NEWSLETTER 13th June 2025

Week 7, Term 2



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TAMAHERE MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL

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

Wiki/ Week 7 Happenings:

Please join us for our Matariki celebrations next week - on Wednesday, 18th June!

Maanawatia a Matariki - Happy Maaori New Year!

This year to celebrate Matariki we are having a **MATARIKI SHARING ASSEMBLY**, on Wednesday 18th June, starting at **11:00 am** followed by a **SHARED LUNCH**. We will organise the lunch in class groups in case it rains, but if we get a beautiful winter day, we can all join together outside for our lunch. Tamariki still need to bring their healthy snack and morning tea to school and then a plate of kai to share for lunch. To prevent waste, we will be using **lunch boxes** as the container for eating kai from during our shared lunch.



Your whaanau is warmly invited to join us to take part in our Matariki celebrations. Come and spend some time at our kura with your tamariki. This is a time to remember, reflect, be thankful, and to share with whaanau and friends, to celebrate, and prepare for the future. We would love for you to join us for our assembly and shared lunch. We hope to see you there! If all aakonga can bring a special plate of **finger food** to share with their class for lunch on our special celebration day, we can have a delicious shared feast together.

Our new graphics are coming together, thanks to a variety of input. Signage representing our vision and symbolising our kura will be shared at our Matariki Assembly next Wednesday. We are keen to hear your views and ideas. There will be displays and opportunities for feedback following our assembly. Please come along, see what you think and have your say, so that we can finalise our graphic designs and start using them with our learning, new website and signage.





RUSSELL & ANGELA THOMAS CHRISTIE'S NITERNATIONAL REAL ESTATE



16TH AUGUST | 6.00PM- LATE

Formal Winter Glam Hamiltons Gardens Pavilion - Gate 1

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\$160 PP or \$1500 per table of 10 Arrival Drink with Canapes Seated Dinner Live band & Entertainment

Tickets On Sale Now – Tamahere Winter Gala Ball 2025!

Tickets are officially on sale for our most glamorous event of the year – happening Saturday, 16th August at the beautiful Hamilton Gardens Pavilion.

\$160 per person or \$1500 for a table of 10 (must be purchased in one transaction). The evening includes an arrival drink, canapés, dinner, live entertainment, dancing, auctions and raffles — all in support of our School!

Bank transfer is the preferred payment method:

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Tamahere School Parent Teacher Association: 12-3152-0212196-000 (Reference your full name and Ball 2025)

Tickets available from the school office. The office holds the master seating plan, so when you collect your tickets you will need to fill in your name/s and dietary requirements. Full details on ticketing and seating has already been sent via email.

📞 Questions? Contact Kat McNamara (022 622 3456) or Jessie Gower (021 524 443).

👬 Tickets are limited and will go fast — don't miss out! 👬

Follow all the latest Ball updates on our Facebook page: <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/929226571231277</u>

REMINDER - Change of Clothes for Wet Winter Play

During this term our fields can get very wet and muddy. For children who want to keep playing and enjoying their physical games, we ask that a change of clothes is brought to school so that when they return to class they are clean and dry and ready for learning again.





Showcase your child's talents.



Dear Parents, Caregivers & Whaanau,

Within our school community there are students who shine brightly, displaying exemplary dedication and academic talent. They deserve to be recognised and this year we are giving them the opportunity to showcase and celebrate their talents in the world-renowned ICAS competition. ICAS exams can be entered into by our **Year 4, 5 & 6 students**.

WHAT IS ICAS? ICAS is an online academic competition that gives students the opportunity to challenge their higher order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee, and Digital Technologies.

ICAS results are in-depth and meaningful, and ICAS evaluates student performance against other competition entrants across the state and nation. The data reveals student strengths and weaknesses and can help you recognise and support your child's academic journey.

Learn more about ICAS: icas assessments.com/products-icas/.

ICAS RESULTS & CERTIFICATE: Every student who participates is celebrated and recognised with a printed certificate in each subject area, and an online results report to track development each year. Top performers are eligible for one of the highly coveted ICAS medals.

