

TAMAHERE

MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL

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Wiki/ Week 5 Happenings:

Thank you!

A very special thank you to our staff and students/aakonga for the very special assembly they surprised me with, for my 20 years at Tamahere Model Country School. The wonderful cards, artwork and speeches/korero are a treasure/taonga. Seeing pictures from across the years, and having Inka join me on stage was lovely. The powerful haka given by the Maungatautari syndicate blew me away. I have never had a haka given to me like that. Thank you all so much, it means a lot. The stunning morning tea put on by our fantastic PTA was another level! So delicious! Thank you all so much.

Cross Country

Wow, weren't we so lucky with the weather for yesterday's Cross Country event. Let's hope we can have similar weather for the Country Cluster Interschool races, which will be held at our school on Thursday 28th, where our fastest runners will compete at the next level.

Our athletes ran so fast and gave it their all, pushing themselves to do their very best - *Kia Maia!* We were so very proud to see our aakonga displaying a confident 'can-do' attitude and their behaviour, good choices and self control was impressive - *Kia Manaaki!* It was wonderful to see and hear our tamariki loudly supporting and cheering for others too - *Kia Kotahi*, Together As One.

Thank you to all the parents, caregivers and whaanau who were able to come along to support our athletes. Also, a huge thank you to all our staff involved, especially Mr Martelli, Mr Mitchell, Mr Wickens and Mr Ball.





Congratulations to all those who received placings and to all our students for their brilliant effort. You made our school proud! We have shared photos and results later in this newsletter for you all to enjoy.

In Week 7, on Thursday 28th August, we will be hosting the South East Hamilton Country Cluster Cross Country, for our Year 4, 5 and 6 students who have been selected to represent TMCS. Once again, all spectators are very welcome to join us for this day.

Tamahere Winter Gala Ball Happening this Saturday

We are counting down the hours now until the party of the year, expertly organised by our **amazing Tamahere Winter Gala Ball Committee!**

We would also like to send a huge & heartfelt thanks to all of the **incredibly generous sponsors** of this event, without whom it simply wouldn't exist.

With final preparations underway, we'd like to take this final opportunity to thank the Tamahere School Community for all your support. **Thank you to everyone who is supporting us at this great event**, either by coming along on Saturday night, purchasing raffle tickets or placing a bid on one of the many silent auctions. We look forward to sharing photos next week.

Year 6 Bake Sale 2025



The 2025 Year 6 students are going to hold their annual bake sale to raise money for their leavers' gift. This is being held 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. All students are welcome to bring some gold coins to school. This will take place **next Monday between 10.00 -11.00am.**

We hope you can support this fundraising activity.

Ngā mihi nui,
Maungatautari teachers



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BUTTERFLY KNIVES:

We had a couple of students bring their butterfly knives, a type of folding pocketknife, to practice tricks at school this week. Although this was completely innocent, these blunt metal knives are not appropriate to be brought to school, because of the risk they can present to other students.

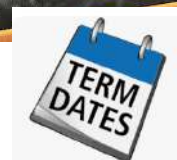


IMPORTANT DATES:

I want to let you know in advance that we will be having the second of two Ministry of Education approved **TEACHER ONLY DAY'S** allocated this year, on **MONDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER**. The focus for this day will be for all our teaching staff to upskill on the new mathematics curriculum.



We know a number of families are starting to plan holidays, so here is our end of year date: the **FINAL DAY OF SCHOOL is Wednesday 17th December 2025**.



PTA Thank you

A big thank you to the PTA for purchasing new sandpit equipment for our tamariki. The children went out to lunch last week to find a nice surprise had been laid out in the junior and middle/senior sandpits for them to enjoy.



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BOOK CHARACTER PHOTO GALLERY

Book Character Day last Thursday was a wonderful opportunity for us to share our favourite stories and characters. At times it felt like Tamahere Model Country School was actually Hogwarts, as there were so many Hermione and Harry Potter students out and about! Please [click here to view](#) all the amazing character costumes on parade!

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 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

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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 if you are able to help.



AG DAY PET DIARIES:

Children are encouraged to keep a 'Pet Diary', which can include details about their pet's breed, date of birth, feeding and health details, as well as photos and drawings. It is up to the child as to what they choose to submit for this, as there is no set criteria.

