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

Wiki/ Week 4 Happenings:

Structured Literacy

Over the last two weeks, many parents may have noticed their children have been taught by relieving teachers. This has been due to our school having a facilitator from the Ministry of Education, running a three day course on structured literacy in the TCC with our teachers, along with some others from around the region. By the end of this week, all of our teachers will have started their journey with the Ministry's training programme, and will then follow up with online workshops over the next few terms, as well as having additional school and other course support. Much of what is being taught dovetails easily into our programmes, as we have already been running a form of structured literacy approach in our school. All our teachers have found the training and specific information really interesting and worthwhile. Based on the Science of Reading and Science of Learning, the new information and connections will definitely improve our practices overall.

Pirongia Outdoor Education Week

Year 4 Raglan Camp:

What a fantastic week our Year 4 students had at Camp Raglan! With beautiful weather, the camp was the perfect opportunity for students to step outside their comfort zones, challenge themselves, and have a whole lot of fun.

Throughout the week, students took part in a wide range of exciting activities, including archery, the climbing wall, BMX biking, the confidence course, low ropes, flying fox, and of course, the ever-popular waterslide. The Burma Trail was



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another big hit, with students embracing the adventure and working together with plenty of enthusiasm and courage.

It was heartening to see our students living out our school vision, *Together as One, Honour Be Your Guide*, and being true *Confident Can-Do Kids*. Whether they were supporting each other on the low ropes or cheering on their classmates down the waterslide, their teamwork, respect, and determination were on full display.



A heartfelt thank you goes to our incredible parent helpers, whose time, energy, and commitment played a huge part in making the camp such a success. We truly appreciate your support!

Year 4 Camp 2025 will be remembered not only for the activities and fun but for the friendships, confidence, and school spirit that were strengthened along the way.

Student Recount of Camp Raglan

“Yay!” I woke up super excited. “I can’t wait till Year 4 camp.” Once my mum and I arrived at school there were lots of kids and parents. After the bell rang all of the children and parents that were going went to the TCC. Before we left we had to sit in our group and do roll check. I was in group 6. I had Zoe and Ania in my mum’s car. She was going.

We first went to the Raglan District Museum. Where we had morning tea and did a quiz worksheet.

Once we arrived at camp we went to our cabin. I had Allyra, Madison and Billie. We all got ready for our first activity. Mine was BMX and then confidence course. For dinner we had beef with rice and peas and corn. Then we had to go to sleep.

On the second day we did low ropes that I fell on head first. Also we did archery which my mum was incharge of. In archery I hit the bullseye. Only a couple of people did. We did the climbing wall which

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was kind of scary. All of the boys were scared so they just did dodgeball. Our last activity for day two was the water slide. It was so much fun. For dinner we had spaghetti and meatballs. Then we went to the Burma trail at night. It was super dark but fun. Then we went to sleep.

On the last day we did our last activity which was flying fox. Then we went to Raglan playground. We had lunch there then we headed back to school.

That was the best week ever!!

By Daphne K

Please [click here](#) to view the **Year 4 Camp Raglan Photo Gallery**.

YEAR 3 Education Outside The Classroom (EOTC):

Garden to Table: Kia Manaaki – Honour Be Your Guide

Our Year Three students began their EOTC journey with Garden to Table activities, showing care and respect for both people and the environment - living our vision of *Honour Be Your Guide, Kia Manaaki*. They learned about the importance of vegetables, types and parts of vegetables (“Who has eaten a flower this week?”), along with ‘fruits in disguise’. Having planned their ultimate wrap, they rolled up their sleeves to chop, mix, and wrap delicious creations – and of course, taste-test their final products! The students also took pride in weeding our school gardens, showing kindness to one another and to the land, and enjoying the mindfulness practice. We will continue to revise zero-waste practices across the school to help protect our beautiful grounds.



Tents and The Amazing Race: Together as One – Kia Kotahi

Our Year Threes embraced their tent-building challenge with enthusiasm. Mr Stephenson and Miss Grant were impressed by how well the students worked *Together as One – Kia Kotahi* – assembling and packing down tents with speed and teamwork. Throughout the day, the tamariki supported one another, listened carefully, and shared ideas to solve problems together. They were challenged to move stealthily around the school when encountering The Amazing Race; no easy feat for some, while others commando-rolled like it was second nature. Overall, it was a wonderful display of cooperation and connection, making the day both productive and fun for everyone involved.



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Extreme Edge & Claudelands Park: Confident, Can Do Kids – Kia Maaia

The excitement was contagious as our Year Threes stepped out of their comfort zones and tackled the Extreme Edge towering climbing walls with courage and determination. It was inspiring to watch our *Confident, Can Do Kids – Kia Maaia* – set personal goals, push through challenges, and cheer each other on. They showed us all what it means to give things a go and to believe in themselves. Later at Claudelands Park, their adventurous spirit continued as they explored, played, and enjoyed the sensory experiences of the Magical Bridge Playground.

