



Newsletter Week 3, Term 1

February 22, 2024

Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou,

Thank you so much to everyone who came along to our Whanau Pizza Afternoon last Friday. It was a huge success, thanks to so many of our Tomarata whanau joining us to celebrate the start of the school year. The atmosphere was warm and friendly as you would expect from our lovely school community. It is especially exciting to see so many new faces joining the Tomarata School whanau.

I'd like to give an extra shout out to Andy Dwen and his crew from NZCI, who worked all day on our pizza oven area. They put on a roof, stained all of the timber, fitted a flu kit, tidied up, mowed the area and generally made it look a lot nicer. Andy does so much for our kura, and he never lets us pay him. He is a genuine 'good sort'. Thanks Andy!

Another special mention goes to Josh Hawke, who came in early to take care of the fire in the pizza oven. He has perfected the art of building a fire and made sure that there was very little smoke. Thanks Josh!

It has been a busy week at school, with lots of learning taking place across the classrooms. I've managed to visit every classroom this week, and have read with lots of students, and seen some fantastic writing. It is great to talk with students and have them be able to talk about what they are learning, and what their goals are. There is a real buzz in the school.

Please feel free to pop in at any stage if you are interested in seeing our classrooms in action. If there are any parents or grandparents out there that would like to lend a hand by listening to students read, we would be very appreciative. It's just another way to strengthen the culture of learning at Tomarata School, and open up our kura to more community input.

Nga mihi nui,

Chris King

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NEWSFLASH!

Last weekend, Tomarata School purchased our new school van. We have bought a 2016 Toyota Hiace 12 seater van all set up for us to get our tamariki out and about on trips and excursions. We will also be using the van to get us to our Nature Classroom. It is so exciting, and something that the school community has worked really hard to fundraise for over several years. A huge thanks to everyone who has helped make this a reality for our kura.



What's coming up?

Friday February 23rd	Sausage sizzle @ lunchtime \$2 each.
Friday February 23rd	Singing Assembly @ 2pm
Thursday February 29th	Mobile Library Visit
Friday March 1st	Sausage sizzle @ lunchtime \$2 each.

Friday March 1st	Whole School Assembly @ 1.45. Everyone Welcome
Friday March 1st	Tennis @ Tomarata School 3pm. Flyer attached.
Friday March 8th	Rodney Rural Schools Swimming at Rodney College.
Wednesday March 13th	GRIP Student Leadership Conference Y7 and 8's
Wednesday March 20th	Y 7 and 8 Technology at Rodney College
Thursday March 21st	Rodney Rural Schools Cricket at Centennial Park, Wellsford

Fantastic Kids Doing Fantastic Things

This week for Garden 2 Table we took a look around our school to see if we need to create any new signs or murals for our gardens. Whanau house groups worked together, and came up with lots of questions and ideas about our garden signs.

The Kakapo whanau house worked in the G2T room, using produce from our gardens to make marrow fritters. We had students grating, mixing, measuring and cooking. The result was enough fritters for everyone at Tomarata School to have a try. They were really tasty, and a great way to use marrows.

I only managed to get two photos, because I was too busy cooking with the Kakapo group.



Whanau Pizza Afternoon



Netball

If there are any students who play, or are interested in playing netball, Lynette from Tomarata Netball Club is looking for students to join up. If anyone is interested, they can call our office or pop in. We will be staying in touch with Lynette, who has offered to come in to do coaching sessions. Everyone is welcome.

Board Update

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

Tennis @ Tomarata School



Tomarata School Tennis Series

Starting 1 March, 2024

Tomarata School invites you to a 4-week friendly tennis competition.

Whether you're a seasoned player or a first-time enthusiast, everyone from the Tomarata Community is welcome to participate.

Event Details:

Start Date: Friday, 1 March, 2024

Start Time: 3pm

Duration: Every Friday for 4 Weeks

Cost: \$2 per player for balls

Location: Tomarata School Tennis Courts

Who Can Play?

- Children and/or Adults
- Open to anyone from the Tomarata Community

How It Works:

Teams and games will be organised based on the numbers of participants on the day.

Registration:

To join this exciting tennis series, simply register your interest by emailing office@tomarata.school.nz

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