

# TAMAHERE

## MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL

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

### Wiki/ Week 9 Happenings:

This nine week term has certainly flown past. Despite being a week shorter than normal, our students and staff (aakonga and kaiako) are looking ready for a holiday and the number of nasty bugs out there are hitting everyone hard. I wish you all a very happy and healthy holiday/haratei with your whaanau and friends.

Next term, when we return, we are very pleased to have Mrs Janine van den Berg as part of our teaching team. Janine will be taking over our Kawakawa 3 class in the Year 3 & 4 Pirongia Syndicate. Welcome Janine!

Our Learning Conferences in Week 2 will be a great opportunity for parents and Janine to get together for the first time - please remember to book!

### About Me

Kia ora koutou,

My name is Janine van den Berg, and I'm thrilled to be joining the team at Tamahere Model Country School. I am a proud wife and mum to two energetic boys, TJ and Thomas, who will also be joining your wonderful kura. Originally from South Africa, our family made the move to Aotearoa just before the COVID-19 pandemic, and since then we've been fortunate to travel and work across the country in places such as Auckland, Pokeno, Te Anau, Hamilton, and New Plymouth. These experiences have enriched my understanding of New Zealand's diverse cultures, education system, and leadership practices. Along the way, I've also explored the role of Special Education Needs Coordinator (SENCO), which deepened my passion for inclusive and supportive learning environments.

In my personal time, I love expressing myself through art and DIY creative projects, and I enjoy getting outdoors—whether it's hiking or biking with my boys, watching their sports, or getting involved in something active myself. I'm truly looking forward to beginning this new chapter at Tamahere, connecting with your tamariki, and becoming part of your respected and close-knit community.

**Mrs. van den Berg**

**My family**

## TERM 2 VISION TICKET WINNING WHAANAU:

Congratulations to **HOIHO** - winners of the Term 2 Whaanau Vision challenge. Yesterday all our HOIHO Whaanau members were allowed to wear their own clothes to school and they were rewarded with a hot chippie treat at lunchtime.

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS EVERYONE!!!!

What an activity-filled, successful learning, and enjoyable term we have had, including our Pirongia Syndicates EOTC week earlier in the term, Pink Shirt Day, Discos, Waikato Lit Quiz and our very special Matariki Sharing Assembly and shared lunch just last week.

Our students have worked hard and are ready for a break. We wish all our families/whaanau a wonderful two-week break, and hope you all get to enjoy some winter sun and relaxation.



## START OF TERM 3 & WHAKATAU WELCOME:

We look forward to seeing you all refreshed and ready for another term on Monday 14th July, when we will be welcoming new students and their whaanau to our school. Everyone is warmly invited to come along to our Whakatau to welcome them to our school in a special assembly. This will be held at **11.00am on Monday 14th July in the Tamahere Community Centre (TCC).**

## DAD'S ARMY - YOUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOU THIS SATURDAY!!!

[THIS COMING SATURDAY, 28th June](#), 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?**



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.**

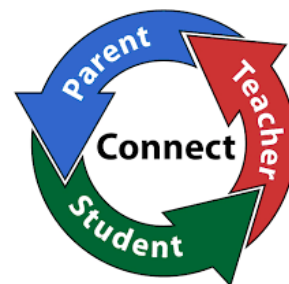
So please, if you can come and join the working bee, we would be very grateful. Please bring a spade.



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.

## TERM 3 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.

Please follow the following link:

**Learning Conference link:**

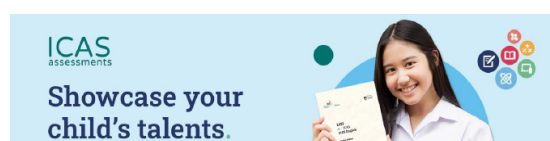
<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/5nuez>

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.



## ICAS COMPETITIONS

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for information on how to enter.



## THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING GALL BALL SPONSORS!

We'd like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the incredible businesses supporting the **Tamahere Winter Gala Ball 2025**. Your generosity is helping us create an unforgettable evening while raising vital funds for our school community.

- **Gold Sponsor** - *Russell and Angela Thomas of Christie's International Real Estate New Zealand*
- **Band & Entertainment Sponsor** - *Quest On London & Quest On Ward*
- **Venue Sponsor** - *The Tamahere Country Club*
- **Tabletop Wine Sponsor** - *Elite Plumbing*

We're so grateful for your support!

**Have you got your tickets yet?** They're **selling out fast**, so don't miss your chance to be part of this spectacular night of glamour, entertainment, and community spirit.

