## **TAMAHERE**

#### MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL

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

### Wiki/ Week 3 Happenings:

Week 3 has flown past, with the highlight for our Year 6 girls and a few of our Year 5 girls who play rugby, being the visit from NRLW, with some of the NZ Women's Warriors players joining nutritionists in a presentation to our girls. Extremely exciting and motivational - see the write up below. Everyone is very settled into the focused literacy and maths lessons at present. Our teachers/kaiako have been taking on a significant amount of new learning over the last two terms, and routines and systems are now becoming embedded and easier for everyone with a clear structure. Theresa Kewish is now operating half of our library out of Harekeke18 which is working well. We are very lucky to have enough space for this. Everyone will be able to enjoy Book Week next week. More information below.

Thank you, once again, to the PTA for all the blinds we now have in every room in the school. This has come at considerable cost but in our recent lock down practice every class was comfortably and safely hidden behind their blinds. Sadly, in this new era, it is very important to be prepared in case our school is called to lock down due to an incident in the area. The money raised from the Winter Gala Ball will firstly be providing new classroom desks and tables for our middle and senior students. The team has organised a very special and glamorous evening. Come along and have some fun with your friends or meet new ones! If you haven't got your tickets yet, they are available at the office.

#### **Book Week Next Week!**

We have a very exciting week ahead, celebrating **Aotearoa School Library Week in New Zealand.** This is a week of celebrating books, libraries, authors and reading!

- On Tuesday, our Year 4,5 and 6 students are being treated to a visit by author Stacy Gregg.
- Everyone is looking forward to Book Character Day next Thursday, which is loved by teachers and students alike.

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......

- Competitions and activities in the library
- A fun book display competition on all the classroom doors

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



https://www.booksforkids.co.nz/c/stacy-gregg-preorder-special-2025

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

Students come along dressed as a book character.



#### Year 3 Tabloid Sports Day

Another exciting event next week is the **South East Hamilton Country Cluster Year 3 Tabloid Sports Day**, hosted by Matangi School on Wednesday 6th August. Have a great time everyone!

#### TMCS Board Election - nominations close 12 noon on Wednesday 6th August

Don't miss the opportunity to contribute to the governance and strategic direction of our kura.

There is still time for you to get your nomination in, to join our School Board. We have four parent representative positions available. Why join our Board - click here to find out.

The clock is ticking, with <u>nominations</u> closing at noon next Wednesday, 6th August. You can email your nomination to the returning officer at <u>office@tamahere.school.nz</u> or drop them off at the school office. You can also send in a candidate statement and smiling photo with your nomination as well. Here is information about people who are ineligible to be school board members.



We encourage all eligible parents and caregivers who are passionate about our school's future to consider standing for election. Your unique skills, perspectives, and commitment can make a significant difference.

A copy of the electoral roll is kept at the school office and is available to be checked during normal school hours.







# The TMCS Gala Ball Auction Catalogue is here. Silent Auction Bidding Now Open!

We're excited to announce that the official <u>Tamahere Winter Gala Ball Auction Catalogue</u> is now available! With **over 30 fantastic items** up for grabs — there's something for everyone so please share widely with your family, friends and colleagues.

Inside the catalogue, you'll find everything from luxury getaways and private coaching sessions with NZ sports legends, to VIP school perks, unique local experiences, fine wine, family fun, and more!

**LIVE AUCTION** items will be auctioned **in person at the Ball on Saturday 16 August**. If you are unable to attend but wish to bid on a live item, please email <a href="mailto:pta@tamahere.school.nz">pta@tamahere.school.nz</a> to register your interest. A member of the Ball Committee can assist by coordinating your bid on the night.

#### **SILENT AUCTION** bidding is **open now!**

To make bidding easy, simply click on the <a href="Facebook">Facebook</a> link located under each silent auction item in the catalogue and place your bid in the comments using this format: "Bid: Amount, Your Name" (e.g., Bid: \$100, Alex Smith) Bidding closes at 9:30pm on Saturday 16 August (Facebook timestamp applies).



#### Click to view the Auction Catalogue

Thank you for supporting this important TMCS fundraising initiative. Every bid and every dollar raised helps enrich the learning environment for our tamariki!





#### **NRLW Visit**

On Wednesday the 30th of July, the Year 6 girls and a couple of year 5 girls were lucky enough to receive a presentation by representatives of the **New Zealand Warriors Women's** team. The sessions emphasised the importance of good sleep, hydration and nutrition to enable our bodies to perform at their best. The girls also participated in some small-group exercises to develop rugby league skills, such as passing, kicking and moving into space. There was a real buzz in the TCC; the girls were excited and keen to learn. They participated fully, asking great questions and trying their best with the rugby league exercises. Showing Kia Kotahi throughout, the girls were commended for the way they lifted each other up and supported one another in all the activities. Ka mau te wehi, ngā kōtiro!

