This year children have two options: The first being a hard copy, which can be a notebook, clear file, etc. What is included is up to you - there are no set criteria. The second option is to create a Google Slides pet diary, using Google Slides to create a visual presentation, showing the steps to care for the animals and photos showing them following these steps.

These are to be handed in or shared by email to either Mrs Smit (hsmit@tamahere.school.nz) or Miss S (jsaussey@tamahere.school.nz) by the start of Week 2 next term, on Monday 13th October.

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.

remember to
**place your
order!**

*****FREE DELIVERY EXPIRES at Midnight this Sunday, 17th August *****

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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

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	
Raamere /Friday 15th	★ POSTPONEMENT DAY - TMCS Cross Country
Rahoroi /Saturday 16th	★ TAMAHERE WINTER GALA BALL
WEEK 6	
Raahina / Monday 18th	★ BAKE SALE
WEEK 7	
Raatuu /Tuesday 26th	★ PTA MEETING at 7.00pm
Raapa /Wednesday 27th	★ Chess Power Regional Tournament - hosted by TMCS in the TCC
Raapare /Thursday 28th	★ Country Cluster Cross Country - hosted by TMCS

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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	
Raatuu /Tuesday 14th	★ PTA MEETING at 7.00pm
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 10th	★ SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR
Raatuu /Tuesday 11th	
Raapa /Wednesday 12th	
Raapare /Thursday 13th	
WEEK 7	
Raatuu /Tuesday 18th	★ PTA MEETING at 7.00pm
WEEK 8	
Raatuu /Tuesday 25th	★ Board Meeting at 6.30pm
Raamere /Friday 28th	★ 2025 TMCS Golf Day
WEEK 11	
Raapa /Wednesday 17th	★ End of Term 4 - school day ends at 12.30pm

2025 TMCS CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS:

Our annual Cross Country was held yesterday in very sunny conditions. It was a very special day for our students as they took up the challenge. We are pleased to share the names of the children who achieved the top 5 places in their year group:

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Year 0 Girls	Year 0 Boys
1st Scarlett G 2nd Alivia P 3rd Emily O 4th Lexi T 5th Maddie S	1st Janvin M 2nd Danny R 3rd Hugo D 4th Henry R 5th Eli P
Year 1 Girls	Year 1 Boys
1st Avni W 2nd Sloane S 3rd Thea B 4th Mila B 5th Pippa Y	1st Jamie C 2nd Pat W 3rd Eddie B 4th Finn G 5th Boston C
Year 2 Girls	Year 2 Boys
1st Charlotte N 2nd Brooke S 3rd Ava H 4th Evie H 5th Libby C	1st Lincoln S 2nd Jack H 3rd Oscar M 4th Niam E 5th Joey Z
Year 3 Girls	Year 3 Boys
1st Abigail P 2nd Leah S 3rd Zara B 4th Emily R 5th Vivian Z	1st Lewis M 2nd Tommy D 3rd James M 4th Archie L 5th= Rey A Oskar N
Year 4 Girls	Year 4 Boys
1st Frankie L 2nd Ania G 3rd Riley H 4th Charlotte H 5th Maddie E	1st Thomas C 2nd Thomas S 3rd Wolf R 4th Jackson M 5th Rhylan E
Year 5 Girls	Year 5 Boys
1st Ayla H 2nd Eloise C 3rd Amelia J 4th Tori A 5th = Lulu C = Rocklynn J	1st Quinn B 2nd Van W 3rd George C 4th Lewis S 5th Gideon A

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Year 6 Girls	Year 6 Boys
1st Harriet L	1st Dylan H
2nd Greta C	2nd Pearse L
3rd Ava T	3rd Anru W
4th Ellie K	4th Lucas E
5th Bridgette C	5th Benji vdH



Please click [here](#) to view our 2025 TMCS Cross Country Photo Gallery. ENJOY!

PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning

Students of Week 4
I value others and the environment.