Thank You, Helpers!

These three days were filled with powerful learning opportunities beyond the classroom, highlighting the importance of hands-on, real-world experiences. A heartfelt thank you to the amazing parents, whānau and student teachers who volunteered their time and energy—we are so appreciative of your support and the way you modelled our school vision. Mā te mahi tahi, ka ora ai te mahi – through working together, we achieve success.

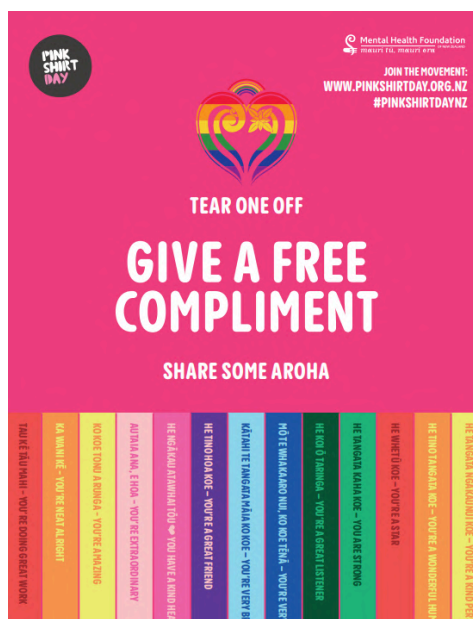
Please [click here](#) to view the **Year 3 EOTC Photo Gallery** to see everything our Year 3's got up to last week.

Here's what we achieved together on Pink Shirt Day!

Ngā mihi nui for joining us in celebrating Aotearoa's 16th Pink Shirt Day last Friday! 🙏

It was so special to see our students, teachers and staff all dressed up in pink.

💖 We raised a total of **\$342.20**, with the funds going directly to the Mental Health Foundation. Thanks to your Pink Shirt Day donations, the Mental Health Foundation can provide schools with the tools to teach tamariki and kaiako/teachers, about the impact of bullying, and how to create a culture of kindness.



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2025 Simultaneous Read across Australia and New Zealand

On Wednesday afternoon at midday, our entire school took part in the *National Simultaneous Storytime Read*. The goal was for 1 million children across New Zealand and Australia to read the same book, 'The Truck Cat', at exactly the same time.

Our wonderful librarian Mrs Kewish, read to our Maungatautari Syndicate in glorious sunny conditions outside the library, while students in Taupiri and Pirongia read along in their classrooms. What a great effort!



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DISCO - Next Thursday 29th May

We hope everyone is excited about our upcoming disco's happening next Thursday, 29th May. The disco's are fun events for our students, with dancing, games and spot prizes. Our Student Council canvassed all classes and came up with lots of ideas for a theme. After going through all the options, **'Movie/Famous Characters'** has been chosen as the theme for all 3 discos. We look forward to seeing what everyone decides to come dressed as.



TAUPIRI DISCO:

Our Taupiri Disco will take place during lunchtime on Thursday. All our **Year 0, 1 & 2** students will be able to come to school wearing disco themed 'Movie/Famous Characters' clothing next Thursday. Children can choose if they want to come and dance the lunchtime away, everyone is welcome. Get ready to boogie Taupiri! No tickets are required for our disco, just great dance moves!

PIRONGIA & MAUNGATAUTARI DISCO's:

The Pirongia (Year 3 & 4) and Maungatautari (Year 5 & 6) school discos are as follows:

- **Pirongia Disco** from 5:00pm - 6:00pm
- **Maungatautari Disco** from 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Tickets are available through classroom teachers - disco tickets are \$5.00 each, which includes a glowstick.

Students can also pre-order pizza slices at \$2.00 per slice or 3 slices for \$5.00. Pizza flavours are cheese or ham & cheese, with regular or gluten free options available.



Payment must be made to the classroom teacher in cash. Children can hand their \$'s to their classroom teacher and place their pizza orders from Monday, until 9.00am on Wednesday 28th May.

We ask that children bring along a full water bottle, which they can refill.

Coming up:

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.



Monday 2nd June - KING's BIRTHDAY



Walking Bus to School During Fieldays' Week

Thank you to those who have already contacted us about your children being part of a walking bus to school, during the Fielday's week. We already have a number of volunteers but not across all 3 days.



Our three walking bus routes will operate, weather permitting, on Wednesday 11th, Thursday 12th and Friday 13th June.

For families impacted by the traffic management measures, one group could meet at the end of Bruntwood Road and a group all walk together - *walking bus style*, the 1.6 km to school, using the new lights and crossings with one or two volunteer parents.

