



Tomarata School Newsletter

Week 2, Term 2, 2026





Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou,

Welcome to term two at Tomarata School.

Firstly, I'd like to welcome our new staff members, Shashika Abeywickrama in the Rata Room, and Juliana Bangcong in Room 5. I'd also like to introduce Mr Patricio Contreras who has been covering Room 7 while Mrs King was away.

We have an action packed term lined up for our students, as we explore the broad and varied world of music. Along with our regular focus on reading, writing and mathematics, this term we will be exploring different types of music, listening to a variety of music, and creating music in our classes.

From week 7 we will have [Beatstation](#) at Tomarata School for 4 weeks of music making. This system delivers a really exciting experience for our students, and gives them a great introduction to hands on music making. At the end of the term, when we all come together for our Matariki event, we will be able to present a performance to our school community, celebrating what we have learned.

In term two we begin our mid year assessments, which give us information about how students are progressing with their learning. This information helps teachers prepare the mid year reports that will come home at the end of the term. In 2026, schools are being asked to change the way that they report information about student progress to parents, so our reports on Hero will look very different. 2026 is also the year where we begin to fully implement the new curriculum areas of Reading, Writing and Mathematics. As we get closer to reports coming home, I will share more information about the new levels that students are being measured against, as well as the new language (descriptors) that will be in the reports.

On Saturday, we had a really successful ANZAC service at the memorial outside the school. It was lovely to see students and their families here, along with a number of people from the wider community. Thank you to everyone who came along.

I have a lot of people asking me about the Colour Fun Run prizes. The prize ordering has now closed and the school order is being put together to be sent out to the school. This process may take a couple of weeks. Again, thank you to everyone that helped make this such a success for our school.

There are lots of school events coming up this term, so please make time to look through the "What's Coming Up" section of the newsletter.

Nga mihi nui,

Chris King

What's Coming Up



Date	Event
Friday 1st May	Assembly @ 8.45 in the hall
Friday 1st May	Hamburger feast brought to you by the PTA
Tuesday 5th May	Rata Room and R4 Nature Classroom
Monday 11th May	Hearing and Vision @ Tomarata School
Tuesday 12th May	Y7 and 8 Immunisations Boostrix and HPV
Tuesday 12th May	Room 6 Nature Classroom
Thursady 14th May	Fire Drill
Friday 15th May	Assembly @ 8.45 in the hall
Friday 22nd May	Junior Tabloid Sports day with Rodney Rural Schools @ Tomarata School
Monday 25th-Friday 29th May	Scholastic Book Week
Tuesday 26th May	Room 7 Nature Classroom
Friday 29th May	Assembly/Book Character Parade @ 8.45 in the hall
Monday 1st June	Kings Birthday Holiday
Tuesday 2nd June	Rata Room and R4 Nature Classroom

Awesome kids doing awesome things



Colour Fun Run Highlights...





Board Update:

Our next Board meeting is on Tuesday 26th of May at 7pm

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