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MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL

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

Wiki/ Week 6 Happenings:

An Exceptional and Spectacular Winter Gala Ball - THANK YOU!!!

What an incredible night the P.T.A. Ball Committee created for parents to enjoy last Saturday evening at the Hamilton Gardens Pavilion. With a vision for a formal ball with a sit-down dinner and magical evening, Katherine McNamara led her dynamic team of Frances McKenzie, Jessie Gower, Jess Watling, Marie Corkill, Danya Williams and Fiona Julian to achieve this vision. The mystical lighting drew ball goers towards the venue to be greeted by mime artists on towering stilts and snow queens welcoming guests through the wafting snowflakes into the magical and beautifully decorated venue. Glass in hand, ready for a fabulous evening ahead.

Thank you so much to the team who worked so hard to achieve this wonderful evening, and to everyone who joined in and supported the event by donating generous auction items, selling raffle tickets or generously bidding on auction items. Together, everyone made the Winter Wonderland Ball an incredibly successful occasion, both as a social community-building event and fundraiser, to support our school with a number of projects we have on the go.

The generosity of sponsors was amazing. Thank you to everyone involved. Russell & Angela Thomas from Christies International Real Estate were our Gold sponsors, with Tamahere Country Club sponsoring the venue, Quest On London & Quest On Ward sponsoring the great band - The Monroes and Waikato Elite Plumbing sponsoring the table wines. It all added up to create a stylish and fantastic evening. Matt Martyn as the MC and having Morgan Carter, a professional auctioneer, kept everything moving along smoothly and added to the fun and professional atmosphere of the night.

Brilliant! Congratulations! Well done and thank you all so much!



PUMS - Paid Union Meetings - We have had a few parents asking about when our PUM meetings will be. Our school has already had these this week. We tried to cover classes with specialist teachers and buddy up to ensure we didn't need to close the school early and cause disruption to families. We realise our next Ministry Teacher Only Day focusing on the new Mathematics and Statistics Curriculum is also only a couple of weeks away, and we apologise for the inconvenience to families.

Teacher Only Day on Monday 1st September

Another reminder that we are having our second of two Ministry of Education approved **Teacher Only Day** allocated this year, at the start of Week 8 on **Monday 1st September.** The focus for this day will be for all our teaching staff to upskill on the new Mathematics and Statistics Curriculum.



Week 7:- A busy week ahead!

- **Wednesday** we are hosting the **Regional Chesspower Tournament** in the Tamahere Community Centre, with 2 teams entered involving 17 of our students. Please come along and enjoy watching our chess players try to out strategise their opponents.
- Thursday our school is the venue for the South East Hamilton Country Cluster Cross Country being run by Newstead Model Country School.
- On Friday, our Kapa Haka Roopu is performing in the TE OKO HOROI KAPA HAKA FESTIVAL held at the Don Rowlands Centre in Karapiro.
- We also have a team representing us at the Waikato Book Battle at Hamilton Library.

We wish our chess teams, cross country runners, Kapa Haka Roopuu and our Waikato book battle teams all the very best as they represent our school. Use our vision - *Kia Maia, Kia Manaaki and Kia Kotahi* to guide you. Kia kaha! We are very proud of you and look forward to reporting back on your results and experiences.



Wow, what an unforgettable night the Tamahere Winter Gala Ball was, filled with fun, glamour, entertainment and community spirit. We are delighted to share that together we raised approx. \$37,000 for our school.

A heartfelt thank you to all our generous sponsors, including Gold Sponsor Russell and Angela Thomas of Christie's International Real Estate New Zealand, Band & Entertainment Sponsor Quest On London & Quest On Ward, Venue Sponsor The Tamahere Country Club, Table Wine Sponsor Elite Plumbing, all of our live and silent auction sponsors, raffle sponsors and other amazing local supporters who helped make this event possible.

Thank you also to everyone who attended, purchased tickets, bid on auction items and bought raffle tickets. Congratulations to all our auction and raffle winners who took home some incredible prizes.

We are grateful to The Monroes Band and Free Lunch Entertainment Group for keeping the energy high throughout the evening, to Nourished by Trio for serving up such delicious food and drinks all night, and also to the Hamilton Gardens Pavilion for providing a stunning venue for our ball. Special mention to our wonderful MC Matt Martyn, auctioneer Morgan Carter and croupier Jason McNamara who all kindly donated their time for this event.

Finally, a huge thank you from the Organising Committee. Your support has helped make a lasting difference for our tamariki, and we hope you also had a great night out too!

Katherine McNamara, Frances McKenzie, Marie Corkill, Danya Williams, Fi Julian, Jess Watling, Jessie Gower, and Maura Hodgson.

