

- TOMARATA SCHOOL -



Newsletter Week 9, Term 1

April 4, 2024

Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou,

Firstly, I'd like to apologise for there being no newsletter for the past 2 weeks.

Last week I was away at the Tai Tokerau Principals' Federation conference at Waitangi. It was a chance to meet with other principals, and stay up to date on a number of new initiatives and measures being implemented by our new government.

There were also a number of speakers, including Nathan Mikaere-Wallace, who gave a talk on neuroscience, and learning. The most powerful message that he had was that learning can only take place when children feel safe, cared for, and understood by the adults in their lives. He also emphasised the importance of laughter, music and movement at school, in order for learning to take place, because we learn best when we enjoy ourselves.

Another highlight was the presentation given by Mike Allsop, a New Zealander who has climbed Mt Everest, as well as run 7 marathons on 7 continents, in 7 days. He was a very inspirational presenter.

I hope that everyone had a great Easter break. We are heading into the last week of term one next week, and reports will be available on Hero on Friday. These are followed up on Wednesday and Thursday of week one next term, with student, parent, teacher interviews.

These can be booked by scanning the QR code, or by visiting

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/> Enter the code **wwnuw** to book interviews for your child/children.



Nga mihi nui,

Chris King principal@tomarata.school.nz

What's coming up?

Friday April 5th	Sausage Sizzle @lunchtime \$2
Friday April 5th	Mobile planetarium visit to Tomarata School (no singing assembly)
Wednesday April 10th	Y7 and 8 students Technology @ Rodney College
Friday April 12th	Sausage Sizzle @ lunchtime \$2
Friday April 12th	Whole School Assembly, everyone welcome
Friday April 12th	Last day of term. Reports for parents on Hero.
Monday April 29th	First day of term 2
Wednesday May 1st and Thursday May 2nd	Student, parent, teacher conferences (2pm-5.30pm)

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Secrets Under the Sea

Dive into Wellsford Library and discover Secrets Under the Sea these school holidays!

Week One

2pm Monday 15 April – Aquarium in a Jar create and make

10:30am Tuesday 16 April – Sea Serpent Paper Chain

2pm Wednesday 17 April – Sandpaper Starfish crafty fun

10:30am Thursday 18 April – Shark Pegs crafty fun

2pm-4:30pm Friday 19 April – LEGO Club

Week Two

1pm Monday 22 April – Secrets of the Sea with Auckland Zoo Uncover some secrets, stories and strange sensations from the sea with the team from Auckland Zoo!

11am Tuesday 23 April – Wastewater Soup Science with Watercare A fun, hands on science experience where you'll learn about the journey water takes from wastewater to the ocean

2pm Wednesday 24 April – Shark Tooth Necklaces create and make

2pm-4:30pm Friday 26 April – LEGO Club

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Board Update

The Board of Trustees is next meeting on May 1st.

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