## **TAMAHERE**

#### MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL

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

### Wiki/ Week 9 Happenings:

Kia ora Whaanau

Next week is Te Wiki o Te Reo Maaori - Maaori Language Week. We incorporate te reo Maaori in our programme every single day, which is so much better than just having a week set aside. Next week though, we will incorporate more Te Ao Maaori into our programmes to celebrate and build on the reo/language, along with aspects of tikanga/traditions & the kaupapa/reasons behind them. In 2025, the celebration promotes te reo Maaori and its revitalization with a theme of "Ake ake ake – A Forever Language". This year marks the 50th anniversary of Te Wiki o te Reo Maaori (Maaori Language Week).



Celebrating Our Incredible Learning Support Staff



On Monday, we celebrated our wonderful support staff. At Tamahere Model Country School, we have incredible support staff who work tirelessly every day to support our tamariki and teachers. Much of what they do happens quietly, without seeking recognition or praise — so on Monday, we wanted to let them know it doesn't go unnoticed and that we truly appreciate them.

We truly appreciate the care, dedication, and energy our support staff bring to our school. We are very lucky to have them as part of our TMCS whaanau.





### WIG WEDNESDAY

Thank you for getting wiggy with us on Wig Wednesday!!!! The funds and awareness raised will have a huge impact on the lives of tamariki with cancer and their whaanau.

With everyone's amazing efforts we were able to raise **\$831.00**, which will be shared between the **Child Cancer Foundation** and the **Cancer Society**. Every dollar supports Kiwi's with cancer and the families who love them. Thank you to our wonderful school community for your support!

**Daffodil Day** was a busy day for us, so some of our funds from Wig Wednesday will also be shared with the Cancer Society that works so hard with research and supporting everyone with the challenges of cancer.









## TAMAHERE SCHOOL POOL SWIM LESSONS - Bookings Now Open for Term 4

We are very pleased to once again be partnering with St Peters Swim School, to have Learn-to-Swim lessons operating from our school pool for the last four weeks of Term 4 and in Term 1 2026.



Dear Families,

We are pleased to let you know that our Learn to Swim Lessons at Tamahere Model Country School are back again! They are open now and available to book online. These lessons are available to any school age child whether they are St Peter's Swim School student or not. Lessons in Levels Goldfish – Seals will be taught at Tamahere and can be booked though our customer portal.



These lessons will be run in the Tamahere Model Country School heated outdoor pool. While the pool is heated, being outdoors with varied air temperatures and element conditions will keep the water fresh. We suggest long sleeve togs and rash shirts for the children who may be sensitive to the cold.

Our lessons at Tamahere will follow the same detailed lesson plans as our Learn to Swim Lessons at St Peters and will be run by members of our current fantastic team.

Lessons will run daily Monday – Wednesday from 3pm - 6pm from **Monday November** 10<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday December 10<sup>th</sup> and again in Term 1 Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb – Wednesday March 11th.

Please note that when enrolling your student, your booking will automatically roll over between the terms and **you do not need to book twice for Term 4 and Term 1.** 

Please note that if you currently have an enrolment at St Peters Swim School, it can be transferred to Tamahere, however there is no guarantee that the same space will be available after these lessons finish.

All health and safety aspects of our lessons will apply here. This includes:

- All children under the age of 8 will always require a guardian with them during their lessons.
- Lessons will only be cancelled in the event of thunder and lightning.

To book into these lessons now, or to transfer a current St Peters Swim School Learn to Swim enrolment, just click the link below and log into your customer portal:

St Peters Swim School Learn to Swim Lessons at Tamahere Model Country School: https://portal.iclasspro.com/stpetersswimschool/classes?programs=87

To transfer a current student to Tamahere lessons: Customer Portal>My Account>Select Student>Enrolment>Transfer Enrolment>Select new class

Please click here to see the <u>list of pre requirements</u> for each level, to help you find the correct level for your child. You are welcome to contact us to organise an assessment for your child if you are very unsure.

These lessons will be charged via the St Peter's Swim School Direct Debit system monthly. It will consider how many lessons you will have in the calendar month to adjust for the Christmas break and public holidays. As you are charged monthly (1st of the month), and we know how life changes quickly, if you require a change or cancellation of these lessons, you will be able to do so by letting us know before the next Direct Debit run. This is explained further in our terms and conditions.

Unfortunately, these lessons will not be included in our "make up" offer. The programme is small and there are not the options to offer them. Thank you for your understanding with this.

All children will require caps and goggles for their lessons. This streamlines interruptions and hugely helps maintain the hygiene of the pool.