The same could happen from Woodcock Road with a 1.3km walk, and another group from Pencarrow Road and surrounding areas, could meet at St Stephens and use the underpass to walk around 500-700m across to the backfield. These walking buses would walk - weather permitting on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. **but only if we have enough parent volunteers across the three days.**



If you are interested in this idea, can you please let the office know and we will try to coordinate the groups.

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🎉 Exciting News! 🎉

We are thrilled to welcome **Russell and Angela Thomas** as the **Gold Sponsor** for the **Tamahere Winter Gala Ball 2025!** They recently secured the rights to **Christie's International Real Estate for New Zealand**, which marks a significant opportunity not only for their business but also for our community, showcasing their dedication to excellence in real estate and their passion for serving local residents.

Russell and Angela have lived and worked in our local community for the past 13 years and are proud members of the Tamahere School and wider community. Their ongoing commitment to giving back is evident in their generous support of this event.

Thank you, Russell and Angela, for your support – we look forward to celebrating with you on August 16!



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REMINDER:

Year 6 City Cluster Winter Sports Tournament 2025

Dear Year 6 Parents/Caregivers,

On Thursday the 29th of May your child will travel to Waikato University to compete in the City Cluster Winter Sports Tournament. We will be leaving school at 8.30am and will return by 2.30pm. **Please ensure your child is at school by 8.20am, as we need to leave at 8.30am.** We will meet on the Maungatautari courts.

The sports are spread across the University main field and St John's College (for hockey players) and there will be a Tamahere Model Country School teacher or parent based at each sport looking after our teams. See the map overleaf. The children will play one sport for the day and stay at that sport. The kaupapa for the event is participation and giving it a go, rather than winning.

Your child will need to have the following things:

- School T-shirt or school sports top and shorts

- Comfortable sports/running shoes

- Special equipment for the sport they are playing - mouthguard, shin pads and stick for hockey; boots or running shoes for rippla rugby; shin pads and boots (or running shoes) for football.

- Plenty of food and water for the whole day

- School jacket/polar fleece for warmth

- Raincoat if needed

Timetable:

8.30am: Depart school

9am: Arrive at sports venue

9.30am: Sports briefing - all parent managers to attend

9.40am: Games and/or warm-ups begin

2pm: Wrap up and return to school

Disclosure of Risk: - Below are the possible risks your child could be exposed to on this day and the safety measures that are in place.

1. **Road Safety** - We will be traveling by bus to Waikato University. All children will be seated and wearing shoes in case we have to exit onto the road side.

2. **Medical Safety** - All students / parents are asked to ensure each child has their asthma inhalers with them and epi pens and other medication where required. Please ensure your classroom teacher is aware of your child's medical conditions. First aid kits will be carried.

3. **Exhaustion / dehydration / exposure** - All children need to have plenty of food and drink for the day and enough warm clothes. We never know the weather, so a waterproof raincoat outside of our uniform may be carried if it provides more protection than our uniform.

4. **Loss of property** - Please ensure all clothing items are clearly named.

If you have any questions, please contact Josh jmartelli@tamahere.school.nz.

Regards,

Maungatautari Teachers

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Upcoming Dates:

May / Haratua

WEEK 5

Rātū /Tuesday 27th	★ BOARD MEETING at 6.30pm
Rāpare /Thursday 29th	★ Year 6 Winter Sports Tournament ★ DISCO
Rāmere /Friday 30th	★ Kahui Ako Combined TEACHER ONLY DAY

June / Pipiri

WEEK 6

Rāhina / Monday 2nd	★ KING'S BIRTHDAY
Rāpare /Thursday 5th	★ Postponement Day - Year 6 Winter Sports Tournament

WEEK 7

Rātū /Tuesday 10th	★ PTA MEETING at 7.00 pm
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WEEK 8

Rātū /Tuesday 17th	★ BOARD MEETING at 6.30 pm
Rāpare /Thursday 19th	★ Photolife Studios - Team Sports Photos Please note the change of date from that previously advertised
Rāmere /Friday 20th	★ MATARIKI

WEEK 9

Rāmere /Friday 27th	★ Last day of Term 2
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TERM 3

July /Hōngongoi

WEEK 1

Rāhina / Monday 14th	★ Start of Term 3
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WEEK 2

Rātū /Tuesday 22nd	★ Photolife - Portrait & Class Photos
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August / Hereturikōkā

WEEK 4

Raapare /Thursday 7th	★ Dress Up As Book Character Day
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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

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WEEK 9	
Raapa /Wednesday 10th	★ WIG WEDNESDAY
WEEK 10	
Raamere /Friday 19th	★ Last day of Term 3
TERM 4	
October / Whiringa-ā-nuku	
WEEK 1	
Rāhina / Monday 6th	★ Start of Term 4
WEEK 4	
Rāhina / Monday 27th	★ LABOUR DAY

Coming up later in Term 2:

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP IN JUNE:

We have a number of significant days coming up in June, which you need to mark on your calendars, starting with **KING'S BIRTHDAY** on **Monday 2nd June**. On **Thursday 19th June**, we have **PHOTOLIFE STUDIOS** visiting the school to take team photos. (Please note the change of date from that previously advertised.) **MATARIKI** falls on **Friday 20th June**, at the end of Week 8.

