

# TAMAHERE

## MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL

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### Wiki/ Week 8 Happenings:

## Go the Chiefs!

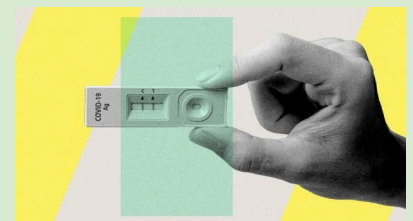
### What, no cow bells!!!!

What a great game on Saturday. D Mac saving that try was superb. We wish our Chiefs all the very best, as they take on the Crusaders at their home ground this weekend in the Super Rugby Pacific Final. Go the Chiefs! Break that 31 game winning streak. Let's hope the bells will be ringing loudly, virtually, despite the ban! Great to see the supporters today in their Chief colours. Due to sports photos, we didn't advertise this widely so as not to confuse the sports gear. **SO, on Monday if the Chiefs win - we can break out into Chiefs colours again for the day.**



### COVID IN OUR SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY.....

Unfortunately, we have had a number of families reporting Covid infections in the last couple of weeks. To keep on top of the spread, if your child is displaying any signs or symptoms of Covid 19 or any other illnesses, please keep them at home until they are healthy. Otherwise numerous families end up being infected. With the teacher shortage at present, we are already having to split classes. Please help us keep everyone as healthy as possible.



**If your child is sick, please keep them at home.**

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## **Matariki**

We had a wonderful Matariki celebration yesterday with so many whaanau and hapori/wider community members joining us to support our aakonga/students and enjoy their sharing of Matariki learning. He waawhakahirahira teenei hei maumahara, hei whakanui, hei titiro whakamua. This is a special time to remember, to celebrate, and to look ahead. Our tamariki showed this so well as they danced, sang, performed kapa haka, and shared artwork and writing with the audience showing their kia ma - confidence! We also shared our new school and vision and kura/school graphics to gain feedback. We hope to be launching these soon. Enjoy these pictures from our day if you were unable to join us.

**Wishing you a relaxing and happy long weekend.**

***Maanawatia a Matariki - Happy Maaori New Year!***



Please check out our ★ [Matariki Assembly PHOTO GALLERY here](#) ★

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## Dad's Army - Your School NEEDS YOU!

On **Saturday 28th June** - the first Saturday of the holidays, Shaun Thompson, a Dad of our school, who is a Wifi specialist during the working-week, is very kindly supporting our school by helping us to install secured Wifi to our STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) room. He is after a team to help him with digging a shallow trench for the fibre connection. **Can you help us?**

**OUR  
SCHOOL  
NEEDS  
YOU!**

Everyone is very welcome! Starting at 8:00am at school - Maybe you can drop in for a while a bit later on - **many hands will make light work of it.** So please, if you can come and join the working bee, we would be very grateful. Please bring a spade.

Thank you very much Shaun! Our aakonga/students will be so pleased! They will be able to research and use the internet to find out how to support and achieve their challenges.



### Introducing our new Before & After School Care Leader:

We are delighted to welcome our new Before & After School Care Leader to our team - Danielle Aitchison.

Hi, my name is **Danielle Aitchison**, and I am the new Team Leader of the Before and After School Care here at Tamahere School.

A little bit about myself, I grew up in the country on a dairy farm with my 4 siblings. I studied at the University of Waikato, studying a Bachelor of Social Sciences majoring in Education and Society.

Outside of this, I have worked for Waikato Parafed, coaching the after-school athletics programme for children with disabilities and at Paralympics NZ in the education space. I am a Paralympian competing in athletics, specifically 100m and 200m. I have represented New Zealand at multiple World Para Athletics Championships and Paralympic Games, winning multiple medals.



In my spare time, I enjoy being outdoors hiking, biking, camping and then indoors, I enjoy playing board games with my family, baking, sewing, and crocheting.