Your child's ICAS certificates will show their results and the login details, "TAP ID and Pin". - Use these to enter the Results Portal <u>https://orti.icasassessments.com/ortiStudent</u>.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN ICAS: If you wish for your child to participate in ICAS this year, please go to the Parent Portal to register for your chosen subjects. You can do this in one of two ways:

Option 1: Direct login link – faster! Use this link to log directly into the shop and start registering: <u>https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/parent-payment/LVS217</u>

Option 2: Log in using the PPS code Visit our shop and use our PPS code to log in: Shop link: <u>https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps</u> PPS code: **LVS217**

Registration for all subject areas closes on **Monday 28th July at 11:59pm**. This year, our students can elect to sit the following assessments:

SUBJECT	СОЅТ
Digital Technologies	\$22.50
Writing	\$28.75
English	\$22.50
Science	\$22.50
Spelling Bee	\$22.50
Mathematics	\$22.50

Please note, we cannot facilitate refunds or make alterations as all money is paid directly to ICAS Assessments. Read the terms and conditions <u>here</u>.

Privacy Collection Statement

The following information is a privacy notification about how your child's data is kept private and secure. ICAS Assessment is owned by Janison Solutions Pty Ltd (We, Us, Our).

To deliver assessment products, Janison will require your child's School to obtain your consent to provide Janison with certain personal information of students. Janison will collect, store, use, disclose and otherwise deal with such personal information in accordance with its privacy policy (below). We are aware of our responsibility to protect personal information related to children and students from being disclosed when we deliver an ICAS Assessments product. Unless you, as the child's legal guardian consents, we <u>will not</u>:

- collect any personal information or data of children other than the information we need for the successful completion of an assessment, test, or exam.
- transfer any personal information we obtain from a child in the delivery of assessments and tests to any jurisdiction outside of Australia.
- share any personal information relating to children with any third parties (except for those third parties necessary for us to carry out our Services or provide our Products e.g., medal engraving).
- use any personal information or data relating to children for marketing purposes.

You can view our full privacy policy at <u>https://www.janison.com/privacy-policy/</u>.

We may retain personal information and data relevant to a child for their future purposes or for research purposes by Janison for the duration of the school life cycle of the child. However, if you or your child at any time wish to have their personal information or data removed from our systems,

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they or you may opt out by simply contacting our Privacy Officer at privacy@janison.com or by contacting <u>icasassessments@janison.com</u>.

We are proud to be offering ICAS to our students this year and encourage you to consider entering your child. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Heather Wilson Office Administrator Tamahere Model Country School

2025 Golf Day Organiser

This popular annual event is calendared for Friday 28 November, at Ngaaruawaahia Golf Club. Golf Day has been on the fundraising calendar for a number of years now, and as well as being an effective way to raise funds for the school, it is always a well attended and fun event. Last year's organisers are keen to hand over the reins to a new parent or parents this year. With a successful template already in place, as well as a transition plan for the new organiser, this represents an awesome opportunity for the right person to stamp their mark on Golf Day. Email <u>pta@tamahere.school.nz</u> for more details, or talk to Callum Malcolm on 021194 0841.

Kids Cross Country Series

Do you have a child who enjoys running? Looking for ways to keep your child active outside of team sports? Then our proposed XC series could be the event for you. A couple of school parents are in the planning stages of establishing a series of running events for children aged Year 3 - Year 8. Details are still to be finalised but the races will take place at 5 different local venues, on Sunday mornings during Term 3. \$25 to enter the series. Run as many or as few as you like. Trophies for series winners, and spot prizes for participants.

Please indicate your interest/provide feedback using this form: <u>https://forms.gle/XQeR176MDwiMk6U46</u>





Community Brief: Birchwood Lane Traffic Calming Concerns

Following a recent meeting with Council regarding the installation of traffic calming measures on Birchwood Lane, we are compiling responses to take to Council as part of a formal community submission. We encourage all residents to participate in shaping a plan that reflects the majority's voice. We are open to suggestions and ideas and encourage all respondents to recognise that we wish for this to remain a cordial and respectful exercise. Our key focus is to address hazards in the area and ensure the ongoing safety of all road users.

