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Newsletter 3 July 2019

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Families - kia ora, kia orana, talofa, malo e lelei, fakaalofa atu, and hello!

From the Principal

This is my first newsletter as your new Principal, and I am very excited to be here. Firstly I would like to thank you for your lovely welcome on Friday. It was very special, and a memory I will treasure. The last two days have flown by in a blur, and I am slowly getting to grips with learning names. The hugs I have been receiving from the students have made me feel very welcome. I thought I would share a bit about myself. I have been married to my hubby Tony for nearly 39 years and we have 3 beautiful daughters (Leah, Aimee & Kirstee), all married, and 6 gorgeous grandies. Some of you may have met our youngest Freya at my welcome. I live in Mangawhai on a small lifestyle block with a disreputable cat, and 8 chickens (a rooster going for free by the way!). I am so excited at being the Principal of Tomarata and look forward to the rest of the year. Please have a safe and restful holiday break with your children, and bring them back refreshed for our Production at the end of Term 3!

Warmest regards

Cherylene Neels
Principal

Maths Information Afternoon for Parents - Tuesday 2nd July 2.30 - 4pm

Thank you to those parents who braved the wind and wet to attend this afternoon. We hope you got a lot out of it. Thanks also to Barbara Bartlett and Brendda Salt for your organisation of this event with Lucie Cheeseman.

Key Dates - for the rest of the term

Friday 5th July	Gabbie Spiro in for Te Reo
	REPORTS home today. Last day, Term 2
Monday 22nd July	First day of Term 3

Some key dates for the remainder of the year:

Term 3	Monday 22 nd July - Friday 27 th September
Wednesday 24 th July	Board of Trustees meeting
Friday 2nd August	Disco: Mid-Winter Xmas theme
Thursday 22 August	Rodney Rural school Cluster Speech Finals at Tomarata School
Tuesday 17 th Sept	School production at Wellsford Community Centre
Wednesday 18 th Sept	Rodney College enrolment interviews for Year 8 students
	School production at Wellsford Community Centre
Friday 18 th October	Show Day
16 th November	Guy Fawkes Fundraiser



Congratulations to the students who took part in the Tough Guy and Gal Challenge on Monday. Fantastic effort .Well done!!!

We also won the brightest uniform award which was amazing- thanks to Kirsty Clapham for organising the tee shirts.

Absent Students and parents picking up their children from school.

If your child/ren are away or if you are picking your child up from school, and they usually take the bus home, **PLEASE** let the office know. We have to account for all students at all times.

From Helping Hands

Helping Hands have set up a separate Facebook page for news and information about events. Please find this and request to join us to keep up to date with what is happening.

SCHOOL LUNCHES will be available on the LAST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH - Pies \$3; Sausage rolls \$2; Juicies \$1; Popsicles \$1.50; Tip Top Tubs \$2. **The next date for school lunches will be Friday 28 June.**

Guy Fawkes is the major fundraiser for the school. Helping Hands would like to hear from anyone who is willing to lend a hand with one of the many tasks required for this big event. If you can help, please contact Anne Richards on 021 521 513.

Holiday Colouring Competition

Farm & Lifestyle in Warkworth are running a colouring competition over the holidays. There are entries for 6-8 years & 9-12 years. These will be coming home with your children. Great prizes to be won and a good holiday activity. Details on the sheets.

Forest Reserve Hall

Annual Pre-Lambing/Calving Pot Luck Dinner 5th July. 619 School Road 6.30pm start. Enquiries email: forestreservehall@outlook.co.nz All welcome. Bring a plate and cutlery.

Homebuilders Family Services Please see our Facebook page for dates for Parenting and Mindfulness Courses being held in July and August 2019.

Wellsford Library School Holiday Activities Please see our Facebook page for these activities and times.



Kia ora NZ Police recently launched a new non-emergency number, 105. We've done this to make it easier to get hold of us in the event of non-urgent situations or 'Things which have Already Happened', which don't require Police assistance immediately. You can call us on 105 for all non-emergencies, or you can go online at 105.police.govt.nz to report things like:

- Lost property
 - Theft for a public place or car
 - Intentional property damage
 - Or to get an update or add info to a previous report
- In the event of an emergency, always call 111 - Things that are Happening Now.