

# TAMAHERE

## MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL

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### Wiki/ Week 4 Happenings:

#### **Celebrating 20 Years of Leadership – Miss Parker**

*Kia atawhai ā mua, kia tipu ngatahi – Nurturing our future, growing together.*

Last Friday, our kura came together to celebrate a truly remarkable milestone – Miss Parker’s 20-year anniversary as the principal of Tamahere Model Country School. That’s two whole decades of inspiring leadership, dedication, and heart.

Throughout her time at Tamahere Model Country School, Miss Parker has supported thousands of tamariki, guided our staff with wisdom and care, and created a school environment where everyone feels a sense of belonging. She is a living example of our school vision, leading with kindness, courage, and aroha.

At our special assembly, each syndicate proudly shared their heartfelt cards, poems, and messages of thanks. The celebration concluded with a powerful Tamahere Haka presented by the whole Maungatautari Syndicate dedicated in her honour – a tribute to her strength, mana, and the impact Miss Parker brings to our kura every day.

Miss Parker, thank you for growing this wonderful place for our tamariki, whaanau, and staff to learn, laugh, and thrive. We’re so lucky to have you.

From all of us:



*Thank you for 20 incredible years*



Please [click here](#) to see images of how we celebrated Miss Parker.

### LIBRARY WEEK

We have had such a wonderful week celebrating everything books, libraries, authors and reading! A huge thank you to our **AMAZING LIBRARIAN MRS. KEWISH** for organising such a great week. Please see more details, and links to the photo galleries shared later in this newsletter.



We have our annual **TMCS CROSS COUNTRY** happening NEXT **Thursday 14th August**. Further details, race timings, etc, are shared later in this newsletter. We look forward to seeing everyone cheering on and supporting our students. We hope that the weather forecast is favourable for next Thursday but if needed, we have scheduled a postponement day on Friday 15th August.

With just two weeks to go until our **WINTER GALA BALL**, there are limited tickets still available. If you don't want to miss out on this fabulous night, tickets are still available to purchase at the school office. If you are unable to attend, you can still get involved in the Silent Auctions. Please see further information provided later in this newsletter. Thank you for your support!

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## We have an Election!

We have had a great response to our Triennial Board Elections and have seven nominations for the four positions available, so we will be having an election. Thank you to the following people who have stepped up to the plate:

- Buddy Annals
- Cameron Corkill
- Shaun Elliott
- Scott Laurence
- Maninder Singh
- Campbell Upperton
- Aaron Williams



Look out for voting papers which will be mailed to your homes mid next week, and should arrive in your letterbox not long after, depending on postal delays. In an effort to reduce costs, only one reply envelope will be provided per household. Multiple voting papers can be returned in the same envelope or these can be hand delivered to the Returning Officer, care of the school office.

*Angela Jenkins*  
*Returning Officer*

## TMCS Cross Country - next Thursday 14th August

We look forward to welcoming you to our annual School Cross Country event, which will be held **NEXT THURSDAY 14th 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.

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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 skirt 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.

**Disclosure of Risk:-** 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*

## **TMCS CROSS COUNTRY POSTPONEMENT DAY INFORMATION**

If we are unable to hold our Cross Country next Thursday as planned, we have set aside the following day, **Friday 15th August as our POSTPONEMENT DAY**. If the Cross Country goes ahead as planned next Thursday, we are very lucky that we can call on our 1st Year School of Education students to help out on the day.



However if we are forced to use the postponement day, we will need to call on parents/caregivers and whaanau to act as course marshalls. We hope that we don't have to use the postponement day, but if we do, we would like to gather the names of anyone who can make themselves available to help us out next Friday. If you are happy to volunteer your time, please email Josh Martelli on [jmartelli@tamahere.school.nz](mailto:jmartelli@tamahere.school.nz)

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**LAST CHANCE TO BUY BALL TICKETS – SALES CLOSE MIDNIGHT FRIDAY!**

This is it — your **final opportunity** to secure tickets to the **Tamahere Winter Gala Ball** before sales close **this Friday 8th August at midnight!** We need to confirm final numbers on Saturday, so don't wait — once sales are closed, that's it!

