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

From the Principal

The Disco on Friday night was a great success. The costumes were fantastic and it was a hard job to choose the winners. A HUGE thanks to the Helping Hands group of awesome ladies, Robyn Sibtsen for her organisational skills, Chris Rhodes for cool DJing, and of course the gorgeous children of Tomarata School for their dancing.

Today was Wheels Day for our Senior classes, and tomorrow for our Junior classes. Please ensure that your children bring the correct safety helmets to wear. Skateboards, scooters and bikes to be used.

On Monday all the staff of Tomarata School took part in a Wellness Seminar at Mangawhai Beach School. Just as your children need to be whole to learn, our teachers need to be whole to teach. Education is not an 8:30-2:30 job, and the stresses are high. We thank you for the support of our Teacher Only Day.

Friday this week is Daffodil Day. Please get your children to wear yellow, and to bring a gold coin to donate to this worthwhile cause. Many of us have been touched by cancer, my family especially. Every cent counts towards finding cures for this terrible disease.

On Friday we also have the Playhouse Theatre production of "The Tortoise and the Hare". It is \$5 to see the show. This fits in beautifully with our term's focus on The Arts, and our own production. Speaking of which we are running whole school rehearsals weekly. It is really important that children memorize their lines now, as it will be scripts down starting next week.

Our lovely teacher aide Heather Thomas has made mascots for our Houses. There is a competition at the moment for names for them. They will be used at Sports events and House meetings. The House Captains have also worked on chants for their Houses which will be taught soon.

One of our school values is Respect. It is a value that touches every part of our lives, and one that we as adults need to model to our children on a daily basis. First we need to be able to respect ourselves by knowing our own qualities and strengths. We are all unique and valuable, lovable and capable. We need to respect our children by listening to them, and model respect by listening to others. Everyone in the world has the right to live with respect and dignity. Are you being that great role model?

Finally pop in and see our super staff photos on our office wall. Many thanks to Andrew Rumbles from Bayleys Real Estate, Wellsford, and Bevan Roy our paparazzi photographer for sponsoring this project



**Cherylene Neels
Principal**

. Tomarata School Speech Final results

Huge congratulations to the following students who placed in the Rodney Rural Inter-school Speech competition finals. We are extremely proud of you

Year 1 & 2 poetry recital: Liana Kerrisk Highly Commended
Year 3 & 4: Lachlan Murray 1st; Tia Campbell 2nd
Year 5 & 6: Alexis Bromhead 2nd; Lincoln Clapham Highly Commended
Year 7 & 8: William Clapham 2nd

Key Dates - for this term

Thursday 29 August	Junior Wheels day
Friday 30 August	Tortoise and the Hare Show- Playhouse Theatre Daffodil Day
September 4	House Captains Bake sale- bring some gold coins
September 9-13	Maori Language week
Tuesday 10 September	Production Dress rehearsal Wellsford Community Centre
Thursday 12 th September	Rodney College enrolment interviews for Year 8 students
Tuesday 17 th September	School production at Wellsford Community Centre
Wednesday 18 th September	School production at Wellsford Community Centre
Monday 23rd September	Music School Concert 11am
Friday 27 September	Last day of Term 3
Saturday 28 September	Trivia Night-Rugby Club
Monday 14 October	Term 4 begins
Tuesday 15 th October	School cross country
Friday 18 October	Show day

NZ Playhouse 'The Tortoise and the Hare' - Please pay \$5.00 per child to the office before Friday.

Production:

All students with speaking parts must be learning their lines off by heart this week. A full production run through **without scripts** will be next Tuesday 3rd September. Please assist your child with this by going through their lines with them.

Costumes- we have sourced some costumes from other schools in our area. We will focus on making sure your child has their costume organised next week once we have sorted through them all. Let me know if you can assist with sewing or alterations.

We are also looking for someone who can assist Rob Lennon in the lighting and sound booth at our Dress Rehearsal at the Wellsford Community Centre on Tuesday 10th September.

Please email me in regards to any of the above. Thank you. andie@tomarata.school.nz

Otamatea Group Day. Sunday 20th October Kaiwaka Sports Complex. Contact Michaela McCracken 021 266 9164, 423 7587

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