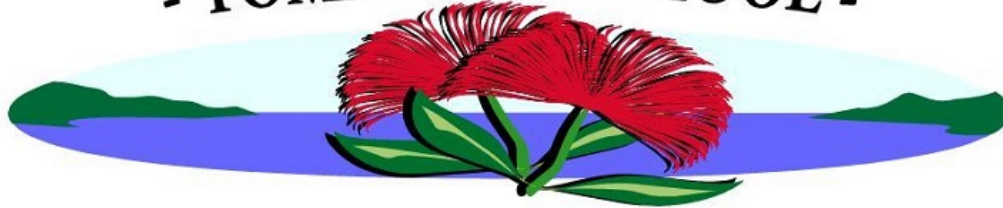


# - TOMARATA SCHOOL -



## Newsletter Week 4, Term 2

May 23, 2024

### Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou,

Firstly, I'd like to acknowledge a number of parents who have been going above and beyond for Tomarata School over the past several weeks: Siobhan Reid, Pip White, and Andy Dwen. A huge thank you to all of you for your willingness to share your time and expertise for the benefit of Tomarata School.

I attended a meeting this week with our bus coordinator, EasyBus. I have been asked to pass on that all communications with the bus company, Leabourn's should be directed to the school office, or the EasyBus website. Follow this link to find options for making contact with EasyBus. You can request to add a bus stop, activate a bus stop, suggest a bus route change, report a safety concern. <http://rodney.easybus.nz/contact-easybus/>

Tomorrow is the final day in our Book Week, and will be your last chance to visit the Library to see all of the books on display for purchase. Every purchase helps the school gain credit with Scholastics, to be used to purchase new books for our Library. Thank you to everyone that has supported us this week.

Tomorrow at 8.45 in the hall there will be a Book Parade, showcasing all of the fantastic book character costumes that our students, staff and teachers will be wearing.

Nga mihi nui,

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

## What's coming up?

Friday May 24	Book Character Parade in the hall @ 8.45. Everyone welcome
Friday May 24	Sausage sizzle \$2 @ lunchtime
Friday May 24	Whole School Assembly @ 1.45pm
Tuesday May 28	Trees for Survival planting day @ Sally Usher's farm. Y5-8.
Friday May 31	Sausage sizzle \$2 @ lunchtime
Friday May 31	Way Too Cool! Literacy performance @ 1.20 in the Hall
Saturday-Monday June 1-3	King's Birthday Weekend
<b>Tuesday June 4</b>	<b>Teacher Only Day: School closed</b>
Tuesday June 18	Year 4-8 Rodney Rural Schools Soccer/Hockey Day @ Port Albert Domain. Games begin at 10am.
Monday June 24	School Photos
Thursday June 27	Matariki Breakfast and Hangi lunch. Details in development...
Friday June 28	Matariki Public Holiday

## Fantastic kids doing fantastic things



Pink Shirt Day 2024. What an outstanding effort Tomarata School.





Room 1 students engaged and learning their letter sounds.



Room 5 students using Reading Eggs to support their literacy learning.





Sara and some children from Room 1 planting some veggies today.



One of our Room 7 students, Tovah, helping our Room 1 students on the playground during morning break today.



## Coming Up



**Way Too Cool! Literacy performance @ 1.20 in the Hall on Friday May 31.**

Also coming up, there is a neurological-diversity community education event happening in Mangawhai next month. [Mind Over Manners](#) is a theatre for social change group that explores common scenarios that can often be challenging or misunderstood for people with neurodiversity. Click on the link to book your free tickets.

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**REALISING THE POTENTIAL OF  
DIFFERENTLY WIRED MINDS**



**Mind Over Manner is coming to Mangawhai to deliver a free Neurodiversity Workshop for community**

Our workshops use the power of theatre to introduce participants to an alternative way of understanding so many young people. Takiwatanga - those who live in their own space and time

Mind Over Manner provides education about those who sense and learn differently. Our experienced team of actors show how a young person's sensory perception and cognitive relationship to the world can often result in rude, shutdown or confused behaviour.

We will bring a number of charged scenarios to life, then work with you, our participants, to unpack, bring our collective learnings and re-evaluate our responses to the difficult situations that often arise.

These workshops are relevant to all people who live alongside or work with young people who have behavioural, sensory, and learning differences. We encourage whanau, professionals, and ALL members of the community to engage in these eye-opening and intriguing workshops.

**"It is the most powerful, emotionally charged and practical professional learning I have ever experienced." Parent/Teacher**

**Content :** **Sensory Over Responders** may be hypersensitive to touch and sound, be on high alert, and become easily distressed and struggle to calm down. Often labeled as Autism, OCD, Anxiety Disorders and others. **Sensory Seekers** are highly energetic individuals who often appear oppositional, sassy, and overly confident - but they too get overwhelmed and experience high anxiety. Often diagnosed (or not) as ADHD, Dyslexic Oppositional Defiant Disorder or FASD. **Sensory Under Responders** - don't smell the toast burning and are difficult to wake up. Diagnosed ADD

**When:** Wednesday 12th June 2024. **Time :** 6.30 - 9 pm **Where:** Mangawhai Beach School Hall

**If you would like to register please contact**  
**susi@tewhaicomunitytrust.co.nz**

**Thank you to Te Whai Community Trust for making this event possible**

**For more information please visit**  
**[www.mindovermanner.co.nz](http://www.mindovermanner.co.nz)**



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## Board Update

The next Board of Trustees meeting is on Wednesday, 29th of May.

## A Huge Thanks To Our Supporters

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