**Important
Days in
June**

Waikato District Libraries Matariki Online Competition 2025

Matariki is a Maori festival that celebrates family both past and present, a bountiful harvest, and change and growth in all things. It is a celebration of what we have, and what we have to give. Our goal is to promote the festival and educate people, whilst encouraging the enjoyment of the written word and the arts. Last year we received many impressive entries from people all across the district and this year we would love for your school to be involved. We are again offering a fantastic prize to two lucky schools in our district. For every entry we receive from a student at your school, you will receive an entry into the draw to win a **\$300** gift voucher for your school. Please be sure to get your student to write your school name on their entry form.

This year the competition will be online with entries being emailed to librarycomp@waidc.govt.nz - you hold on to the originals. We are asking you to design a bookmark that reflects what Matariki means to you or share your Matariki poem. Entries can be written in both English and Te Reo, and the age categories are 5-9, 10-15 and 16+. Please [click here](#)



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for the entry form.

One entry per person per category.

There is a \$100 voucher for the winner of each age group and category.

The competition opens on Monday 26th May and closes on Friday 27th June at 5:00pm.

Winners are announced on Friday 4th July.

Fieldays Colouring-in Competition

Fieldays is next month and they have some exciting activities for all ages at the event, which runs from Wednesday 11th to Saturday 14th June at Mystery Creek.

School-aged kids are invited to enter their colouring-in competition and bring their entry to Fieldays. Just pop it into the letterbox at the Fieldays® Family Fun Zone at the Heritage Village, for the chance to win one of three \$100 Prezzy Cards! The colouring competition sheets can be collected from the children's entrance at the office, or you can download and print it by [clicking here](#).



PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning

Kia Maia 'Confident Can Do Kids'

We strive to do our best with a positive 'can-do' attitude

Students of Week 3

I am enthusiastic, curious, and ask questions

NIKAU 1	Jackson M	TANEKAHA 12	Isa S
KAURI 2	George A	MIRO 13	Zara L
KAWAKAWA 3	Teacher Absent	PUKATEA 14	Emma J
RIMU 7	Alayna R	KARAKA 15	George C

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<i>POHUTUKAWA 8</i>	<i>Reuben S</i>	<i>MANUKA 16</i>	<i>Sam C</i>
<i>RATA 9</i>	<i>Novelle W</i>	<i>MAHOE 17</i>	<i>Sam B</i>
<i>TOTARA 10</i>	<i>Jacob N</i>	<i>TAWA 19</i>	<i>Cayde H</i>
<i>MATAI 11</i>	<i>Thomas C</i>	<i>HOROPITO 20 & HOROEKA 21</i>	<i>Aiden W Lois W</i>



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Brazilian Jiu Jitsu - Grassroots Velodrome, Cambridge

Cambridge Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, a local Brazilian Jiu Jitsu academy dedicated to promoting physical fitness, confidence, and self-defence skills within the community.

They have recently launched two new classes – one especially for children on **Mondays** (held at the Grassroots Velodrome), and another for **Girls Only** (age 12 years and above).



Sunday 25th May Online Sarapu Cup - REGISTER NOW!

A fun, social chess tournament just for kids aged 4 to 18 inclusive. You can join from anywhere in New Zealand. Discounted entry for first-time participants - 50% OFF!

Lots of great prizes, including a LUCKY DRAW for all participants - be in to win a free academy training session!

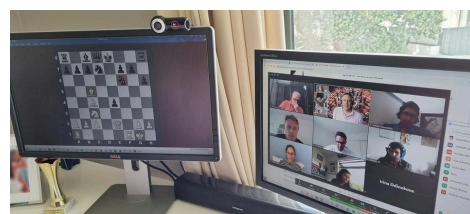
When: Sunday, 25 May 2025

Time: 1:00pm - 5:30pm

Where: Online

Cost: \$33 per entry, if prepaid

Format: Pawns, Knights, and Kings Divisions - Three 7 round Swiss tournaments with a time control of 15 minutes for each player.



See the How to Register for an Individual Event tutorial for assistance with entering the tournament. All players MUST REGISTER prior to the tournament starting. NOTE: IMPORTANT There are new Online Event Rules applicable to ALL online events, please go to our ONLINE EVENT RULES page for more information.


[**Read More Here**](#)

[**Register Here 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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Support Our Local Rescue Chopper - Attend Our Bingo & Auction Night

Saturday 7th June 2025

STABLES On Alpha

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




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