



Newsletter Week 6, Term 2

June 6, 2024

Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou,

It's been a really busy couple of weeks at Tomarata School, with lots on. Last week, Mr Logue and I took Room 7 to Sally and Peter Usher's farm to plant trees, as part of our Trees 4 Survival programme. We planted over 300 trees and had a great day out. We were able to use the school van to transport the students, which made the day very straightforward.

I received an email from Peter Usher, saying how impressed he was of our students' behaviour, manners, and hard work on the day. It is really heartwarming to get that kind of feedback. Great effort Room 7 and Mr Logue. Thank you to our parent helpers as well.

Tomarata School is very lucky to have whaea Jasmin Houghton sharing her knowledge and expertise of kapa haka with us. She is taking the whole school for kapa haka, and you can already notice the excitement amongst our students. To see them in action is very impressive. As our tamariki engage with kapa haka, you can see confidence levels increase, and a feeling of unity as we come together as a school to go on this awesome journey together. Whaea Jasmin is working with our students to create a school haka, and a repertoire of waiata and action songs for us to perform. I can't wait to invite you all in to see what we have learned.

On Tuesday the 18th of June, years 4-8 students will be travelling to Port Albert Domain to take part in the annual Rodney Rural Schools' Soccer/Hockey Tournament. I will be sending a letter home to parents with all the information about the day.

Also on the horizon is the Matariki Hangi event on Thursday the 27th of June. I've ordered the manuka, and arranged to borrow the hangi equipment from the Tomarata Rugby Club. The fire will be lit at 6am, with kai ready to be shared at lunchtime. Everyone is welcome to come along and take part in this celebration.

Nga mihi nui,

Chris King

principal@tomarata.school.nz

What's coming up?

Friday June 7	Sausage Sizzle \$2 @ lunchtime
Friday June 7	Kapa Haka with Whaea Jasmin 11-12
Friday June 7	Whole School Assembly @ 1.45, everyone welcome
Monday June 10	Kapa Haka with Whaea Jasmin 11-12
Wednesday June 12	Y7/8 Technology at Rodney College
Thursday June 13	R7 Nature Classroom
Friday June 14	Sausage Sizzle \$2 @ lunchtime
Friday June 14	Kapa Haka with Whaea Jasmin 11-12
Friday June 14	Singing assembly @ 2pm
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.
Friday June 28	Matariki Public Holiday

Fantastic kids doing fantastic things





Room 7 students at our Trees 4 Survival planting event at the Usher's Farm.





Room 1 working on their fractions.

Coming Up

There is a pot luck dinner this Saturday evening at the Forest Reserve Hall.

The Forest Reserve Hall
POT LUCK DINNER
 6pm June 8th

\$10 per family/individual

Everyone welcome. Please bring your neighbours, your friends, your family.

A special welcome to newcomers to the area – come and meet the locals.

Please bring a plate.

Contact: Dennis
 021 838 194

Thank you Nena Woolston R 14

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




Board Update

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