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### Newsletter 11 September 2019

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

#### **From the Principal**

September 11th always makes me take time to reflect on how very lucky we are to live in New Zealand. However sadly we have been touched by the ravages of “war” this year. I sincerely hope that it is the one and only time we do. That is why it is so important to teach our young people about Values and their impact on our lives. Our SMART values- self control, manaaki, attitude, respect and tolerance should be modelled by all of us to help our country to be a safe and better place.

Our lovely House mascots have now got names: Kasper the Kiwi; Koru the Kereru; Kalani the Kakapo and Kapai the Kea. The House Captains have been working hard on chants for their Houses which will be taught at our first House meeting Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September. Get ready for the cheers and pom poms at our next school event!

I am wondering if there is a handy dad or mum out there who could look at our ride on sand digger. It is need of repairs, and our Juniors are missing it in the sandpit. If you can help can you please pop in to the office and let Vicki know. We would appreciate it!!

I have been thinking for a long time about how much fun and freedom I had as a child rolling down hills, climbing trees and doing handstands. As a staff we have discussed this, and would like to open up more opportunities to our students to take safe risks, and to have more fun at break times. As a result, next week we will allow the children to climb designated trees that have been deemed climbable, and to bring their scooters and skateboards to ride on in specific areas. They must wear a helmet to use their wheels equipment though. No helmet- no ride. Once our bike track is built (hopefully next year), then we can include bikes as well. Fun times ahead.

We have also been refining our PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) expectations across the school. You will soon see signage in different areas of the school with our expectations clearly stated e.g. using the Library; using the toilets, wet days, lunch eating etc. Today we covered using the bus correctly. It would be helpful if you could ask your children what the expectations are, and reinforce those expectations too.

Lastly have you bought your tickets yet for our amazing school production of “The Fairytale Hullabaloo”? Show time is next week, and we held our dress rehearsal yesterday. We have some very excited, very talented actors and actresses itching to show you how fabulous they are. It is a time to celebrate how awesome our Tomarata children are as a community. I can’t wait to see you all there.



**Cherylene Neels  
Principal**

Have a safe and happy rest of the week.

## Production update

Tickets available from the office \$10.00 family pass (please indicate how many in family)  
\$5.00 single pass (**no door sales**).

Show nights: Wellsford Community Centre- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>.

It would be helpful if all students who are not getting their face painted, to come to the Community centre with foundation on.

Class times to arrive:

Rooms 2, 5, 7 and all speaking characters- 5.00pm

Room 1 – 5.30pm

Rooms 4, 6 – 5.45pm

There may be some waiting time so students can bring cards, books, colouring books, small games (no devices).

Thank you to those wonderful parents who helped on Dress Rehearsal day.

## Key Dates - for this term

September 9-13	Maori Language week
September 12 <sup>th</sup>	Rodney College enrolment interviews for Year 8
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Whole School Assembly- Room 6 hosting
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	School production at Wellsford Community Centre
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	School production at Wellsford Community Centre
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Music School Concert 11am
<b>Friday 27 September</b>	Wero trip- Room 7 students
	<b>Assembly</b>
	<b>Last day of Term 3</b>
<b>Monday 14 October</b>	<b>Term 4 begins</b>
Friday 18 October	Show day
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Pakiri Cross Country

## SHOWDAY SLIPS TO BE RETURNED ASAP

### SHOW DAY HELPERS WANTED

Can you spare an hour or two helping to set up Show Day on the 18 October? We need the BBQ area organised and manned for hour long blocks, as well as selling other food from stalls in hour long blocks. If sizzling sausages or selling food sounds like you please let the Helping Hands ladies know (Anne- [peteanneplus3@gmail.com](mailto:peteanneplus3@gmail.com)) or leave your name at the office with Vicki. Many hands make light work.

### Helping Hands

We are now collecting grocery items from now on for our Annual Grocery Raffle 2 - 3 items per family please.

### SUMMER HOCKEY IN WARKWORTH

There is going to be a Junior competition for Year 5-7 students. Anyone interested please contact Talia Watson-Walker 09 423 7065

AOTEAROA SURF please check out our Facebook page for upcoming events and school holiday programme [surf@aotearoa.co.nz](http://surf@aotearoa.co.nz) 09 431 5760  
[www.aotearoasurf.co.nz](http://www.aotearoasurf.co.nz)

Live Night at the Mangawhai Museum 14<sup>th</sup> September (for more details see our Facebook page)

SHREK THE MUSICAL 2019 2 - 5TH OCTOBER 2019 AT CENTRESTAGE THEATRE, OREWA

**DOG missing Louie the Bearded Collie Pakiri Blk Rd. Went missing after Friday night's thunder storm.  
09 423 7799, 021 125376, 021 846560**

We would like to thank Bayleys Wellsford for their sponsorship