#### **TMCS Cross Country**

Kia ora Parents, Caregivers and Whaanau,

We are very pleased to welcome you to our annual School Cross Country event, which will be held on **Thursday 14th of August** using our fields, as well as the Tamahere Reserve. The postponement date is set for Friday 15th of August.



This year our whole school will be running and supporting each other at the same event. We will be **starting at 9.45 am** with our **Year 3 & 4 students from the Pirongia Syndicate**. These races will be followed by our Junior tamariki, the Taupiri Syndicate, and finally our Senior Maungatautari runners will take to the course.

We are expecting the Pirongia races to take about 45 - 50 minutes and hope to be starting the Taupiri races by 10.35 - 10.45 am. We hope to have our senior Maungatautari races underway by 11.30 - 11.40 am.

These **times are very approximate** as each race will follow the last and will depend on the speed of the runners. Please allow time to enable you to enjoy seeing each of your children race.

We ask that all spectators please remain in the Tamahere Reserve area, where you will be able to easily see the competitors and encourage the runners along. Please also stay back from the concrete path by the fence, so that runners have an unobstructed area to run in.

All tamariki need to wear their whaanau shirt and school shorts or school skort and everyone needs to be wearing shoes suitable for running in. (Other comfortable sports running shorts may be worn for the races only). Please ensure your child brings plenty of warm uniform to put on after their race to avoid sitting in damp clothing and getting cold. Please make sure your child has plenty of food and water to keep them well sustained.

<u>Disclosure of Risk:</u> Below are the possible risks your child could be exposed to on this day and the safety measures that are in place.

- 1. **Medical Safety** All students / parents are asked to ensure each child has their asthma inhalers with them, and epipens and other medication where required. Please ensure your classroom teacher is aware of your child's medical conditions. Our teachers are first aid trained and we will have first aid kits available.
- 2. **Injuries/ damage to feet -** Shoes need to be worn by everyone on the reserve as this public area may have rubbish items that could injure bare feet.
- 3. **Exhaustion / dehydration / exposure -** All children need to have plenty of food and drink for the day, and sunscreen along with enough warm clothes in case the weather changes. If the forecast is for rain a waterproof raincoat, outside of our uniform may be carried if it provides more protection than our uniform.
- 4. **Loss -** Every year whaanau shirts and other items seem to go missing please ensure all clothing items are clearly named and there are bags to carry them home.

Thank you, Ngaa mihi

Tamahere Model Country School Teachers

#### Help Prevent the Spread of COVID & RSV in our School Community:

We are aware that currently there is COVID and RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus) cases circulating around our school community.

We are all aware of Covid but RSV is also very infectious and is spread by droplets in the air that contain the virus or direct contact with mucus or saliva. The virus can live on surfaces for several hours, and on unwashed hands for up to an hour. Infected people usually develop symptoms 5 days after exposure to the virus and this can range from 2 to 8 days. People with RSV can usually pass the virus to others for 10 days after symptoms have started.





#### WAYS TO HELP REDUCE THE SPREAD:

Children with symptoms should stay home: A reminder to help prevent the spread of Covid, RSV and other sickness, ANY STUDENTS WHO ARE UNWELL SHOULD STAY HOME UNTIL THEY ARE SYMPTOM FREE AND FEELING WELL. Your tamariki should not return to school until 24 hours after their symptoms (cough, runny nose) have gone. It is important that students stay at home if they are unwell to stop the spread of infection to others.



- 2. **Hand Hygiene** is one of the most effective and inexpensive ways of reducing the transmission of viral illnesses such as RSV, influenza and COVID-19. Please encourage your tamariki to wash hands thoroughly with soap and hot water for at least 20 seconds and dry hands with a clean, dry towel or paper towel for 20 seconds.
- 3. **Good cough and sneeze etiquette** Please encourage children to practice good cough and sneeze etiquette. This means covering your mouth and nose with a tissue or coughing or sneezing into your elbow. Dispose of tissues in a lined rubbish bin and ensure children wash and dry hands immediately after coughing, sneezing or handling used tissues.

#### Are You Looking for Lambs for Ag Day?

We are a local sheep farm located on Tauwhare Road. We have lambs available to give away for any families looking for AG Day lambs. They will be 2 day old Zealandia/Suffolk cross.