With **less than 40 tickets left**, now is the time to lock in your spot at what promises to be **the social event of the year** — an unforgettable night of fun, food, dancing, and entertainment, all in support of our wonderful **school and tamariki**.

Don't be left with a serious case of FOMO next weekend while everyone else is enjoying:

- Canapés and drinks on arrival
- A delicious sit-down dinner
- Table wine sponsored by Elite Plumbing & Gas
- Live music by **The Monroes**
- Crown & Anchor gaming table and other live entertainment
- Live & Silent Auctions full of amazing items

**Tickets are \$160 each or \$1500 for a table of 10** which can be purchased from the **school office**, or by emailing [pta@tamahere.school.nz](mailto:pta@tamahere.school.nz) and paying via bank transfer to: **Tamahere Model Country School PTA 12 3152 0212196 000** (please use your name as reference)

Let's make it a night to remember — we'd love to see you there!

**Follow our Facebook Group** to start bidding on Silent Auction items now:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/929226571231277>

Reminder to keep selling those \$5 raffle tickets that were sent home! Simply fill out the form details and return to the school office by next Thursday 14th August. Cash, EFTPOS or bank transfer payments accepted.

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*The Tamahere*  
**WINTER  
GALA BALL**

HAMILTON GARDENS PAVILION  
SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

**LAST CHANCE FOR  
TICKETS**  
**Final sales Friday 8th**  
**DONT MISS OUT**

# 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 **MONDAY 18TH AUGUST** between 10 -11 am.

We hope you can support this fundraising activity.


Ngā mihi nui,


Maungatautari teachers

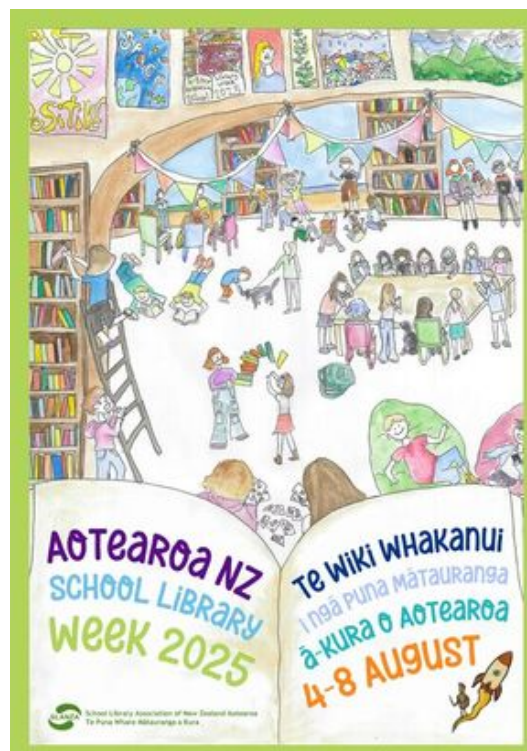


## SCHOOL LIBRARY WEEK

WOW! Everyone did an AMAZING job dressing up as children's book characters! Children and Staff!! There was a lot going on this week to celebrate School Library Week including:

 Classroom decorated book door displays. The winners were **Pukatea 14, Nikau 1, Totara 10 and Rata 9**. Well done to everyone - all the posters were impressive.

 Activities and competitions in the library - including Book Character & name matching games and Guess The Book In The Jar, which was won by **Jacob N**.



