



Tomarata School Newsletter

Week 2, Term 3, 2026





Principal's Message



Kia ora koutou,

Welcome back to Tomarata School for term three!

As many of you will have seen, over the holiday break there has been a lot of activity around our school environment. Our playground has had a number of features added to it, which our students are loving. It's so wonderful to see the high usage of the playground, with students exploring and facing new challenges as they navigate the new obstacles.

I have ordered the swings to be bolted onto our new timber swing set. This is a much anticipated addition to our playground, and will be really popular with our students.

Last night, the Tomarata School Board met to discuss the 2026 Tomarata Fireworks event. Regrettably, we have had to make the decision to not go ahead with the event this year. This is a very tough decision for the School Board, as we know how important this event is for the whole community. Essentially, the cost of safely hosting the event has increased to the point where the school can not afford to put it on. I am in discussions with our event manager to plan for how this event can continue longer term.

For term three our teaching and learning programmes have a focus on the Health and Physical Education area of the New Zealand Curriculum. In particular, we are looking at how we develop and maintain positive relationships with others, under the banner of "Being Connected".

To do this we start by looking at personal identity, who we are as individuals, what groups we belong to, self awareness, building resilience. We then move onto learning about what it means to be a good friend, how to develop friendships, and how we communicate effectively with others.

To help us explore these themes, we will be using other aspects of the New Zealand Curriculum, such as reading, writing, and drama, as well as sports and PE games.

We are looking forward to another awesome term at Tomarata School, with lots of important learning for our students.

Student mid year reports will be available via Hero tomorrow afternoon. Please make sure that you have booked your [parent interview](#) for next week, where you will be able to discuss the report as well as how your child is going at school more generally. We would like to see everyone if possible for this important event.

Lastly, please remember that our Show Day is at the end of the first week back next term, so if your child is going to be making a garden, or showing a calf or lamb, you really need to start organising these now. If you have any questions please contact Heather in the office.

Nga mihi nui,

Chris King



What's Coming Up



Date	Event
Friday 31 st July	Assembly at 9am
Friday 31 st July	PTA Sausage Sizzle
Friday 31 st July	Mid Year Reports go live on Hero
Tuesday 4 th August	Room 5 Nature Classroom
Wednesday 5 th August	Parent Interviews 3pm-6pm
Thursday 6 th August	Parent Interviews 3pm-6pm
Friday 7 th August @ 12.10	Kara's Piano Student Recital
Friday 7 th August	PTA Friday Piedad!
Tuesday 11 th August	Rata Room and Room 4 Nature Classroom
Friday 14 th August	Year 8 Rodney College visit
Friday 14 th August	Sustainability Challenge at Muriwai Regional Park (@ teams of 4 going)
Tuesday 18 th August	Room 6 Nature Classroom
Tuesday 25 th August	Room 7 Nature Classroom

Awesome kids doing awesome things:





Students enjoying some of our new equipment.

Board Update:

Our next Board meeting is on Wednesday 26th August.

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