

TAMAHERE

MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL

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Nurturing Our Future - Growing Together
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Wiki/ Week 1 Happenings:

NAU MAI, HAERE MAI!

Welcome back everyone, to Term 1 2026!

I hope you have had a very happy and rejuvenating holiday break with your whaanau and friends, despite the variety of weather we have had.

We are very much looking forward to seeing everyone's smiling faces back at school tomorrow. School is a very quiet place without the lovely decibels of children playing and laughing.

Firstly, if you haven't had a chance to read our **Initial Information Newsletter 2026** sent out before Christmas, please [click here](#). It will tell you all you need to know about our school structure, dates, stationery ordering, donations and activity fees, etc for 2026.

ORGANISATION:

Day One!

Wednesday 4th February - First Day:

- Children can go directly to their classes after 8:00 am and take all of their stationery with them.
- New students may head to their new class if they feel comfortable, or can meet us in the office foyer to be introduced.
- Road Patrol will be operating from 8:10 am - 8:28 am
- Please remember your hats, togs and suncream.

11:00 am Whakatau!!

- Everyone is welcome to join us for our first assembly, and Whakatau welcome.
- All new families need to wait in the TCC Foyer area to be welcomed into the hall.

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- Existing whaanau are tangata whenua, and can find a seat in the TCC hall. This includes siblings and relations introducing whaanau.
- All Kapa Haka Roopuu tamariki - please be ready and practice our Haka and Haere Mai welcome waiata.

This term, we are again trialling something new with our break and eating times, to see if we can keep students/aakonga out of the heat of the day. We also want to maximise learning times, and have everyone come back into class, happy, calm and ready for learning. We will be *flipping* our eating times within the morning tea and lunch breaks. This means children will go straight out to play and then settle down to eat in the shade at the end of the breaks. Many aakonga may find they get hungry, especially after the holidays, so we are suggesting a bigger *healthy snack* in the morning may help. Even the teachers have been struggling to get through to morning tea recently!

New Website ready to launch:

- Next week's newsletter will be attached to our new, user-friendly website. We hope you like it.

WEEK 2:

Year 6 Elections for Leadership Positions:

- We will be holding our leadership elections on **Monday 9th February**.
- All Year 6 students can step up in front of their Whaanau to share why they should be a leader in our school in 2026.
- Please encourage your Year 6 tamariki to step up to this challenge. This needs to be in person - not a video. A short talk - it doesn't need to be a long speech.
- Whaanau shirts to be worn on this day to support whaanau leaders please.

Whole School Tabloid Sports on Tuesday 10th February:

- Your children will come home with a number and a letter on their hands on Monday after school, to help them remember which team they will be in on Tuesday. (Apologies, it is in Vivid)
- All children need to come to school covered in suncream, with more to apply later in the day, please.
- Whaanau Shirts to be worn on this day - and can be worn every Friday of the year.
- Hats - please remember your school hat and for every day in Terms 1 & 4.
- Water bottles will also be good and are a great addition on hot days. We do have water fountains to help refill these if needed.
- This is a relaxed, fun event that is designed to bring students/aakonga from all ages of the school together, to mix and work as a team - kia kotahi, with our new Year 6's taking leadership roles.
- All supporters are very welcome - we plan to start gathering at 8:45 am to avoid the heat of the day.

Sporting Codes - Please don't miss out! Organising teams for the second half of the inter-school summer sports season means that registrations need to happen straight away! Please don't miss out!

Splash polo - Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

Games are held on Sundays, with grading games on the 15th of February and the finals held on the 28th of March (Saturday). Games are held at Hillcrest Normal School pool and could be anytime between 8am and 7pm. There is a Junior section (Year 3 and 4) and a Senior section (up to Year 6). Fees are \$50 per child, payable to the school office. Games are 6-a-side (5 field players and 1 goalie), with a maximum of 11 players per team.

Our school pool is available for trainings on Thursdays and Fridays, both mornings from 7.30am and afternoons straight after school. If you are wanting to train either afternoon, coaches you would need to put the covers back on afterwards and may be required to put the pool vacuum in overnight. If these times do not suit, the Hillcrest Normal School pool is available at certain times - please get in touch with me about this and I can organise times. Please complete this [registration form](#) by Thursday 5th February. If you have any questions, please let me know.,

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First PTA Meeting of 2026 - Tuesday 10th February:

The Tamahere Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is a friendly group of parents and teachers, who are enthusiastic about maintaining and improving an enjoyable and fun school environment for our students, and the wider school community. The primary aim is to organise fun events for the school community to enjoy, and to fundraise money for the school. The PTA meets twice a term, with the first meeting for the year being **Tuesday 10th February, at 7.00pm** in the school staffroom. We look forward to seeing anyone and everyone who would like to join us.

Meet The Teacher Evening - Thursday 12th February:

We welcome all parents and caregivers to our *Meet the Teacher Evening* in Week 2, on Thursday 12th February, from 5.15pm to 7.00pm.

We are trialling a new format this year, as we have found that parents want to meet their children's teacher properly, rather than have a presentation. We would love you to introduce yourselves, so please do pop into our classrooms with your children/tamariki, where your teachers will be looking forward to chatting and meeting with you. You may have questions to ask about routines or have information to share that may be useful for the happiness of your child. This is an informal meet-and-greet opportunity where parents can connect with the teachers across the school.

We are looking forward to welcoming back the smiling, excited faces of all your/our beautiful children/tamariki tomorrow.



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YOUR LUNCHBOX IS BACK FOR 2026



Want the hassle taken out of school lunches? Struggle to think of something new for the kids to have everyday? Well say no more, 'Your Lunch Box' is here to help! Delivering delicious and nutritious lunchboxes filled with fresh local ingredients direct to school everyday.



We offer different sizes for different appetites and ordering is easy peasy. Simply order before 8.00pm the night before you would like the lunchbox delivered and we'll take care of the rest! You can also order a **Hot Lunch on a Friday**. Our hearty Meat Pies come hot out of the oven, and are served with seasonal fruit, tomato sauce and homemade baking.

Visit us at www.yourlunchbox.co.nz or look us up on Facebook

And if you are an **existing subscriber**, please remember that you need to start up a new subscription again for 2026, so that your child's new classroom information is up to date, to assist with getting the lunches delivered to the correct room.

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