

- TOMARATA SCHOOL -



Newsletter Week 4, Term 1

February 27, 2025

Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou,

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Meet the Teacher event last Friday. It was lovely to have the school community come together to celebrate the start of the school year, and to meet our wonderful teachers. Once again, a huge thanks to Josh Hawke for all of his work at the pizza oven.

Also on Friday, was our first meeting of the PTA for the year. We have established a draft constitution document, outlining the purpose of the PTA, and are scheduling another meeting for the 21st of March to sign it off, and elect people to different roles within the PTA. Moving forward, the PTA will be taking over the running of the Friday lunches at school, and adding different options. They will also be organising a school disco for Friday the 4th of April. We welcome everyone's involvement in the PTA, so please come along to the next meeting if you are interested.

2025 is a year of enormous change in schools across the country, as the new English and Mathematics curriculum documents come into use. The Ministry of Education only finalised these documents in November of last year, so like all schools, we are currently familiarising ourselves with their content. There are a couple of big differences between the previous curriculum, and the new documents. Firstly, the new documents are very prescriptive in terms of what teachers need to teach for each year level. The other noteworthy change is that the new Mathematics curriculum in particular is significantly more difficult in terms of what is expected of students as they progress through school.

As a school, we are working really hard to make sure that despite all of these changes, we maintain focus on our students, and their learning. We place high importance on building positive relationships with our learners, and getting to know who they are as individuals, so that we can be well placed to support them to achieve their goals.

Nga mihi nui,
Chris King

What's coming up?

Friday 28 February	Breakfast Club from 8am
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Wednesday 5 March	Breakfast Club from 8am
Wednesday 5 March	Room 5 Nature Classroom
Wednesday 5 March	Year 7/8 Technology @ Rodney College
Thursday 6 March	Room 7 Nature Classroom
Friday 7 March	Breakfast Club from 8am
Friday 7 March	Friday Pieday... Pies for lunch \$TBC
Friday 7 March	Whole School Assembly @ 1.45 Everyone welcome
Wednesday 12 March	Breakfast Club from 8am
Wednesday 12 March	Year 7/8 Technology @ Rodney College
Wednesday 12 March	Room 4 Nature Classroom
Thursday 13 March	Room 6 Nature Classroom
Friday 14 March	Rodney Rural Schools Swimming Competition @ Rodney College Pool. Year 4-8. Competitors will be selected at school over the coming weeks. Only competitors will attend. Parents are welcome to come along.
Wednesday 25 March	Northland Primary Schools' Swimming Sports, for finalists at the RRS. Dargaville.
Friday 4 April	School Disco! Theme and details coming soon...
Thursday 10 April	Last day of term
Friday 11 April	School closed for instruction. Teacher Only Day
	<p>Term Dates for 2025:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 people doing fantastic things



Josh in his happy place. Thanks for all of your hard work, Josh.



Our amazing staff.



Thanks again to everyone who was able to make it along last Friday.









Room 7 students have been doing lots of work around our new playground. They have designed surveys to gather information from around the school. As they carry out their surveys, they take notes, collaborate with others, and clearly record information.

Board Update

The next Board of Trustees meeting is on Wednesday, March 26

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