Thanks to all the generous sponsors of the Tamahere Winter Gala Ball



ANNOUNCING the Tamahere Winter Gala Ball RAFFLE WINNERS

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets or sold tickets to friends and family. We are pleased to announce the winners were, as follows:

\$500 Hillcrest New World Voucher - Jenni Fenwick \$150 Inspirit Gallery Voucher - Bipin Patel Single entry to Boulder Co. Hamilton - James McCosh Single entry to Boulder Co. Hamilton - Amy Gibbs Beauty Boutique Gift Package - Anna Whitehouse \$20.00 POPPYPEACH dessert bar voucher - Julie Moon \$20.00 POPPYPEACH dessert bar voucher - Mark Ennis \$100 Ninja Valley Voucher - Jill Nichol Basket of Animal Health Products - Sally Kerr \$50.00 Tamahere Alpha Sports Voucher - Anna Armstrong 1x Mobil Hillcrest Car Wash Voucher - Darryn Hayter 1x Mobil Hillcrest Car Wash Voucher - Helen Hartstone 1x Mobil Hillcrest Car Wash Voucher - Naomi Fletcher 1x Mobil Hillcrest Car Wash Voucher - Victoria Murray 1x Mobil Hillcrest Car Wash Voucher - Madiha Raza

If any of our raffle winners haven't grabbed their prizes yet, can you please call into the school office next week to collect.















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 <u>agday@tamahere.school.nz</u> 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: <u>Link to Ag Day Info & Entries</u>

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

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.

<u>VET HEALTH CHECK - Saturday 30th August from 9.00 to 10.00am</u>

Kelvin from The Cambridge Vet Clinic will be at the TCC Saturday 30th August from 9-10 for your ag day lamb or kid vaccines and tail/testicle docking.





AG DAY TROPHY RETURN:

Can we please ask that all 2024 trophies now be POLISHED and returned to the school office - thanks!



AG DAY JUDGES DEMO DAY - Friday 5th September from 12.30 - 1.15pm

Lunchtime beside the Tamahere Community Centre (TCC). Come along and hear from the experts on how to raise your lamb, kid, calf or chicken, as well as what to expect and what the judges will be looking for on Ag Day. Parents are welcome too!

Enrolments for Berkley Normal Middle School

All 2026 enrolments for Berkley Normal Middle School are **due by 4.00pm on Friday 29 August 2025** - this includes both in-zone and out-of-zone enrolments.



Out-of-zone enrolments must be received at the office by 29th August to be eligible for the enrolment ballot.

PHOTOLIFE Orders:

Photolife has emailed school families with their child's unique Key Code, which enables you to go online to view and purchase 2025 School Photos. If you have not received the Photolife communication, please check your trash/spam folder, or email hwilson@tamahere.school.nz



PhotoLife

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations go to **Dylan H** and **Harriet L**!

At last Friday's assembly, they were presented with the Tamahere

Model Country School Cross Country Cups for the top Year 6 boy
and girl respectively.





Nikau One PB4L Assembly Item

In assembly this week, Nikau One reminded us of the importance of valuing others, respecting the environment, and celebrating different cultures. The class shared a waiata about Te Whare Tapa Whaa, a Maaori model of wellbeing. This model is built on four walls — taha tinana (physical wellbeing), taha hinengaro (mental wellbeing), taha wairua (spiritual wellbeing), and taha whaanau (family and social wellbeing). When all four are strong, we are strong too. Through their performance, Nikau One celebrated te ao Maaori and demonstrated cultural respect.



YEAR 6 BAKE SALE THANKS!

Thank you for the fantastic support of our Year 6 Bake Sale on Monday. Children turned out from across the school with gold coins and hungry tummies to purchase items from the older students. Our Year 6 students and their families put on a super spread of yummy kai. A huge thank you to everyone for making it such a successful event. **\$894.50** was raised.

Please <u>click here</u> to view our photo gallery. Thank you for your amazing support!!!!





AFTER SCHOOL CARE FUN:

After School Care recently had an Eggcarton Building Competition, featuring the themes 'Under the Sea' and 'Flying Objects'. The children had some amazing ideas, which made it hard for the judges, (Amber, Mrs Adams and Miss Parker) to choose.

However everyone did a wonderful job, as you can see from the photo gallery below.

In the Junior section, the winners are:

- 1. Mila
- 2. Alivia

Other winners were:

- 1. Heidi, Harry & Ava
- 2. Danni & Ella
- 3. Madison & Phoebe
- 4. Vanina

Special Mention: Amelia

Best Team Work: Blake, Charlotte, Izzy, Evelyn, Evie and

Chelsea

The only Flying Object themed entry was received from Aisea.

Thank you to everyone that donated egg cartons.





















