# **TAMAHERE**

MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL

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## Wiki/ Week 4 Happenings:

## Ministry of Education Guidance following increased national risk of measles

Health New Zealand is alerting schools to an escalating risk of measles as it responds to a measles outbreak following confirmation of 13 new cases of measles since 20 October.

# Measles Alert

## EARLY SYMPTOMS

- High fever
- Cough
- Runny nose

# LATER SYMPTOMS

- High fever
- Rash

This escalating risk is a concern, especially for education settings where measles can spread rapidly. In New Zealand, our measles immunisation rates are too low to prevent outbreaks from happening when measles is circulating in our communities. Our low immunisation rates contribute to this lack of community protection.

Measles is highly contagious and serious – about one in three people may need hospital care. It spreads when an infected person breathes, coughs or sneezes.

• Watch out for symptoms – fever, cough, runny nose, sore eyes, and a blotchy rash:

#### Measles - Health New Zealand

 Anyone with measles symptoms must stay at home and should seek urgent advice by ringing their doctor or Healthline on 0800 611 116.

- Anyone who is closely exposed to a measles case must stay at home. Heath New
  Zealand will provide individuals with advice on a case-by-case basis (including when
  they can leave quarantine at home).
- Health New Zealand is actively working with the schools that currently have measles cases.
- People are considered immune to measles after having two doses of a measles vaccine from 12 months or older, or if you have had measles before. For more information on measles immunity visit:

<u>Measles immunity – Health New Zealand</u> My Health Record – Health New Zealand

> Anyone born between 1969 and 2004 may have only received one vaccine dose and might not be fully protected. It's safe to get extra doses. A free vaccine can be booked online or via the Vaccination Helpline on 0800 28 29 26.

#### Book my vaccine - Health New Zealand

Thank you to our amazing community for having such a high rate of vaccination already and for having all your documentation up to date. We do have a few families getting their vaccinations and finding documentation at present but as a school, we are looking pretty well protected and you are keeping your children as safe as possible. Thank you. If we were to get a case, the Health Department would tell us what measures they would take in the way of isolating class groups or year groups or our whole school. Let's hope it doesn't come to that.

**Golf Tournament:-** Thanks to the golf committee, who are working hard to create a fun golf day on 28th November. Please sign up your teams soon so the tournament can go ahead and details can be organised. Funds raised will be going towards the much needed upgrading of classroom furniture. More details follow later in the newsletter.



#### **South East Hamilton Country Schools T Ball Tournament**

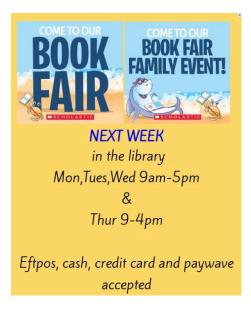
Many of our Year 5&6 students represented TMCS at the South East Hamilton Country Schools T Ball Tournament yesterday hosted at Tauwhare School. Thanks to all our wonderful parents who provided transport and supported the children throughout the day. We will be sharing results and a photo gallery in next week's newsletter.

A reminder that we are holding our Annual **Athletics Days** next week. We look forward to seeing whaanau cheering on their children and we have our fingers crossed for perfect

weather conditions. Please see further details and times shared later in this Newsletter.

Make sure you don't miss out on all the wonderful books and gifts on offer at our **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR** in the library next week.

This is a great opportunity to get in some secret Christmas shopping. Eftpos, credit cards, and cash payment is available.



#### **WEEK 5 ATHLETICS DAY INFORMATION**

**PIRONGIA** and **MAUNGATAUTARI** Syndicates will be having their **Athletic Days** on the school fields on **the 4th and 5th November**.

These days will run slightly differently to other school events, due to the opportunity to represent the school at the Inter-City event. Because of this, we will be running our days in age groups, rather than year groups.

Ages are to be taken as at the 6th of October 2025 (beginning of Term 4).

Please read the schedule below, to double check which day your child will be competing.

