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## Newsletter 18 September 2019

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

### **From the Principal**

To say that I am proud of our Tomarata students would be an understatement. They nailed their performance of the production last night, and I am sure that tonight will be just as wonderful. It was standing room only, and seeing so many parents and whanau supporting their children is humbling. Thank you to all the parents that helped with makeup and costumes. We couldn't have done it without your assistance. A HUGE thanks to Andie McGuinness, Glenda Law and Nicola Murray for the hours of preparation and rehearsals that you have put in to our children too. What an amazing community we have.

It is with sadness that I have to inform you that we are going to lose one of our staff members at the end of this term. Whaea Tracey Stewart is leaving us to take up a position with BCITO. We wish her well with her new venture, and thank her for all that she has done at Tomarata School. I am pleased to tell you that we have been lucky enough to secure another teacher for Room 7. Mr Philip Lees will be joining our staff for Term 4. We are looking forward to his high energy and enthusiasm.

There is a Health Survey that I would like every family to respond to. You can find it using this link <https://forms.gle/HnJAKaBp1evESWYz6>, or alternatively pick up a paper form from the office & return it by Friday next week. We appreciate your feedback.

Lastly we are in a competition to win branded sports uniforms for our school. Please go to [ruralhq.co.nz](http://ruralhq.co.nz) and vote for Tomarata School. You have to be in to win!

Enjoy the weekend and GO THE AB's!

Cherylene Neels



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Principal**

## OUR GARDENS

We are very lucky to have a parent ( Storm Baynes-Ryan) who is going to help revitalise our gardens and orchards with the children. If you have any mulch lying around could we please have some for our orchard? We also need some empty, clean milk bottles so that we can bottle our worm wee for use. Please contact the office regarding the mulch or drop the bottles off by the vege gardens- Thanks

**DADS ( or handy mums!)-** we have quite a few students taking up the opportunity to ride their skateboards and scooters at school during break times. I would like to see the scooters and skateboards stored safely when not in use. If you are handy with wood, hammers and nails, and have some free time, we would love you to come and work with some students to design and build a scooter rack and skateboard cupboard. PLEASE contact Cherylene at school.

**SHOW DAY reminder:** All children need to do one of the following: Garden, Sculpture, calf or lamb.

Please return show day slips **ASAP**

## Key Dates - for this and next term

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September School production at Wellsford Community Centre.

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September Music School Concert 11am

**Friday 27 September** Wero trip- Room 7 students

Assembly

**Last day of Term 3**

**Monday 14 October** Term 4 begins

Friday 18 October Show day

Wednesday 23 October BOT meeting 7 pm

**Monday 28 October** Labour day-NO SCHOOL

11-16 November Rodney College entry testing



Nico Freeman and Indira Stuart participating in the Daisy chain world record.

**Helping Hands.** Please remember your 3 grocery items per family for raffle.

We would like to thank Bayleys Wellsford for their sponsorship



