



Newsletter

Term 2 Week 2

May 12, 2021



Mrs Neel's Musings

Dear families & whanau

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

Welcome back to Term 2 with Autumn winds, falling leaves & rain. We started off the term with a Teacher Only Day on Pause, Breathe, Smile. This is a wonderful initiative that is taking place in many schools across New Zealand. It is based on providing tools for children & adults to improve their sense of wellbeing, & to give them strategies on monitoring their own emotions & behaviour. The teachers will be spending the rest of this term instructing the children on techniques for self management.

This month is Prader-Willi Awareness month. We are privileged to have a student attending our school who has this differentiability. Despite the challenges this syndrome presents, he takes a full & active part in school life. Next week we will be celebrating Pink Shirt Day. This is the culmination of a countrywide week focused on anti-bullying. Children & staff will be wearing pink on Friday 21 May to emphasise that Tomarata School is a bully free environment.

Our awesome House Captains are organising a Bake Sale to raise funds for the roadside stall that they are going to build. More information will come out soon regarding date & prices. Please support them in their enterprise ventures.

Whats on?

12 May	Year 7/8 Tech starts
14 May	Whole school assembly Tomarata Playcentre Quiz Night 7:30
21 May	Pink Shirt Day
24 May	Book Week starts
24 May	Year 7/8 Tech BOT meeting 7 pm
25 May	House Captains Bake Sale
25 May	Helping Hands Lunch Orders
26 May	Book Week Parade Whole school assembly
31 May	Start of testing week
2 June	Year 7/8 Tech
3 June	Hearing & Vision testing

Birthdays

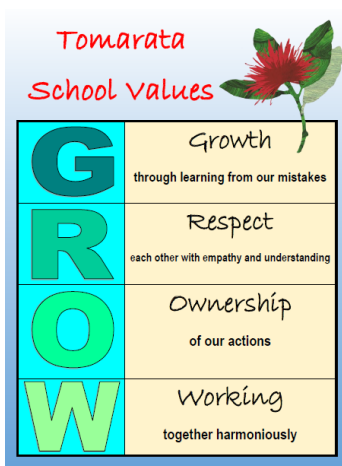
Congratulations to Isaac Kerrigan



Look out for our house and deputy captains wearing their awesome new t-shirts!!



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Our Vision

Around our school you will hear waiata enjoyed by all & you'll experience our kapa haka roopu as we cherish Maori customs & traditions: Well Tomarata community this is where we desperately need your **HELP**. We are teaching our tamariki waiata, and we have some lovely parents working on a compilation for us to learn. Maori traditions & customs are being taught, and the Ministry is currently forming a new Histories curriculum aligned

with Te Tiriti o Waitangi so that we can effectively teach this area. However we do not have anyone with expertise & time to get our kapa haka up and running again. If you could help, or know of anyone who could, please let me know.

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

Reminders

All attendance at school is monitored by the Ministry of Education. We send in details regularly including a termly audit. The MOE expects 95% but at Tomarata we have an expectation of 90%. There is an attendance procedure that we follow, so if you do get a phone call, it comes from care and wellbeing for your children.

PB4L Focus

Our PB4L assembly is now being held on Monday mornings to start off the week in a positive way. We have been focusing on Respect this week, and what it looks, sounds & feels like. You may have noticed that our Values are appearing on walls & doors now.

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Shout outs

Students

Well done to the following students who received the Values mascots on Monday: Oli Rm 7 for Growth; Tamihana Rm 2 for Respect; Cate Rm 7 for Ownership

; Nova Rm 2 for Working Together. Huge congrats to Blake Hodgetts for his efforts in the WMBC Glenbervie Autumn Enduro Mountain Bike Race in Whangarei last Sunday. Youngest competitor by far!



Community

Many thanks to the parents who helped out with seeding our mushroom logs. Another adventure for our Tomarata School students. Thanks also to Pip White who is working on designing our new GROW values symbol. As you know our wee school gets minimum funding from the Ministry. We still have plans for our Bike track among other things, the cost of which can only be covered by Grants. If there is anyone in the community who would be willing to be our Grant application person, I would love to hear from you!

Welcome to...

We have new students who have joined our Tomarata School whanau. HELLO to...Mana Rm 7; Nova & Roman Rm 2; Avery Rm 2; Ava Rm 2; Oliver Rm 2

Help Needed

With the Winter months looming & mud puddles mixed with children we are in need of small size shorts (elastic waisted) to change muddy bottoms. If you can provide any please hand them in at the office.

We also would love any out of work washing fairies to help with the weekly change of the sick bay duvet. If you can help please see Dee in the office on Friday.

Helping Hands Update

The Movie Night has been postponed due to a lack of interest. The next HH event will be lunch orders on .

Erica Casey 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.

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Just for a Giggle: Mum "Of course I'm sad you've gone back to school because I have to stay home all alone where it's quiet & do whatever I want."