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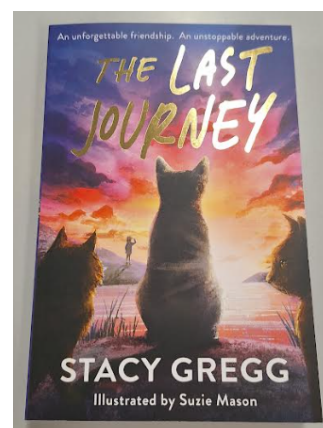
A 'Turkey Hurly-Burly' Story Walk, starting outside the library



A total of nineteen Where's Wally were hidden around the school for students to track down. The winner was **Kalena J.**



Our Year 4, 5 & 6 students had author Stacy Gregg visit on Tuesday. Our school was one of only 4 Waikato schools, nominated to be visited by Stacy Gregg. MASSIVE THANKS to the publishers of 'The Last Journey', Simon & Schuster and [Books For Kids, Hamilton East](#), for choosing us! If anyone missed out on purchasing Stacy's book, Mrs Kewish is happy for you to make an order through her and then Books For Kids will arrange to deliver orders to the school. Copies can be brought for \$20.00 cash. Don't miss out!



Books for Kids

The Waikato Children's Book Specialists



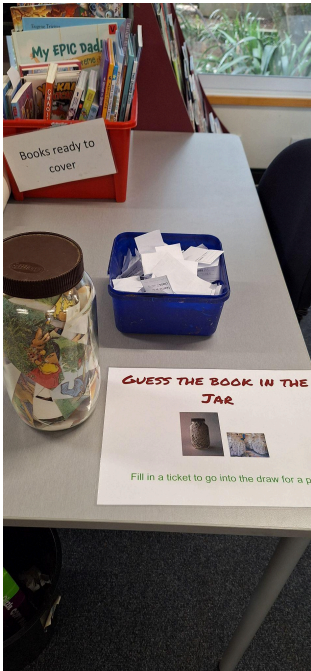
Pukapuka mā ngā Tamariki



Dress Up As A Book Character Day and Parade

We invite you to click [here](#) to view our **PHOTO GALLERY** of the events that occurred earlier this week. More photos from today's Book Character Day Parade will be shared in next week's newsletter.





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### YEAR 3 TABLOIDS AT MATANGI

*On Wednesday, the wonderful Year 3 students went on an exciting trip to the annual Year 3 Tabloids Day. We joined Tauwhare School, Newstead School, and Matangi School for a fabulous, fun-filled day of outdoor activities and teamwork.*

*Our students were led by the amazing Year 5/6 leaders from Matangi School through a range of engaging activities. Highlights included the nature walk, tug-of-war, and Swiss ball football.*

*A huge thank you to Matangi School for hosting such a well-organised and enjoyable event. We are also very grateful to our wonderful parents and teachers who helped make this day possible!*



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## Ag Day 2025 - Thursday 9th October

### ENTRIES ARE NOW OPEN!

Click here to find out everything you need to know regarding Ag Day [Link to AG Day info on school website](#)

### HOW TO ENTER AN ANIMAL?

Every child that wishes to enter an animal into Ag Day will need to complete an entry form. The links to do this are below. PLEASE NOTE: entry forms will need to be completed by the **end of Week 8, Term 3**, to allow for data to be collated, number of judges requested, and ribbons ordered.

Please email [agday@tamahere.school.nz](mailto:agday@tamahere.school.nz) if you have any questions.

Any child who wishes to enter must complete an entry form. Entry forms can be found using the link below: [Link to Ag Day Info & Entries](#)

### HOW TO ENTER A VEGE GARDEN?

#### Vege Garden Competitions Timeframe:

The Vege Garden competition opens on Saturday 23rd August 2025. Gardens must be started on or after this date, and can run until judging. PLEASE NOTE, changes to the layout of the vege garden competition have been made for 2025. **Entries will now be judged in NOVEMBER 2025**, with winners announced at an assembly following judging. This change has been made to allow the students extra time for their gardens to flourish. Exact judging date to be advised.

The criteria is open to the children to decide what they would like to create. Get inventive and use your imagination! Gardens are not intended to be brought to school and **will be judged at the location of the garden** (home/residence). Entries can be something as simple as lettuce grown in an upcycled container, through to a project carefully thought through, with an elderly neighbour or grandparent.

Children will need to keep a diary containing details on what, and when, they have planted. Plants may be started as seeds or seedlings and children should understand basic principles, such as planning the garden, preparing the soil, watering, pest and weed management. Other than that, we are keen to see our children outside enjoying the fresh air, hands on and getting creative!