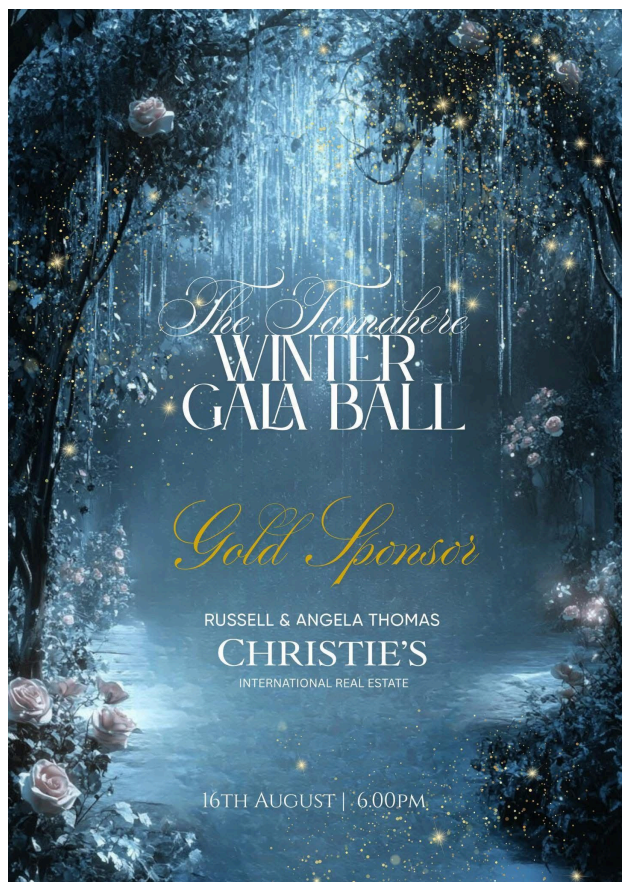
**Tickets available from the school office - \$160 per person or \$1500 for a table of 10.**

Follow all the latest Ball updates on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/929226571231277>

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## 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. If we have no volunteers, sadly lunch orders through Subway may not continue.



## WE NOW HAVE SIZE 12-2 SPORTS SOCKS BACK IN STOCK

We are very pleased to announce that the sports socks that we ordered in March have finally arrived yesterday. You are very welcome to call into the office, if the size you were after was not previously available.



## PHOTOLIFE - INDIVIDUAL, CLASS & SIBLING PHOTOS

Photolife will be here in Week 2, on **Tuesday 22nd July** for our annual Class/Individual Portraits and Sibling Photos.

Photolife Sibling Photo request forms have been sent home this week with students. All students will have an individual photo taken.

**PhotoLife**

If you would like a sibling photo done, these must be filled in and **returned to the office by Monday 21st July**. The forms are also available to collect from the school office or you are welcome to email [hwilson@tamahere.school.nz](mailto:hwilson@tamahere.school.nz) and we can fill one in on your behalf.

## Upcoming Dates:

TERM 3	
July /Hōngongoi	
WEEK 1	
Raahina / Monday 14th	★ Start of Term 3
WEEK 2	
Raatuu /Tuesday 22nd	★ Photolife - Portrait, Class & Sibling Photos
Raapa /Wednesday 23rd	★ School Day ends at 1.00pm ★ LEARNING CONFERENCES

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Raapare /Thursday 24th	★ LEARNING CONFERENCES
WEEK 3	
Raatuu /Tuesday 29th	★ Board Meeting
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
Raamere /Friday 29th	★ Book Battle Waikato at the Hamilton Central Library - 9.00am to 11.00am
September / Mahuru	
WEEK 8	
Raatuu /Tuesday 2nd	★ Board Meeting
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
Raatuu /Tuesday 28th	★ Board Meeting
November / Whiringa-ā-rangi	
WEEK 6	
Raahina / Monday 11th	★ SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR
Raatuu /Tuesday 12th	
Raapa /Wednesday 13th	
Raapare /Thursday 14th	
WEEK 4	
Raatuu /Tuesday 25th	★ Board Meeting
Raamere /Friday 28th	★ 2025 TMCS Golf Day

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## Library News

Week 4 - Next term is Book Week in the library.

***Dress up as a Book Character Day Thursday 7th August***

Book parade straight after morning tea at 11:00am.

The school holidays would be a great time to create a costume.



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## PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning

### Kia Kotahi 'Together as One'

*We learn and work together, supporting, and caring for each other.*

### Students of Week 8 *I listen, share, and contribute.*

NIKAU 1	Matilda M	TANEKAHA 12	Elise F
KAURI 2	Christopher D	MIRO 13	Jamie J
KAWAKAWA 3	Marley M	PUKATEA 14	Nikora K-C
RIMU 7	Boston C	KARAKA 15	Isobella v
POHUTUKAWA 8	Jamie C	MANUKA 16	Simeona K
RATA 9	Lima K	MAHOE 17	Isabelle S
TOTARA 10	Juliette M	TAWA 19	Jack A
MATAI 11	Teacher Absent	HOROPITO 20 & HOROEKA 21	Olive B Nathan Z



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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)



## 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.



## SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

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 PIKI 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  
txt: 02108949818




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[www.punnet.co.nz](http://www.punnet.co.nz)

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## RUNNING BUZZ KIDS X COUNTRY RUNNING SERIES

One of our school parents, Paul Johnson, who already runs an After School Running Class & Holiday Programmes, is looking to start a Kids Cross Country Running series for Year 3-8 students, which will involve 6 races, across 5 locations.

