# **TAMAHERE**

#### MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL

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## Wiki/ Week 8 Happenings:

I hope many of you were able to enjoy a long weekend with your tamariki due to our Teacher Only Day on Monday. The extra day to take a break, seems to have really helped to achieve more settled classes and more refreshed children across our school. We appreciate that having extra days away from school can be very challenging for some families with less flexible work arrangements. We apologise again for the impact on you and thank you for enabling all teaching staff to be able to attend the Ministry's second day focusing on the new Mathematics and Statistics Curriculum. We like the new structure and clarity of the new curriculum, however, we are still keenly awaiting the new assessment and reporting information, which will help us to bring our teaching and learning programmes together.

Congratulations to all our students/aakonga who represented us last week at the many different events. We are all so proud of you. There are write ups and pictures to follow sharing some of our teams and their achievements.

28 of our Year 4, 5, & 6 students represented our school at the **City Cluster Cross Country** on Thursday 4th September. Our team did very well. Results and photos will be shared in next week's newsletter.

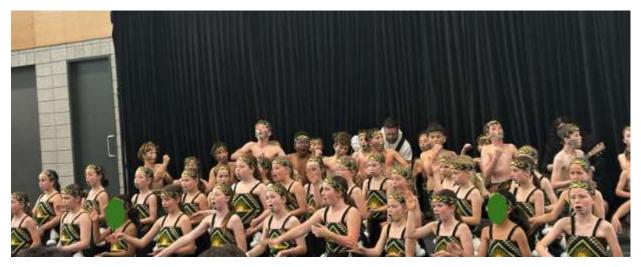
#### **AG DAY CHANGES**

This year, we're changing things up for students flying solo without an animal buddy. Get ready for a week packed with farm-tastic learning! On Ag Day Thursday, students start their morning with a lesson of their choosing, diving deep into the world of agriculture. After soaking up all that green goodness, it's off to admire the animal parade, wrapping things up back in their groups by the end of the day.

That means that this year there will be no need to purchase and bring items to school. Your child's teacher may ask for a donation of empty boxes or other recycled items. They will be sure to give you plenty of notice.

#### Te Oko Horoi Kapa Haka Festival

Our Kapa Haka Roopuu were magnificent last Friday. They performed beautifully with kia mai confidence and volume, kia manaaki pride and mana and kia kotahi togetherness and precision! Kapai! Kamau te wehi! Brilliant - well done! We were so proud of you all. Our roopuu looked impressive with our beautiful performance uniforms - recently topped up in numbers by the PTA, due to having almost 70 performers. A wonderful event with so many spectators and performers juggling in and out of rooms to allow everyone to shine. I did take video footage, but we can't seem to make it work for you.







Please click here to view the Te Oko Horoi Kapa Haka Festival Photo Gallery.

# WACKY WIG-WEDNESDAY

Please show your support for the *Child Cancer Foundation* by joining us for the **TMCS Wig Wednesday** next Wednesday **10th September**.

Simply wear your favourite wig or colourful clothing to school next Wednesday and bring along a cash donation to support this wonderful cause.



## 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 this week**, 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

#### **Chickens, Poultry and Caged Animals on for 2025!**

We have managed to get some volunteers to help out with the poultry and caged animal section for 2025. Thank you to Cara Lauder and Lisa McCosh for putting their hands up.

Look out for next week's newsletter for those who wish to enter the raising chickens section, and do not already have some chicks.

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>



#### **Thank You Cambridge Vets!**

A special thanks to Cambridge Vets and Kelvin Scown, who kindly sponsored our free Vet Health Check last Saturday morning, providing free vaccinations, health checks, advice, tail docking and castration of lambs.



















#### **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 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 (<a href="https://nxschool.nz">https://nxschool.nz</a>) or Miss S (<a href="mailto:jsaussey@tamahere.school.nz">jsaussey@tamahere.school.nz</a>) by the start of Week 2 next term, on Monday 13th October.

#### AG Day Trophy Return:

Thank you to all the families that have already returned Ag Day trophies. If you are still holding onto any, can you please return them polished to the school office - thanks!



#### **WAIKATO BOOK BATTLE:**

Last Friday, a group of 8 Year 5 and 6 students went to the Hamilton Central Library to compete against many other schools for the yearly Waikato Book Battle. They were **Hannah D**, **Orien C**, **Summer L**, **Lachlan H**, **Gisella M**, **Ryan O**, **Sam McC** and **Thea B**.

They had to read and remember information from 5 different chapter books and then do a round of quiz questions for each, followed by 3 rounds of other random questions.

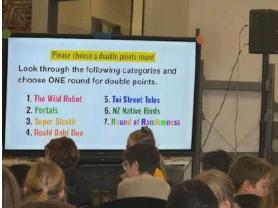
All the students worked really well together and really enjoyed the morning. They behaved well and showed our school vision.

