

- TOMARATA SCHOOL -



Newsletter Week 3, Term 2

May 11, 2023

Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou,

Firstly, a huge thank you to the Tomarata School community for the way that you all responded to our decision to close the school on Tuesday. The weather situation evolved so quickly that we needed to make the call once we heard reports of local roads flooding. Judging by the response from parents, it looks as though our Hero system is working well.

Last Friday saw the start of our new performing arts lessons with Mrs Clark. It was really exciting to see her influence already coming through, as she led the school through an interactive song at the assembly last week. We can all look forward to more of that to come.

I would like to acknowledge the kindness of Debbie Hamer, principal of Kaipara Flats School. They have recently updated their speaker system, and have given us their old (but very good quality) speakers at no cost. This will really have an impact at Tomarata School, and enable us to do much more whole school singing and dancing. Kia ora, Debbie.

I am excited to report that our Garden to Table programme, run by Mrs Usher, will be expanding to two days a week. This will allow us to involve more students, and make a bigger impact around the school. The learning that comes from participation in this programme involves multiple areas of the curriculum, including Science and Health and PE, as well as practical, hands-on skills and knowledge of how to work with nature.

It's a very busy term for the teaching staff at Tomarata, with assessments, mid-year reports and parent interviews all coming up. Another exciting event that is coming up for the school, is the Open Day that we will be hosting on the last day of term (Friday June 30). This will be an opportunity for students to showcase their work, and share with their whanau, some of the awesome learning and creating that has been taking place over the term.

Nga mihi nui,

Chris King

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What's coming up?

Friday May 12	Breakfast Club
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Monday May 15	Breakfast Club
Tuesday May 16	Tabloid Sports @ Tomarata (years 1-4). Other schools will arrive by 9.30.
Wednesday May 17	Breakfast Club
Wednesday May 17	Room 7 Technology @ Rodney College
Thursday May 18	Room 1, Nature Classroom
Friday May 19	Breakfast Club
Friday May 19	Sausage Sizzle \$2 @ lunchtime
Monday May 22 - Friday 26, Book Week	More information to follow

Reminders

Breakfast club is running in room 4 at 8am on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Thanks to the parents who have volunteered to help with this. Students from Room 7 are also helping with this, and doing a good job. It's a great way for students to come together to have a healthy breakfast of Weetbix. Please visit [KickStart Breakfast](#) for more information on this awesome initiative.

If you and your family have moved recently, or your contact details have changed, could you please email or phone Vicki in the office, so that she can update your details in Hero.

Fantastic Kids Achieving Fantastic Things



Garden to Table, scientific analysis of soil.



Mrs Clarke working with Room 1 students.



Fantastic teamwork Room 1.
Working together harmoniously.

Board Update

The next Board meeting is 31st of May, 7pm at the school. As per our current Board constitution, there are five parent representatives elected to the Board. However, our current Board comprises four parent representatives, along with two co-opted members, one staff representative, and the principal. In this meeting, the Board will be deliberating and voting on making the constitution official for having only four elected parent representatives.

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