

- 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

The last week of term! How on earth did that happen? I have thoroughly enjoyed my first term as Principal of Tomarata School, and am thrilled to see the small changes I have made have had such a positive effect. There is nothing more pleasing than to hear and see happy children scootering, calling down from trees or discussing important "stuff" in carefully constructed huts. Our PB4L is working well with the children taking more ownership over their behaviour in and out of class. Rock on our Summer months of camps, athletics and Christmas.

I have 2 fantastic mums who have put their hands up for helping with Kapa haka, and a very experienced tutor who has also volunteered. All I need now is a person who can play the guitar, who would be willing to give some free time to help. Unfortunately, playing a musical instrument is definitely not a talent of mine, (but you should hear my awesome singing in the shower). PLEASE PLEASE there must be someone out there who can help so we can get our cultural group up and running next term.

We will be holding our end of term assembly THIS THURSDAY- not Friday, where we will also say goodbye to Whaea Tracey, and welcome Mr Philip Lees to the Tomarata staff. All welcome.

Our House Captains will be running their Bake sale fundraiser today to go towards paying for the memorial plaque for Tony the bus driver. We hope the Tomarata children will support this worthwhile community cause.

We all enjoyed a musical concert from the children who have lessons with Martin. They did extremely well, and we were very proud of their efforts. Everyone enjoyed singing and clapping along to their songs.

Don't forget that the first Friday back is SHOW DAY. I am really looking forward to seeing this as it will be my first one ever. A reminder to work on those sculptures and gardens to be in with a chance for ribbons and certificates. I'm so excited to see this community event that epitomises what being a country school is all about.

Thank you to the Anderson Family for their kind donation of helmets and scooters for the children to use.

Finally, I want to wish you all a safe and happy holiday break. The staff and I look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 14 October.

Regards



**Cherylene Neels
Principal**

SHOW DAY. A last reminder that all slips should be in by the end of this week.
Wk1 Term 4. On the Thursday we will be making indoor exhibits at school.

- 1/ Vegetable/fruit creation
- 2/ Vaseline/ flower saucer

More information on this first day back in Term 4.

Key Dates - for this and next term

Thursday 26 September	ASSEMBLY at 1:45 pm
Friday 27 September	Wero trip- Room 7 students Lunches available Last day of Term 3
Monday 14 October	Term 4 begins
Thursday 17 October	National Shakeout Day
Friday 18 October	Show day
Monday 21 st October	Hiwi the Kiwi Goes Fishing Show
Tuesday 22 October	Surf Day Year 4-6
Wednesday 23 October	Manual starts again for Room 7 BOT meeting 7 pm
Thursday 24 October	Rodney Rural Schools Cross Country Day
Monday 28 October	Labour day-NO SCHOOL
11-16 November	Rodney College entry testing
Monday 16 th December	Prize giving Last Day of the school year

Please don't forget your 3 grocery items for the raffle. Can be dropped off at the office.

Helping Hands Quiz Night 30th November.

Wild Auckland Run Series at Te Arai on the 13th October <http://www.lacticturkey.co.nz/wildauckland> for more details.

Junior tennis coaching will be on Fridays at Tomarata School tennis courts starting 18th October. Sessions will start at 3.30 and finish at 5pm. Younger children will be coached first while the older ones play games on the other court. At 4.15 groups will change over and any younger ones that are too tired to play on can go home.

Hugo Santos offers fun purposeful activities to build ball striking skills. All equipment is provided but bring your racket if you have one. Cost is \$50 for the term and all enquiries to Wendy Crow-Jones 4238194. and 0211446613

Any parents wanting to learn have a special beginner's session from 6-7pm. Tennis can be a great activity for families to enjoy over summer.

Mangawhai Museum Holiday Programme Pirates and Mermaids please see our facebook page for details

[Aotearoa Surf Holiday Program](https://www.aotearoasurf.co.nz) please go to their website <https://www.aotearoasurf.co.nz> for all the dates

We would like to thank Bayleys Wellsford for their sponsorship



