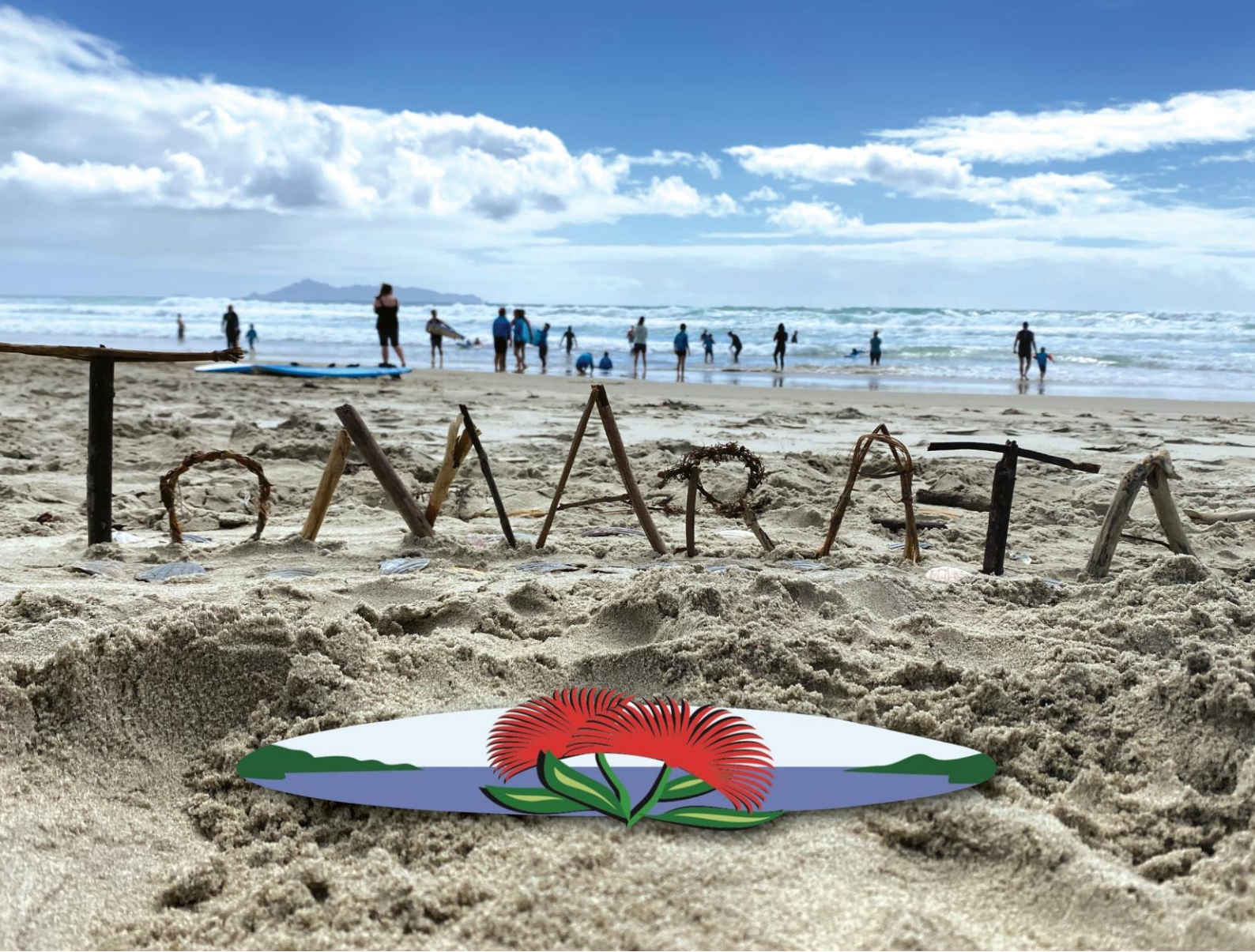




Tomarata School Newsletter

Week 4, Term 3, 2025





Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou,

It's been a really busy and productive couple of weeks at school. It's just so awesome to visit classrooms and see all of the learning progress that students are making.