PTA MEETING REMINDER - Tuesday 26th August at 7.00pm

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 26th August** 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



COOKIES FOR SALE ON FRIDAYS \$1 EACH

Cookie stalls in both the Junior and Senior syndicates after school each Friday.

This term we will also be selling Friday treat cards for \$10 so you can prepay 10 Friday afterschool treats. Available at the school office anytime (EFTPOS available) or at the cookie stalls (cash only)

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.

BALLOT FOR 2026 OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENTS

Any out-of-zone families wanting to enrol a child at Tamahere Model Country School in 2026, need to apply to be in our ballot for Out-of-Zone placements by **Thursday 2nd October 2025.** The ballot will be drawn on Friday 10th October 2025.



We will be offering possible placements across all ages of the school. This is due to the numbers we have presently in our age cohorts and the staffing that we are anticipating being given. By allowing a few more students into age cohorts, we will have one extra tool to help us manage our class groupings in 2026 and help to keep our syndicate numbers balanced. Depending on in-zone enrolments and priority categories, we may not use the numbers below but we can open up some places if needed to support better learning environments for all of our students/aakonga.

Please note if you are out-of-zone, even if your child is a sibling of a current student, you must be in the ballot to have a chance of your child being enrolled at our school in 2026.

We will be offering **up to** - 10 places in Year 5/6, 10 places in Year 3/4, 12 places in Year 2, and 14 places in Year 1. Advertisements will appear in the wider community shortly.

Upcoming Dates:

TERM 3				
August / Hereturikōkā				
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			
Raamere /Friday 29th	 ★ Kapa Haka Festival, Don Rowlands Centre Karapiro ★ Waikato Book Battle at the Hamilton Central Library - 9.00am to 11.00am 			
Rahoroi /Saturday 30th	★ VET HEALTH CHECK, 9.00 -10.00am outside the TCC			
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			

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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					
00	ctober / 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 &				
Raapare / marsaay rom	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					
Raatuu /Tuesday 11th	★ SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR				
Raapa /Wednesday 12th	A SCHOLASTIC BOOKTAIN				
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				

PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning

Students of Week 5 I am reliable and trustworthy.

Kia Kotahi

'Together as One'
We learn and work together, supporting, and caring for each other

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NIKAU 1	Ralph W	TANEKAHA 12	Jack H	
KAURI 2	James M	MIRO 13	TJvdB	
KAWAKAWA 3	Emily R	PUKATEA 14	Taylor M	
RIMU 7	Alayna R	KARAKA 15	Oasis R	
POHUTUKAWA 8	Henrietta E	MANUKA 16	Molly v d H	
RATA 9	Matheson B	MAHOE 17	Sophie G	
TOTARA 10	Asa W	TAWA 19	Adam C	
MATAI 11	Brendan M	HOROPITO 20 HOROEKA 21	Aiden W Sienna F Micah M	



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Cheesecake Festival – The Sweet Buzz is Building! 🝰

The 16th annual Smith & McKenzie Cheesecake Festival running from 5th to 31st August. One of our school families entered TMCS into the competition to be selected as one of 8 finalists. The Pienaar families winning cheesecake entry is named 'New York Brulee'

Throughout August, the 8 cheesecakes, including our own 'New York Brulee' will be featured on the Smith & McKenzie menu.

© Every slice sold of the New York Brulee = \$1 donated back to our school

The cheesecake with the most votes and sales will take home \$500 cash towards fundraising, the coveted Cheesecake Festival Trophy, and a spot on the Smith & McKenzie dessert menu for the next 12 months.

Plus, everyone who purchases a slice goes in the draw to win an entire cheesecake! So be sure to spread the word and encourage your friends and family to pop in, grab a slice of the New York Brulee cheesecake, and cast their vote for your creation.

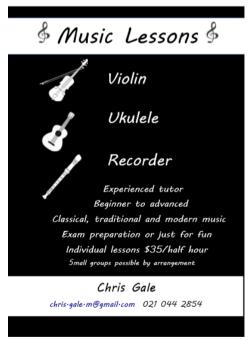


KIDS CLUB INFORMATION:

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.

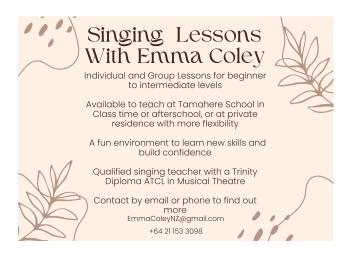






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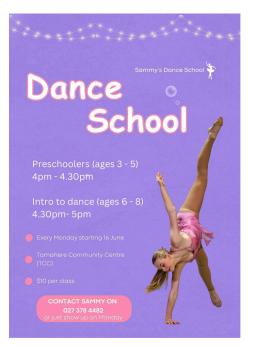
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COMMUNITY NOTICES:













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