NEWSLETTER 25th July 2025

Week 2, Term 3

TAMAHERE

MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL

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Wiki/ Week 2 Happenings:

What a wonderful week of sunshine. It certainly makes a difference. Our students/aakonga have been outside happily playing and enjoying each other's company, with space and time to relax.

Learning Conferences:-

Our teachers really enjoyed meeting with you during the Learning Conferences this week. Thank you for making the time for these very important meetings. We had 95% of our parents and caregivers attend. If you missed out for some reason, please connect with your classroom teacher and arrange a mutual time that works. Having parents, school and students all together on the same page with everyone's learning journey is so important, and makes a significant impact on lifting achievement.

Changes for Matai 11:- We are very sorry to announce that Whaea Lynley Jobe will be leaving us in Week 4 of this term. Lynley has not been with us for long, but she has done a wonderful job in Matai 11 and all of the students/aakonga have benefitted from her time with them. We wish you all the best Lynley for the next step in your career.

Welcome:- We are very pleased to be able to welcome **Mrs Heather Briscoe** onto our teaching staff, to take over in Matai 11 where Whaea Lynley has left off. Heather has taught at Te Awamutu Primary School and Morrinsville Intermediate. Heather and Lynley have been working closely together this week and will continue to do so through to mid

Week 4. I will let Heather introduce herself to you all.

Kia Ora e te Whanau, ko Heather Briscoe toku ingoa. I am very excited to be joining Tamahere School and thank you for the warm welcome from the staff, students and families I have met so far. I look forward to meeting more of our school community throughout the terms ahead. I am a country girl myself having spent the last 15 years dairy farming or supporting the agricultural industry alongside my husband Grant. We have two sons aged 10 and 11 and live on a small lifestyle block on the outskirts of Morrinsville. If you see me around, please come and say "Hi".





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

Harakeke 18 - Our new school Library.

Thanks to lots of busy bees yesterday, the lower half of the school library has now been transported into Harakeke18. This will be our temporary library until such time as the Kahikatea Library is restored following the water damage that incurred over the holidays. H18 is actually the Ministry's designated Library for us, so it is good we are using it! Mrs Kewish, Mr Wickens and Mr Ball have made it into a lovely new place to enjoy reading books.

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THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!!!

A massive thank you to our wonderful PTA parents, who prepared such a delicious array of dishes on Wednesday night for our teaching staff involved in the Learning Conferences. Thank you to **Sarah Elliott** for coordinating this and to **Alice van der Heyden**, **Ashley Best, Chor Thompson-Chhoung, Breann Eschenbruch**, **Miffy Foley, Anna Armstrong, Kristyn Thomas, Connie Buchanan** and **Nicole McChesney** who whipped up an amazing



meal for our teachers. The yummy menu included lasagne, orzo salad, chicken & bacon pasta bake, quiche, pumpkin soup, broccoli salad, brown rice salad, home-made sourdough bread, cookies, chocolate cake, and sweet muffins. We felt very spoilt!!!!

Chicken fun:- We are looking for a volunteer to have fun with the Chicken Section of Ag Day. This is not a big job, just collating the entries, organising on the day and coming up with creative categories. Please let us know if you could help out this event, as it will make our chicken farmers very happy.

16th August-Hamilton Gardens Pavilion TICKETS ON SALE NOW



Tamahere Model Country School School Board Elections

the Tamai WINTER GAIA BAU

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

RUSSELL & ANGELA THOMAS

CHRISTIE'S

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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The Tamahere WINTER GAIA BALL

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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



Tamahere Winter Gala Ball - Saturday 16th August, 2025!

Our much-anticipated Tamahere Winter Gala Ball is just around the corner - and it's shaping up to be an unforgettable night of fun, entertainment, and fundraising for our school and tamariki!

When: Saturday 16 August 2025, from 6:00pm

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- Where: The Pavilion, Hamilton Gardens
- Tickets: \$160 each or \$1500 for a table of 10 (Hurry only 60 tickets left!)

