

# TAMAHERE

## MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL

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### Wiki/ Week 7 Happenings:

What a busy but exciting week we are having. So many of our students/aakonga are having the opportunity to perform in an interschool setting and socialise and compete with others they have never met before. Our **three chess teams of 16 aakonga** came up against almost 90 others at the tournament on Wednesday and tested their strategies against schools, as far away as Rotorua. (More detailed information is later in this newsletter). Today, we were lucky to have wonderful weather for the morning, as 60 of our athletes raced against 4 other schools/kura from our **South East Hamilton Country Cluster**. (Results and photos will be shared next week). Tomorrow, we wish the almost **70-strong Kapa Haka Roopuu** all the best as they perform with the Cambridge kura at Karapiro, Don Rowlands Centre. We also wish another 8 aakonga all the best, as they compete in the **Waikato Book Battle at Hamilton Library tomorrow**. Kia kaha, everyone.

#### Coaching with Aaron Smith:

As one of the amazing Winter Gala Ball auction items, one of our Dads, - Aaron Smith, offered to do a coaching session. This raised a wonderful \$1,500 for the school. The lucky recipients were the boys below, who had a fantastic private coaching session, and their whaanau had a great afternoon as well. Thank you Aaron, for fitting this in for us before you head back to Japan to join your team. Felix and Oscar M, along with Jackson M and their cousins, spent time perfecting their passes and their kicking techniques with Aaron, who kindly signed lots of items as well.



## Thank you so much

Special thanks go out to a wonderful team of sewers who arrived at short notice to sew waist bands for our Kapa Haka Roopuu today, ready for our performance tomorrow!!

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# Teacher Only Day on Monday 1st September

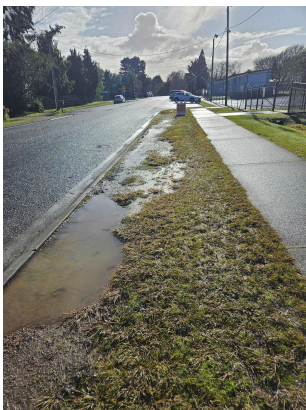
Another final reminder about our **TEACHER ONLY DAY** on Monday. This is the second of two Ministry of Education approved Teacher Only Day allocated this year. The focus for this day will be for all our teaching staff to upskill on the new mathematics curriculum.



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## **SAFETY CONCERN: Parking on the Grass Verge on Devine Road**

We have had concerning feedback from members of the wider Tamahere Community regarding the parking behaviour of some of our parents/caregivers around school drop offs and pick ups, as well as school wide events, such as Cross Country. We ask all visitors to our school to use the allocated parking area at all times, to keep students and other pedestrians safe. Thank you for your assistance.



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## *Flowers on Friday - Spring Daffodils!*

Treat yourself to a little bunch of yellow and help the kids raise funds, with 50% of all sales going towards our PTA and the other half will be donated to the Cancer Society. Daffodils are on sale tomorrow afternoon at the main school gates at pickup time.

\$2 and \$5 bunches are available. Cash is preferred or eftpos facilities are also available at the school office. Thank you to Joanna Scott - Kennel for her very generous donation!

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## **Hamilton Zone Junior Regional Chess Tournament**

TMCS hosted the Regional Chesspower Tournament on Wednesday, with our three chess teams competing against 90 students from around the Waikato in the Hamilton Zone Junior Chess Power Competition. Students were chosen after playing games in their lunchtimes. Altogether 15 teams from Woodstock, Waikato Montessori, St Mary's Rotorua, Te Totara, Endeavour, Rototuna Primary, Whitiara, Silverdale, Southwell and TMCS took part in the tournament.

We are so proud of our 16 competitors who showed our school vision through *kia maia* - taking on the challenge, *kia kotahi* - supporting each other and others, and *kia manaaki* showing respect and great manners. Well done everyone!

We entered 2 teams of 4 players each in the Rookie Division:

TAMAHERE KNIGHTS			
Ben M	Sophie S	Bryan Z	Ethan L
TAMAHERE ROOKS			
Grace J	Gursohbat C	Hannah D	Rey A

Endeavour School Rookies were the winners of the Rookie Division. The Tamahere Rooks came 3rd, with **Grace J** their top player and the Tamahere Knights placed 4th, with **Sophie S**, as their top player.

And we entered a team of 8 into the Open Division:

TAMAHERE KINGS			
Jordan Y	Orien C	Beau O	Steven D
Yasser A	Isabelle F	Etáin B-S	MaeMae Z

Southwell were the tournament winners, with the Tamahere Kings awarded 10th place and the top player was **Yasser A**. Well done to all our chess players!!!



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## Ag Day 2025 - Thursday 9th October



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 opened 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](#)

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### 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](mailto:hsmit@tamahere.school.nz)) or Miss S ([jsaussey@tamahere.school.nz](mailto:jsaussey@tamahere.school.nz)) by the start of Week 2 next term, on Monday 13th October.

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### FREE VET HEALTH CHECK - THIS SATURDAY 30th August from 9.00 to 10.00am

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. This vet check is free of charge.



### AG DAY TROPHY RETURN:

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



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## 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!

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## 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.

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## 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, 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!**

# 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



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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.

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## **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.

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## **Class Placements for 2026 - Let Us Know!!**

As we approach Term 4, it is once again time for us to start planning our classroom environments for next year.

When we organise classes in our school we look at each of our students' academic and social needs and abilities. We use our cumulative teachers' notes and check friendships with each child. We strive to achieve the best possible learning environments for all of our students and teachers. We actively decide to separate some students and join others, to achieve the best possible learning and teaching outcomes.