Any child who wishes to enter must complete an entry form: [Veggie Garden Entry Form](#)





## CHICKENS

Unfortunately, we haven't had any expressions of interest to co-ordinate the chickens category of Ag Day. Unless we get a volunteer in the next week, we will be unable to run the chicken segment. Please email [agday@tamahere.school.nz](mailto:agday@tamahere.school.nz) if you are able to help.



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## 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.**



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## PHOTOLIFE Orders:

Photolife emailed school families with their child's unique Key Code last week, which enables 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 [hwilson@tamahere.school.nz](mailto:hwilson@tamahere.school.nz) who will be able to share it with you. Please be aware that **\*\*\*FREE DELIVERY EXPIRES Midnight Sunday 17th August \*\*\***

# PhotoLife

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## TAMAHERE NEW ENTRANT 2026 ENROLMENT TRACKING

Thank you to the many families that have already contacted the school office, confirming names to be included in our 2026 cradle roll and completing the pre entry form.

Can all families with pre-schoolers and anyone expecting to enrol a child at Tamahere Model Country School for 2026, please ensure that you have added their names to our cradle roll and completed the pre entry form, which greatly assists us with planning for next year. **Please [click here](#) to download our 2026 Pre Entry Form.**



Please email the completed Pre Entry form to the school office at [reception@tamahere.school.nz](mailto:reception@tamahere.school.nz)

Thank you for your assistance.

**IMPORTANT DATES**  
**Coming up in Term 3:**

**Monday 1st September: TEACHER ONLY DAY**



## Upcoming Dates:

TERM 3	
August / Hereturikōkā	
WEEK 5	
Raapare /Thursday 14th	★ TMCS Cross Country
Raamere /Friday 15th	★ POSTPONEMENT DAY - TMCS Cross Country
Rahoroi /Saturday 16th	★ TAMAHERE WINTER GALA BALL
WEEK 6	
Raahina / Monday 18th	★ BAKE SALE

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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	★ Kapa Haka Festival, Don Rowlands Centre Karapiro ★ 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
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 at 6.30pm
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 at 6.30pm
Raamere /Friday 28th	★ 2025 TMCS Golf Day

## PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning

*Students of Week 3  
I am enthusiastic, curious, and ask questions.*

*Kia Maia  
'Confident Can Do Kids'  
We strive to do our best with a positive can-do attitude*

<i>NIKAU 1</i>	<i>Sam F</i>	<i>TANEKAHA 12</i>	<i>Blake E-S</i>
<i>KAURI 2</i>	<i>Rowan C</i>	<i>MIRO 13</i>	<i>Sophie S</i>
<i>KAWAKAWA 3</i>	<i>Lola M</i>	<i>PUKATEA 14</i>	<i>Kent H</i>
<i>RIMU 7</i>	<i>Orion R</i>	<i>KARAKA 15</i>	<i>Evie S</i>
<i>POHUTUKAWA 8</i>	<i>Thea B</i>	<i>MANUKA 16</i>	<i>Bryan Z</i>
<i>RATA 9</i>	<i>Alfred A</i>	<i>MAHOE 17</i>	<i>Orien C</i>
<i>TOTARA 10</i>	<i>Lincoln S</i>	<i>TAWA 19</i>	<i>Charlotte N</i>
<i>MATAI 11</i>	<i>Billie R</i>	<i>HOROPITO 20 HOROEKA 21</i>	<i>Danny R</i>



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## Cambridge Netball Festival

Maddie E put together a little write up for the Y4 Rockets, who played in the Cambridge Netball Festival on Sunday 27th July. "My heart raced as the whistle blew. I was dodging my player to escape and receive the ball. We all got excited and we cheered when Allyra scored her first goal. After playing 5 energetic games we were exhausted. Thanks to Pip, our lovely, kind coach."



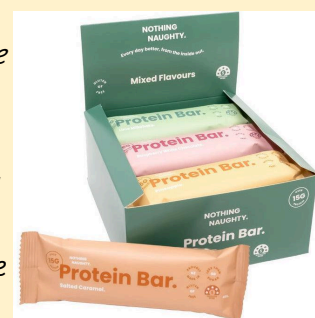
## Help Tori & Claudia get to the USA!