#### **PIRONGIA:**

Tuesday 4th November - Starting at 9am

- 7 year old girls and boys
- 8 year old girls and boys

#### **MAUNGATAUTARI:**

Wednesday 5th November - Starting at 9am

- 9 year old girls and boys
- 10 year old girls and boys
- 11 year old girls and boys

#### Children will need:

to wear their whaanau shirt



- bring a suitable lunch and big drink bottle, filled with water
- bring a warm jersey and/or jacket
- all children should be wearing shoes for SHOT PUT. In all other events, they may have bare feet.

**Sun Safety** - The children will be outside for most of the day, so will be exposed to the heat of the sun. Sunblock cream will be made available, but we ask that students wear sunscreen to school and to re-apply during the day. Children are also to wear their whaanau shirts and school sun hats.

The children will rotate in age gender groups around all events. Children are expected to participate in all events, as they have been practising at school and this is part of the Physical Education and Health Curriculum. It is also a great time to support friends.

#### SPRINTS/400 METRES/RELAY FINALS/CLASS & WHANAAU RELAYS

On **Wednesday 5th November**, we will be having our sprints, 400 metres and relay finals for Pirongia and Maungatautari 8, 9, 10 and 11 year olds. These will be held on the Tamahere Reserve, **beginning with the 400m races at around 1.10pm**. We encourage students to challenge themselves and race this event. The top 8 runners in each year group will qualify for the girls and boys 100m finals and these results are determined by the sprint races on the Pirongia and Maungatautari athletics mornings (Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th November respectively). We will also be having class and whaanau relays.

We look forward to hopefully seeing you there.

Kind regards, Maungatautari and Pirongia Teachers

# TAUPIRI Athletics for our Year 0, 1 & 2 students, is on Thursday 6th November from 11-12ish.

Parents are welcome to share this with us. We will be walking around seven rotations while our students 'have a go' at the various activities we have.

Children can wear whaanau shirts and must have shoes on, as we will be running our sprint races on the Tamahere Reserve.



We look forward to seeing you on the school field by the pool on Thursday 6th November at 11am. Please join us if you can.

Thank you The Taupiri Teachers

#### **CELEBRATING OUR MUSICIANS**

We would like to acknowledge the courage and dedication shown by three of our Music students, who performed in front of the entire Assembly last Friday. **Maya K**, **Lucas E** and **Lachlan H's** hard work and passion for music was very inspiring. We will have another assembly later this term to celebrate another group of our music students.







## DON'T MISS OUT ON ENTERING A TEAM!!!!!!









## **ENTRIES CLOSING NEXT WEDNESDAY 5th NOVEMBER.**

At least 5 more team entries are required, to ensure this event goes ahead.

The Tamahere Golf Day is a vital fundraiser for Tamahere Country Model School. Our annual golf day, being held at Ngāruawāhia Golf Club on Friday  $28^{th}$  November. We are hoping for  $24 \times 18$  hole teams &  $6 \times 9$  hole teams. Your team entry also includes access to food during the event. As well as end of round raffles and spots prizes/winner prizes.

Further details to be announced in the coming weeks.

If you would like to book a team, or become involved as a sponsor please let us know at selliott@inghams.co.nz

- \$500 team entry for 18 holes
- \$250 team entry for 9 holes
- \$300 hole sponsorship available

## PUMPKIN NIGHT 2026

Pumpkin Night is a much loved, fun filled annual event for the entire Tamahere Community. Focused on bringing the community together and providing entertainment for everyone, it is also a major fundraiser for TMCS. Pumpkin Night features lots of food and drink options, plus fun activities, pumpkin-based competitions and wonderful live entertainment.

If you are wanting to grow a giant pumpkin this year, please pop into the office to pick up your GIANT PUMPKIN SEEDS, if you'd like to try growing the biggest pumpkin. We are not sending seeds home to every family this year - you or your children are very welcome to pop in and pick some up.



Our 2026 Pumpkin Night date will be announced shortly, along with more information.

