.

Soundz of Music
Tuition in Music
Piano, Keyboard & Theory

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

Tutor: Gill Earwaker ATCL, AIRMNZ

Info & enquiries Ph: Gill 027 570 4281
Email: soundzofmusic@gmail.com

Music Lessons

Violin
Ukulele
Recorder

Experienced tutor
Beginner to advanced
Classical, traditional and modern music
Exam preparation or just for fun
Individual lessons \$35/half hour
Small groups possible by arrangement

Chris Gale
chris-gale-m@gmail.com 021 044 2854

**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
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COMMUNITY NOTICES



Support Our Local Rescue Chopper - Attend Our Bingo & Auction Night

Saturday 7th June 2025



72 Alpha Street, Cambridge

Doors Open From 6pm & Bingo Starting at 6:30pm

Tickets: \$35 per head - Table options available!
Ticket includes first drink and finger food

Tons of auction items to bid on from local businesses and all-around New Zealand
 All funds raised go directly to the Waikato Westpac Rescue Helicopter

Tickets available at Westpac Cambridge – 4B/34B Lake Street Cambridge or
 Email: cambridge_branch@westpac.co.nz

Enquiries to Westpac Cambridge – Phone 07 823 2702



WAIKATO WATER POLO

▶COME AND TRY OUT◀ WATER POLO

JOIN OUR UNDER 12YRS PROGRAMME

IF YOU HAVE PLAYED SPLASHPOLO OR THE INTERMEDIATE WATERPOLO COMPETITION, THIS IS THE NEXT STEP UP. IF YOU LOVE SWIMMING, PLAYING IN A TEAM AND WANT TO BE PART OF A FUN SPORT, COME ALONG AND JOIN.

LEARN

SWIM SKILLS BALL SKILLS MAKE LOTS OF NEW FRIENDS

SUNDAY'S 09.00 AM	WATERWORLD GARNETT AVENUE, TE RAPA	FIRST THREE SESSIONS FREE
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MORE INFORMATION VISIT: WWW.WAIKATOWATERPOLO.CO.NZ
 OR EMAIL: ADMIN@WAIKATOWATERPOLO.CO.NZ

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