If you would like to book in and there is not a class available for you, please email us at <a href="mailto:swimschool@stpeters.school.nz">swimschool@stpeters.school.nz</a>.so we can assist you.

Kind regards,

The team at St Peters Swim School

# Tamahere Model Country School Annual Golf Day





## When: Friday 28th November Location: Ngāruawāhia Golf Club

ENTRIES ARE NOW OPEN to 18-hole teams of 4 players and limited 9-hole teams – get in early, as entries will close once limited numbers are filled.

Please email Shaun on <a href="mailto:selliott@inghams.co.nz">selliott@inghams.co.nz</a>

# **AG DAY 2025**



### **Dress Up As A Farmer**

To celebrate our annual Ag Day at Tamahere, we invite all children to dress up as farmers for the day!

Join in the fun and show off your best farmer gear.

Think straw hats, beanies, gumboots and overalls. You could even come dressed as a farm animal!



### **Hanging Baskets**

Get creative with your whānau!

Design and create a beautiful
hanging flower basket at home,
then bring it to school to
showcase your masterpiece. All
baskets will be proudly displayed
and judged on Ag Day!
Entry forms can be picked up
from the office.

## Horticultural Happenings

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.

This 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.

## Chickens, Poultry and Caged Animals is on for 2025! ORDERING CHICKS TO RAISE FOR AG DAY

We have confirmed a source of Hyline Pullets for Ag Day this year (i.e. 6-7 week old chickens - **note NOT cute week old chicks)**. You can also bring your own, as long as they are about 9-11 weeks old on Ag Day, to keep it fair for all entrants. **Chicken order form** 



You can also look at other places such as TradeMe and Facebook Marketplace. Hamilton Heritage Hens generally have stock (and more fancy varieties to try out! The Lavender Orpingtons are gorgeous).

Be sure to have more than one chick though, as they are social animals and will get stressed alone. Keep them warm, feeding them chick crumb (chicken feed will make them sick) and allow them access to fresh water. Please email <a href="mailto:agday@tamahere.school.nz">agday@tamahere.school.nz</a> if you have any questions.

Entries for chickens need to be received by next Thursday, 18th August.

<u>CHICKENS - Raising Chicks Entry Form Link</u> <u>CHICKENS - Showing Chickens Entry Form Link</u>

#### **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: **Entries have been extended and now CLOSE TODAY**, to allow for data to be collated, number of judges requested, and ribbons ordered. Please email <a href="mailto:agday@tamahere.school.nz">agday@tamahere.school.nz</a> 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 Aq Day Info & Entries

#### **Judges Demo Day:**

Thanks so much to **Amrit Singh** and **Roger Duncan** who came to speak to the children last Friday, about how to prepare their animals for Ag Day.





#### **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="mailto:hsmit@tamahere.school.nz">hsmit@tamahere.school.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.

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

Congratulations to our Tamahere Model Country School team, who participated in the City Cluster Cross Country event on Thursday 4th September. Students were challenged on a hilly two-kilometre course at the Hamilton Gardens and we achieved some fantastic results. The grit and determination shown by all of our tamariki was impressive.

Thank you to our parents who supported the trip, by transporting children and helping to keep everyone safe and sound.

Congratulations to all our tamariki who were selected to represent TMCS. The students who placed in the top 10 of each race, were as follows:

Year 4 Girls	Year 4 Boys	
2nd - Frankie L	1st - Thomas C	
3rd - Ania G	2nd - Thomas S	

Year 5 Girls	Year 5 Boys
2nd - Molly v d H 3rd - Ayla H 5th - Amelia J 7th - Eloise C	2nd - George C 4th - Van W 5th - Quinn B

Year 6 Girls	Year 6 Boys	
2nd - Harriet L 8th - Greta C 10th - Ellie K	1st - Dylan H 2nd - Pearse L 4th - Anru S 6th - Lucas E	



For more photo's please click here to view the **Photo Gallery**.

### Maungatautari Speech Finals and Country Cluster Speech Competition:

A group of Maungatautari students were selected to present their persuasive speeches to the syndicate, showcasing their hard work and talent. They all displayed our school vision Kia Maia - Confident Can-Do Kid, presenting their speeches proudly - well done finalists!

Three of our Maungatautari students then went on to present their speeches at the Country Cluster Speech Competition at Tauwhare School. Congratulations to Greta C, Lucas P and Omansh M for embracing this wonderful opportunity and for demonstrating their skills on behalf of our kura.



















