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**Newsletter 31 July 2019**

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

## **From the Principal**

Welcome back to Term 3 - our Winter term. I hope you all had a great holiday with your children. Lots of rain and mud around so it would be a good idea to pack some spare clothes, especially for our littlies! I also hope we have seen the last of that dreadful flu bug that struck down our students and teachers last term.

I want to remind you that at Tomarata School we operate an open door policy. If you have any issues or concerns about your children, please see their class teacher first as they are the people who are dealing with your children on a daily basis. The next ports of call are the Senior Leaders- Mrs Salt, Mrs Bartlett and Whaea Tracey (Deputy Principal). However, my door is always open, and you can visit, email or phone me if your concerns or issues haven't been addressed (or even for a chat). Please do ring the office to make an appointment if you want to see me.

I am thrilled to tell you that we are reintroducing the House system back into Tomarata School. We will have 4 houses: Kiwi House (red); Kakapo House (yellow); Kereru House (blue) and Kea House (green). I gave the opportunity to the Year 8 students to apply for the role of House Captain last week. (There will only be 4 this year due to the low numbers of Year 8 students). The applicants were interviewed on Monday and I am pleased to announce that the following students have won the position of House Captain for the rest of 2019-**CONGRATULATIONS!**

*Jacinta Buxton- Kiwi House*

*Genevieve Wallace-Neil - Kakapo House*

*Hanna Kerrigan - Kereru House*

*William Clapham - Kea House*

They will be presented with their badges at Assembly this Friday. All students will be put into a House- with family groups being in the same House.

A number of students have expressed an interest in being part of a Kapa Haka group. PLEASE if you think you could be a tutor, or are willing to help me start a group up, I would be grateful to hear from you. We are also looking for any parents who would be willing to help with our production. This could be in a variety of ways- makeup, costuming, building props to name a few. Please leave your details with Vicki- it will be a blast!

A HUGE whoops for the muck up with school lunches last week. I apologise for any inconvenience this caused. As a result of a number of miscommunications I have decided we will go back to weekly newsletters so hopefully incidents like this won't happen again.

Finally, I wonder how many parents know that we are operating PB4L at Tomarata School? This stands for Positive Behaviour for Learning. This involves making, in a positive way, so we can all learn feeling safe and happy. I will be relaying "words of wisdom" about what we are doing for PB4L every week. Appropriate language was a focus of my chat to the students this week. Well whew! Sorry it's a long missive this time. Lots to share.

Have an awesome week!

Cherylene Neels  
Principal

## Key Dates - for this term

Thursday 1 August	New Parents Morning tea 8:45 am
Friday 2 August	Assembly
Friday 16 August	School speech competition
Thursday 22 August	Rodney Rural school Cluster Speech Finals at Tomarata School
Friday 23 August	DISCO- Mid Winter Xmas theme (please note change of date)
<b>Monday 26 August</b>	<b>Teacher Only Day NO SCHOOL</b>
Wednesday 28 August	Senior Wheels day
Thursday 29 September	Junior Wheels day Year 4-8 Netball/Touch day
September 9-13	Maori Language week AIMS Games- Tauranga. Max & Gen Wallace-Neil representing the school in Golf
Tuesday 10 September	Production Dress rehearsal Wellsford Community Centre
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	School production at Wellsford Community Centre
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Rodney College enrolment interviews for Year 8 students School production at Wellsford Community Centre
Monday 23rd September	Music School Concert 11am
<b>Friday 27 September</b>	<b>Last day of Term 3</b>
<b>Saturday 29 September</b>	<b>Trivia Night-Rugby Club</b>

**SHOW DAY 18th October 2019** Information booklets were sent home with students; if you didn't receive yours please collect one from the office. Entry Forms will be sent home late August. Can we please have all trophies returned to school.



### GUITAR LESSONS DRUMKIT LESSONS

We have spaces available in our Term 3 music classes. If you are interested in taking any of these lessons at

Tomarata School please

Contact Stephen Fulford on:

022-190-7218 or email:

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