Guests will be welcomed with drinks and canapés on arrival, followed by a delicious sit-down dinner and buffet dessert. There'll be a live band to dance the night away, plus exciting entertainment throughout the evening, including both live and silent auctions featuring some amazing items.

Ball Tickets can be purchased through the school office, or by direct bank transfer to the Tamahere School Parent Teacher Association bank account: 12-3152-0212196-00

Raffle tickets have also been sent home to sell - they're just \$5 each, with fantastic prizes to be won! 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 pta@tamahere.school.nz

Every ticket sold and every dollar raised goes directly towards supporting our tamariki and school community.

Stay up to date and start bidding on silent auction items now by joining our Tamahere Winter Gala Ball Facebook group:



Thanks to all our generous sponsors and for your support - we can't wait to celebrate with you!

ICAS COMPETITIONS - All entries close on Monday 28th July

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

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

TAMAHERE ANNUAL AMBROSE GOLF TOURNAMENT <u>- CAN YOU HELP?</u>

We are still on the hunt for a special person to oversee the organisation of Golf Day 2025. If you are even the slightest bit curious as to what this role involves, please reach out to <u>pta@tamahere.school.nz</u>. The event already has a date (28th November) and a venue (Ngaruawahia Golf Course). It is such a well loved community event that this year it also comes with a main sponsor already lined up. Following so closely after the fundraising gala ball, this year the intention is that the golf will be the star. Frills such as the raffle and auction may take a backseat, leaving the organiser to focus on what is really important, such as how many drives per player should be used, which tees to play, and how best to avoid the water hazards.

Berkley Normal Middle School - Information Evening Thursday 31 July - 6.00pm - 7.30pm

Berkley Normal Middle School welcomes all prospective Year 7, 8 & 9 students and their whaanau to our 2026 Information evening. Come along to experience all that Berkley has to offer your child.

No registration is required, please be seated in the Rec Centre for 6.00pm start.

Please note: Out of Zone Enrolments are welcomed and must be with the school office by Friday 29 August 2025. Contact school office: 07 856 6537, <u>office@berkley.school.nz</u> or <u>www.berkley.school.nz</u>



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ICAS

Showcase your

child's talents.





What's Happening in the Library?

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Just a reminder that the issuing and returning of books is still happening, now that our temporary school library is up and running in Harakeke 18. We are open for business during the 2nd half of lunchtime and all classes can visit at their usual time.



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

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- Competitions and activities in the library
- A fun book display competition on all the classroom doors
- An author visit by Stacy Gregg for our Year 4-6 students, on Tuesday 5th August



Families can pre-order Stacy's new book through Books for Kids online via the link or by using the QR code below:

<u>https://www.booksforkids.co.nz/c/stacy-gregg-preorder-special-2025</u> Families should select 'Click and Collect' and in the notes field add "Name, class, school, dedication name if different"



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

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Year 6 Bake Sale 2025

The 2025 Year 6 students are going to hold a bake sale to raise money for their leavers' gift. This will be held in Week 6 on <u>Monday 18th August</u>. *SAVE THE DATE! MORE DETAILS TO COME!*