As a school, we are really dedicated and committed to delivering high quality learning programmes for students. I'm very pleased that we have such fantastic teachers in classrooms working with our students, and supporting them to reach their learning goals. At home, you can support this by regularly reading with your child/children, and by engaging in conversations about mathematics. For our year 2 and up students, learning times tables is also something that can be supported at home. Starting with 2, 5, and 10 times tables, and building on these as your child progresses through school.

Another initiative that we have incorporated at school is 'buddy reading'. Each day after lunch, our two senior classes, rooms 6 and 7 are visiting rooms 4 and 5 to provide reading support. This adds to our reading programme, and gives students another chance to practice their emerging skills.

There is a lot of illness going around at the moment. We have had over 20 students away each day this week. I hope that you are all doing okay out there. We are encouraging students to make sure they wash their hands regularly, in an attempt to prevent any illness spreading at school.

This newsletter features lots of photos from school over the past few weeks, so please have a good look through.

Nga mihi,

Chris King

Principal



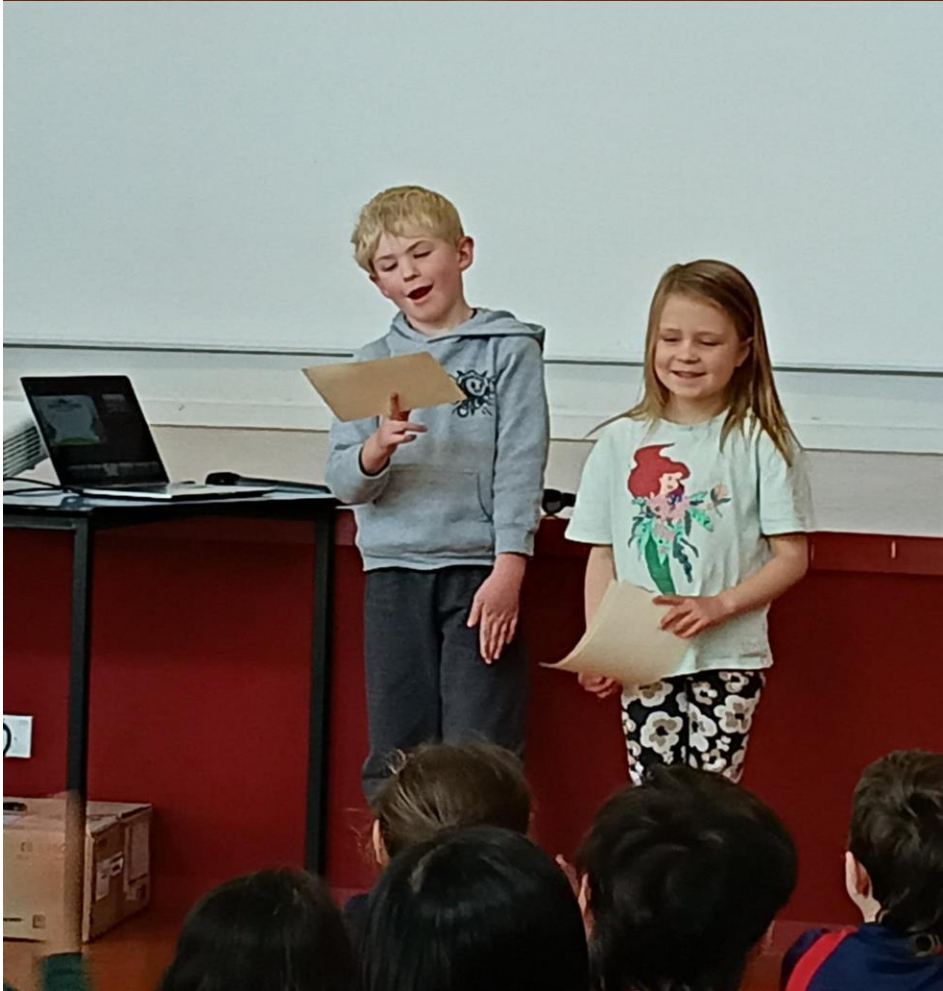
What's Coming Up



Friday 8 th August	Sausage Sizzle \$2
Friday 8 th August	Whole School Assembly, Everyone welcome @ 1.45. Rooms 4 and 5 sharing
Monday 11 th August	Milo Monday in the G2T room from 8.10
Wednesday 13 th August	Room 4 Nature Classroom. Parent helpers welcomed. Please let Chris Rhodes know if you can help out.
Thursday 14 th August	Room 6 Trees for survival planting day. Parent helpers welcome. Leaving school at 8.50am. Students should bring gumboots and a jacket please.
Thursday 14 th August	Rodney College Open Evening for Year 8's
Friday 15 th August	Rodney College Open Day for Year 8's
Monday 18 th August	Milo Monday in the G2T room from 8.10
Wednesday 20 th August	Room 5 Nature Classroom
Thursday 21 st August	Room 7 Nature Classroom
Friday 22 nd August	Whole School Assembly, Everyone welcome @ 1.45. Rooms 6 and 7 sharing
Friday 22 nd August	PTA Meeting @ 2.30 in the staffroom. Any parents wanting to join are warmly invited.



Awesome Kids Doing Awesome Things





Assembly Certificates



Whole school Buddy Reading

From the beginning of the term, we have been doing whole school buddy reading after lunch. This 10 minutes a day is a great way for our older students to share their reading skills with our younger students. It also helps create relationships between all different age groups across the School. Improving literacy outcomes for our students is a huge goal for us at Tomarata School. Please read with your child/children at home as much as you can to support their Continued growth.



Curriculum Spotlight

It is exciting to see our students learning about so many aspects of physics in their classrooms. Classes will be getting ready to contribute items to the Science Fair exhibit, taking place on Show Day in Term 4.