## **Buzzing with Excitement in Pirongia!**

Last week, Pirongia students were lucky to have Sarah from Sarah's Bees visit for an exciting, hands-on bee experience. Students learned fascinating facts about bee anatomy, honey, and wax, and explored how bees help our environment.

They loved trying on real bee suits, taking apart and reassembling a beehive, and searching for the queen bee in a colony. It was an unforgettable, buzzing day of learning!

The bee lady was awesome! We got to see some real bees in a weird honeycomb suitcase. It was so interesting. She taught us about the jobs and life cycle of the bees. We learned that worker bees only live for 2 months. We also got to try on real beekeeper suits. My personal



favourite was trying the honey. I hope the bee lady comes back soon. - Julia (K3)



The bee lady's name is Sarah. We got to do 4 stations. It was really awesome. Station one was examining real-life bees. Station two was trying on bee suits that real beekeepers wear. At Station 3, we got to play with bee toys. Station four was my personal favourite - licking the honey. Guess what!! You should be proud to be a girl, because all the girl bees do all the work, and the boy bees just make babies and die. It was so awesome to have Sarah at our school. - Frankie K3

The bee lady was amazing. She showed everyone who bees are and let us try on some beekeeper suits and showed us some real-life honeycomb. amazing. I can't get my head around it. We learned all about the jobs of the bees and the stages of life. Did you know boy bees do nothing? Wow! There is so much I didn't know about bees; now I know everything. Thanks - Chloe (K3)























A big thank you to Sarah, from <u>Sarah C's bees</u>, for sharing her knowledge and passion for bees with us.

## PTA PURCHASE

Thanks to the ongoing fundraising efforts of the PTA, our school tennis courts have been enhanced with brand new nets. The new nets, put up by Allan and John in the holidays, are a welcome replacement for the old, well worn set. You will find the courts particularly busy on a Friday afternoon, when a number of children have lessons. We thank you for your ongoing support. If you have suggestions for small improvements around school please let us know at <a href="mailto:pta@tamahere.school.nz">pta@tamahere.school.nz</a>.





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# **Upcoming Dates:**

TERM 4					
October / Whiringa-ā-nuku					
WEEK 4					
Raamere /Friday 31st	★ Waikato A & P Show - Boys & Girls Ag Club				
	November / Whiringa-ā-rangi				
WEEK 5					
Raahina / Monday 3rd	★ SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR- 9.00am to 5.00pm				
Raatuu /Tuesday 4th	★ PIRONGIA ATHLETICS 8.45am to 12.30pm				
	★ SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR- 9.00am to 5.00pm				
Raapa /Wednesday 5th	★ MAUNGATAUTARI ATHLETICS 8.45am to 12.30pm				
	★ SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR- 9.00am to 5.00pm  ★ TAUPIRI ATHLETICS 11.00am to 12.30pm				
Raapare /Thursday 6th	★ SEH City T Ball Tournament				
Raapare / mursuay our	★ SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR- 9.00am to 4.00pm				
WEEK 6					
	★ POSTPONEMENT DAY - MAUNGATAUTARI ATHLETICS 8.45am				
Raatuu /Tuesday 11th	to 12.30pm				
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Raapa /Wednesday 12th	12.30pm				
Raapare /Thursday 13th	★ POSTPONEMENT DAY - TAUPIRI ATHLETICS 11.00am to				
•	12.30pm				
	EEK 7				
Raatuu /Tuesday 18th	★ PTA MEETING at 7.00pm				
Raapa /Wednesday 19th	★ Road Patrol Training Day				
Raapare /Thursday 20th	★ Year 6 Berkley Middle School Orientation Morning- 9.15am to				
Raapare / mursuay 20th	10.30am				
	WEEK 8				
Raatuu /Tuesday 25th	★ Dressing The Tree - Maungatautari Syndicate				
	★ Board Meeting at 7.00pm				
Raapa /Wednesday 26th	★ Dressing The Tree - Pirongia Syndicate				
Raapare /Thursday 27th	★ Dressing The Tree - Taupiri Syndicate				
Raamere /Friday 28th	★ 2025 TMCS Golf Day				
	★ Road Patrol Fun Day				
December / Hakihea					
Pashina / Monday 1ct	WEEK 9  ★ Thank You - Parents & Sponsors Morning Tea 10.30am				
Raahina / Monday 1st Raapare /Thursday 4th	★ Year 6 Graduation				
Raapare / Hursudy 4th					
Raamere /Friday 5th	<ul> <li>★ SEH City Athletic Sports - Hillcrest High School</li> <li>★ Christmas Carols Evening at the Tamahere Piazza</li> </ul>				
WEEK 10					
Raapa /Wednesday 10th	★ PRIZE GIVING 10.30am to 12.30pm				
Raapare /Thursday 11th					
Raapare/inursuay iith	★ TAUPIRI BIG DAY IN				