#### CLASS PLACEMENT 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.

#### **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 last week.

#### **REMINDERS:**

#### **END OF TERM SAUSAGE SIZZLE:**

The PTA have organised an end of term sausage sizzle for next Friday. Order forms have already been sent home with students. Please ensure that the order forms and cash are returned to the class teacher before 9.30am on Tuesday 16th September.



#### **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.

#### **YUMMY STICKERS:**

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 whaanau points. Thank you for your continuing support.



#### **COOKIES FOR SALE ON FRIDAYS:**



## **Upcoming Dates:**

TERM 3				
	September / Mahuru			
WEEK 10				
Raamere /Friday 19th	★ End of Term Sausage Sizzle			
Rudiffere / Friday 17th	★ Last day of Term 3			
	TERM 4			
	October / Whiringa-ā-nuku			
D 11 (24 1 4)	WEEK 1			
Raahina / Monday 6th	★ Start of Term 4			
Bearing /Thomas day Oth	★ AG DAY			
Raapare /Thursday 9th	★ Dress Up As a Farmer			
	<ul><li>★ Hanging Baskets - Judging Day</li><li>WEEK 2</li></ul>			
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Raatuu /Tuesday 14th	★ PTA MEETING at 7.00pm			
Raapa /Wednesday 15th	★ GROUP DAY - hosted by Newstead School			
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 7.00pm			
	November / Whiringa-ā-rangi			
	WEEK 6			
Raahina / Monday 10th				
Raatuu /Tuesday 11th	A COLIOLACTIC POOK FAIR			
Raapa /Wednesday 12th	★ SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR			
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			
December / Hakihea				
WEEK 11				
Raapa /Wednesday 17th	★ End of Term 4 - school day ends at 12.30pm			

### **PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning**

# **Students of Week 8** I make good choices

### **Kia Manaaki** Honour Be Your Guide

NIKAU 1	Lachlan R	TANEKAHA 12	Zoe R	
KAURI 2	Arthur v d M	MIRO 13	Teacher Absent	
KAWAKAWA 3	Chloe S	PUKATEA 14	Mae Mae Z	
RIMU 7	Austin C-S	KARAKA 15	George D	
POHUTUKAWA 8	Zoe W	MANUKA 16	Steven D	
RATA 9	Zorawar S	MAHOE 17	Greta C	
TOTARA 10	Arlo B	TAWA 19	Caden C	
MATAI 11	Harriet B	HOROPITO 20 HOROEKA 21	Aimee S Henry R	



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#### **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: 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



## **Book Launch at Books For Kids - THIS COMING 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- closing tomorrow

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



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#### 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

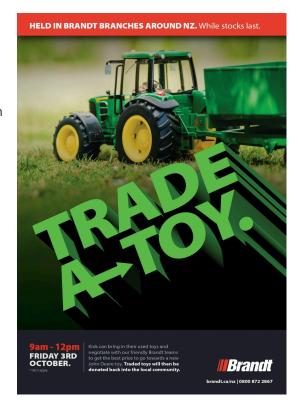
Cambridge Cricket Club offers great options for any children wishing to learn the skills of cricket, or looking to join a cricket team. The club caters for boys and girls from year 0 - 6, with the best option depending on age and experience. More information below, or email Steve at <a href="mailto:cambridgejuniorcricket@gmail.com">cambridgejuniorcricket@gmail.c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



#### Trade-A-Toy Event - Saturday 3rd October between 9.00am and 12.00 noon

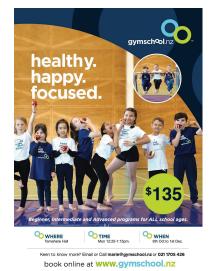
Brandt Agriculture is hosting their annual event Trade-A-Toy on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October 2025 from 9am to 12pm, where children of all ages can come trade in their toys, get new toys and have a fun day out with the family.

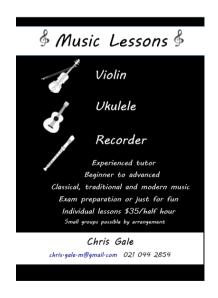
As part of this event, they are also doing a <u>colouring-in competition</u> which will give your students a chance to win some amazing prizes. Entries need to be brought into the Brandt branch, located at 169 State Highway 1B, Cambridge, any time before the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October at 12pm, and the winners will be announced on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> of October.



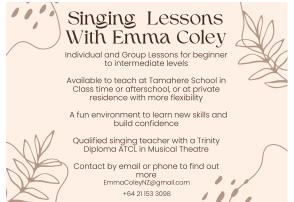
#### **KIDS CLUB INFORMATION:**

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:**



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