



Tomarata School Newsletter

Week 9, Term 3, 2026





Principal's Message



Kia ora koutou,

It's nearing the end of the term, and looking back, it's been a really important term as far as student learning goes. With fewer events and activities this term, teachers have been able to focus in on their classroom programmes, and deliver engaging and dynamic learning experiences for our students with fewer interruptions.

Currently, our students are coming to the end of their learning on the topic 'Being Connected'. We have seen a noticeable change in the playground, as children have developed their understandings of how friendships are formed and maintained. We see more students being included in playground games, and less students walking around not knowing what to do with themselves. Our aim is for all Tomarata School students to feel a sense of connection with others, and also to feel that Tomarata School is where they belong. This is a really important aspect of student wellbeing.

Hopefully, many of you have begun supporting your children with their gardens for show day, or have got their lambs or calves under a strict training regime. Show day is our big celebration of our rural context, and a day that we really look forward to. This year, as well as the lambs and calves, gardens and bake sale, we will also be hosting an art exhibition, featuring the work of all students.

We also have our fabulous PTA offering lunch options on the day, including our now famous pizzas from Josh. More announcements to come.

As we head into the holidays, I'd like to wish you all a very safe and happy time. Term four will be action packed and full of awesome activities and learning here at Tomarata School.

Nga mihi nui,

Chris King



What's Coming Up



Date	Event
Monday 21st September	Milo Mondays from 8.10am
Tuesday 22 nd September	Netball and Touch at Centennial Park Years 4-8. Please wear Tomarata t-shirts and sports shoes if possible.
Wednesday 23 rd September	Year 7 and 8 Technology @ Rodney College
Friday 25 th September	Assembly @ 8.45am End of term three
Monday 12 th October	Term Four starts Milo Mondays from 8.10am
Tuesday 13th October	Room 6 Nature Classroom
Wednesday 14th October	Year 7 and 8 Technology @ Rodney College
Thursday 15th October	Gardens for Show Day delivered to school by 3pm please
Friday 16th October	Show Day!
Tuesday 20th October	Room 5 Nature Classroom
Tuesday 20th October	Year 5-8 Slipper Lake trip with Aotearoa Surf
Friday 23rd October	Assembly @ 8.45am

Awesome kids doing awesome things:



Rata Room and Room 4 students enjoying a lovely day at our Nature Classroom with Mrs Jackson!





Our brand-new slide has been installed and is being enjoyed by students. Today, our swings were also finished. Exciting times ahead!





These amazing students have been 'Eco-Warriors' this week; spending their break times searching out rubbish, and putting it where it belongs... Outstanding!







Garden to table... Today students were busy planting peas and marigolds. We also did some potting and watering. Great effort team.



In the kitchen today, Ms Kruger worked with her group to make grapefruit slice!

It's very exciting to be able to have the library open at lunchtimes, thanks to our amazing student librarians, Starlia and Tovah. This offers a quiet space for students to read, draw, do puzzles or play board games. Note the new Librarian badges!



Board Update:

Our next Board meeting is on Wednesday 23rd September

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