Ngaa mihi nui, Maungatautari teachers

CHRISTIE'S

BATTLE OF THE SCHOOLS

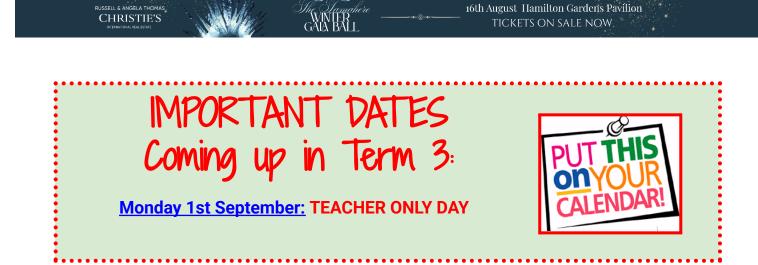
CHRISTIE'S

On Saturday, **Leo A** and **Jack A** represented Tamahere Model Country School at the final round of the 'Battle of the Schools' Motocross competition, hosted by the South Waikato Motorcycle Club in Tokoroa. After all the recent rain and a frosty -4 degrees start, the track was understandably soggy. Fortunately, both Leo and Jack have bikes which are well-equipped for such conditions, with large mud tyres a must! Jack was racing in the 4-7 years Intro Trail 50cc 4 Stroke class, and Leo was in the 7-11 years Trail 51-149cc 4 stroke class. The Tamahere School team of two performed admirably with Jack bringing home 2nd place overall, and Leo finishing 11th after pushing so hard and crashing multiple times per race, but fighting his way back through the field each time. Outstanding effort from both lads, resulting in TMCS finishing 18th overall out of 71 primary schools!

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Upcoming Dates:

CHRISTIE'S

TERM 3					
July /Hōngongoi					
WEEK 2					
Raapare /Thursday 24th	★ LEARNING CONFERENCES				
WEEK 3					
Raatuu /Tuesday 29th	★ Board Meeting at 6.30pm				
Raapare /Thursday 31st	 Berkley Normal Middle School Information Evening - 6.00pm to 7.30pm, at BNMS Recreation Centre 				
August / Hereturikōkā					
WEEK 4					
Raapa /Wednesday 6th	★ Year 3 Tabloids - hosted by Matangi				
Raapare /Thursday 7th	★ Dress Up As Book Character Day				
WEEK 5					
Raapare /Thursday 14th	★ TMCS Cross Country				
Raamere /Friday 15th	★ POSTPONEMENT DAY - TMCS Cross Country				
Rahoroi /Saturday 16th	★ TAMAHERE WINTER GALA BALL				
WEEK 7					
Raapa /Wednesday 27th	Chess Power Regional Tournament - hosted by TMCS in the TCC				
Raapare /Thursday 28th	★ Country Cluster Cross Country - hosted by TMCS				
Raamere /Friday 29th	★ Book Battle Waikato at the Hamilton Central Library - 9.00am to 11.00am				
September / Mahuru					
WEEK 8					
Raahina / Monday 1st	★ TEACHER ONLY DAY				

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Raatuu /Tuesday 2nd	★ Board Meeting at 6.30pm				
Raapare /Thursday 4th	★ City Cluster Cross Country				
WEEK 9					
Raapa /Wednesday 10th	★ WIG WEDNESDAY				
Raapare /Thursday 11th	★ POSTPONEMENT DAY - City Cluster Cross Country				
WEEK 10					
Raamere /Friday 19th	★ Last day of Term 3				
TERM 4					
October / Whiringa-ā-nuku					
WEEK 1					
Raahina / Monday 6th	★ Start of Term 4				
WEEK 2					
Raapare /Thursday 16th	★ SHAKE OUT!!! New Zealand's national earthquake drill & tsunami hīkoi.				
WEEK 4					
Raahina / Monday 27th	★ LABOUR DAY				
Raatuu /Tuesday 28th	★ Board Meeting				
November / Whiringa-ā-rangi					
WEEK 6					
Raahina / Monday 11th					
Raatuu /Tuesday 12th	★ SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR				
Raapa /Wednesday 13th					
Raapare /Thursday 14th					
WEEK 4					
Raatuu /Tuesday 25th	★ Board Meeting at 6.30pm				
Raamere /Friday 28th	★ 2025 TMCS Golf Day				



PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning

Kia Kotahi 'Together As One' We learn and work together, supporting, and caring for each other.				
Students of Week 1, Term 3 I am kind and inclusive.				
NIKAU 1	Rhyn K	TANEKAHA 12	Abby P	
KAURI 2	Thomas v d B	MIRO 13	Ava T	
KAWAKAWA 3	Marley M	PUKATEA 14	Jack M	
RIMU 7	Lucy H	KARAKA 15	Eira S	
POHUTUKAWA 8	Mila J	MANUKA 16	Sebastian C	
RATA 9	Pippa R	MAHOE 17	Isabelle S	
TOTARA 10	Penny U	TAWA 19	William C	
MATAI 11	George R	HOROPITO 20 & HOROEKA 21	Maddie S Luka U	



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

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Running Buzz Kids XC Series - 1 final chance to enter!