We didn't get in the top 3 but we will find out how well we did, later on in the week. There were only 3 points between the top 3 winning teams.









Thank you to Donna and Nicola for transporting and supervising the teams.

Also, thank you to the Waikato Literacy Association for organising and running the event.

#### **COUNTRY CLUSTER CROSS COUNTRY:**

Last Thursday, we hosted the Country Cluster Cross Country, with students representing TMCS, Tauwhare, Newstead, Matangi and Seventh Day Adventist taking part. It was great to see so many supporters cheering on the athletes.

A big thank you to our wonderful sponsor Angela Thomas of **THOMAS Estates - CHRISTIE'S International Real Estate** and her family, for supporting our runners by cooking and serving yummy sausages for all the hungry runners. Not only did they cook all the sausages, but they also hired a BBQ trailer for the morning, plus donated 2 boxes of apples for the athletes to enjoy! Thank you to **Paul Johnson** and his helpers too.



A huge thank you to Mr Martelli for all his hard work behind the scenes!

Please click here to view the Country Cluster PHOTO GALLERY

Year 4 Girls	Year 4 Boys
1st Frankie L 2nd Ania G	1st Thomas C 2nd Thomas S
Year 5 Girls	Year 5 Boys
2nd Ayla H 5th Eloise C 6th Molly v d H 7th Amelia J 10th Tori A	1st George C 2nd Van W 3rd Quinn B 6th Lewis S 8th Gideon A
Year 6 Girls	Year 6 Boys
1st Harriet L 3rd Greta C 5th Ellie K 6th Ava T 7th Chilli M 8th Bridgette C 10th Georgia S	1st Dylan H 2nd Pearse L 3rd Anru S 6th Lucas E 8th Benji v d H 10th Lucas P















# Bake Sale 2025- Thank you!

Thank you so much to all the students for your amazing support of our Year 6 Bake Sale. We really appreciated you bringing some coins along to purchase the treats and we hope you all enjoyed the wide variety of baking.

A huge thank you to our Year 6 students and their whānau, for all the time you spent creating, making and presenting the delicious treats. There was something for everyone - students and staff alike! The photos show some of the amazing food and the happy buyers - and eaters!

Ngā mihi nui, Maungatautari teachers























#### **PIRONGIA SYNDICATE SPEECHES:**

A selection of students across the Pirongia Syndicate presented their persuasive speeches to their Syndicate on Wednesday. Well done for speaking in front of the entire Syndicate, demonstrating our *Kia Maia - Confident Can-Do Kid* vision.











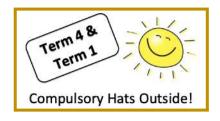
If you have any **FULL YUMMY STICKER SHEETS**, can you please return these to the office by the end of Term 3, so that we can send them off to claim our free sports equipment. The more you collect, the more sports gear we can receive, and you will be allocated whanau points. Thank you for your continuing support.





#### **HATS IN TERM 4:**

With hats being compulsory for Term 4, it is a great time to organise for children's names (first name and first letter of surname) to be embroidered on the back of their school hats. This costs only \$9.00 each! Not only is this an extremely competitive price, but the investment in purchasing only one hat and eliminating the need for several replacements more than pays for itself.



This is not just for brand new hat purchases but existing hats too!

To be included in time for Term 4, please bring your child's hat to the school office with your \$9 payment (or order a new one for a total of \$30). This can take between 1-2 weeks, so please order as soon as possible.

#### **Book Launch at Books For Kids - Saturday 13th September**

Dragonfall: The Fate of Dragons is the start of an epic middle-grade series from Waikato-based author Sarina Clark. Laid out with reluctant readers in mind, in dyslexia-friendly font with illustrations throughout, this is the perfect adventure trilogy for all dragon-loving kids.

The launch at **Books for Kids Bookshop** next Saturday will feature readings from the book, activities, a colouring-in contest, and more.



#### **Splash Polo Term 4 Registrations**

Please fill in this form to register your child for Splash Polo in Term 4. Splash Polo is for Years 3-6 and happens on Sundays from the 6th of October to the 14th of December. Games are between 8am and 7pm at Hillcrest Normal School. Some games may be played on Saturdays depending on the number of team entries from schools. Training sessions can be arranged for teams. Fees are \$50 per child. This form needs to be completed by Friday the 12th of September.

If you have any questions please email me at imartelli@tamahere.school.nz

Splash Polo

#### **Cricket**

#### Girls Cricket

Do you have a girl in Years 3 or 4 who is interested in joining a girls cricket team? No experience necessary, just a willingness to learn and a can do attitude. We're looking for 8-10 girls who would be keen to learn the art of cricket together. Games start Friday 31 October, 5-7pm at John Kerkhof Park. All soft ball equipment provided, involving soft cricket balls and plastic "kiwi cricket" bats. Please email Sarah at <a href="mailto:smdevoy@gmail.com">smdevoy@gmail.com</a> to register your interest.

