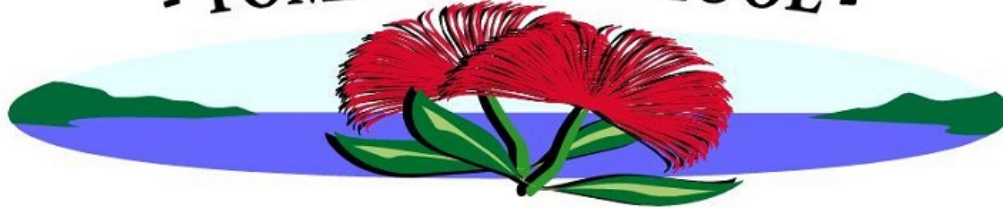


# - TOMARATA SCHOOL -



## Newsletter Week 8, Term 2

June 20, 2024

### Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou,

There is a lot of content in today's principal's message, because there are several things coming up that I want to let you all know about.

We've got a busy, but very exciting week coming up next week.

We have School photos on Monday. These will begin at the start of the day, so please make sure that all students are at school for 8.30, so that we can get underway on schedule.

**Our whole school Matariki event takes place on Thursday.** I'd like to thank Josh Hawke, Jasmin Hewlett, and Riana Waenga for their support in making this happen. The day is starting with the lighting of the fire for the hangi at 6am. **We will be meeting at the front gate for karanga, karakia and waiata at 5.45am** prior to the lighting of the fire. Everyone is welcome to come to this event. The timing is significant, as we should be able to see the Matariki stars on the horizon early in the predawn morning. Please consider coming along with your tamariki to this, as it will be something very special to share as a whanau and school community. Everyone is welcome to help out in whatever capacity you can.

**The hangi itself will be ready to serve at our normal lunch eating time of 12.45-1pm.** We are cooking 150 servings, so have catered for at least one community member for each student. The aim of this whole event is to bring our community together to celebrate together.

Room 7 students and parent helpers will be helping with the **food preparation on Wednesday from 3-5pm.** If you are able to come along to help with this then please do, as many hands make light work. **Please BYO potato peeler and/or a good knife** for cutting veges.

I'm writing to you from Taupo this week, where I am currently attending the Auckland Primary Principals' Association Conference. It's not easy to free up the time to be away from School to take part in events like this, but I'm able to do it because our team at Tomarata School can step up in my absence. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Victoria King for stepping in as acting principal, and taking time from her studies to give back to Tomarata School. Also, I'd like to

thank the teachers and teacher aides at Tomarata School for everything they do to make our school run smoothly. Nga mihi ki a koutou.

Today I have been privileged to hear from several speakers. Firstly, Minister Erica Stanford, who gave a very reassuring and highly informed presentation. Minister Stanford spoke about the need to ensure that New Zealand's education system is not a political football. She discussed her moves to collaborate with all other political parties and to create a more cohesive approach to educational change across the sector. Structured Literacy was another topic that she spoke about. This is particularly relevant to Tomarata School, because it is a literacy approach that a number of our teachers are undertaking professional development in over the next two terms.

Sir Ashley Bloomfield gave a very inspiring presentation about leadership, and the importance of staying true to our values as we work with and lead others. He spoke about his experience of leading the nation through Covid 19, and some strategies that he used to manage stress through that period.

Just one little reminder. All students need to have a Tomarata School PE shirt. We have all sizes available from the office for \$30. We wear these shirts when we do sports activities or if we go offsite to represent our school. We have so many new students that I thought a reminder about this was timely.

Nga mihi nui,  
Chris King  
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## What's coming up?

Friday June 21	Sausage Sizzle @ Lunchtime \$2
Friday June 21	Whole School Assembly @ 1.45
Monday June 24	School Photos
Wednesday June 26	Room 7 Noho/Sleepover
Wednesday June 26	Hangi food preparation @ 3-5pm Parent help will be required for this, so please contact the office and let us know if you can help out.
Thursday June 27	Karanga, Karakia and lighting the Hangi fire @5.45am We really encourage as many people as possible to come along for this celebration. There
Thursday June 27	Hangi lunch will be served at around 12.45-1pm. We are catering for 150 people, so please come along to share kai

	with us. It's a celebration of Matariki, and a coming together as a community.
Friday June 28	Matariki Public Holiday
Friday July 5	Sausage Sizzle @ Lunchtime \$2
Friday July 5	Whole School, End of Term Assembly @ 1.45

Fantastic kids doing fantastic things



Tomarata School @ Rodney Rural Schools Soccer/Hockey Day on Tuesday.





Room 1 students learning about the phases of the moon.





Room 1's Wellsford Library trip was an awesome success. Thanks to our parent helpers.

## Board Update

The next Board of Trustees meeting is on Monday July 1.

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