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While providing support, we also work to build resilience and independence in our students, so that they will be able to cope with change and the next steps in their educational journeys when they transition from us to other schools. Our aim with mixing students around is to develop a school environment where students know and are happy to work with many other students, to give opportunities to develop further friendships and to have a break from others to improve concentration and learning.

If you believe you have *any special information that you feel our teachers may not be aware of*, for example – the possibility of avoiding a competitive cousin in the same class, or neighbourhood friends that get to see each other too much, **please let your class teacher know** as they will add any relevant comments to the cumulative placement sheet. It is important if you have any information to share that you **let us know before the end of this term**. Please, do not feel you must make comments, as we are not expecting many cousins, etc to be a consideration. This is for information that we are unaware of.



## 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)

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## ASC Visitor

Last Friday, our After School Care Programme had some special visitors, which we all enjoyed. A huge thank you to Cara Lauder for bringing in Danni's lambs for a visit.



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## Upcoming Hamilton Sarapu Cup Sunday 7th September

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, 7th September 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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## Love Tennis Day

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 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
- 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.lovetennis.kiwi)



### Upcoming Dates:

TERM 3	
August / Hereturikōkā	
WEEK 7	
Raamere /Friday 29th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Kapa Haka Festival, Don Rowlands Centre Karapiro</li> <li>★ Book Battle Waikato at the Hamilton Central Library - 9.00am to 11.00am</li> </ul>
Rahoroi /Saturday 30th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ FREE Ag Day Vet Check - outside TCC between 9.00am -10.00am</li> </ul>
September / Mahuru	
WEEK 8	
Raahina / Monday 1st	★ <b>TEACHER ONLY DAY</b>
Raatuu /Tuesday 2nd	★ Board Meeting at 6.30pm

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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

## PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning

Students of Week 6  
Class Needs/student voice.

Kia Maia, Kia Manaaki, Kia Kotahi

NIKAU 1	Alfie M	TANEKAHA 12	Mila S
KAURI 2	Fraser M	MIRO 13	Zachary H
KAWAKAWA 3	Abigail P	PUKATEA 14	Finn B

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<i>RIMU 7</i>	<i>Sloane S</i>	<i>KARAKA 15</i>	<i>Benson L</i>
<i>POHUTUKAWA 8</i>	<i>Pippa Y</i>	<i>MANUKA 16</i>	<i>Lucas C</i>
<i>RATA 9</i>	<i>Saylor W</i>	<i>MAHOE 17</i>	<i>Ollie H</i>
<i>TOTARA 10</i>	<i>Elissa T</i>	<i>TAWA 19</i>	<i>Isabel P</i>
<i>MATAI 11</i>	<i>Lucca T</i>	<i>HOROPITO 20</i> <i>HOROEKA 21</i>	<i>Ryan H</i> <i>Emily O</i>



## Cheesecake Festival – The Sweet Buzz is Building! 🍰

The 16th annual Smith & McKenzie Cheesecake Festival is 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.



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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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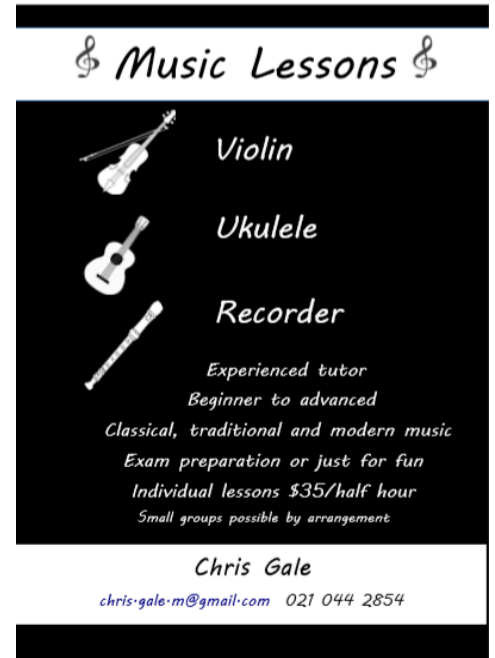
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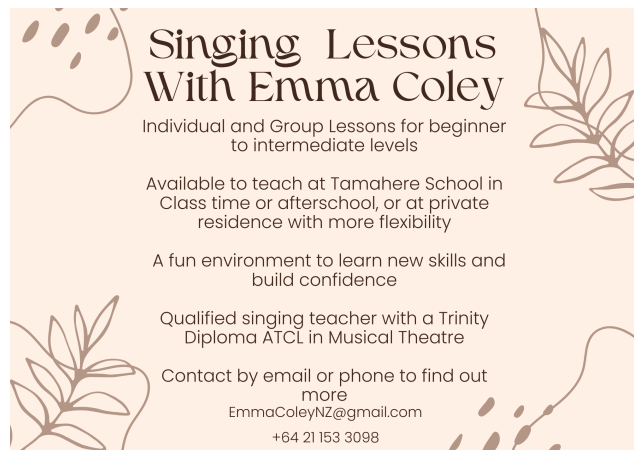
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## COMMUNITY NOTICES:



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 9 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

## NATIONAL YOUTH THEATRE

National Youth Theatre is pleased to announce that your student **Maya Kraayvanger** will be performing on stage in Disney's Frozen Jr

Experience the Magic of Arendelle - Live at Clarence St Theatre!

Based on the 2018 Broadway musical, Frozen Jr. brings Elsa, Anna, and the magical land of Arendelle to life on stage. Students will be swept away by the music, the story, and the spectacle - featuring all their favourite songs from the original film (Let It Go, For the First Time in Forever, Do You Want to Build a Snowman?) plus new songs written just for Broadway.

This beloved story celebrates the power of love, courage, and sisterhood, making it an inspiring and memorable experience for students of all ages.

**School performances**  
 Thursday 9 October, 9:45 am & 12:15 pm  
 Friday 10 October, 12 pm

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