

- TOMARATA SCHOOL -



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Important reminders:

- Please remember donations for the annual Easter raffle
- Maths Whizz subscriptions are due **now** (options for payment arrangements can be made at the office)



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Our visit from the ERO team was very positive and we now wait for the draft report. They gave the staff and Board feedback on the governance and management of many aspects at our school.

I was invited to Warkworth New World to receive our second 'slice of the pie' which totalled \$454. Thanks to all those who have registered Tomarata School with this Fly Buys/Warkworth New World project. It's not too late to sign up – pick up a form from WW New World or from the school office.

Purple Day:

A message from our Student Voice Reps:

Become a Purple Day Hero for Epilepsy! On Thursday 28th March we are asking students to bring a gold coin donation and to wear purple clothing/costumes to school. We have some students at our school who have epilepsy and we thought it would be great to raise funds for Epilepsy NZ. Posters are in classrooms. Children will receive a purple ribbon to wear on the day and we will have a Purple Parade in the morning. Room 6 Student Voice reps will collect donations from classrooms on that morning. Pamphlets will go out with this newsletter.

EWES Cluster Athletics Day:

This is at Centennial Park Wellsford on Wednesday 3rd April for **ALL** Tomarata students. The start time is 9.30am, finish 2pm. Please make sure that students have suitable clothing for all weather, sunscreen & hats. Drinks, sausages and other food will be available for sale. We are taking a bus to this event – please fill in and return the slip **as soon as possible**. The bus will return to Tomarata School in time for the afternoon buses.

Scholastic Offer Two:

Offer two is due back at school by Monday 8th April. There is a special promotion this offer – for every five books ordered, school receives one free book.

Head Lice:

These are going around again – please check your child/ren's hair and treat as necessary. A simple, cost effective way to manage them is to condition your child's

hair and comb through with a metal nit comb bought from the chemist for about \$10.

Room 4:

This Friday we will learn what to do if you fall into a dam/lake/river, as part of our water safety lessons. Please send gumboots and a jacket that your child will use to "fall into" the swimming pool.

School Lunches:

Pies (mince & cheese)	\$3.00
Hot Dogs (with cheese, mustard & sauce)	\$3.00
Hamburgers	\$3.00
Sausage Rolls	\$1.50
Cream Donut/Sugar Donut	\$2.00
Ice blocks (Lemonade & chocolate)	\$1.50
Fruit pies - Berry or Apple (large)	\$3.00
Choc bars	\$2.50
Juicies / Moosies	\$1.20



Wastewise wisdom:

Our plastic rubbish is killing sea life. At least 44% of marine bird species are known to eat plastic. 224 pieces of plastic were recently found in the stomach of a turtle. Reduce the use of plastic in your everyday life.

*Healthy Seas - Healthy People,
Toiora te Moana- Toiora te Tangata.*

Child-speak:

I was amused when a young boy came into the office one day last week looking for the 'folio-copper' (the photocopier).

Coming Dates:

March	22 nd	Assembly 1.50pm
	29 th	Good Friday - holiday
April	1 st - 2 nd	Easter Monday/Tuesday – holiday
	3 rd	EWES Athletics Day
	5 th	Assembly 1.50pm
	19 th	Assembly 1.50pm
	19 th	End of Term One
May	6 th	Term Two begins

Lynne Duffin

Other notices:

Tomarata Junior Netball - reminder:

Training starts this week, Thursday 2.45pm for all teams. Subs are set at \$75 per player. Please pay to the coaches or drop them into the school office before 6th April.

A message from Northland Rural Support Northland Drought

We are updating our website www.rural-support.org.nz to include current information and contact details for everything; from coping with stress and identifying what may be beyond a normal reaction to stress, to tackling farm management decisions and what financial assistance may be available to farm owners and farming staff. In the meantime please phone 0800 787 254 for assistance. If you are having difficulties making the tough management decisions on the farm an Agri Facilitator is available to help you. Phone 0800 787 254
Social activities and keeping in touch with your mates is now even more important.
Remember to take time out every week. For telephone counseling 24/7 phone Lifeline 0800 543 354

JUNIOR SQUASH AT WELLSFORD

Junior squash has started at Wellsford Squash Club (located at Wellsford Golf & Squash Club, State Highway 1 South, Wellsford). Beginners are welcome. Primary Juniors will play every Monday of the school term from 3.30pm. College Juniors play every Tuesday from 3.30pm. Just come along to the Club and we'll sort out a game for you. Enquiries phone Edwina 423-9266 or Nikki 423-8893 (Primary Juniors) or Christine Crow 423-7149 (College Juniors)

Dear Rural Citizens,

I have been selected to put forward a submission for the Auckland Council Unitary Plan. As a farmer and rural resident my primary concerns lie with our roading. Within my 5 minute submission I plan to drive home (with the help of experienced locals) our desperate concerns and arguments for our roading. At the end of my submission I plan to take the unusual step of submitting to council "victim impact statements" directly pertaining to financial and emotional effects of living on unsealed roads. In order for me to make the biggest impact I am asking community members to submit to me their own personal accounts of living on unsealed roads. My submission will take place on Monday 25th of March therefore I ask people to help me help ourselves and send me your stories (however big or small) before Sunday the 24th March so I can go into bat for us and get our voices heard. Please send any information that I can use to admin@oceanique.co.nz or you can ring me on 422 1970.

Warm regards
Julie Cotton

Wellsford Soccer Club

Soccer Registration will be held on Saturday, March 23rd, from 9:00am to 12:00noon at the club rooms, Port Albert Domain. EFTPOS available; everyone who registers will receive a free sausage on the day.
Please contact Lee Laughton if you have any questions, mob: 021767335 or email lalaughton@clear.net.nz

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Athletics Day - Wednesday 3rd April

Please fill in the slip below and return to school **(with money for bus if applicable)**

I give permission for _____ Room/s _____
to attend the Athletics Day, at Centennial Park, Wellsford on Wednesday 3rd April.

- I will be taking my child/ren direct to the Athletics Day and taking them home afterwards
- My child/ren will be traveling to the Athletics Day by bus & I have enclosed \$3 per child to cover the cost of the bus (The cost for the bus is \$3 regardless of whether your child travels to and from Athletics by bus, or just one way. There is no charge if your child does not travel on the bus)

Parent / Caregiver Name

Parent / Caregiver Signature

“Learning Smarter, Tomarata”