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](mailto:emsy_9@hotmail.com) to place an order or to find out more info.



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## Upcoming Hamilton Sarapu Cup on 17th August

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, 17th August 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.



[READ MORE](#) [REGISTER NOW](#)

Please see the [how to enter an individual event](#) tutorial.

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## Te Awa River Ride Light Night - FREE Cambridge Community event THIS 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 😊

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.



## 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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## Singing Lessons With Emma Coley

Individual and Group Lessons for beginner to intermediate levels

Available to teach at Tamahere School in Class time or afterschool, or at private residence with more flexibility

A fun environment to learn new skills and build confidence

Qualified singing teacher with a Trinity Diploma ATCL in Musical Theatre

Contact by email or phone to find out more  
EmmaColeyNZ@gmail.com  
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## Soundz of Music

Tuition in Music  
Piano, Keyboard & Theory

Individual lessons at school  
Beginner to advanced, all styles of genre

Tutor: Gill Earwaker ATCL, AIRMTNZ

Info & enquiries Ph: Gill 027 570 4281  
Email: soundzofmusicnz@gmail.com

## COMMUNITY NOTICES:



**Hot Lunch Boxes**

AVAILABLE EVERY FRIDAY

Hot-out-of-the-oven, hearty mince & cheese pies delivered fresh to school—just in time for lunch!

### WHAT'S IN THE BOX?

- A Hearty Mince & Cheese Pie – straight from the oven
- Seasonal Fruit – fresh and delicious
- Tomato Sauce – because pie + sauce = magic
- Homemade Baking – made with love
- A Fun Card – a little surprise to brighten their day
- Gluten-free & Dairy-free Options Available – just tick the box at checkout!
- 100% Compostable Packaging – good for your tummy & the planet!



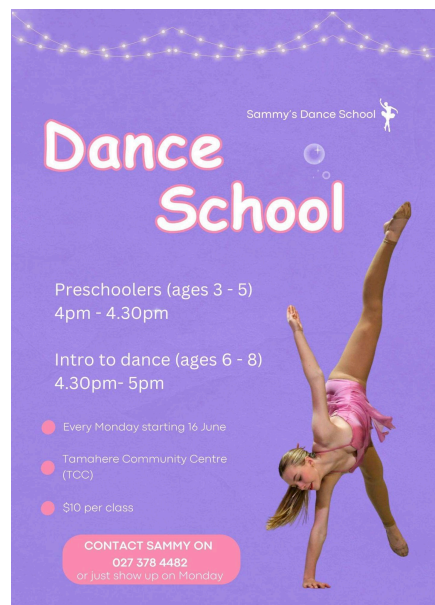
### WHEN & WHERE?

- Every Friday – delivered right before lunch break to the school office.
- \$11 per box – order before 8 PM the night before to secure your box!

### HOW TO ORDER:

1. Create an Account – It's quick and easy!
2. Add Your Kids – Include their names and classroom details.
3. Select 'Hot Lunch Box' – Choose from the drop-down menu.
4. One-Off or Subscription – Order just once or set it and forget it!

Ready to Order? Jump online now & secure a delicious end of week treat!  
[www.yourlunchbox.co.nz](http://www.yourlunchbox.co.nz)



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



## CLICK AND COLLECT

### IS NOW AVAILABLE IN TAMAHERE

You can now place holds on library items and collect them from our Tamahere Office.

All you need to do is place your holds online through our library catalogue, or you can place your holds in person at the Tamahere Office and Community Space.

When your holds arrive, we'll give you a call to let you know they're ready for pick up.

This service is available to all Waikato District Residents who have signed up for a Library card. If you don't already have a library card, you can sign up for one online or in person.

For more information about Click and Collect, please visit our library website or enquire at Tamahere.counter@waikdc.govt.nz or phone 027 268 4304.

The Tamahere Office is open Monday-Friday 9:30am - 3:00pm.

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