To complete a traffic calming & pedestrian crossings feedback form, PLEASE CLICK HERE

Please direct any questions to tamahere.traffic.calming@gmail.com



STEAM

Mrs Griffiths is still looking for more **AA sized dead batteries** for an upcoming project. If you have any lying around, please drop them into the office before next Monday 16th June. Thank you in advance.

Photolife Team Photos

A reminder that sports photos will be taken on **Thursday 19th June in the TCC. Coaches and managers are welcome to join us.**

The times below are approximate only but we will try to run the day as close to this schedule as possible. Children will need to come to school with their sports uniform and socks (no boots, shin pads or sports equipment required)

8:30 - 9:00	Netball x 6 teams
9:00 - 9:05	Football Lightning
9:05 - 10:00	Football x 9 teams
10:00 - 10:30	Splash Polo x 4 teams
10:50 - 11:10	Basketball x 4 teams
11.10 - 11.20	Lacrosse x 2 teams
11.20 - 12.15	Hockey x 9 teams
12.15 - 12.20	City Cluster Swim team
1:20 - 1.30	Rippa Rugby x 2 teams
1.30 - 2:00	Touch Rugby x 5 teams

PhotoLife

TAMAHERE MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

Our main midterm elections are coming up later this year in September!! There will be **4 places available for re-election or for new members to join** and help our Board to continue making a positive difference in our aakonga/students' education.

If you would like to find out more information on what becoming a board member involves, please contact us at <u>reception@tamahere.school.nz</u> and we will pass your guery on to the Board.

Help Tori & Claudia get to the USA!

Tori A & Claudia F have been given an incredible opportunity to attend a 2-week dance tour in Los Angeles in Sept 2026 with the *She Shines On Dance Company*.

To help them get there, they are fundraising with the delicious **Nothing Naughty protein bars!** If you'd like to support the girls, you can get yourselves a box of 12 bars for \$33 (less than their website price) in 8 different flavours, or try the low-carb, collagen or plant protein options.



Upcoming Dates:

June / Pipiri				
WEEK 8				
Raatuu /Tuesday 17th	★ BOARD MEETING at 6.30 pm			
Raapa /Wednesday 18th	★ MATARIKI SHARING ASSEMBLY at 11.00am, followed by a SHARED LUNCH			
Raapare /Thursday 19th	 Photolife Studios - Team Sports Photos Please note the change of date from that previously advertised 			
Raamere /Friday 20th	★ MATARIKI			





	WEEK 9				
Raamere /Friday 27th	★ Last day of Term 2				
TERM 3					
	July /Hōngongoi				
	WEEK 1				
Raahina / Monday 14th	★ Start of Term 3				
	WEEK 2				
Raatuu /Tuesday 22nd	★ Photolife - Portrait & Class Photos				
Αι	gust / Hereturikōkā				
	WEEK 4				
Raapare /Thursday 7th	★ Dress Up As Book Character Day				
· ·	WEEK 5				
Rahoroi /Saturday 16th	★ TMCS FUNDRAISING BALL				
·	WEEK 7				
Raapa /Wednesday 27th	★ Chess Power Regional Tournament - hosted by TMCS				
	★ Book Battle Waikato at the Hamilton Central Library -				
Raamere /Friday 29th	9.00am to 11.00am				
S	September / Mahuru				
	WEEK 9				
Raapa /Wednesday 10th	★ WIG WEDNESDAY				
	WEEK 10				
Raamere /Friday 19th	★ Last day of Term 3				
	TERM 4				
Octo	ber / Whiringa-ā-nuku				
	WEEK 1				
Rāhina / Monday 6th	★ Start of Term 4				
	WEEK 2				
Raapare /Thursday 16th	★ SHAKE OUT!!! New Zealand's national earthquake drill &				
	tsunami hīkoi.				
WEEK 4					
Rāhina / Monday 27th	★ LABOUR DAY				
November / Whiringa-ā-rangi					
WEEK 6					
Raahina / Monday 11th					
Raatuu /Tuesday 12th	★ SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR				
Raapa /Wednesday 13th					
Raapare /Thursday 14th					
WEEK 4					
Raamere /Friday 28th	★ 2025 TMCS Golf Day				

