



# Newsletter Week 4, Term 1

March 2, 2023

## Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou,

I'd like to start this week with a few special mentions.

Last Friday afternoon's extreme rainfall made for a really challenging end of the day at Tomarata School. Some students were unable to go home by bus, and there were other issues with closed or flooded roads. Heather Thomas, our Friday office manager, was such an outstanding help; phoning parents and caregivers, and liaising with the bus company etc. Andy Dwen, a parent at Tomarata, stayed behind at school to help out. Allan, our caretaker, and his wife, Claire very generously offered to take in a family who had been flooded out of their home.

Thank you to everyone that was involved in ensuring that all students got home safely.

I'd also like to say a big thank you to Isobel Greenwood. On behalf of the Tomarata Tennis Club, Isobel has donated \$660 to our school fundraising account.

As many of you will know, Tomarata School has been working really hard to raise money to buy a van. The van would not only help us to transport students to our Nature Classroom, but would also enable us to go on more trips and excursions, adding to the rich learning that already takes place at Tomarata School. With the support of our community, we have raised over \$25,000. What an outstanding effort! A huge thank you to all involved.

Next week, Tomarata School is teaming up with Sustainable Kaipara, to do an after school beach clean-up at Forestry Beach. This is in response to the increased amount of plastic rubbish that has ended up on this beautiful beach, following the cyclone and the flooding. This is purely voluntary, but might be a good way to teach our tamariki about our role as kaitiaki of our natural environment. Gloves and rubbish bags will be provided by Sustainable Kaipara. The clean-up starts at Forestry Beach @ 3.15pm on Wednesday. We will be relying on parents to come along and bring their children to take part.

Nga mihi nui,  
Chris King

## What's coming up?

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
Monday March 6	Breakfast Club @ 8am
Wednesday March 8	Breakfast Club @ 8am
Wednesday March 8	Room 7 Tech @ Rodney College Please remember to wear shoes.
Wednesday March 8	Forestry Beach Clean-up with Sustainable Kaipara @ 3.15pm - 4.30pm
Thursday March 9	Room 3 Nature Classroom
Friday March 10	Breakfast Club @ 8am
Friday March 10	RRS Swimming Y4-8 @ Rodney College. A bus will be taking students to this event, and returning them to school in time for buses.

## PB4L Focus

This week we've had a focus on positive behaviour in and around the pool.

Next week we will be focusing on wearing hats when we're outside in the sun.

## Reminders

If you are a year 7 or 8 student, you need to remember to wear closed shoes every Wednesday because it is a requirement for when you go to Tech at Rodney College.

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 this week

Room 1: Felix Reid

Room 7: Ellie Russell

## Fantastic Kids Achieving Fantastic Things

This week has been another busy one at Tomarata School. I've tried to include lots of photos to show you all some of what our tamariki have been doing.



These Room 1 and 3 students have been working together to make homes for their cuddly toys.







More tasty food created as part of our Garden to Table programme. Well done team!



Room 1 spent the day at our bush block/nature classroom today. A big thank you to all of the helpers that came along to make today's visit happen.







## Board Update

The next board meeting is scheduled for March 29.

## A Huge Thanks To Our Supporters



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