

- TOMARATA SCHOOL -



Newsletter Week 8, Term 3

September 7, 2023

Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou,

It's been a really busy week at Tomarata School. We have had a bit of everything... The power outage on Friday was caused by some overhead lines being accidentally pulled down on a nearby farm. Because of our reliance on electricity to run our water system, we had to close the school. Moving forward, the school is looking to purchase a simple generator, so that we can keep the water flowing in the event of a power cut.

Monday's rain and high tide combined to force us to make the call to close early. Thankfully, with the support of our awesome parent/grandparent community, we were able to make sure that all children made it home safely.

I'm really thankful to Heather Thomas and Robyn Sibtsen for helping out on the phones, and for Victoria King who dropped a few students home.

One thing that did come up during these events was that some students' emergency contact details need to be updated. If you have any updated contact information, could you please let the school office know.

Also, if you are using the Hero app, can you please make sure that the notifications are switched on. As a school, our first method of making contact in events like this will be Hero.

On Tuesday, we were visited by the team at Ballance Agri-Nutrients, Whangarei. They have an initiative where they donate fruit trees to rural schools, and come along to help with the planting. They worked with the team to plant two pear trees, two plum trees, a nectarine, and an apple tree. They also gifted the school enough fertiliser to last us for a couple of years, a book on growing great crops, and certificates for all of the students involved on the day. Nga mihi Ballance Agri-Nutrients.

Also there on Tuesday was Leah from the *Country Life* programme on Radio New Zealand National. She was visiting us to put together a story about our amazing school, and our commitment to outdoor education. Leah interviewed a number of students, and was there to see

the kids in action planting the fruit trees. It was really gratifying to be able to tell her all about our awesome tamariki, and the work that we do here at Tomarata School. I'm not sure when the programme will air, but *Country Life* is on Friday nights, and again on Saturday mornings.

Nga mihi nui,

Chris King

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A message from Mrs B

Hi everyone,

The time has come to prepare for Show Day. For new parents, it is the first Friday of Term 4, 13th October, and is a family day to showcase indoor class exhibits, calves, and lambs. Calves and lambs must be born between July 1, and August 31. We would like ALL children to be part of the day. Any queries please email me at barbara@tomarata.school.nz

What's coming up?

Friday September 8	Breakfast Club @ 8am
Friday September 8	Netball/Touch @ Centennial Park
Friday September 8	Please note, due to Netball/Touch, there won't be any sausages this week. The money collected for last Friday's sausages will roll over to next Friday.
Friday September 8	Last day for Calendar Art orders
September 11 - 15	Te Wiki o te Reo Maori
Monday September 11	Breakfast Club @ 8am
Tuesday September 12	Breakfast Club @ 8am
Tuesday September 12	Sally from Wellsford Library is coming to Tomarata School with her robots, for each class to have a go at programming.
Wednesday September 13	Rooms 1 and 5, Matakoho Museum Visit
Wednesday September 13	Breakfast Club @ 8am
Thursday September 14	Breakfast Club @ 8am
Friday September 15	Breakfast Club @ 8am
Friday September 15	Sausage Sizzle @ Lunchtime \$2

Tuesday September 19

Cross country at Pakiri School

Fantastic Kids Achieving Fantastic Things

Fruit tree planting with Ballance Agri Nutrients...







Room 1 working on tessellations and symmetry.

Upcoming Events

Please note the change of date for this meeting.

ADHD & ANXIETY in YOUNG PEOPLE

Information Evening
Everyone Welcome



RESCHEDULED



Guest speaker:
Dr Sarah Watson: Clinical Psychologist
Managing Clinic Director at Totally Psyched

TUESDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER @ 7PM
RODNEY COLLEGE LIBRARY,
287 Rodney Street, Wellsford

Board Update

The Board of Trustees is next meeting on 27 September.

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