Ever seen a teacher with blue hands? Room 4 students certainly have! On Tuesday they learnt all about what happens when we drop blue dye onto tissue paper. The capillary action that causes the dye to spread was fascinating for Room 4 students to observe plus they had a lot of messy fun to boot!

In Room 7, exploring the physics of flight kicked off with a Paper Dart Challenge. Students were required to think carefully about and develop the most optimal paper plane design. The test they carried out was to observe which of their planes flew the furthest, then modify and refine their designs to improve them. This required cycles of testing, modifying, observing, measuring and note-taking. By doing so, students were able to experience how the forces of lift, drag, thrust and weight affected the flight of their planes.



Our Lion King Bilingual production is coming up in Week 10 (19th September). The early stages of set building began last week, and our students with speaking roles are practising very hard to get up to performance standard. Kia kaha to the production team!

Teachers are keen to build students' basic fact knowledge to support more complex problem-solving in maths. This has a cross-over to home learning because repetition of these concepts really counts! Juniors, spend car travel time adding and subtracting and recalling doubles to 10, 20, 100, 1000 as well as skip counting in 2,3,5,10. Seniors, in addition, have parents test your recall of x tables to 10 x 10 and up to 12 x 12 for extension.

Graduate|Learner Profile

On Thursday 31 July, Liana and Oscar (year 8 students) accompanied Mrs King to Rodney College to interview the new principal, Laurence Caltaux. During the interview Laurence shared his thoughts about what he believes to be the most valuable skills, knowledge and attributes for our school leavers to have when they move onto Rodney College. We were very grateful that Laurence made the time to meet with us. He was very welcoming, interacted warmly with Liana and Oscar throughout the interview and has contributed many thoughtful ideas for Mrs King to use when developing our Graduate|Learner Profile.

Here we are at Rodney College, all smiles (excuse the sun in our eyes)!



A quick survey was posted yesterday via HERO for our parent community to complete. Parents, please take some time to fill in your responses. We really want the Graduate|Learner Profile to reflect what you, our community value for your children as they advance through their primary school years at Tomarata School. Responses are due back by 20 August please.

Graduate|Learner Profile Survey link: <https://forms.gle/8Vc1CqmwfAT7uGEh7>

Ngā mihi,

Victoria King

School Board Updates

So far during this election process we have put out our call for nominations. We have received 5 nominations, which means that we will not need to move to the voting stage of the election. Stay posted for more information over the coming weeks.

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