NEWSLETTER 18th July 2025

Week 1, Term 3

TAMAHERE

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Wiki/ Week 1 Happenings:

Welcome back everyone!

We hope you were able to get out and about with your children/tamariki despite the significant amount of rain that fell over the holiday break. We are straight back into the learning and teaching of Term 3, and hopefully you have all picked up your children's reports from school bags this week. Please follow the link to book your conference times. It would be wonderful to have 100% communication and a united approach to support your tamariki in their learning.

LEARNING CONFERENCES - Wednesday 23rd & Thursday 24th July

Please remember to **book your Learning Conferences before Monday afternoon**, so that our teachers can be organised for next Wednesday & Thursday. To date, 82% of our students are booked in, but we would love that to be as close to 100% as possible.



And another reminder that **our teaching day ends early at 1.00pm next Wednesday 23rd July.**

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



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

Please book the time that you require with your child's teacher. We suggest you allow gaps between your different children's interviews to allow time to get from room to room.

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.



Nurturing Our Future - Growing Together Kia atawhai aa mua - Kia tipu ngatahi RUSSELL & ANGELA THOMAS CHRISTIE'S

Kahikatea Library - At 1am on Sunday morning, our cleaners found water flowing through our wonderful historic Kahikatea Library. A pipe had burst in the boys toilets and we have had extensive water damage. At present the library is out of use. Luckily no books were on the floor but the library cannot be used. The toilets and foyer area will need significant time out while being fixed and we are unsure how long the library will be out of action. Mrs Kewish has turned herself into a mobile library service and now takes a trolley of books around to classes during library times to ensure the circulation of books and love of reading isn't impacted. Thank you Mrs Kewish!

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THANK YOU TO OUR PHENOMINAL P.T.A!

As the PTA tidied up its financial year recently, we reflected back on the achievements and massive input they have achieved for our school/kura.

Apart from the community-building events such as Pumpkin Night, Golf Day and the Ball, supporting with activities such as staff dinners and Ag Day, the PTA transferred **\$55,000** to our kura in the 2024/2025 financial year. These funds have been used on the following projects that otherwise would not have been able to happen.

- Kapa Haka uniforms \$10,500 for our wonderful performing roopuu/group
- **Blackout blinds** \$14,000 for classroom comfort and viewing of screens, and importantly for safety and security during a possible lock down,
- Shade Sails \$30,000 to give shade in our senior area which a massive oak once provided, and to protect our juniors playing in their sand pit from the direct sun.
- Boom Boxes portable toilets \$500 for classrooms in case a lockdown occurs.

AGAIN THANK YOU!!!

In spite of the weather, on the first Saturday of the holidays, **Shaun Thompson** and his small team of Dad's Army helpers, worked tirelessly to dig a shallow trench to lay cabling to **install secure Wifi** to our STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) room and Ware Maire, our Multi Purpose Shed. Great work everyone who came along to help out, especially to Shaun, **Matt Adams** and **Brendan Russo**! Our aakonga/students will be so happy to now be able to research and use the internet to find out how to support and achieve their challenges.



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To have skilled parents able to help us out and reduce the cost of projects is just fantastic and means we can provide better facilities and learning for all of our students/aakonga.

Do you have any skills you may be able to help us with? or maybe you know of grandparents and other whaanau and friends with time and skills to share.

- Landscaping skills, gardening, building, roofing, pothole filling! computing, chess, knitting etc.
- Would you have time to manage our **lost property** and keep it flowing out the door and keep things clean and dry, rather than going mouldy in the corner.
- Spelling and reading helpers, book filing, library helping.
- We would be keen to hear from anyone who has some time or talents to share.
- Any help is much appreciated.

WHAKATAU WELCOME:

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We welcomed eighteen new students and their whaanau, both current and new 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: Maddie S, Janvin M, Dylan G, Bradley G, TJ vdB, Thomas vdB, Dylan W, Asa W, Scarlett S, Danny R, Eli P, Micah M, Alivia P, HugoD, Emily O, Henry R, Asher W, Lilian L! We also welcomed Mrs Janine van den Berg, who joined our teaching staff along with Donna Pike and Rachael Thomas who have joined us as Teacher Aides.

Please click here to view the Photo Gallery for the Whakatau.

A few Reminders -

No Jewellery! No necklaces, bangles etc are to be worn at school. Special cultural taonga may be worn with permission, at the written request of whaanau. **Only stud earrings** for safety, nothing that could get caught and cause damage to young earlobes, as they are running about playing together.

Wifi Warning - All of our Pirongia and Maungatautari students/aakonga took home a Wifi warning notice for parents with their reports this week. If you didn't see this, here is the link. <u>Social Media Warning letter</u>. Taupiri parents may be interested as your children are getting older, to think about how you are going to manage home computer use. This is an area that many families grapple with as they did not have to worry about these issues when they were at school.

Change of clothes for playing on the fields:- Our fields are incredibly wet as you can imagine. Any aakonga wanting to play on the fields during break times should be bringing a separate set of clothes so that they can be dry and clean in the classrooms.



