

- TOMARATA SCHOOL -



Learning Smarter, Tomarata

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

From the Principal

Water water everywhere and none that we can drink! As you will be aware we received a letter informing us that our water had failed testing for E.coli. As a result we have covered all the drinking taps, and are asking you to supply bottled water for your children. The filters etc. have been replaced and the water has been treated. We have to have 3 consecutive clear readings until we can say that the water is safe to drink. Apologies for this inconvenience, but student health is paramount.

I wonder how many parents know their children's speeches off by heart yet? The inclass/ team selections have occurred through this week, with the school competition happening this Friday at 9am. You are very welcome to come to the hall as support. The Rodney Rural Cluster Speech finals will be held next week on Thursday the 22nd August. We warmly welcome parents of students who make it through to this final to come and watch. Please it would be beneficial for all participants if your pre-schoolers aren't in the audience.

Lunchtimes have had a slight change at Tomarata School. The children are now sitting to eat for the last 15 minutes of the lunch break, with teachers sitting with them. There is wide confirming research for why this is good practice, the main one being that children are more settled, refreshed and relaxed for the afternoon teaching block. Please be assured that they are still able to eat at the beginning of lunchtime if they are hungry. It takes a short time for tummies to readjust to different timings, but it does happen. Sorry but we will also no longer be heating children's food up especially noodles. Can you please ensure that you supply food that can be eaten without having to be heated. A gentle reminder-we are a no rubbish bin/plastics school so all wrappings and lunch litter will come back home.

Very soon you will be asked to contribute to a raffle drive for the Helping Hands. Each class will have a themed plastic bucket to fill as prizes - for example a kitchen bucket, or a pamper bucket. Your support for this will be really appreciated. The bucket raffles will be for sale at the production nights and of course Show Day.

Speaking of production rehearsals are well and truly underway. If your child has lines to learn it would be great if you could help. I am sure there are mums and dads with secret passions for being one of the princes or princesses on stage. Your children will appreciate your support too. Information on times, tickets etc. will be sent out in due course.

I wish to say thanks for the lovely welcome and morning tea that I received at Playcentre last week. I really enjoyed meeting you all and having great conversations. We have some gorgeous kiddies growing up who will join our Tomarata School family in the future.

Finally do you know what our school SMART values are and what they stand for? S is for self-control; M for manaaki (care & kindness); A for attitude; R for respect; T for tolerance. Are you role models for these values at home? Please chat with your children about what they think they mean, and how they impact on your lives.

Have a brilliant rest of the week.

Cherylene Neels
Principal

Key Dates - for this term

Friday 16 August	School speech competition 9 am
Thursday 22 August	Rodney Rural school Cluster Speech Finals at Tomarata School Hall
Friday 23 August	DISCO- Mid Winter Xmas theme.
Monday 26 August	Teacher Only Day NO SCHOOL
Wednesday 28 August	Senior Wheels day
Thursday 29 September	Junior Wheels day Year 4-8 Netball/Touch day
September 9-13	Maori Language week
Tuesday 10 September	Production Dress rehearsal Wellsford Community Centre
Tuesday 17 th September	School production at Wellsford Community Centre
Wednesday 12 th September	Rodney College enrolment interviews for Year 8 students School production at Wellsford Community Centre
Monday 23 rd September	Music School Concert 11am
Friday 27 September	Last day of Term 3
Saturday 28 September	Trivia Night-Rugby Club



MID WINTER XMAS DISCO

TOMARATA HALL

HO HO HO- come join the fun at our disco on Friday 23 August 6-7:30 pm

\$5.00 entry fee

Food, drink and glow items for sale

Photo booth available \$1.00 per photo

MUM & ME wanting to get back in the saddle? Child keen on riding? Are you a mum that hasn't ridden for a while and do you have a child that also wants to ride? Spend some quality time together and enjoy a lesson on one of our lovely horses or ponies. Saturdays, 45 mins, \$75. Ph Marilyn [021605409](tel:021605409) Wellsford Riding School. Check out our FB page.