Raamere /Friday 12th	<ul> <li>★ MAUNGATAUTARI - BIG DAY OUT</li> <li>★ PIRONGIA - BIG DAY IN</li> </ul>	
WEEK 11		
Raapa /Wednesday 17th	★ End of Term 4 - school day ends at 1.00pm	

## **Learn To Swim Lessons Starting in Week 6 - Don't Miss Out!**

## Have you booked your Tamahere School Pool Swim lessons yet?

Have you booked your Swim Lessons? St Peter's Swim School lessons at Tamahere Vela Pool start from Week 6. If you missed out on making a booking, you still have time. Lessons will run daily Monday – Wednesday from 3pm - 6pm, from Monday 10th November – Wednesday 10th December and again in Term 1 from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February, through to Wednesday 11th March 2026.



#### How do I book swim lessons?

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: 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.

#### Get Your Calendar Art Orders In. DON'T MISS OUT!!!

#### This is a reminder that we're currently taking orders for Calendar Art.

Information went home with students at the end of Week 1 and we just want to make sure everyone that wants to get products made from their child's own art has the opportunity to. These make unique Christmas gifts for family and friends and are perfect for posting overseas.

#### Follow these instructions to place your order online:

- 1/. Go to www.kidsartworks.com
- **2/.** Use the Entrance Code: K\*.... (add in your entrance code from your welcome letter e.g. "KZ3452")\*
- 3/. Enter your child's room & name

#### The order is open until MONDAY 10TH NOVEMBER

Payment can be made through the website via credit card or account2account.

If you have any questions please contact the school - hwilson@tamahere.school.nz



## <u>Samosa Fundraiser – Support Our STEAM Room!</u>

We're excited to launch our **Surti Samosas Fundraiser** to raise money for the next stage of our **STEAM** (**Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Mathematics) room** — completing the concrete/cobble floor and installing benches.

#### How it works:

- \$28 per pack of 10 delicious, generously sized samosas (each approx. 110 g "just shy of a pie!").
- \$12 from every pack goes directly toward our school fundraising goal!
- Choose from five **mouth-watering flavours**:
  - Vegetable (vegan)
  - £ Lamb
  - Butter Chicken
  - Spiced Chicken
  - Butter Paneer

All samosas are **made to order**, **Halal certified**, and come **chilled and fresh** (not frozen). They'll keep for **16 days** in the fridge or **up to 12 months** in the freezer — perfect for quick lunches or dinners.

#### Ordering:

All orders and payments are made easily online via our <u>fundraising webpage</u>. Scan the QR code now!





Payments can be made securely by credit or debit card.

#### **Key Dates:**

- Order period: 23rd October 23rd November
- **Collection:** Thursday 4th December, 2:00 3:30 pm (same-day collection only)

Your generous support will help us take the next big step toward a vibrant new STEAM learning space for our tamariki.

#### TMCS CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK

The Tamahere Model Country School Christmas Concert is back for 2025! More details to follow but **please make sure you've got December 5 in your calendars** for an evening of family entertainment.