On Sunday just gone, close to 150 kids descended on Tamahere Park to test themselves over 1, 2, or 3 laps of cross country running. Due to popular demand we have reopened entries. With 5 rounds still remaining want miss the fun. you do not to out on Enter here https://forms.gle/F5efPHEJ74WtME9e6 before entries close for good...

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YOUR LUNCHBOX NEWS



The Tamaher WINTER GAIA BALL

Ready to Order? Jump online now & secure a delicious end of week treat! www.yourlunchbox.co.nz

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KELLY SPORTS in Term 3 - Don't Miss Out

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Unfortunately Kelly Sports has only received 3 enrolments so far for this term, and needs closer to 10 students to be able to go ahead with classes. This term Kelly Sports will focus on Rippa Rugby, Netball and Ultimate Frisbee.

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This weekly programme gives children skills and confidence in a fun and enjoyable environment. It also encourages their enthusiasm for sport and the life skills such involvement brings, giving them confidence to join sports clubs and teams in the future.

Programmes run weekly - once a week for one hour and are designed for Year O-4 students (Years 5-6 are also welcome). \$90 for 6 weeks. Classes are held on a Thursday afternoon in the Tamahere Community Centre (TCC) from 2.40pm.

Please book online at <u>www.kellysports.co.nz</u> or you can contact Mark Innes at <u>waikato@kellysports.co.nz</u> or phone 07 839 9017



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.



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

Upcoming Hamilton Sarapu Cup This Sunday 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

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Venue: Performing Arts Centre, Berkley Middle School

Time: 1:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Cost: \$33 per entry if prepaid

To register, please click here.

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.

The <u>Pawns Division</u> is for players who are new to Chess and are still taking their first steps. The <u>Knights Division</u> is for players who have gained some confidence in Chess, perhaps played in a number of tournaments but aren't established players yet. The <u>Bishops Division</u> is for players who are confident in Chess, are established players but are still working on their consistency. The <u>Rooks</u> <u>Division</u> is designed for established players that are confident and have experience.

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 <u>chess@swift-horse.co.nz</u> 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, Te Totara Primary School, and Whitiora School.

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> Te Awa like you've never experienced before!

SATURDAY 9 AUGUST 2025

FROM 6.00PM

w.te-awa.org.nz/lightnight

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Te Awa River Ride Light Night - FREE Cambridge Community event on Saturday 9th August

the Tamaheri WINTER GAIA BALL

Coming up on **Saturday 9th August, starting at 6.00pm**, the Te Awa River Ride are holding a Light Night event in Cambridge. They'll be lighting up parts of the trail between the Gaslight Theatre and the Velodrome - for a really fun and different after-dark experience on the trail \bigcirc

It is completely free for everyone, there'll be food trucks, facepainting, entertainment and live music and just a chance to get out after dark and enjoy a short walk or bike ride along Te Awa and experience the trail in a totally different way.

Hamilton Book Month

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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 <u>Hamilton Book Month |</u> <u>Authors | Hamilton, New Zealand</u>



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, Private Stories | 2025</u> (Alison Mau, Susie Ferguson, Diana Wichtel and Venetia Sherson),

fiction panel <u>Guilt, Freedom & Delirium | 2025</u> (Catherine Chidgey, Carl Shuker and Damien Wilkins)

historical fiction <u>Bringing the Past to Life Panel | 2025</u> (Monty Soutar, Deborah Challinor, Tina Shaw) and

crime fiction <u>Crime Stories as Home Truths panel | 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 <u>The Time Traveller's Guide Talk | 2025</u> and celebrating National Poetry Day at the museum with the Poetry in the Galleries event <u>Poetry in the Galleries | 2025</u>

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

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KIDS CLUB INFORMATION:

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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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The Tamahere WNTER GAIA BALL



COMMUNITY NOTICES:

CHRISTIE'S

