



# Newsletter Week 5, Term 1

March 9, 2023

## Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou,

It's been another busy week at Tomarata School. The weather has been nice, so the students have been getting plenty of swims in the school pool, and have been enjoying time outside the classroom. Yesterday afternoon a group of students, parents and teachers went down to Forestry Beach for our Beach Clean-Up with Sustainable Kaipara. Sarah Bray, from Sustainable Kaipara provided us all with gloves and rubbish bags, and directed us to some of the areas with the most plastic waste. Sadly, there is a lot of plastic on the upper part of the beach. It was also interesting to see how many pieces of very small plastic there were. We filled 8 rubbish bags in an hour and a half. Top effort everyone.

Nga mihi nui,  
Chris King

## BREAKING NEWS!

This message comes directly from the teachers' union, the NZEI.

*Our tamariki need a quality education, and we want to give that to them. Unfortunately, the funding for our schools and kindergartens is not enough for us to give us the time we would like to support all our kids to thrive. We need to attract and retain educators by ensuring that teaching is a valued and attractive profession. Principals and teachers in primary and area schools and kindergartens have considered at length offers from the government to settle our respective collective agreements. The offers did not meet our expectations, nor make sufficient steps towards the changes we need for our children to succeed. You may have seen that we **voted to take industrial action on 16 March**. It's the last thing we wanted to do. And the decision was not taken lightly. We felt that this was the only way the government would listen and recognise that when they support our children to learn and succeed, we are supporting whānau and communities to thrive. We look forward to another great year in 2023 – and together with your support, building the case for better investment in our tamariki.*

## What's coming up?

Thursday March 9	Room 1 Nature Classroom
Friday March 10	RRS Swimming cancelled
Friday March 10	Breakfast Club @ 8am
Friday March 10	Sausage Sizzle @ lunchtime \$2
Monday March 13	Breakfast Club @ 8am
Wednesday March 15	Breakfast Club @ 8am
Wednesday March 15	Room 7 Tech @ Rodney College Please remember to wear shoes.
Thursday March 16	School Closed due to NZEI Teachers' strike.
Friday March 17	Breakfast Club @ 8am
Friday March 17	Whole School Assembly Room 7

## PB4L Focus

This week we've had a focus on positive, sun smart, behaviour. In Terms 1 and 4 we wear hats and sunscreen to reduce the damage done to our skin by the sun. Next week we will be looking at what great behaviour looks like during assemblies.

## 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 also have some help from our year 7 and 8 students. It's great to see them step up and take on more responsibilities around our school.

## Birthdays

Congratulations to the following students who celebrate birthdays this week.

Charlie Gray, Levi Gray, Taine Sawyer, Dominic Jones, Todd Clarke

## Fantastic Kids Achieving Fantastic Things

Room 6 Assembly. Mrs B with some year 8 students, organising our GROW Awards.  
Well done to Monty, Ari, Cody, Eddie, Ava, Ella, Tahlia and Arya for receiving awards this week.



Sustainable Kaipara and Tomarata School in action at the Forestry Beach Clean-Up yesterday.











## Board Update

The next board meeting is scheduled for March 29.

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