

- TOMARATA SCHOOL -



Newsletter Week 6, Term 4

November 21, 2024

Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou,

It's been a very busy and exciting time at Tomarata School over the past month or so. We have had our Show Day, 90th Reunion, fireworks event, as well as a visit from the Educational Review Office, who are carrying out their review of all aspects of Tomarata School. I'd like to thank each and every one of our parent community members who have helped out with these events. We can't do it without your ongoing support. A special mention goes to Paula and Jason Bishop, Hayley and Josh Hawke, Andy Dwen, Siobhan Reid, Shar Minhinnick, Rose and Stuart Thomson, John White, Jason Kerrisk, Marilyn Jones, and the staff at Tomarata School for going the extra mile behind the scenes to help make the Fireworks such a success for the school and for everyone who attended. Without having done the final figures, it looks like we made around \$30,000 in profit from the event. Also, I'd like to acknowledge the work of Linda Chhim who coordinated everything as our event manager.

At the Tomarata Fireworks our tamariki did such an incredible job of their kapa haka performance. I was so proud of everyone involved. It shows such growth over 2024. We started the year delivering an online kapa haka programme to our students, which started to spark enthusiasm with our students, but our kapa haka programme really started when Whaea Jazz Hewlett and her whanau joined our Tomarata School community. Whaea Jazz demonstrates all of our GROW values; she always strives to deliver outcomes for learners. She is well organised and highly engaging. Her teaching style and determination have helped us grow into a school that can now proudly say has a kapa haka group capable of performing to a level that reflects the mana and passion of all learners at Tomarata School. Nga mihi nui whaea Jazz. I hope that you feel as proud of our tamariki as I do.

If you haven't joined our Tomarata School Facebook page, I would recommend that you consider doing so, as it is a fantastic showcase of Tomarata School. Some highlights you'll find are photos from the fireworks and our kapa haka performance. Thanks to Jimmy and Zara for sharing their lovely photos.

Please remember that it is Rodney Rural Schools' Athletics Day tomorrow, Friday November 22nd. We will be travelling from school by bus to Centennial Park for a 9am start. We love having parent help on these days out, so please come along if you possibly can.

One thing that has come up over the past few weeks is the topic of attendance. Tomarata School, like all schools, receives reports from the Ministry of Education on attendance. Last term we had only 46% of students attending regularly (more than 90% of days). The goal is to have 80% of students attending regularly. The following is a suggested notice to parent communities from the MoE.

Attendance notice from the Ministry of Education:

If a student misses one day of school every two weeks, they miss more than a whole year of school by 16 years of age. As a parent or caregiver, you, alongside our school, play a key role in building strong habits of regular school attendance.

All students are legally required to attend school every day and it is a shared responsibility to make sure students attend and engage in learning from when they first start school.

You must let the school know if your child is going to be absent or intends to be absent for a portion of the school term for whatever reason, like a tangi or medical procedure. Family holidays or taking time off for extracurricular activities (not organised by school) are not acceptable reasons for being absent.

Knowing if your child is well enough to go to school can be tricky at times. If you are unsure, get in touch with us.

At Tomarata school we have strong processes and hygiene practices in place to make sure our school environment is as healthy as possible for our students and our staff.

If you're struggling at home with getting your child to school, talk to us! Our school is committed to supporting your child to attend school and building a culture that fosters excellent attendance by having:

- School staff who have strong relationships with students and whānau.
- A school culture that recognises your child and your family for who they are, where they come from and who they want to be.
- A school community that does everything to make sure students are at school, and they are participating, and progressing in their education.

Please make contact if you would like to discuss this any further.

Nga mihi nui,
Chris King
principal@tomarata.school.nz

What's coming up?

Friday November 22	RRS Athletics @ Centennial Park from 9am
Monday November 25	Swimming starts @ Tomarata School (Water skills for life programme). Please bring a bag with togs, towel, goggles if you have them, and something warm to put on after you are dry. We will choose our days, and be guided by the pool temperature.
Friday November 29	Sausage Sizzle @ Lunchtime \$2
Thursday December 5	Mobile Library visit
Friday December 6	Sausage Sizzle @ Lunchtime \$2
Friday December 6	Whole School Assembly @ 1.45
Tuesday 10-Thursday 12 December	Y7 and 8 EOTC camp 10th -Auckland Slip 'n Slide 11th -Snorkelling at Goat Island 12th -Aotearoa Surf Day @ Te Arai
Thursday December 12	Whole School Aotearoa Surf Day @ Te Arai This day is fully delivered by the staff at Aotearoa Surf, but will be supported by Tomarata School staff and as many parents as can make it along for this awesome day at one of New Zealand's most beautiful beaches.
Friday December 13	Sausage Sizzle @ Lunchtime \$2
Monday December 16	Music Concert with Martin in the hall @ 11am
Thursday December 19	Graduation/Prize Giving @ 1pm in the Hall.
Thursday December 19	End of Year Reports go live on Hero
Friday December 20	End of term/ End of the School Year @ 12.10

Fantastic kids doing fantastic things









Board Update

The next Board of Trustees meeting is on Wednesday, November 27, 2024

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The REAL Team have over 15 years joint experience in real estate sales and cover the Wellsford, Kaiwaka, Maungaturoto, Mangawhai and Waipoua areas selling residential, lifestyle and farms.

Your first step is to contact Marlene or Dennis to arrange an appraisal of your property and there is no commitment or cost associated with this process and you can get to meet them in person and talk over any queries you may have.

NB. This "offer" is exclusive to The REAL Team, based on our standard fees, and cannot be used in conjunction with any other promotional offers we may make available from time to time.

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