Kia Maia 'Confident Can Do Kids' We strive to do our best with a positive 'can-do' attitude.					
Students of Week 6 I try my best even when things are hard.					
NIKAU 1	Neve O	TANEKAHA 12	Jecca P		
KAURI 2	Gursohbat C	MIRO 13	Rocklynn J		
KAWAKAWA 3	Julia D	PUKATEA 14	Jessica L		
RIMU 7	Jaden Z	KARAKA 15			
POHUTUKAWA 8	Zoe W	MANUKA 16	Diya O		
RATA 9	Matheson B	MAHOE 17	Jordan Y		
TOTARA 10	Zeek F	TAWA 19			
MATAI 11	Archie L	HOROPITO 20 & HOROEKA 21	Jasper J Aimee S		



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

Chess Power Sarapu Cup - Sunday 15th June

The Chess Power Sarapu Cup will take place on Sunday 15th June. A fun, social Chess Tournament open to all players ages 4 to 18 inclusive. Lots of great prizes! Held once a month on Sundays from 1pm - 5:30pm.

When: Sunday, 15 June 2025

Venue: Performing Arts Centre, Berkley Middle School

Time: 1:00 PM - 5:30 PM

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.

READ MORE REGISTER NOW

See the how to enter an individual event tutorial.

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 Berkley Normal Middle School, Endeavour School, Hillcrest High School, Knighton Normal School, Rototuna Primary School, Silverdale Normal School, and Te Totara Primary School.



WAI PIIKI HOLIDAY

Programme

Last holidays was an amazing success and we are looking forward to doing the same again... Ali is also coming back up from the South Island to help out again because we had TOO MUCH FUN!!! I have no doubt this will book out so get

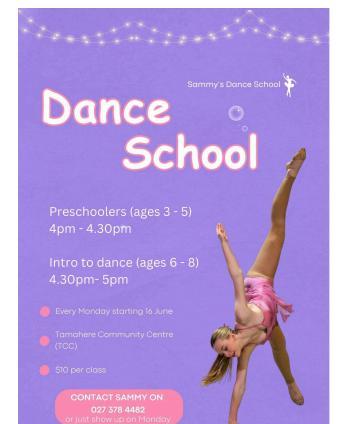


in early to secure your spot. Based at the TCC 8:30am-2:30pm Mon-Fri 30th to 4th & 7th to 11th 7-11yr olds, \$50per Child per Day

To book days contact Paul email: paul.johnson@waipiiki.com



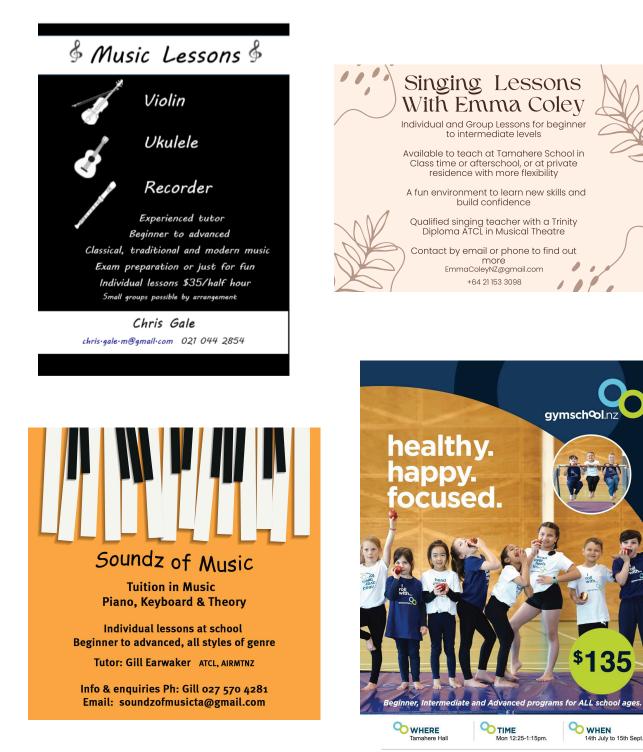






KIDS CLUBS INFORMATION

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.



Keen to know more? Email or Call marie@gymschool.nz or 021 1705 426 book online at www.gymschool.nz