

Newsletter Week 6, Term 4

November 16, 2023

Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou,

The Tomarata Fireworks on Saturday night was such an epic success. It was the biggest attendance the event has ever had, with over 4,500 people purchasing tickets. The event was organised by Libby Clews, as well as a number of parent helpers. I'd like to give a special mention to Paula Bishop and Hayley Hawke who put in many hours of work to help make the event the success that it was.

I'd also like to thank all of the teachers, parents and grandparents that helped out with the set up, working in the glow tent, running the sausage sizzle, supporting lost children at the event, and working with our tamariki to put on the performance. A big thank you to Emily Clarke who led the singing group.

With the money that we made over previous events as well as our latest fireworks event, we will be able to purchase a 12 seater van for the School. Our Presiding Member, Jason Kerrisk and myself are looking at our options currently, and hope to make a purchase this year, or early next year. It is exciting to think about all of the options this will open up for Tomarata School.

We have a **teacher only day on Monday the 20th of November**. I know that many of you knew about this, but I'd like to apologise to all of the parents that did not know this was coming up. I thought that I had let the community know about it, but I think with the busyness of the term, I hadn't actually double checked that. It has been on the School calendar on our website, but not shared via Hero.

There won't be any buses running on Monday, but if you are unable to find somewhere for your child to be on Monday, please let me know, because the school can offer some supervision of students for the day if necessary. Again, apologies for the poor communication around this. Mea culpa.

Nga mihi nui, Chris King principal@tomarata.school.nz

What's coming up?

Friday 17 November	Athletics at Centennial Park, Wellsford
Monday 20 November	Teacher Only Day (School Closed)
Wednesday 22 November	Room 7 Technology @ Rodney College
Thursday 23 November	Room 5 Nature Classroom
Friday 24 November	Sausage Sizzle @ Lunchtime \$2
Thursday 30 November	Room 6 Nature Classroom

Fantastic Kids Doing Fantastic Things



Students receiving certificates to acknowledge their wonderful singing on Saturday night.



Heartfelt thanks to Paula and Hayley for going above and beyond to make Saturday night such a success.







Room 1 students at Nature Classroom today. Plus, our tuna is back.

Board Update

The Board of Trustees is next meeting on November 29

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