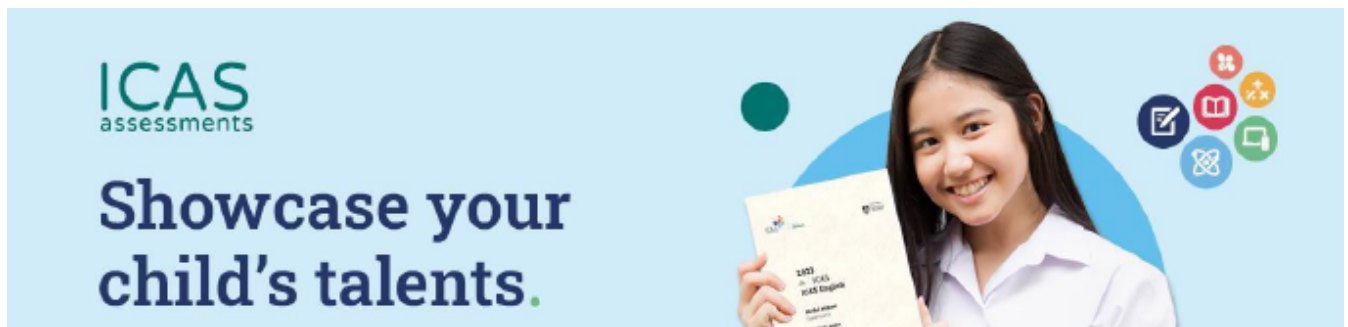
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### Year 5 and 6 Parents/Caregivers

Your child has the opportunity to take part in another Kiwi Competition - this one is the Kiwi Spelling Bee. It assesses aspects of English grammar, spelling, and vocabulary relevant to the student's year level. The test will be administered later in Term 3. If your child is keen to take part, please see Mrs Mossop in Karaka 15 for a permission form. Like the other tests the cost is \$9.90, payable to the office.

The students who have enrolled in the Kiwi Maths, Science and English tests will be sitting them next week. If students are absent, then there will be catch up sessions in Week 1 of Term 3.



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/](https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas/).

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**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 <https://orti.icasassessments.com/ortiStudent>.

**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:

<https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/parent-payment/LVS217>

**Option 2: Log in using the PPS code**

Visit our shop and use our PPS code to log in:

Shop link: <https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps>

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	COST
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 [here](#).

**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,

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- 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 <https://www.janison.com/privacy-policy/>.

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, they or you may opt out by simply contacting our Privacy Officer at [privacy@janison.com](mailto:privacy@janison.com) or by contacting [icasassessments@janison.com](mailto:icasassessments@janison.com).

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

#### **END OF TERM SAUSAGE SIZZLE REMINDER:**

*The PTA have organised an end of term sausage sizzle for next Friday. Order forms have already been sent home with students. Please ensure that the order forms and cash are returned to the class teacher before 9.30am on Tuesday 24th June.*



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TICKETS ON SALE

RUSSELL & ANGELA THOMAS

CHRISTIE'S

INTERNATIONAL REAL ESTATE

*The Tamahere*  
WINTER  
GALA BALL

16TH AUGUST | 6.00PM- LATE

FORMAL WINTER GLAM  
HAMILTONS GARDENS PAVILION - GATE 1

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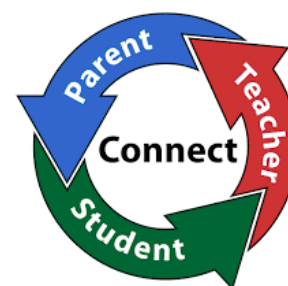
\$160 PP OR \$1500 PER TABLE OF 10  
ARRIVAL DRINK WITH CANAPES  
SEATED DINNER  
LIVE BAND & ENTERTAINMENT

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### Term 3 Student Centered Learning Conferences Wednesday 23rd & Thursday 24th July

Teachers have been busy testing their students and are in the process of writing mid-year reports. These will go home in Week One of next term and Learning Conferences will happen in Week Two. Please be aware that on Wednesday 23rd July, we will focus on our three hours of literacy and numeracy until 1:00 pm. After this, students will head home and attend their learning conferences later that afternoon/evening or the following day on Thursday 24th July.



We are so lucky at our school to have such strong partnerships between home and school. It has been shown that the strength of the connection between parents, school and students all working together to support the learner makes a huge difference for academic and social outcomes, and helping students to reach their potential. Our Learning Conferences with nga aakonga/students included are designed to reinforce this. Our conferences will be 12 minutes to enable time for a quieter one-to-one conversation if needed. Nga aakonga/students can pop outside for a short time.

Our Learning Conferences (Student, Parent & Teacher conversations) will run from 1.27pm through to 7.03 pm on Wednesday 23rd July and from 3.00pm till 5.12pm on Thursday 24th July.

