



## Newsletter Week 6, Term 1

March 16, 2023

### Principal's Message tennis club,

Kia ora koutou,

It's been another week of nice weather at Tomarata School, and the students have been making the most of it by getting outside and into the playground.

Tomarata School has made it into The Mangawhai Focus again this week because of our work with Sustainable Kaipara at Forestry Beach. It's also nice to see that The Mangawhai Focus has published an article about the Powhiri and Pizza night a few weeks back. We have such an amazing school, and it's exciting to show the wider community what we have to offer.

A special thanks to Pip White, for working behind the scenes to promote our incredible school. If you haven't checked out the Tomarata School Facebook page for a while, please have a look.

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Over the past week or so, we have had two new students join us. I'd like to take this opportunity to warmly welcome Tovah, and Mihajlo to the Tomarata School whanau.

Donovan Jonathan, our Room 7 teacher will be leaving Tomarata School at the end of the term. I'd like to thank him for everything that he has done at our school in the time that he has been here. This year, he has been driving for an hour and a half to get to school each day, which shows his commitment to the students of Room 7. We wish him all the very best.

We've got a busy week coming up next week, so please make sure you have a good look at our 'What's coming up?'. You can also see upcoming events on our school website's calendar.

I'd like to apologise in advance for missing the Room 7 Assembly tomorrow. I have an appointment that I can't miss. I'm sure it will be great, and I look forward to seeing lots of photos and videos from it.

Nga mihi nui,

Chris King

## What's coming up?

Friday March 17	Room 7 Assembly @ 1.45
Monday March 20	Breakfast Club @ 8am
Monday March 20	Cricket Festival at Centennial Park, Wellsford 9.30-1.45 Buses will take those attending to the park and bring them back to school for the end of the day.
Wednesday March 22	Breakfast Club @ 8am
Thursday March 23	Room 7 Nature Classroom
Friday March 24	Breakfast Club @ 8am
Friday March 24	Sausage Sizzle @ lunchtime \$2
Friday March 24	Room 6 and 7 Overnight Sleepover
Thursday March 30	Room 6 Nature Classroom

## PB4L Focus

This week we have been focusing on developing our positive behaviour during assemblies. Next week we will be focusing on how we behave while we are eating our lunches.

## Reminders

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. Also, in order to keep ourselves safe, please take care around the school, and watch out for others.

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 coming week.

Room 1: Harry White

Room 7: Lucas Davis

## Fantastic Kids Achieving Fantastic Things



### Bags of rubbish collected at post-storm beach clean-up

The 'Trash Team' comb Forestry beach for rubbish after the recent cyclone. PHOTO/SUPPLIED

Recent extreme weather events have not only impacted our roads, homes and businesses but our natural environment too.

In response to the significant plastic pollution visible on Forest-

ry Beach, Sustainable Kaipara and Tomarata School teamed up to carry out a beach clean-up.

The dedicated team of students, teachers, parents and new Tomarata School principal Chris King spent last Wednesday

afternoon collecting over eight bags of plastic waste. Mangawhai Beach School students and parents also joined the collection.

"It's shocking to see how much plastic there is, but heart-warming

that so many people are willing to give up their time to help clean up this beautiful beach," said Mr King.

Fish, seabirds, sea turtles, and marine mammals can become entangled in or ingest

plastic debris, causing suffocation, starvation, and drowning. Marine animals can ingest the plastic which can then enter the human food chain and result in potential health impacts.

Eddie White commented that 'there were a lot of lollipop sticks which is surprising'.

"The most concerning aspect of the clean-up was the small size of plastic particles littered across the length of the beach including large numbers of nurdles or plastic pellets (small lentil-sized pieces of plastic that are the building blocks for most plastic products)," noted Sustainable Kaipara's Sarah Bray.

■ More community clean-ups will be required to clear away some of the plastic pollution covering our coastlines. Follow Sustainable Kaipara at [sustainablekaipara.org](http://sustainablekaipara.org) to keep up to date with future events or head out to the beach with a bag in hand and see how much you can collect.

## Tomarata School welcomes new principal



New principal Chris King brings a wealth of experience to the role, and some keen barbecue skills. PHOTO/SUPPLIED



A special assembly and parents welcomed Chris King and family. PHOTO/SUPPLIED

Tomarata Primary School is off to a fantastic start this school year with the appointment of new principal Chris King.

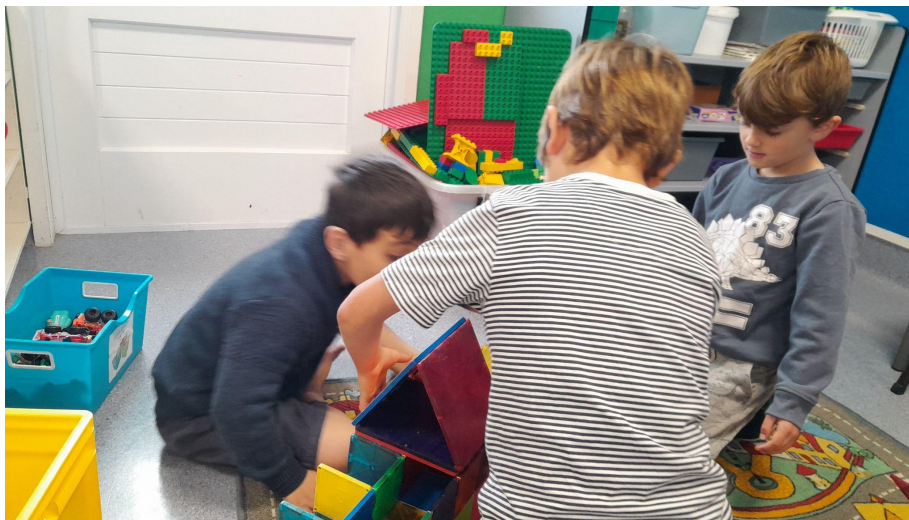
Chris, his wife, and daughter have made the move from Invercargill, where he served as deputy principal at St Thomas's School. The school community came together to give Chris a warm welcome at a special assembly held on Monday February 20. A gathering led by Gary Jackson formally welcomed Chris and his family.

Chris, with Chris and wife Victoria, is spending with a variety of the assembly followed by a shared meal where students, staff, and families joined together to enjoy games and activities. The barbecue was organised by Chris himself, who put his grilling

skills to the test. The school pizza oven was also put to good use, churning out a large number of delicious pizzas.

With a varied background in teaching and school management, Chris brings a wealth of experience to his new role as principal. Chris has also worked for Massey University where he had the opportunity to mentor teachers in schools throughout the country.

"I am thrilled to be part of such a supportive and welcoming community and am looking forward to working with the children, staff, and parents at Tomarata School," says Chris. The school community is equally excited and looks forward to working with Chris to continue building upon the strong foundation of the school. "We are excited to have Chris as our new principal, and we look forward to seeing the positive impact he will make on our school and community," says school board chair, Janet Kerridge. Tomarata School's commitment to the outdoors and the local environment remains a priority this year. With an on-site, productive vegetable garden, part of the Garden to Table programme, chickens, trees for forested programmes, and two new classrooms - where our class visitors and every week to learn in the natural environment - the school provides a rich and immersive learning experience for its students.



## Board Update

The next board meeting is scheduled for March 29.

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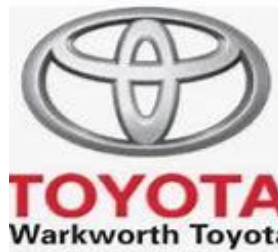
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