

- TOMARATA SCHOOL -



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Newsletter 23 October 2019

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

From the Principal

Well what a fantastic time we had on Friday- right down to the weather. I thoroughly enjoyed my first Tomarata School Show Day. The lambs that wouldn't come when called, the calves that just wanted to lie down, and who can forget Cody the Scottish Highland calf that managed to escape and evade (and bowl over) the energetic dads that gave chase. I want to thank you, our special community, who came to support our student's efforts in all the different arenas. It was lovely to meet and greet many new parents and whanau. I was amazed at the level of excellence shown in the dioramas, vaseline saucers, gardens and sculptures. The student stalls were well patronised enabling them to raise well over \$1,000! Thank you for supporting them. I also wish to thank our hardworking Helping Hands group of ladies for the scrummy food on sale, and raffles. I hope everyone enjoyed the prizes that they won. I am looking forward to my first Fireworks Night next! Some of you may receive a phone call for help on the Fireworks night from an HH member, as we are short and desperately need assistance.

On a less happy note we have sadly had to cancel the senior camp for the end of the year due to the unexpected exorbitant price hike. The children from Rooms 6 & 7 will enjoy a Wider Living Week instead full of fun activities like hiking, rock climbing and swimming. We will ensure that we have better options for camp next year.

On Thursday, our school will be travelling to Pakiri to take part in the Rodney Rural Schools Cross Country event. The children have been practising long distance running since last week. It would be wonderful if you could come to support them. With the warmer weather on its way, please ensure that your child has enough food and water. a hat and sunscreen for the day, as well as a change of clothes and a jacket in case it's cold.

Our senior students had some cricket coaching on Monday which they really enjoyed. We also had Hiwi the Kiwi on Monday afternoon, which Pakiri School came to watch with us.

Lastly I want to give HUGE congratulations to Taine Sawyer in Room 4 who competed in kickboxing in POLAND and won a GOLD medal for his age group. We are so very proud of you Taine-way to go!

Congratulations to the following students who have gained a place in the Northland Stingrays Junior Tag Ayla, Eden & Ellie representing the under 8's and Leon, George & Chase in the under 10's team. Well done.

I hope you have a fantastic Labour weekend and do something lovely with family and friends.

Nga mihi



**Cherylene Neels
Principal**

CROSS COUNTRY INFO

- Be at Pakiri School by 10 am.
- First race is scheduled for 10:30 am
- Prize giving follows the last race, held on the school courts
- Food available for purchase from 50c to \$2.00
- children will race in the age they are on Thursday
- children will either be running, or playing games at Pakiri School
- race times are as follows. **NB THESE ARE APPROXIMATE TIMES.** 5/6 yr olds 10:30; 9/10 yr olds 11 am; 11-13 yr olds 11:30; 7./8 yr olds 12:30
- students may go home after prize giving if parents are there

Key Dates - for this term

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
4-8 November	School testing week
Thursday 7 November	Parent Meeting- Coaching Sports with Tony Mordaunt: North Harbour Sports 6.30pm
11-16 November	Rodney College entry testing
Tuesday 12 November	Rooms 4 & 5 overnigher
Saturday 16 November	Guy Fawkes Night
25-29 November	Book Week

All Show Day results will be in next week's newsletter

Rodney College Uniform Try on for the new Year 9s for 2020 on the following days and times:

Tuesday 29 Oct 3pm - 6pm

Thursday 31 Oct 3pm - 6pm

Saturday 2 Nov 9am - 12pm

HEAD LICE We have head lice in the school. Could you please check your child/ren and treat if needed.

GUY FAWKES – is there a spot you could fill?

Guy Fawkes Roster

		5.00-6.15	6.15-7.15	7.15-8.30
Gate				
Teacher	1	TBC	TBC	TBC
Helping Hand	2	TBC	TBC	TBC
	3	Jeff Burke	Aaron Barnes	
	4	Simon Harris		
	5	Nicola Murray		
	6	Hayley Hodgetts		
Glow Items				
Helping Hand	1	Jo Wood	Sheila Russell	TBC
	2	Jo Barnes	Geoff Russell	
	3	Betsy Tipping	Kayla Wood - Lucy Rambaud	
Bouncy Castle				
	1	Jason Kerrisk	Simon Toon	Chris Ahern
	2	Rob Barnes	B Freeman	
Older Entertainment				
	1	Eva Rapp	Cushla Leonard	TBC
	2	Janet Bromhead	James Andrews	
Raffles				
	1	Katie Kerrigan	Susie Richards	TBC

SUMMER TENNIS

Summer is just around the corner and anyone wanting to play tennis may be interested in this notice. Wellsford Tennis Club is operating their coaching sessions at Tomarata School this season and times of sessions are as follows:

RED group 5 to 8yrs 3.30 - 4.15 Orange group 8 to 11 yrs 4.15 - 5pm

Green group College and adults 5 - 5.45 Blue group Beginner adults 5.45 - 6.45

Subscriptions are \$50 per term 4 and \$20 for Term 1 next year. All equipment is provided if needed.

Wendy Crow-Jones 0211446613

Wellsford Anglican Church Halloween Party on the 31st October please see Facebook page for details. All welcome.

Mangawhai Garden Ramble - 14th October 2019 please see Facebook page for more details.



Noah and Cody on Show day



We would like to thank Bayleys Wellsford for their sponsorship

