



Tomarata School Newsletter

Week 5, Term 3, 2026





Principal's Message



Kia ora koutou,

I hope that everyone is managing to avoid the winter bugs that are out in the community at the moment. Like all schools, we have had lots of students off sick over the past few weeks. There are some quite serious illnesses that are forcing families to keep their children home for multiple days. Take care everyone.

A couple of weeks back now, we had a really fantastic turnout to our parent teacher interviews, with close to 90% of our parents meeting with teachers to discuss the awesome progress that children are making at school. That's a really high level of community engagement, which is just awesome to see. Thanks everyone. With the new reports, it was also a good time for families to ask any questions that they might have about the new language etc.

Given all of the Curriculum changes, and the different approaches to classroom teaching that our students have had to adapt to, our learners (and teachers) are doing really well, showing resilience and an openness to change.

Last week we took two teams of year 5-8 students over to Muriwai for the 2026 Sustainability Challenge. This is a competition between schools in the wider Auckland region. There were 46 teams competing on the day. Our teams participated really well, and stepped up to face the challenges. We all covered a lot of ground, and undertook tasks and activities that connect to sustainability. We learned about pest trapping, the carbon cycle, native bird identification, recycling, and much more.

I was very impressed by our students' behaviour, and their willingness to give everything a go. They showed lots of resilience and kept pushing for the full 2 hours of the event. Well done everyone! A huge thank you to Camilla who came along to work alongside one of our teams.

Speeches and poems are being presented in classes currently. These have been worked on for a number of weeks, as we build up to the school finals next week. It takes a lot of courage to speak in front of a class, and it's wonderful to see our students rise to this challenge.

We have a school assembly on Friday, led by Rooms 6 and 7. Please come along to see some sharing from our students. It would be great to see you there.

Nga mihi nui,

Chris King



What's Coming Up



Date	Event
Friday 21st August	Assembly @ 9am
Friday 21st August	PTA Sausage Sizzle
Tuesday 25th August	Room 7 Nature Classroom and then Trees for Survival planting in the afternoon.
Thursday 27 th August	School Speech Finals 9.30-10.30 in the hall. Finalists will be notified so that parents can come along to watch.
Friday 28 th August	Daffodil Day @ Tomarata School – Students wear yellow and bring a gold coin donation please, if you can.
Tuesday 1 st September	Room 5 Nature Classroom
Wednesday 2 nd September	Year 7/8 Technology @ Rodney College
Tuesday 8th September	Rodney Rural Schools Cross Country @ Pakiri School (Whole School going)
Tuesday 15 th September	Rata Room and Room 4 Nature Classroom

Awesome kids doing awesome things:



Sustainability Challenge at Muriwai!



Board Update:

Our next Board meeting is on Wednesday 26th August.

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