Tamahere Model Country School School Board Elections

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Parent Election Notice

Nominations are open for the election of four parent representatives to the school board.

All eligible voters will receive a nomination form. Use this form to nominate yourself or someone in your community. You will also receive a nomination cover letter calling for nominations. Information on who is not eligible to be a board member is provided with this notice, and the nomination form.

If you need more nomination forms, contact the school office.

Nominations close at **noon** on **Wednesday 6th August 2025**. You may provide a signed candidate statement and photograph with your nomination.

The electoral roll is held at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

As nominations are received, there will be a list of candidates' names kept at the school up until election day, which you can view.

Voting closes at 4pm on Wednesday 10th September 2025.

Signed

Angela Jenkins Returning Officer

Link to Nomination Form

Information about People who are not eligible to be school board members - please click here



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Ball Raffle Tickets Coming Home This Week!

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CHRISTIE'S

As part of the lead-up to our much-anticipated TMCS Winter Gala Ball on Saturday 16 August, we're excited to kick off one of our key fundraising initiatives — the Ball Raffle!

Each family will receive an envelope with **10 raffle tickets**, priced at **\$5 each**. You're welcome to purchase these yourself or sell them to friends, whānau, neighbours or workmates. Every ticket sold goes directly towards fundraising efforts that benefit our tamariki.

There are some amazing prizes to be won, generously donated by our wonderful sponsors:

- \$500 Hillcrest New World voucher
- \$150 Inspirit Gallery voucher
- 2 x entries to Boulder Co. Hamilton
- Beauty Boutique gift package
- 2 x \$20 Poppypeach vouchers
- \$100 Ninja Valley voucher
- Basket of animal healthcare products
- \$50 Tamahere Alpha Sports voucher
- 5 x Mobil Hillcrest car washes

Payment can be made via Cash (returned to the school office), EFTPOS (at the school office) or Bank Transfer to: Tamahere School Parent Teacher Association 12-3152-0212196-00 (please include BALL RAFFLE in the reference).

Please return all sold and unsold tickets to the school office by Thursday 14 August. If you'd like more tickets, just email us at <u>pta@tamahere.school.nz</u>

The winners will be drawn and announced in the newsletter following the Ball. A huge thank you to our **incredible sponsors** for their generous contributions — and to you, our school community, for helping make this fundraiser a success!



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 and due by next Wednesday, 23rd July.

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NEW STAFF INTRODUCTIONS:

Hi, I'm **Rachael Thomas**. I'm excited to join the school as a teacher aide. My background is in swim coaching, and I have a passion for helping others and motivating students. I have two children, and we spend a lot of time together on the farm, getting messy. I also enjoy hiking and gardening.

Kia Ora, my name is **Briana Vette** and I am lucky enough to be a part of the After School Care team here at Tamahere.

A little bit about myself, I have just returned back to New Zealand earlier this year after spending two years travelling with my partner. We were lucky enough to visit 27 countries across 3 different continents before making our way back home. Prior to our travels, I worked as an Engineering Geologist while also teaching dance in my spare time.

Now that I am back home I am excited to be pursuing a new career pathway. I am currently studying a Postgraduate Diploma in Primary Teaching at the University of Waikato and I am really looking forward to this next chapter. I look forward to getting to know everyone as the year goes on!





The Kiwi





PTA MEETING REMINDER:

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 22nd July** 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

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PHOTOLIFE - INDIVIDUAL, CLASS & SIBLING PHOTOS

Photolife will be here NEXT WEEK, 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.

If you would like a sibling photo done, the form must be filled in and <u>returned to the office by next</u> <u>Monday at the latest</u>. The forms are also available to collect from the school office or you are welcome to email <u>hwilson@tamahere.school.nz</u> and we can fill one in on your behalf.

ICAS COMPETITIONS

Please **<u>CLICK HERE</u>** for information on how to enter.

There is still time to enter. A reminder that registration for all subjects closes on Monday 28th July at 11:59pm.

ICAS

Showcase your child's talents.

What's Happening in the Library?

Week 4 is Aotearoa School Library Week in New Zealand. It is an annual celebration of school libraries. The week aims to raise awareness about the importance of school libraries, acknowledge the work of library staff, and promote reading and literacy.

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







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As part of this fun school library celebration week there will be

• Competitions and activities in the library

CHRISTIE'S

• An author visit by Stacey Gregg for Year 4-6 students on Tuesday 8th August

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16th August Hamilton Gardens Pavilion

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

• A fun book display competition on all the classroom doors

Dress up as a Book Character Day Parade on Thursday 7th August at 11.00am



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.



AG Day 2025

We have started the planning cycle for **Agricultural Day 2025**, which will be held on **Thursday 9th October** this year. Details about what Ag Day involves can be found on the school website, by <u>clicking here</u>.

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In order for this day to go ahead, we require a lot of parent

support to organise and run the animal events. There are plenty of tasks involved, large and small so even if you can only pick up something small, any offers of help are welcomed. This year we are looking for someone to assist with running the poultry segments, so please reach out if you can help in this area.

Any parents who are keen to be involved in planning and coordinating the day, please email **agday@tamahere.school.nz**.