- Round One - Sun 20 July, Tamahere Park
- Round Two - Sun 3 August, Jansen Park
- Round Three - Sun 10 August, Hamilton Gardens
- Round Four - Sun 24 August, St Peter's School, Cambridge
- Round Five - Sun 7 September, University of Waikato fields
- Round Six - Sun 21 September, Tamahere Park

Distances: 1 lap (1.3km) for Y3/4  
2 laps for Y5/6  
3 laps for Y7/8.

There are prizes for series winners, as well as spot prizes at each event. There will be **5 Ninja**



-Kids X country running series for school years 3-8  
-Spot Prizes, awards & FUN  
-Entry for all 6 races at various local parks 10am Sundays is \$25  
-Kicks off 20th July at Tamahere Park  
-For more info find us on FB

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## Valley vouchers up for grabs, as well as other spot prizes for finishers.

This exciting new cross country series for kids is now taking registrations. Whether you want to run for fitness, for fun, or for prizes... our events are for all kids, from year 3 - year 8. Round One will take place at our very own Tamahere Park, on Sunday 20 July. Register now at this link

<https://forms.gle/H8WnB1yAJCa3ZJbRA>. Or check out the Running Buzz facebook page for more details <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1371090370636372/?ref=share&mibextid=WaXdOe>

Do not miss out on this opportunity for your child to experience cross country racing in a safe, supportive environment.

## KIDS CLUBS INFORMATION

Children at our school can get involved in our Kids Clubs activities. Please contact the providers directly if you would like to find out more or register your child.



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## Community Notices

*Are you looking for something to do on Sunday 6th July?*

*Come and see over 160 cats all in one place, over 20 different breeds, including New Zealand's largest cat, the Maine Coon and many other breeds like Orientals, ragdolls, British, and domestic and companion cats.*

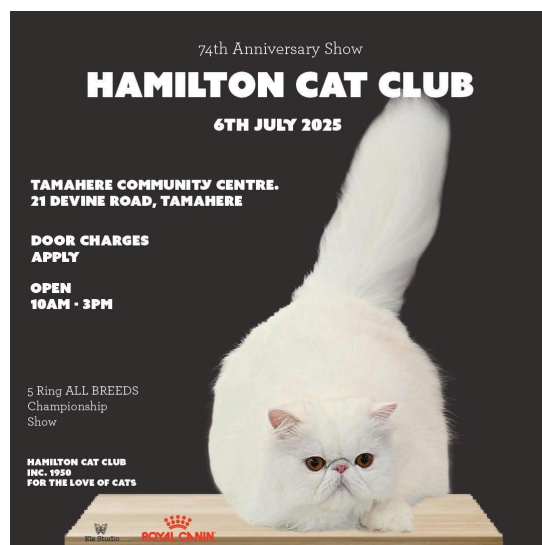
*Watch the majestic felines being judged by national and international judges.*

*There will be vendors selling cat items, coffee and food will be available to purchase as well.*

*Open to the public from 10am - 3pm.*

*\$10.00 adults, \$5.00 children, Family pass \$25.00 (2 adults / up to 3 children), under 3's free. Eftpos available.*

*There will be spot prizes and you can vote for your favourite cat. Tamahere Community Centre, 21 Devine Road, Tamahere.*



## 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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## 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)

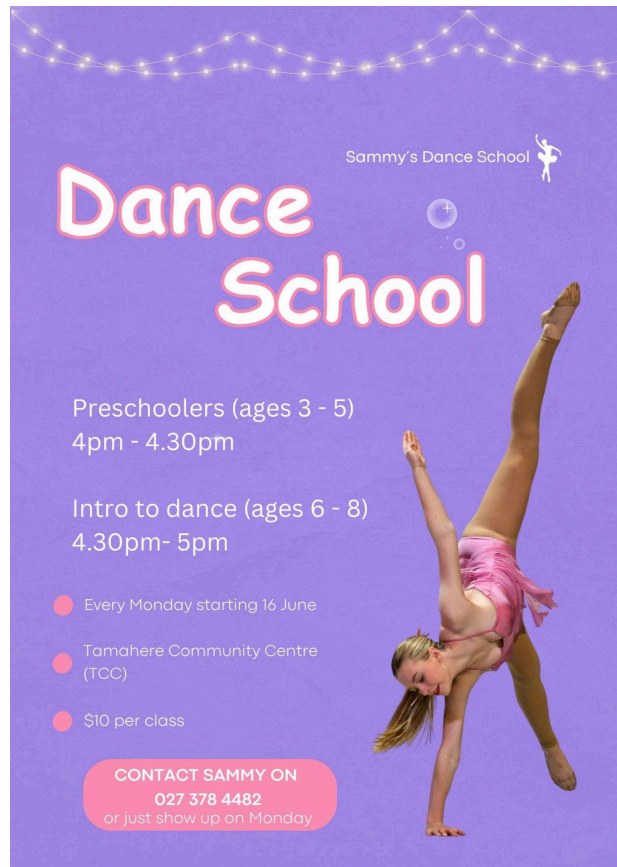
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4pm - 4.30pm

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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