

- TOMARATA SCHOOL -



Newsletter Week 8, Term 4

February 14, 2025

Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou,

It's so exciting to be back for another action packed year at Tomarata School. I hope that you all had a wonderful Summer break, and were able to spend time with family and loved ones.

There are several new people who have joined our teaching team for the start of the year, as well as several familiar faces returning. We welcome back Mr Chris Rhodes, who will be running our Nature Classroom two days a week, as well as covering Room 4 on Fridays. We have Mrs Aimee Kruger teaching in Room 6, with our year 4 and 5 students. Mrs Jasmine Talbot and Mrs Gaylene Hewlett, have also joined our team to help cover Room 4 while Mrs B is on leave. Mrs Victoria King is teaching in Room 7, and has taken on the role of Deputy Principal, adding a wealth of knowledge and experience to our leadership team.

Another addition to Tomarata School, is Mrs Kara Stones, who will be teaching piano in the Rata Room on Fridays. There are still spaces available if you would like your child to receive lessons. Please contact the office for more information.

Whaea Jazz Hewlett will continue to run our school Kapa Haka this year. We are scaling back the whole school sessions to once a week, but will be adding the option for students to join an extension Kapa Haka group, for those who really want to explore aspects of performance Kapa Haka more deeply. Whaea Jazz will also be taking Te Reo Maori lessons alongside classroom teachers for 30 minutes each week, which is really exciting. Whaea Jazz also wants to say nga mihi nui for the very generous koha made by Helen Jaggard, Maddie Barker's grandmother.

I'm so pleased that we are able to offer a comprehensive programme at our Nature Classroom this year. With the help of Mr Chris Rhodes, our students will be visiting this incredible environment once every two weeks for a programme that aims to support students to connect with the natural world, as well as recognise the rich learning that is all around them in our world.

This programme does require parent involvement, so please have a look at the Hero posts that have come home outlining dates for visits, and let the school know if you are available to help out. It is much appreciated.

Our topic for Term One is based on our planned playground upgrade. We will be using this context to explore our Technology Curriculum. Students will be exploring ideas about playground design, creating their own designs, and building working models. This will also allow our students to explore the use of different building materials.

Our start of the year event is coming up next Frisay, the 21st of February at 2.30pm. The Meet the Teacher event is a great opportunity to meet the Tomarata School community, including your child/children's teachers. Thanks to Josh Hawke who will be running the pizza oven, and making his famous pizza bases. The school will provide pizza sauce and cheese, but you are welcome to bring along additional toppings if you wish. I really hope that you can all make it along to this event. There are several new families at Tomarata School, and it would be really nice to have you all there to celebrate the start of our 2025 school year, and meet our wonderful team.

Nga mihi nui,
Chris King

What's coming up?

Wednesday February 19	Room 5 Nature Classroom
Wednesday February 19	Year 7 and 8 Technology @ Rodney College
Thursday February 20	Room 7 Nature Classroom
Friday February 21	Sausage Sizzle @ lunchtime \$2
Friday February 21	Whole School Assembly @ 1.45 in the Hall Everyone welcome
Friday February 21	Meet the Teacher event @ 2.30. Pizza provided. Everyone welcome
Wednesday February 26	Room 4 Nature Classroom
Wednesday February 26	Year 7 and 8 Technology @ Rodney College

Thursday February 27	Room 6 Nature Classroom
Friday March 14	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.
	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 thing













Photo's from around the classrooms this morning.

Board Update

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

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