



Newsletter Week 1, Term 1

February 8, 2024

Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou,

Welcome back to Tomarata School for 2024!

The students are the reason we do what we do at Tomarata School. Having them all back at school, and seeing how many new students we have coming onto our roll is so exciting. Our teachers have all been working really hard to plan engaging lessons for our tamariki; with an increased emphasis being placed on wellbeing through learning, as outlined in the refreshed NZ Curriculum.

The theme for our learning this term is "Team Tomarata". We will be learning all about how to work as a team; supporting others, participating, sharing, taking turns, relying on others, developing trusting relationships, working together, and developing our sense of responsibility. We will also be looking at how we are a part of many teams; Our School, our class, our learning groups, our friends etc.

We have a busy term lined up, with the first big event planned for next Friday, the 16th of February. We will be hosting our first whole school assembly, followed by a whanau pizza afternoon. This event is a great opportunity for our School community to come together. You will meet your children's teachers and we can welcome all of the new families who have joined our school.

Lastly, I'd like to extend a very warm welcome to Miss Jorja Philips-Hall, who has joined our teaching team to work with Room 5 alongside Mrs Glenda Simkin.

Nga mihi nui,

Chris King

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What's coming up?

Friday February 9th	Sausage sizzle @ lunchtime \$2 each.
Friday February 9th	Singing Assembly @ 2pm.
Monday February 12th	Breakfast Club starts. Weetbix breakfasts available in Room 4 each morning.
Monday February 12th	Music Lessons with Martin start.
Friday February 16th	Sausage sizzle @ lunchtime \$2 each.
Friday February 16th	Whole School Assembly @ 1.45 Everyone welcome.
Friday February 16th	Welcome to 2024 Whanau Pizza Afternoon directly after assembly @ 2.30pm. Bring your own pizza toppings.
Friday March 8th	Rodney Rural Schools Swimming at Rodney College.
Thursday March 21st	Rodney Rural Schools Cricket at Centennial Park, Wellsford

Fantastic Kids Doing Fantastic Things



Mrs B with the fantastic learning community of Room 1. We have another 7 year 1 students starting before the middle of the year. It's so exciting to see so many young people joining our beautiful school community. Today the year 1 students learnt all about the letter 'S'.



Mrs Simkin with the creative learners of Room 5. It's great to see that the teachers have already started working with akonga to set learning goals for writing.



Room 7 have made a great start to their learning and are working together to develop a class treaty, as well as some art projects to make their learning space look awesome.



This year, Tomarata School students are participating in a water skills programme, as well as getting ready for the Rodney Rural Schools Swimming event coming up on the 8th of March.

Board Update

The Board of Trustees is next meeting on February 28, 2024

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