



Newsletter Week 3, Term 1

February 23, 2023

Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou,

Welcome back to all of the students and the parent community of Tomarata School.

Thank you all so much for the way that I have been welcomed into the Tomarata School community. From the moment I arrived at school this year I've been greeted with smiles and friendly faces. It has been great to start to get to know the students, as well as meeting a number of parents, either at the front gate, in the office, or during the Powhiri and Pizza Night. It's been an extremely challenging few weeks for our community, and I know that a number of you have been badly affected by both the flooding and the cyclone. It was disappointing that the school had to stay closed due to the power outage last week, but on a positive note, we didn't sustain any damage to the school. I hope that all of you have your power and internet back on at home, and that life is starting to get back to normal.

I'd like to welcome Sally Usher onto our teaching team this year. Sally will be working with students each Wednesday to support our Garden to Table programme.

If you would like to reach out and get in touch with me about anything at all, please do so. You can call the school to make an appointment, drop in in person, or send me an email at principal@tomarata.school.nz

Nga mihi nui,

Chris King

What's coming up?

Wednesday February 22	BoT Meeting
Thursday February 23	Room 6 Nature Classroom
Friday February 24	Sausage Sizzle @ lunchtime \$2
Monday February 27	Breakfast Club @ 8am
Monday February 27	School photos

Wednesday March 1	Y7-8 Tech @ Rodney College
Wednesday March 1	Paid Union Meeting 1pm
Wednesday March 1	Breakfast Club @ 8am
Thursday March 2	Room 1 Nature Classroom
Friday March 3	Breakfast Club @ 8am
Friday March 3	Sausage Sizzle @ lunchtime \$2
Friday March 3	Room 6 Assembly @ 1.45pm
Friday March 10	RRS Swimming Y4-8 (TBC)

PB4L Focus

This week we've had a focus on positive behaviour on the bus. Staying in our seats, showing respect to others, not eating or drinking on the bus etc. We were also reminded about lining up for the bus in the afternoon, and taking care when crossing roads.

Next week, our focus will be on positive behaviour when we are in and around the pool.

Reminders

With the sun shining, and the hot days, students need to remember to wear their sunhats and sunscreen. This is especially important during terms 1 and 4 when the UV is at its highest.

A number of students are bringing scooters, hoverboards, and other wheels to school, which is awesome. Just a reminder that helmets must be worn at all times when using these at school, and that they should only be used on the concrete, not the turf or decking areas.

Breakfast club is back up and running in room 4 at 8am on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Thanks to the parents who have volunteered to help with this. We are still hoping to get some more help to cover Wednesday and Friday mornings please.

Birthdays

Congratulations to the following students who celebrate birthdays in January and February:

Room 1: Felix Reid

Room 3: Orla Bowens

Room 6: Cate Richards, Noah Mabin, Oscar Murray

Room 7: Jet Saxby, Teilah Melrose, Tia Campbell

Fantastic Kids Achieving Fantastic Things



Students at Tomarata School have been making the most of the better weather, and have been out in the gardens doing weeding, and harvesting some of our vegetables for our Garden to Table programme. Thank you, Connavar, Arya and Bella for the tasty veggie wrap and the honey and lemon balm drink.



Powhiri and Pizza Night

The Powhiri on Monday was an amazing display of what Tomarata students are capable of. The use of te reo Maori, the singing of waiata, and the respect displayed by our kids during the Powhiri was really humbling to see. Big thanks to Mrs Cara Jackson, for leading our tamariki. Thanks to everyone who came to the Powhiri, and to those of you who made it along to our Pizza Night. Sharing food and fun times together is a big part of what an awesome country school is about, and it was wonderful to be a part of it.



Board Update

The board had its first meeting for the year last night. It was a very productive meeting, and the first with Chris as principal. The next board meeting is scheduled for March 29.

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