

- TOMARATA SCHOOL -



Newsletter Week 6, Term 1

March 13, 2025

Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou,

It's been an awesome couple of weeks here at Tomarata School. I've been able to visit all classrooms and am really pleased with all of the learning opportunities that our tamariki are getting. Thanks so much to our team of amazing teachers, who all go above and beyond for our tamariki.

Students are doing around an hour a day of reading, writing and mathematics, but also being given lots of chances to do art, fitness, te reo Māori, Kapa Haka, as well as exploring the technology curriculum through their playground designs.

As a school, we have started trialing the use of Pr1me Maths books with our students. Children each get a student workbook that they write in for the year. The books are like textbooks, but are designed for students to be able to write in them. This means that teachers don't have to print off worksheets, or spend hours finding follow-up work that supports the learning from the day's lesson. The maths learning is laid out in a logical format and lessons are sequenced to support a student's growing mathematical knowledge and understanding of concepts.

On Tuesday, Frankie, from Trees for Survival visited to check in on our seedlings. Students helped out weeding the seedlings to help make sure that in winter, when we do our planting, our seedlings are as big and strong as possible.

Tomorrow is the Rodney Rural Schools Swimming competition at Rodney College. We have 15 students taking part. They will be joined by students from Tapora, Tauhoa, and Pakiri Schools, as well as several homeschooled students. Last year we did a fantastic job at this event, and I'm sure tomorrow will be just as good. Thanks you again to the parent helpers who are helping out.

Nga mihi nui,
Chris King

Garden 2 Table Update

Here's an update on our Garden 2 Table program. Each day, a class will spend about 10 minutes caring for the gardens. We're also starting a Garden 2 Table Club every second Friday during lunchtime (12:10 - 1:00), beginning next Friday, the 21st.

We're still looking for 1 or 2 volunteers to help out. If you can lend a hand as a kitchen or garden volunteer, we'd really appreciate it.

Lastly, as a zero waste school, any plastic or rubbish your tamariki brings to school needs to go back home with them in their lunchbox. We encourage students to bring sustainable food wrapping when possible, to reduce the amount of rubbish generated.

For any questions or to volunteer, please email jorja@tomarata.school.nz.

What's coming up?

Friday 14 March	Breakfast Club 8-8.30
Friday 14 March	Rodney Rural Schools Swimming Competition @ Rodney College Pool. Year 4-8. Competitors will be selected at school over the coming weeks. Only competitors will attend. Parents are welcome to come along.
Friday 14 March	Sausage Sizzle @ Lunchtime \$2
Tuesday 18 March	Liam from Northland Cricket is coming in to run cricket coaching sessions with all classes
Wednesday 19 March	Breakfast Club 8-8.30
Wednesday 19 March	Room 5 Nature Classroom
Wednesday 19 March	Year 7/8 Technology @ Rodney College
Thursday 20 March	Room 7 Nature Classroom
Friday 21 March	Breakfast Club 8-8.30
Friday 21 March	Whole School Assembly @ 1.45pm parents welcome
Tuesday 25 March	Rodney Rural Schools Cricket @ Centennial Park

	Wellsford. Years 3-8
Friday 4 April	School Disco! Neon Glow theme
Thursday 10 April	Last day of term
Friday 11 April	School closed for instruction. Teacher Only Day
	<p>Term Dates for 2025:</p> <p>Term one: February 7th to April 11th</p> <p>Term two: April 28th to June 27th</p> <p>Term three: July 14th to September 19th</p> <p>Term four October 6th to December 19th</p>

Fantastic people doing fantastic things





Students helping Frankie out with the weeding.



Our seedlings have grown so much over the summer, and will be ready for planting in the winter on a nearby property.

Board Update

The next Board of Trustees meeting is on Wednesday, March 26



TOMARATA RUGBY CLUB

JUNIOR RUGBY MUSTER

710 Mangawhai Road, Tomarata

WED 19 MARCH
5.30PM - 6.30PM

UNDER 7, UNDER 9, UNDER 11
AS AT 1st APRIL 2025

COME ALONG AND FIND OUT MORE
OR REGISTER FOR THE 2025
SEASON, BBQ AND FUN GAMES

Can't make it? No worries,
let us know you're keen on
tomaratarugby@gmail.com

via with PosterMyWall.com



Wellsford A.F.C.

OPEN DAY

Port Albert Football Fields

Saturday 15 March

1—2.30 pm

Free sausage and calci-yum for all participants

Come and see what its all about
Boot swap table will open
so bring your old boots

Rego's open on the day, shin guards and socks available for purchase, swap your hoodie for a larger one, Hungerball fun onsite, watch our seniors play northern Wairoa at 3pm

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Neurodiversity Celebration Evening

• Wednesday 19th of March •

5.30pm - 7.30pm

Shoemith Hall Warkworth

Meet experts from Autism NZ, Glass Ceiling Arts Collective, and
Rodney Inclusive Communities Initiative (RICI)

Connect with families and build community.

Learn what's happening in Rodney.

Enjoy kai & entertainment.

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The REAL Team have over 15 years joint experience in real estate sales and cover the Wellsford, Kaiwaka, Maungaturoto, Mangawhai and Waipu areas selling residential, lifestyle and farms.

Your first step is to contact Marlene or Dennis to arrange an appraisal of your property and there is no commitment or cost associated with this process and you can get to meet them in person and talk over any queries you may have.

NB. This "offer" is exclusive to The REAL Team, based on our standard fees, and cannot be used in conjunction with any other promotional offers we may make available from time to time.

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