Kia Manaaki
Honour Be Your Guide
We have respect for ourselves, others, property, and the environment

<i>NIKAU 1</i>	<i>Felix M</i>	<i>TANEKAHA 12</i>	<i>Iziah J</i>
<i>KAURI 2</i>	<i>Rayaan R</i>	<i>MIRO 13</i>	<i>Georgia S</i>
<i>KAWAKAWA 3</i>	<i>Allyra R</i>	<i>PUKATEA 14</i>	<i>Leo P</i>
<i>RIMU 7</i>	<i>Ruadhan B-S</i>	<i>KARAKA 15</i>	<i>Elin H</i>
<i>POHUTUKAWA 8</i>	<i>Emily P</i>	<i>MANUKA 16</i>	<i>Sam M</i>

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<i>RATA 9</i>	<i>Nathan S</i>	<i>MAHOE 17</i>	<i>Ben H</i>
<i>TOTARA 10</i>	<i>Knox C</i>	<i>TAWA 19</i>	<i>Opal R</i>
<i>MATAI 11</i>	-----	<i>HOROPITO 20</i> <i>HOROEKA 21</i>	<i>Janvin M</i>



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Upcoming Hamilton Sarapu Cup this Sunday 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.

Love Tennis Day

Sunday 7th September 2025 (10am-2pm) on Fathers Day at Cambridge Racquets Club, 63 Thornton Road, Cambridge

Love Tennis is Tennis NZ's annual event where tennis clubs around the country open their doors and courts to their community.

Bring the whole family and give tennis a go for FREE.

- There will be FREE BBQ, a lolly scramble and giveaways.
- Play Tennis or Pickleball

We have an under 13 squash festival at the club too, so you can view this but no time on court this year unfortunately.

- We will have coaching for juniors – no experience necessary to give tennis a go...**for FREE!! - 25 min sessions, so arrive on the hour or half hour to have session with a coach from Kiwi tennis**
- On the day discounted offers to join the club
- Meet some of the Cambridge Racquets Club members



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- CYCO Coffee Cart
- all equipment provided or bring your own
- **Enter the colouring in competition by [clicking here](#). Bring it along to Love tennis at Cambridge Racquets club on the 7th Sept, to go into the draw to win PRIZES!**
- **PLUS! When you come along to Love Tennis, you will go into the draw to win a trip to the ASB CLASSIC!**

We would love to see you, everyone is welcome! www.lovetennis.kiwi

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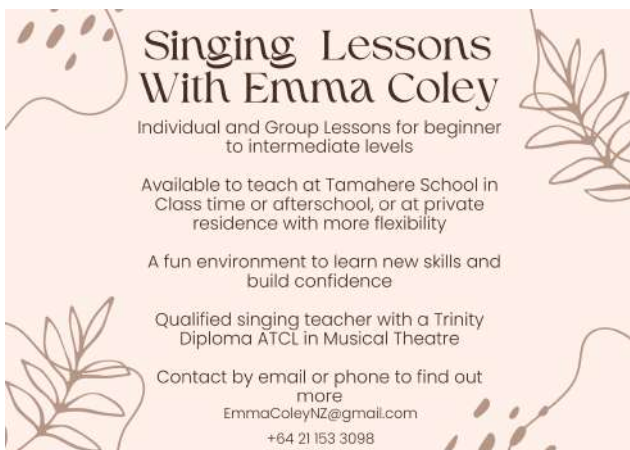
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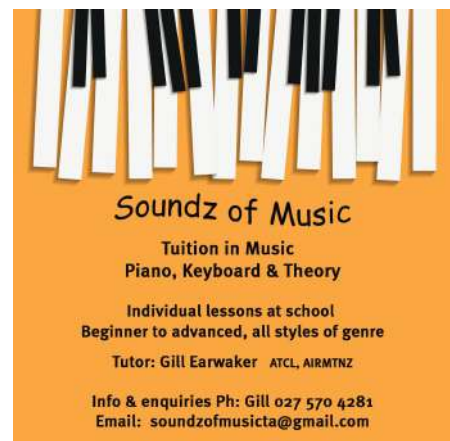
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- Gluten-free & Dairy-free Options Available - just tick the box at checkout!
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WHEN & WHERE?

- 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!

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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

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027 378 4482
or just show up on Monday



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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@waikato.govt.nz or phone 027 2684 304.

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



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