#### Mixed Cricket

Cambridge Cricket Club offers great options for any children wishing to learn the skills of cricket, or looking to join a cricket team. The club caters for boys and girls from year 0 - 6, with the best option depending on age and experience. More information below, or email Steve at <a href="mailto:cambridgejuniorcricket@gmail.com">cambridgejuniorcricket@gmail.com</a>.



### 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.



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.



#### **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 <u>click here</u> to download our 2026 Pre Entry Form.



Please email the completed Pre Entry form to the school office at <a href="mailto:reception@tamahere.school.nz">reception@tamahere.school.nz</a>

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 appeared in the wider community this week.

## **Upcoming Dates:**

TERM 3			
September / Mahuru			
WEEK 9			
Raapa /Wednesday 10th	★ WIG WEDNESDAY		
WEEK 10			
Raamere /Friday 19th	★ End of Term Sausage Sizzle		
Radifiere/friday 15th	★ 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 &		
Raupare, mareau rem	tsunami hīkoi.		
WEEK 4			
Raahina / Monday 27th	★ LABOUR DAY		
Raatuu /Tuesday 28th	★ Board Meeting at 7.00pm		
November / Whiringa-ā-rangi			
	WEEK 6		
Raahina / Monday 10th	<u> </u>		
Raatuu /Tuesday 11th	★ SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR		
Raapa /Wednesday 12th	A SCHOLASTIC BOOKTAIK		
Raapare /Thursday 13th			
WEEK 7			
Raatuu /Tuesday 18th	★ PTA MEETING at 7.00pm		
WEEK 8			
Raatuu /Tuesday 25th	★ Board Meeting at 7.00pm		
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 7 Class Needs/student voice.

Kia Maia, Kia Manaaki, Kia Kotahi				
NIKAU 1	Indie S	TANEKAHA 12	Tegan K	
KAURI 2	Ema R	MIRO 13	Rocklynn J	
KAWAKAWA 3	Frankie L	PUKATEA 14	Emily S	
RIMU 7	Boston C	KARAKA 15	Quinn B	
POHUTUKAWA 8	Scarlett S	MANUKA 16	Ethan L	
RATA 9	William L	MAHOE 17	James Mc	
TOTARA 10	Zoey S	TAWA 19	Jack H	
MATAI 11	Lockey W	HOROPITO 20 HOROEKA 21	Hudson Y Hugo D	



#### **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.





**REGISTER NOW** 

Please see the how to enter an individual event tutorial.

#### **MEET THE CANDIDATES:**

Positions available: Waikato District: Mayor - 2 candidates for 1 position

Tamahere - Woodlands Ward Councillors' - 5 candidates for 2 positions

Waikato Regional Council: Councillors' - 5 candidates for 2 positions

Date: Wednesday 10th September

Time: 4.00pm to 6.00pm

Where: Tamahere Community Centre, Devine Road, Tamahere

What is the meeting about: Candidates have the opportunity to introduce themselves and tell us why we should vote for them. There will be a Q & A

time.

Date: Saturday 20th September - St Stephens Tamahere Market Day

Time: 11.00am to 1.30pm

Where: Tamahere Community Centre, Devine Road, Tamahere What is the meeting about: An opportunity to meet 1 on 1 with our candidates and chat about what is important to the community.

Become informed and vote.

Organised by The Tamahere Community Committee



#### **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.

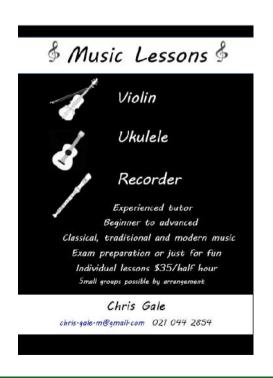
- We will have coaching for juniors no experience necessary to give tennis a go...for FREE!! 25 min sessions, so arrive on the hour or half hour to have session with a coach from Kiwi tennis
- On the day discounted offers to join the club
- Meet some of the Cambridge Racquets Club members
- CYCO Coffee Cart
- all equipment provided or bring your own
- Enter the colouring in competition by <u>clicking here</u>. 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

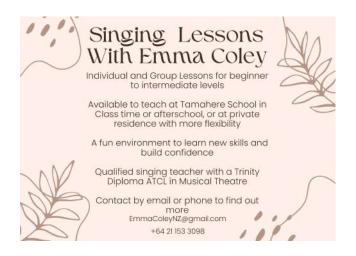
#### KIDS CLUB INFORMATION:

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.











#### **SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES:**

Please check out our 'Community Notices' section on the website, where you can find information about a number of School Holiday Programmes that are running these holidays. <u>Please click here to view.</u>



#### **COMMUNITY NOTICES:**







