



## Newsletter Week 5, Term 1

March 7, 2024

### Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou,

We are really excited to be getting back to our beautiful Nature Classroom next week. Our teaching staff have done a visit, and have met with Mrs Jackson to get all organised for our learning activities. There are two big factors that will make it easier to go to the Nature Classroom this year; the school van, and changes to the adult to child ratios when we are there. Instead of having a fixed ratio of 1 adult to 4 students, like past years, we are now putting more emphasis on the safety planning prior to our trips. This will enable us to tailor our adult supervision to meet the needs of the group visiting the bush block.

Tomarata staff have been discussing our ideas about how we can deliver different aspects of the curriculum while we are at the Nature Classroom. Art, science, history, writing, reading, technology, te reo Maori, mathematics etc, can all be explored in this unique setting. We are so lucky to have our Nature Classroom, and when I last spoke with Earl Barnes, the owner of the land, he said that his wife, Marie would be so thrilled to have us there as much as possible.

Room 1 is going along for the morning next Friday. I will be driving them there in our lovely new van.

This week we had another Garden to Table session with our students in their house groups. This approach enables our student leaders to work alongside our younger students, which is great to see. It gives our house groups a real sense of purpose. We harvested some apples from our orchard, as well as some very tasty bananas. As well as this, house groups are giving some thought to designing some new signage for around our school and garden areas.

A number of year 4 to 8 students are off to the Rodney Rural Schools Swimming Competition tomorrow. They are either being taken by parents to the pool at Rodney College, or they are going from Tomarata School in the school van. Let's hope for a nice warm day. Thank you to the parent helpers.

Nga mihi nui,

Chris King [principal@tomarata.school.nz](mailto:principal@tomarata.school.nz)

## What's coming up?

Friday March 8th	Rodney Rural Schools Swimming at Rodney College. Only selected Y 4-8 students are attending.
Friday March 8th	Tennis @ Tomarata School 3pm. Flyer attached
Wednesday March 13th	GRIP Student Leadership Conference Y7 and 8's
Thursday March 14th	Liam from North Harbour Cricket visiting Tomarata
Friday March 15th	Room 1 Nature Classroom visit
Wednesday March 20th	Y 7 and 8 Technology at Rodney College
Wednesday March 20th	Y 5 and 6 students Nature Classroom visit
Thursday March 21st	Rodney Rural Schools Cricket at Centennial Park, Wellsford
Friday March 22nd	Room 5 Nature Classroom visit

## Fantastic Kids Doing Fantastic Things







Some photos from our Garden to Table afternoon on Wednesday. Please note that parents are always welcome to come along and spend time with us in the garden. Wednesday afternoons are our designated time for this mahi, unless there is something else on the calendar.



Sand cafe! Great teamwork guys.



## 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. We've had a few names come forward but are keen to get more students involved.

## Tennis @ Tomarata School Starts Tomorrow!



### 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](mailto:office@tomarata.school.nz)



## Board Update

The Board of Trustees is next meeting on March 27, 2024

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