



## Newsletter Week 2, Term 1

February 15, 2024

### Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou,

It's been another great week at Tomarata School. Our tamariki have been getting into their learning in their classrooms, but still finding time to be outdoors while the weather is good. Walking around at lunchtime, I have seen our students building huts, playing touch rugby, relaxing in the shade, playing tennis, climbing trees and exploring the playground. Seeing our tamariki interacting with each other and getting involved in so many different activities really makes me proud to be part of this awesome country school.

We are all excited about catching up with our parent community tomorrow afternoon at our assembly and whanau pizza event. It will be a chance for teachers to introduce themselves, and for parents to connect with one another as we share some kai.

Nga mihi nui,

Chris King

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### What's coming up?

Friday February 16th	Sausage sizzle @ lunchtime \$2 each.
Friday February 16th	Whole School Assembly @ 1.45 Everyone welcome.
Friday February 16th	Welcome to 2024 <b>Whanau Pizza Afternoon</b> directly after assembly @ 2.30pm. Bring your own pizza toppings.
Friday February 23rd	Singing Assembly @ 2pm
Friday March 8th	Rodney Rural Schools Swimming at Rodney College.
Wednesday March 13th	GRIP Student Leadership Conference Y7 and 8's
Thursday March 21st	Rodney Rural Schools Cricket at Centennial Park, Wellsford



## Introducing our 2024 Whanau House Leaders



Kakapo Leaders, Bella and Fili

Kereru Leaders, Dom and Ruby



Kea Leaders, Tiyahna and Taine



Kiwi Leaders, Teilah and Jet



## Fantastic Kids Doing Fantastic Things

This week we have started our new Garden 2 Table programme for 2024. We are going to be spending time each week in our whanau house groups, undertaking projects around the school, and taking turns doing some harvesting and cooking from our gardens. By running the programme this way, it gives our senior leaders a chance to step up and demonstrate their emerging abilities as leaders and role models for our younger tamariki. This is known as a tuakana/teina model.

Here are some highlights from our Wednesday afternoon session.









## Board Update

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

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