Learn to Raise A Calf On A Working Farm

Roger Duncan, a local dairy farmer and ex parent of Tamahere School, has a very generous offer to support any children who would like to raise a calf for Ag Day but are unable to have their calf at home. Roger's farm is on Pencarrow Road, just 5 minutes from school.

Roger is happy for any children who are keen and dedicated to learn, to visit his farm after school (as many days as they are able to, and could just be for half an hour, if that's all you have time for) to feed and practice their leading in his pen. He will assist with knowledge on rearing and leading.

Roger is then able to assist with bringing the calves to school on Ag Day and returning them to his farm afterwards.

If you would like to take up the opportunity please email **<u>agday@tamahere.school.nz</u>** and we can put you in contact.







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				
	★ PTA MEETING, 7.00pm in the Staffroom				
Raapa /Wednesday 23rd	★ School Day ends at 1.00pm				
	★ LEARNING CONFERENCES				
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				
Raapare /Thursday 9th	★ AG DAY				
WEEK 2					
Raapare /Thursday 16th	★ SHAKE OUT!!! New Zealand's national earthquake drill &				
	tsunami hīkoi.				

The Tamahere WINTER GAIA BALL

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WEEK 4				
Rāhina / Monday 27th	★ LABOUR DAY			
Raatuu /Tuesday 28th	★ Board Meeting			
November / Whiringa-ā-rangi				
WEEK 6				
Raahina / Monday 11th				
Raatuu /Tuesday 12th				
Raapa /Wednesday 13th	★ SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR			
Raapare /Thursday 14th]			
WEEK 4				
Raatuu /Tuesday 25th	★ Board Meeting			
Raamere /Friday 28th	★ 2025 TMCS Golf Day			

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 9, Term 2 I am a responsible risk-taker.				
NIKAU 1	Charles B	TANEKAHA 12	Lucia H	
KAURI 2	Ben S	MIRO 13	Beau C	
KAWAKAWA 3	Ava O	PUKATEA 14	Eva O	
RIMU 7		KARAKA 15	Anru S	
POHUTUKAWA 8	Annabelle N	MANUKA 16	Ben M	
RATA 9	Natalie H	MAHOE 17	Vanina B	
TOTARA 10	Jacob N	TAWA 19	Libby C	
MATAI 11		HOROPITO 20 & HOROEKA 21	Mila B Oli H	



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





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.

https://www.nothingnaughty.kiwi.nz/pages/nothing-naughty-protein-bars Email Emma A at **emsy_9@hotmail.com** to place an order or to find out more info.

Upcoming Hamilton Sarapu Cup on 27th July

A fun, social chess tournament just for kids aged 4 to 18 inclusive. Open to all kids from complete beginners to experienced players. Lots of great prizes!

When: Sunday, 27 July 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.



Protein Bar

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Hamilton Book Month

Hamilton Book Month runs throughout August and has four panels, five writing workshops, a film premiere about Dame Fiona Kidman, two author talks, a lit pub quiz and book battle, a blokes' book club and a poetry in the galleries event in their August line-up. Most events are free or low cost though some require registration via the website Hamilton Book Month | Authors | Hamilton, New Zealand

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Last year their workshops filled fast so if you are keen to upskill this August with best-selling authors, register quickly! There's feature writing with Venetia Sherson, fiction with Ockhams winner and IIML director Damien Wilkins, bookbinding with Natalie Coats, historical fiction with Monty Soutar, creating complex characters with crime writer Charity Norman and storytelling for the screen with Michael Bennett. They're \$30 each and you register via the website.

Free Friday night panels with no need to register:

newswomen <u>Public Faces</u>, <u>Private Stories 1 2025</u> (Alison Mau, Susie Ferguson, Diana Wichtel and Venetia Sherson), fiction panel <u>Guilt, Freedom & Delirium 1 2025</u> (Catherine Chidgey, Carl Shuker and Damien Wilkins) historical fiction <u>Bringing the Past to Life Panel 1 2025</u> (Monty Soutar, Deborah Challinor, Tina Shaw) and crime fiction <u>Crime Stories as Home Truths panel 1 2025</u>(Charity Norman, Michael Bennett and Claire Baylis)

You might also be interested in hearing Peter Sergel talk about his book The Time Traveller's Guide to Hamilton Gardens on Thursday 21 August The Time Traveller's Guide Talk | 2025 and celebrating National Poetry Day at the museum with the Poetry in the Galleries event Poetry in the Galleries | 2025

Look out for Hamilton Book Month brochures in cafes, bookshops and libraries.

RUNNING BUZZ KIDS X COUNTRY RUNNING SERIES

Running Buzz Kids Cross Country Series – last chance to enter! With almost 130 entries received so far, this promises to be an exciting event to keep the kids active in Term 3. If you have a child from Year 3 to Year 8 who wants to join in the fun, complete the entry form here <u>https://forms.gle/sYSubU85naeanUxa7</u>.

Get in quick as the first race is this Sunday, 20th July.



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 Proudly brought to you by Wai Piiki Fith



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16th August Hamilton Gardens Pavilion

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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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