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**Newsletter 26 June 2019**

*Dear Parents, Caregivers and Families - kia ora, kia orana, talofa, malo e lelei, fakaalofa atu, hallo and greetings*

## **From the Acting Principal**

This is my last week full time at Tomarata School, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those parents, students and Board members who have made me feel so welcome during my time here. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to get to know you. The Board of Trustees and the Ministry of Education, through our LSM Terry Bates, have contracted me to spend some more time here next term helping with Mrs Neels' transition, and I am delighted to be able to do that. So while this is 'farewell' for now, I am sure I will see many of you again on my visits to the school in Term 3.

I do hope you will take the opportunity to come to the special mihi whakatau/assembly to welcome Mrs Neels to Tomarata School on **Friday 28th June at 1.30pm in the school hall**. Our students have been practising their songs and I look forward to it being a happy celebration to end my time here and a warm and welcoming start for Mrs Neels.

I wish the school, the staff, the incoming Board and Mrs Neels all the very best going forward.

Nga mihi ki a koutou

Jill Corkin  
Acting Principal

## **Board of Trustees**

Congratulations to the new Board of Trustees:

Board Chairperson: Sheila Russell

Parent Trustees: Jason Kerrisk, Jeanette Mabin, Chris Rhodes, Betsy Tipping

Staff Trustee: Tracey Stewart

Thank you also to the outgoing Board members and to all of those parents who put their names forward for election. The Board of Trustees governance role is vital to the health and success of any school and we are fortunate to have had excellent people to call on for this role.

To James Andrews, Chris Buxton, Helen McDonald and Sheila Russell - thank you for your service to the school and hard work over the past three years. It is much appreciated.

## **Maths Information Afternoon for Parents - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2.30 - 4pm**

Please come to our special math information afternoon for parents on Tuesday 2nd July after school in Room 5 with Lucie Cheeseman. We will also have a display in Room 4 showing the sort of activities you might see in each of our classrooms. *All welcome!*

## Key Dates - for the rest of the term

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| Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June | Room 7 trip to Annie Production   |
| Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June   | Mrs Corkin's last day & school lunch day<br>1.30pm Special Welcome Assembly for Mrs Neels |
| Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July    | Mrs Neels' first day  |
| Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July    | <b>REPORTS home today. Last day, Term 2</b>   |

## Some key dates for the remainder of the year:

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| Term 3                          | Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July - Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September   |
| Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July | Board of Trustees meeting  |
| Thursday 22 August              | Rodney Rural Schools Cluster Speech Finals at Tomarata School  |
| Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept   | School production at Wellsford Community Centre  |
| Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept | Rodney College enrolment interviews for Year 8 students<br>School production at Wellsford Community Centre |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October | Show Day   |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> November       | Guy Fawkes Fundraiser  |

## From Helping Hands

Helping Hands have set up a separate Facebook page for news and information about events. Please find this and request to join us to keep up to date with what is happening.

**SCHOOL LUNCHES** will be available on the LAST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH - Pies \$3; Sausage rolls \$2; Juicies \$1; Popsicles \$1.50; Tip Top Tubs \$2.

# The next date for school lunches will be Friday 28 June.

**Guy Fawkes** is the major fundraiser for the school. Helping Hands would like to hear from anyone who is willing to lend a hand with one of the many tasks required for this big event. If you can help, please contact Anne Richards on 021 521 513.

**Rippa Rugby** has been postponed till next term.

**School Buses** If your child takes the bus home could parents please make sure they are at the bus stop on time to meet your children.

**Parents who come onto the school grounds during school hours for Health and Safety reasons we need you to sign into the book in the office. Also if you are picking up your child/children during school please come into the office to sign them out.**

