



# Tomarata School Newsletter

## Week 1, Term 1, 2026





## Principal's Message



Kia ora koutou,

Naumai, haere mai, hoki mai ki a koutou,

Welcome everyone, to the 2026 school year at Tomarata School. We're off to a great start with a growing roll, and a really positive atmosphere around the school.

Firstly, I'd like to welcome all of our new families who have joined our wonderful Tomarata School community. I know that you will enjoy your time here, and experience a warm and friendly learning environment for your tamariki.

I'd also like to welcome new staff members, Katie Neeve, who will be working here three days a fortnight as a teacher, and Stephen Doel our new caretaker. We are also very pleased to be welcoming back Cara Jackson as our Nature Classroom teacher for 2026. Cara brings a wealth of knowledge and experience, as well as a long connection with our Nature Classroom environment.

I hope that as many of you as possible can join us for our **Meet the Teacher event on Friday the 27th of February**. This will be a great opportunity to meet and greet new members of our community, as well as touch base with your child's teacher. The event starts at 2.30 down at the pizza oven. Bring your own toppings. Everyone is welcome.

A few reminders:

-The Tomarata School van runs from Mangawhai Village each morning (7.35am). If you live in that area and you would like for your child to be picked up, please let Heather in the office know. There is a small cost per family for this service, which is outside of our bus zone.

-Could you please make sure that your child/children bring a hat with them to school so that they can be protected from the sun when they are outdoors.

-Room 4, please don't bring eggs, peanuts or peanut butter to school in your lunches, as there is a child in the class with a severe allergy.

-Swimming: Heather and I have been trained up to monitor the school pool, but are awaiting our certificates to come through. Once they do, we will be able to open the pool. I will keep you posted on this, but for now, there is no swimming.

-Assemblies: We are trialling Friday morning assemblies. These will start at 8.45am in the hall. We will do a Friday afternoon assembly once a term at 1.45.

-Piano lessons with Kara start Friday 13th, Martin's lessons start Tuesday 17th.

Please read the 'What's Coming Up' section to stay up to date with important school dates.

Nga mihi nui, **Chris King**



# What's Coming Up



Date	Event
Friday 13th February	PTA sausage sizzle <b>-Sausages \$3, Juicies \$2</b>
Tuesday 17th February	Room 7 Nature Classroom Parent helpers needed please
Friday 20th February	<b>PTA coffee club</b> - tea and coffee in the staffroom, everyone welcome. Come along and have a cuppa with members of our lovely parent community. 8.15-8.45am
Friday 20th February	Whole School Assembly in the hall @ 8.45
Friday 20th February	PTA sausage sizzle <b>-Sausages \$3, Juicies \$2</b>
Monday 23rd February	Colour Fun Run Fundraising starts
Tuesday 24th February	Room 4 Nature Classroom Parent helpers needed please
Friday 27th February	PTA sausage sizzle <b>-Sausages \$3, Juicies \$2</b>
Friday 27th February	Meet the Teacher event 2.30-4.30 Everyone is warmly invited to join us
Tuesday 3rd March	Room 6 Nature Classroom
Friday 27th March	Rodney Rural Schools' Swimming Competition at Rodney College y4-8
Monday 30th March	Rodney Rural Schools Cricket at Centennial Park y4-8
Thursday 2nd April	Tomarata School Colour Fun Run

# Awesome kids doing awesome things



**Room 7 working on self portraits**



**Room 6 showing their creative skills**



**Room 5 working on self portraits**



**Room 4 settling into school for the year**



# Board Update:

Our next Board meeting is on Wednesday the 25th of February at 7pm

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