

## Newsletter Week 8, Term 4

December 6, 2024

Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou,

It's been an action packed couple of weeks, with lots going on at school. Teachers have been busy writing reports and finalising all of the assessment data for our students as we lead into the end of year reports that parents will receive via Hero on the 19th of December.

Tomarata School is excited to announce that we have employed a new teacher to teach in Room 6 next year. Aimee Kruger will be joining our teaching team, bringing strengths in science and ICT, literacy and hands-on learning, as well as several years of experience teaching this age group. Aimee will be coming in towards the end of the term to meet staff and students, and hopefully our wonderful parent community as well. Please make her feel welcome.

At the end of the term we will be farewelling the incredible Mr Hagan Logue. He is returning to his high school teaching roots and will be joining the team over at Rodney College for the start of 2025. His input into the learning culture at Tomarata School has been a really big boost for us and I want to express my very sincere thanks to him for all of the hard work he has done for our students and staff during his time at Tomarata School. Nga mihi nui, Hagan.

Rodney Rural Schools' Athletics Day was a huge success for Tomarata School, both in terms of results as well as the behaviour, willingness to participate and general attitude of our students. I am so proud of the way Tomarata School took part in the event, and would like to acknowledge the help of Mike, Jodie and Willow Mitchell, who ran the shot put for Tomarata School. I'd also like to acknowledge the extra work that went in at school this year in the build up to athletics. Teachers planned rotations, providing students with multiple opportunities to practise the events over several weeks. I could see on the athletics day that this gave our students a boost in confidence. Thanks Tomarata teachers!

We have an exciting week next week, with out year  $\frac{7}{6}$  camp and our whole school Aotearoa Surf day at Te Arai on Thursday. It's awesome to see that so many parents will be coming along to help out on the day. Nga mihi ki a koutou. Nga mihi nui, Chris King

## What's coming up?

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
Thursday December 19	Year 8's Graduation Dinner Venue TBC
Friday December 20	End of term/ End of the School Year @ 12.10
Friday February 7	Term One starts
	Term Dates for 2025: Term one: February 7th to April 11th Term two: April 28th to June 27th Term three: July 14th to September 19th Term four October 6th to December 19th



Fantastic kids doing fantastic things











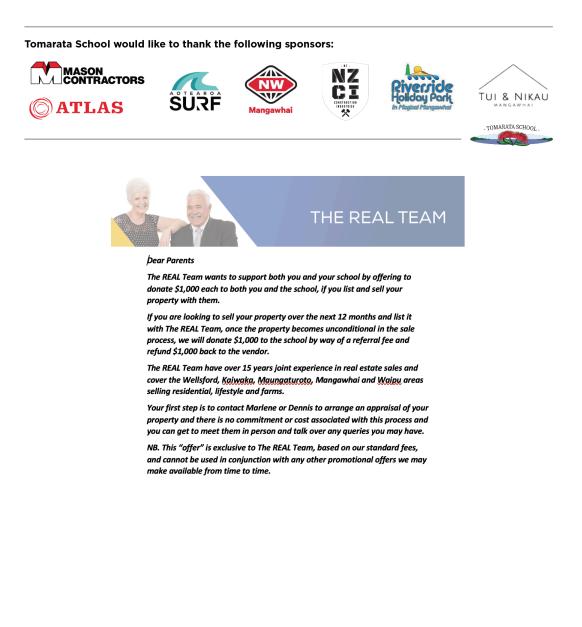




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