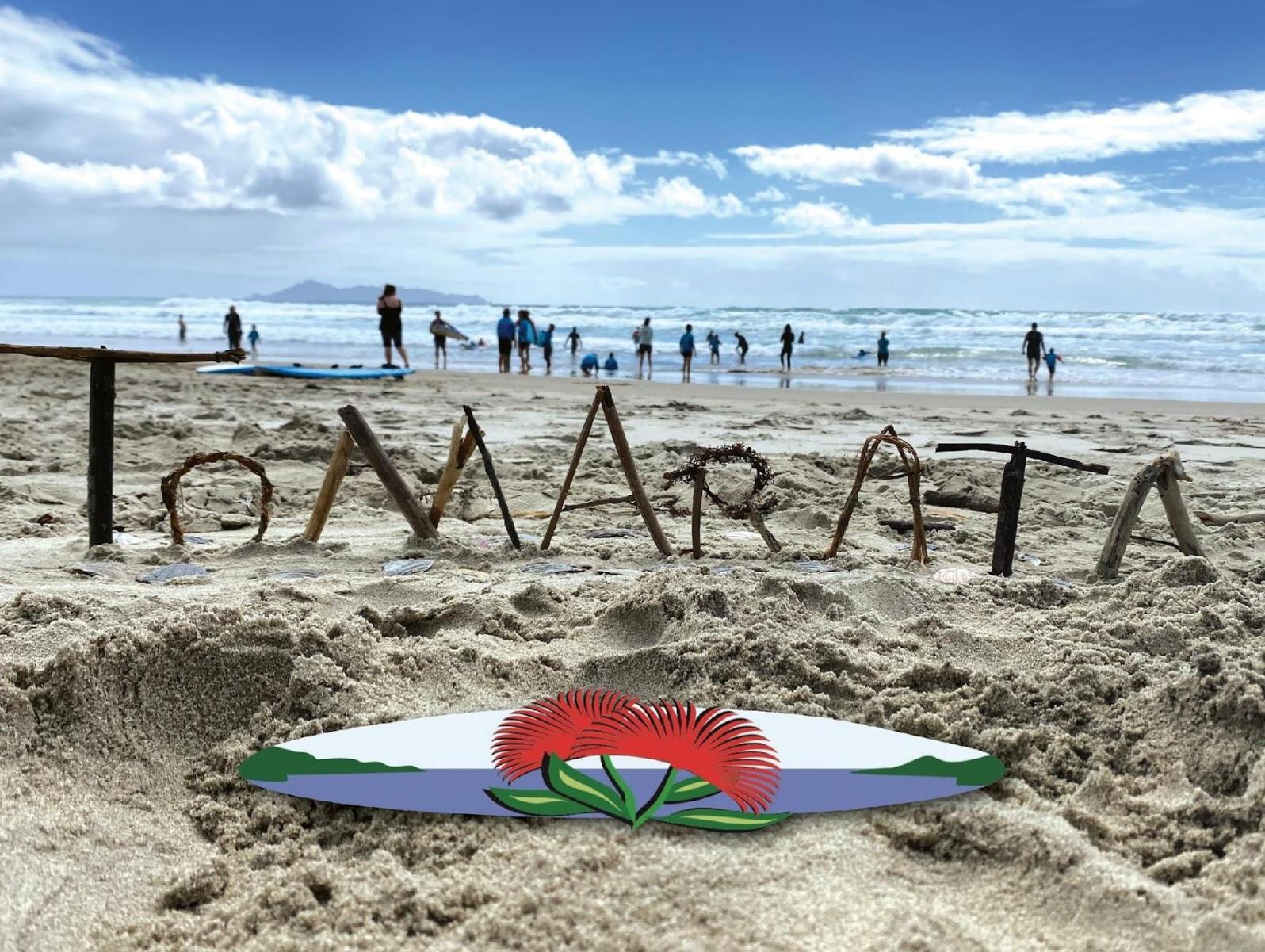




Tomarata School Newsletter

Week 4, Term 1, 2026





Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou,

Thank you to everyone who was able to come along and join us for our Meet the Teacher event last Friday after school. It was great to see so many of you there, and really nice to catch up, and get to know some of our newer families a bit better, as they begin their journey with us at Tomarata School.

A huge thank you once again to Josh Hawke who ran the pizza oven, and did a marvelous job of feeding the crowd. We couldn't do these types of community events without this kind of help.

Our classrooms are buzzing with busy students and teachers. Our topic "Setting Up For Success" is well underway, and evidence of this key learning can be seen in every classroom.

We have still been unable to go swimming at school, as Heather Thomas and I both wait for our qualifications to come through. This has been frustrating, but unavoidable unfortunately. Our school policy stipulates a minimum standard of training for the person managing the swimming pool, so we just need to wait. Throughout this time we have continued to monitor the pool, and as soon as our certificates come through we will be able to have students in the pool.

Our exciting fundraiser for this term is now been open for close to a week. Amazingly, we have already raised close to \$4,000 for the school's playground. The Monty the Monster Colour Fun Run takes place on the last day of term, Thursday the 2nd of April, and is going to be a colourful explosion of fun for our students and school community. The top fundraiser will also win the opportunity to "slime the principal!!", which I'm particularly looking forward to. Please register your children for this fundraiser. The class with the most registrations by next Friday, will all receive a coloured pen. Thank you all for your support with this.

Please come in for a cup of tea or coffee tomorrow morning from 8.15 in the staffroom. This is hosted by our amazing PTA. Everyone is welcome. Following this, we have our assembly in the hall at 8.45.

Nga mihi nui,

Chris King

What's Coming Up



Date	Event
Friday 6th March	Coffee Club in the staffroom @ 8.15, hosted by the PTA
Friday 6th March	Whole school assembly in the hall @ 8.45
Friday 6th March	PTA lunch. Mouse traps and Juicies
Tuesday 10th March	Room 5 Nature Classroom
Thursday 12th March	Fire Drill
Friday 13th March	PTA Sausage Sizzle
Tuesday 17th March	Room 7 Nature Classroom
Wednesday 18th March	Y7/8 Technology @ Rodney College
Friday 20th March	Whole school assembly in the hall @ 8.45
Friday 20th March	PTA Sausage Sizzle
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



Cricket coaching with Northland Cricket





5 Weeks To Go

Parent Letter #1

26/02/2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for helping make our school the amazing place it is! This term, we're excited to launch our **Monty the Monstar Fun Run**, raising funds for our playground upgrade.

How Do We Fundraise?

It's super easy! Simply go to myprofilepage.co.nz, click register and create a cybersafe online profile for your child. Once you're set up, share the link with family and friends to collect online donations. Please note: this is an online-only fundraiser—any cash donations must be converted online before 2nd of April.

Raise just \$10 online and receive a prize for your awesome fundraising efforts! When the fundraiser finishes, students will need to login and order prizes based on their donations. Students can mix and match up to a total of five prizes based on their donations or choose to give back to one of the amazing causes – Kids Can or Forest & Bird (give nature a voice).

Event Information

2nd April 2026 at 1pm

LOCATION OF EVENT: The School Field

- Wear a white shirt to make the colour pop!
- Each student will also receive a pair of sunglasses!
- Students are required to wear closed-in shoes!
- Students will be covered in non-toxic, biodegradable colour powder!



We look forward to seeing the students all bright and colourful on the day of our Monty the Monstar Fun Run! Let's fundraise, have fun and make a difference!

For further information, please contact principal@tomarata.school.nz or 09 423 7022

Chris King



Board Update:

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

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