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**Newsletter 4 September 2019**

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

## **From the Principal**

The first day of Spring has been and gone, and change is definitely in the air. The flower fairies have been visiting my office, and it smells delightful. Thanks for brightening up my desk and my day.

Last week we had 2 very enjoyable Wheels Days. Next term, before our next Wheels days, we will be having a maintenance day to check tyres, chains, helmets etc.; and a skills day to improve confidence in riding around tracks & cones. That way the Wheels days can be even more spectacular. If you would like to help in any way please leave your name with Vicki in the office.

Last Friday was Daffodil Day. Many thanks to those students who donated money and / or wore yellow. I am pleased to let you know that we raised \$126.90 to go to the Cancer Society. Every little bit helps. Tomarata School you rock!! The winning House was Kiwi who raised \$33.00.

A HUGE thanks to Chris Rhodes from our Board of Trustees who has managed to get 200 native trees and 10 feijoa trees from our local nurseries to go towards our planting scheme for our orchard, and the native bush area in the school paddock. We also are receiving a load of compost from Mangawhai Landscape Supplies to help with the planting. Your support for Tomarata School is much appreciated! We have big plans next year for that area including a bike track, an outdoor classroom, bush walk etc. Details of a working bee will come soon. We look forward to your help.

SOOOO apparently my pearls of wisdom about speeding past the school didn't reach some ears, resulting in a car ploughing through the school fence. I am deeply grateful that none of our students were attending to the worm farm at that time, as they would have been directly in the path of the car. PLEASE PLEASE think of our students when driving down that road, and pass this message on to the community especially our young drivers. Again thanks to Chris Rhodes who has organised to get the fence fixed, and Gareth Taylor who has kindly offered to do it for free. We really appreciate it.

Due to me being away on Monday the House Captain's bake sale will be transferred to last week of term. This is to raise money to get a plaque for our memorial garden, in memory of our bus driver Tony who passed away. He meant a lot to the children and the House Captains wish to have something put in our garden for him.

Have a brilliant if somewhat wet week!

Cherylene Neels

Principal



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## 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.

**Show Day slips please return ASAP**

### Key Dates - for this term

September 9-13	Maori Language week
Tuesday 10 September	Production Dress rehearsal Wellsford Community Centre
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Assembly
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	School production at Wellsford Community Centre
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Rodney College enrolment interviews for Year 8 students School production at Wellsford Community Centre
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Music School Concert 11am
<b>Friday 27 September</b>	Wero trip- some Room 7 students
	<b>Last day of Term 3</b>
<b>Monday 14 October</b>	<b>Term 4 begins</b>
Friday 18 October	Show day

**Trivia Night** due to a double booking we will have to reschedule - date to be confirmed

### URGENT ASSISTANCE REQUIRED!!!

THERE ARE 4 SCREENS FOR THE PRODUCTION THAT WE ARE BORROWING FROM SNELLS BEACH SCHOOL. WE URGENTLY NEED THEM TO BE PICKED UP. IT WILL REQUIRE A LARGE TRAILER OR A TRUCK/VAN AS THEY ARE ON CASTERS AND ABOUT 1.5 METERS TALL. WE NEED THEM PICKED UP TO TAKE TO THE DRESS REHEARSAL NEXT TUESDAY PLEASE!!! LET THE OFFICE KNOW IF YOU CAN DO THIS FOR THE SCHOOL.

We were thrilled to have a visit yesterday from John and Nic from the Mahurangi Trading Post in Warkworth. What made the visit doubly special was that we were presented with a cheque for \$2,000.00 to go towards the cost of our production. The House Captains gratefully received the cheque in their hot little hands. If you have never been to have a look in the Trading Post in Mill Lane to go for a visit! We appreciate your support!!!

**Kidslink** now have services in all regions of NZ and are still helping students obtain services through our Help for Kids programme.

Michele Yock ( Director)  
Kidslink, 021 173 6422



**PARENTS DON'T FORGET TO JOIN THE HELPING HANDS FACEBOOK GROUP TO STAY UPDATED!**

**Missing** black puffer jacket if your child has brought one home and its not theirs could you please return it to the office.

**We would like to thank Bayleys Wellsford for their sponsorship**



