



# Newsletter

## Term 1 Week 11

April 14, 2021

### Whats on?

15 April	Whole school assembly
16 April	Last day of Term 1
3 May	Teacher Only Day- no school
4 May	Start of Term 2
12 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>New Parents morning tea 10 am staffroom</li><li>Year 7½ Tech starts</li></ul>
14 May	Whole school assembly
19 May	Year 7½ tech
24-28 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Book Week</li><li>possible Movie Night on Thursday</li><li>Book parade &amp; whole school assembly Friday</li></ul>

### Birthdays

Congratulations to Ran Ryan & Ruby Richards



### Mrs Neel's Musings

#### Dear families & whanau

Kia ora, kia orana, talofa, malo e lele, kon'nichiwa, hello...

I hope that you like the new look of our school newsletter. We listened to your suggestions from the Parent forum, and this is the result. You will now find this on the website & on SEESAW. You can download it & print it out to pop on the fridge if you wish. I would love your feedback on what we have included, & if you think we have missed anything out.

Clarity was also requested on where information can be found. The website has an overview of all that happens in the school. SEESAW will have messages/ information for Tomarata School families only & be our main port of communication until HERO is opened up. Then it will be used as a platform for your children to show their work. Our Facebook site will be for photos of school events, Helping Hands information & activity information to reach the wider community.

I would like to wish you all a very happy & relaxing holiday, & to thank you for your support of the best little country school with a big heart!

by **Cherylene Neels-Principal**

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## Our Vision

*Here at Tomarata School we may not be wearing shoes, but we will be learning in our beautiful back garden about our native trees & birds & how to nurture our environment.* This sentence is pretty self explanatory really- Kiwi kids rarely wear shoes & we're certainly no different at Tomarata. Our community made it clear that a uniform is not an option. The back garden referred to is our wonderful nature classroom that Chris Rhodes runs part of our CRT programme in, which focuses on being Kaitiaki of our beautiful community, including Te Ao Maori into our curriculum delivery. Please take the opportunity to visit our special bush block when your child goes for the day.

[Tomarata School Shared Vision can be read in full here.](#)

## Reminders

Netball is restarting with Year 5 training on Wednesdays. Any Year 3/4 or 7/8 students wishing to play please get a form from Vicki or Dee in the office.

## PB4L Focus

Focus for this week was using the toilets respectfully. Unfortunately someone has been putting whole rolls down the toilets which is very annoying and unnecessary!

**Andie McGuiness** [andie@tomarata.school.nz](mailto:andie@tomarata.school.nz)

## Shout outs

### Students

Well done to Annabelle Bray & Uawa Taliauli who have completed their Early Words programme with Mrs Tischik. I am so proud of you!

### Community

Many thanks to the parents who attended the Teacher Only days on Tuesday and Wednesday last week, and who took part in an interview process for information used on the days. Your contribution to our forward planning was much appreciated. Community voice deserves to be heard.

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## Sports

Well done to our Y3 - 8 students who took part in the Rodney Rural Schools Cricket Day last Friday. They showed our school values, were great sports and got all their games in before the rain came! Hooray!

This Friday are our final tennis sessions. All of our classes have enjoyed some lessons on our fabulous courts this term.



## Help Needed

We desperately need to create sets of Lego for each class to use as part of our Digital Technology programme. If you have any lying around at home not being used we would be very grateful to receive it.

Please contact **Kirsten Forno-Watson**  
[kirsten@tomarata.school.nz](mailto:kirsten@tomarata.school.nz)

## Helping Hands Update

Many thanks to the people who helped to get the recycling into the skip bin. We appreciate your assistance. Keep a lookout for details on the Movie Night to come. We are still looking for new members to swell our ranks so please make contact if you want to find out more.

**Erica Casey** [helpinghands@tomarata.school.nz](mailto:helpinghands@tomarata.school.nz)

## BOT Update

The next Board meeting is tonight at 7 pm in the Boardroom. Any member of the public is invited to attend. I will be attending the NZSTA Conference in Rotorua for the rest of the week to look at Governance of schools and the new Education Act.

**Betsy Tipping** [boardchair@tomarata.school.nz](mailto:boardchair@tomarata.school.nz)

## Just for a Giggle

Dear parents..... Tag! You're it (from Friday )