**Performers wanted!** Are you a choir, singer, band or other act wanting to perform? Please email your details and a brief description of your intended performance to <a href="mailto:tamaherechristmas@gmail.com">tamaherechristmas@gmail.com</a>. Please note: This event has very limited rehearsal and sound-check time and as such, is not suitable for 'first time' performers in the way Pumpkin Night is.

**Adults - do you like singing carols?** If there is enough interest, we would like to put together a group of adults to lead us in some Christmas favourites. No experience required, just enthusiasm. If you are interested, please email <a href="mailto:tamaherechristmas@gmail.com">tamaherechristmas@gmail.com</a>.



#### **SWIM CAPS**

We are looking forward to the children being able to start swimming, possibly from Week 6 onwards, depending on weather conditions. All swimmers must wear swim caps at the Vela Pool Complex. We have 2 styles available to purchase through the school office - caps printed with the whaanau name are \$14.00 each or \$12.00 without, or they are welcome to use their own swim caps. Please have your correct whaanau colour caps so we can cheer everyone on.



You can either send the cash to the office with your child/ren, pay by Eftpos at the office or you can elect to make payment by internet banking. If you would like to pay by internet banking, please make the appropriate payment into the Tamahere Model Country School bank account, and send the proof of payment to <a href="mailto:reception@tamahere.school.nz">reception@tamahere.school.nz</a>. We will then arrange to deliver the swim caps to their classrooms.



### **Celebrating Student Success!!!**

Congratulations to **Rey A** who received **Merit** in the recent Speech NZ oral exam.





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

## Students of Week 3

I am enthusiastic, curious, and ask questions.

## Kia Maia - 'Confident Can Do Kids'

We strive to do our best with a positive 'can-do' attitude.

NIKAU 1	Charles B	MIRO 13	Flynn H
KAURI 2	Oskar N	PUKATEA 14	Ella P
KAWAKAWA 3	Hudson C	KARAKA 15	Anru S
RIMU 7		MANUKA 16	April C
POHUTUKAWA 8	Reuben S	MAHOE 17	Benjamin H
RATA 9	William L	TAWA 19	Adam C
TOTARA 10	Ava P	HOROPITO 20	Nathan Z
MATAI 11	Billie R	HOROEKA 21	Finn S
TANEKAHA 12	Malachi L		



Positive Behaviour for Learning

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Our **Annual General Meeting** is scheduled for **Tuesday 25th November at 6.45pm** in the Tamahere Community Centre. We would love as many people as possible to attend. You do not need to be on the committee or have intentions of going on - it is a great opportunity to hear how the year has progressed and intentions for the future.

There is absolutely no pressure to join the committee but we would welcome any one who is keen to join. We look forward to seeing you there.

Kind Regards,
TCC Committee

## Weet-Bix Kids Tryathlon - Sunday 7th December 2025

This year the Weet Bix tryathlon will again be held at St Peters School in Cambridge. Included is a link to register your child for this event, as part of the Tamahere School team. This is a safe, fun event for all children aged 7 years and over.

Registration link



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

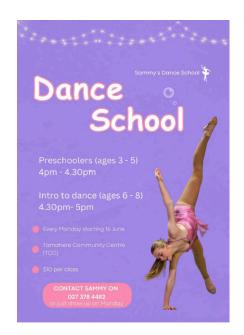
Children at our school can get involved in our Kids Clubs activities. Please contact the providers directly if you would like to find out more or register your child.

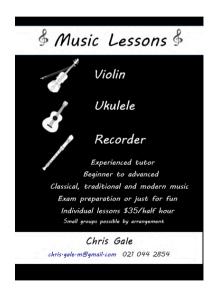






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## **Community Notices**



- WHAT'S IN THE BOX?

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  Seasonal Fruit fresh and delicious
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  Homemade Baing made with Own
  A Fun Card a little surprise to brighten thei

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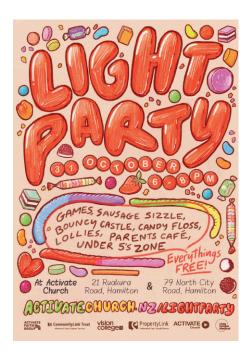


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