- **Please note:** On Wednesday 23rd July our school day will **finish at the earlier time of 1.00pm.** We will run two longer learning blocks to cover as much class time as possible.
- Please note that the bus will be running at the normal time of 2.35 pm. Bus students can go to afterschool care and then take the bus home at the normal time, if parents wish. Please be aware that you will be charged for this.
- After School Care will start at 1.15pm.
- Normal school hours will resume on Thursday 24th July with our learning day concluding at the usual time of 2.30pm. Conferences will start after this at 3:00pm. We apologise for any inconvenience caused by our early conclusion of learning on Wednesday.

**One Conference per child:** So that each child can celebrate their learning journey with the ones they love and get all caregivers on the same page with the support required, we ask that all parents join together for this occasion to support your child and enable teachers to have the time needed for all conferences. There are not enough spaces for our split family parents to have an appointment each. We appreciate your support in this matter.

#### **For Interviews:**

Bookings for our upcoming Learning Conferences to be held on Wednesday 23rd & Thursday 24th July are **now open**.

#### **Bookings operate on a first in first served basis.**

Please book your Learning Conference times by clicking on the links provided below.

We suggest you allow gaps between your different children's interviews to allow time to get from room to room.

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Please follow the following link:



**Learning Conference link:** <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/5nuez>

Book the time that you require with your child's teacher. If you do not have access to the internet or if you require any assistance with your booking, please contact Lisa at the school office on 856 9238.

## Upcoming Dates:

June / Pipiri	
WEEK 8	
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
Raapa /Wednesday 23rd	★ School Day ends at 1.00pm ★ LEARNING CONFERENCES
Raapare /Thursday 24th	★ LEARNING CONFERENCES
August / Hereturikōkā	
WEEK 4	
Raapare /Thursday 7th	★ Dress Up As Book Character Day
WEEK 5	
Rahoroi /Saturday 16th	★ TAMAHERE WINTER GALA BALL
WEEK 7	
Raapa /Wednesday 27th	★ Chess Power Regional Tournament - hosted by TMCS

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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
TERM 4	
October / 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	★ SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR
Raatuu /Tuesday 12th	
Raapa /Wednesday 13th	
Raapare /Thursday 14th	
WEEK 4	
Raamere /Friday 28th	★ 2025 TMCS Golf Day

## PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning

### *Kia Manaaki 'Honour Be Your Guide'*

*We have respect for ourselves, others, property, and the environment.*

### *Students of Week 7 I make good choices.*

NIKAU 1	Sasha J	TANEKAHA 12	Isla A
KAURI 2	Oscar N	MIRO 13	Lulu C
KAWAKAWA 3	Owen H	PUKATEA 14	Lewis S
RIMU 7	Pat W	KARAKA 15	William H

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<i>POHUTUKAWA 8</i>	<i>Riley D</i>	<i>MANUKA 16</i>	<i>Harriet L</i>
<i>RATA 9</i>	<i>Lucy R</i>	<i>MAHOE 17</i>	<i>Tamara D</i>
<i>TOTARA 10</i>	<i>Finley H</i>	<i>TAWA 19</i>	<i>Isabel P</i>
<i>MATAI 11</i>	<i>Zoe Z</i>	<i>HOROPITO 20 &amp; HOROEKA 21</i>	<i>Jiana P Janvin M</i>



### **We are looking for a Volunteer.....**

to take on the **Subway Pick up** each Friday morning from next term onwards. If you are able to collect the pre-ordered Subway lunches from Subway in Silverdale Road, between 11.30am and midday and bring them back to school, we would love to hear from you. Please let Heather in the office know if you can help out.

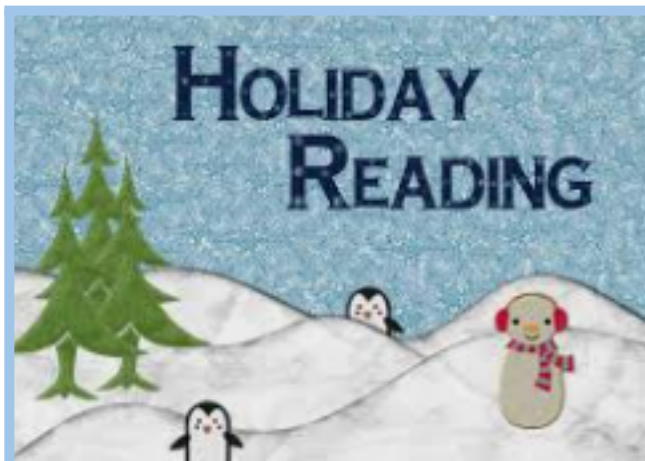


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## SCHOOL HOLIDAY READING

Students that want to issue holiday reading next week, will need to bring a sturdy bag to school with them to put the books in.