We have some beautiful lambs coming through for the next 5 weeks.

If anyone is looking at getting lambs, please **call Ange on 0272 222 032**.



#### **Keeping Your Bikes & Scooters Safe:**

We want to remind all students to ensure their bikes and scooters are securely locked while on school grounds. Unfortunately, there have been reports of 2 bikes being stolen recently, and we want to make sure everyone takes the necessary precautions. This is a timely reminder to take extra precautions, by locking bikes and





scooters to the bike stands, while they're on school grounds. We encourage you to check that your child has a lock and is using it at school. As always, if you see anything suspicious, please report it to the school office or the police immediately.

# **PhotoLife**

#### **PHOTOLIFE Orders:**

Photolife has emailed school families with their child's unique Key Code this week, which will enable you to go online to view and purchase 2025 School Photos, which this year also includes the team photos taken in Term 2. If you have not received the Photolife communication, please check your trash/spam folder. If you do not receive your code, you are also welcome to email Heather Wilson on <a href="mailto:hwilson@tamahere.school.nz">hwilson@tamahere.school.nz</a> who will be able to share it with you. Please be aware that the \*\*\*FREE DELIVERY EXPIRES Midnight Sunday 17th August \*\*\*

# 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 **Monday 18th August** and is for all the students to have the opportunity to buy some delicious treats.

We will hold the bake sale inside the senior block next to the basketball court. Bring some gold coins to school. This will take place on <u>Monday 18th August</u> between 10 -11 am.

We hope you can support this fundraising activity.

Ngā mihi nui,

Maungatautari teachers





### Assembly Items

In **Totara 10**, we've been learning all about what it means to be a good friend and how to show kindness and inclusion. We talked about the ingredients that help build strong, positive friendships.

Then we each created our own **Friendship Soup** recipe, filled with the skills and values we believe are important for being a great friend!







**Pukatea 14** have been learning Sign Language from their student teacher Miss B, mastering lots of everyday phrases and the sign language alphabet. They demonstrated their new skills by signing to 'Hall of Fame' by the Script.









TERM 3					
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	<b>★ POSTPONEMENT DAY - TMCS Cross Country</b>				
Rahoroi /Saturday 16th	<b>★ TAMAHERE WINTER GALA BALL</b>				
WEEK 6					
Raahina / Monday 18th ★ BAKE SALE					
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				
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				
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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 Manaaki 'Honour Be Your Guide'

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

# **Students of Week 2**I am culturally respectful.

NIKAU 1	Evie W	TANEKAHA 12	Karlin W
KAURI 2	Lucie H	MIRO 13	Elijah D
KAWAKAWA 3	Monty M	PUKATEA 14	Ella P
RIMU 7	Jaden Z	KARAKA 15	Cobie B
POHUTUKAWA 8	Mia L	MANUKA 16	Lucas E
RATA 9	Björn S	MAHOE 17	Abbie T
TOTARA 10	Brooke S	TAWA 19	Joey Z
MATAI 11	Thomas M	HOROPITO 20 & HOROEKA 21	Isla D Alivia P







#### **YOUR LUNCHBOX NEWS**



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#### 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.

#### Te Awa River Ride Light Night

- FREE Cambridge Community event on Saturday 9th August

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  $\odot$ 

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**

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



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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

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>

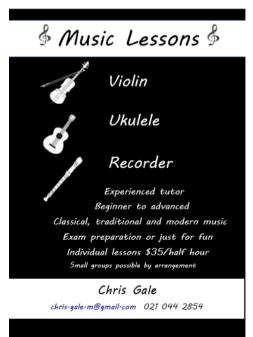
Look out for Hamilton Book Month brochures in cafes, bookshops and libraries.

#### KIDS CLUB 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.



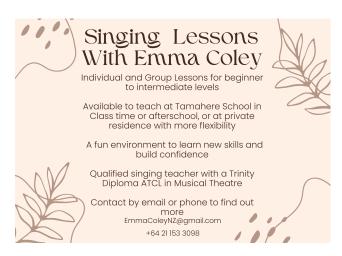




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#### **COMMUNITY NOTICES:**

#### Cambridge Brownies Invites you to:



### **Brownies Friend Night**

Date: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August 6.00 pm-7.30pm

Location: Cambridge Guide Hall (Behind the tennis court, Opp. 54 Thornton Rd)

What to Bring: Covered Shoes, Hair Tied up, Drink Bottle, Jersey, Smile :)

#### Why you should come: To make new friends and have fun!



Contact: Kiwi (Jennifer) 027 498 2001 jennifer.nash64@gmail.com