Mrs Kewish  
TMCS Librarian



## 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 [pta@tamahere.school.nz](mailto:pta@tamahere.school.nz) for more details, or talk to Callum Malcolm on 021 194 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: <https://forms.gle/XQeR176MDwiMk6U46>

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## 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](mailto:tamahere.traffic.calming@gmail.com)

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**WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

 **HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE —  
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We're collecting opinions on  
**TRAFFIC CALMING AND ROAD SAFETY**  
and **YOUR** voice matters

**WHY TAKE THE SURVEY?**

- ✓ Super quick — takes less than 2 minutes
- ✓ Your input helps make real change

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[tamahere.traffic.calming@gmail.com](mailto:tamahere.traffic.calming@gmail.com)

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## Harold's Movie Fundraiser

The Waipā King Country Life Education Trust is hosting a movie fundraiser in the school holidays to raise funds to keep their mobile classrooms in operation and ensure Harold can visit schools in the area with Abby and Nicky.



### Your voice, your future – get enrolled to get involved

Waikato District Council is calling on all members from across its communities to step up, speak out, and enrol to vote ahead of the 2025 local government elections.

Waikato Chief Executive Craig Hobbs says that enrolling to vote is the first step towards making sure the voices of your community are heard and represented in Council.

“If you’re not enrolled, then you can’t vote and if you don’t vote, you won’t be able to have a say in who represents the wants and needs of your community for generations to come.

“It’s your future we’re talking about, and enrolling gives you a chance to shape a future that reflects the things that matter most to you, so we need all generations to come together to be part of that koorero.”

Anyone living in the Waikato district who is 18 years or older can vote, so if you’ve never voted before or are not sure that you’re eligible, now is the time to check.

Enrolling is easy and only takes a few minutes. Simply head to [vote.nz](https://vote.nz) to check your details or to enrol online, update your information if you’ve moved or changed your name, and submit your enrolment before 1 August.

To learn more or get help enrolling, visit [vote.nz](https://vote.nz) or call 0800 36 76 57.

Don’t sit this one out. Your tick starts here.

<https://vote.nz/>

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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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**WHEN**  
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## SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

There is only 1 week until the July 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 '[Community Notices](#)'.



**IT'S BACK!**  
**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 30<sup>th</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>  
 7-11yr olds, \$50per Child per Day

**To book days contact Paul**  
 email: [paul.johnson@waipiiki.com](mailto:paul.johnson@waipiiki.com)  
 txt: 02108949818




## Community Notices



**CAMBRIDGE JIU JITSU**

**BRAZILIAN JIU JITSU**

CLASSES FOR ALL LEVELS

**MON, TUES, THURS**

3.45-4.15pm Kids 5-7 yrs  
 4.15-5pm Kids 8-13 yrs  
 5pm Girls only  
 5.45-6.45pm Adults 14+ yrs (adult class not on a Monday)

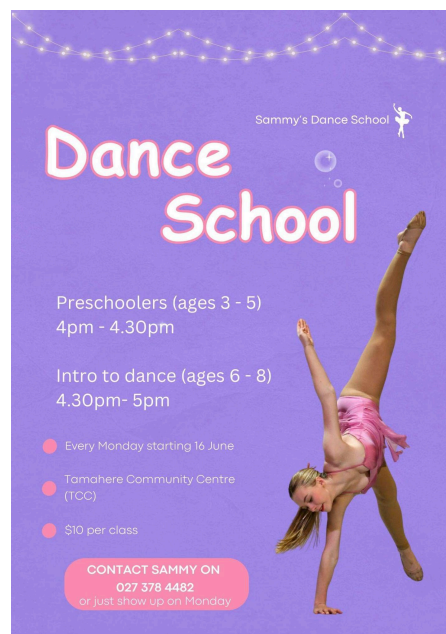
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**Sammy's Dance School**

**Dance School**

Preschoolers (ages 3 - 5)  
 4pm - 4.30pm

Intro to dance (ages 6 - 8)  
 4.30pm- 5pm

- Every Monday starting 16 June
- Tamahere Community Centre (TCC)
- \$10 per class

**CONTACT SAMMY ON**  
 027 378 4482  
 or just show up on Monday

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