



Newsletter

Term 2 Week 6

June 9, 2021



Mrs Neel's
Musings

Dear families & whanau

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

Winter has hit with a vengeance this week. We have a number of children arriving with nasty coughs & sniffles. Remember it is vitally important that they stay at home with these symptoms. We also have a horrible tummy bug doing the rounds of all schools at the moment. It starts with a headache & temperature so have a bucket ready if your child shows those symptoms!

I have been popping in & out of classes over the past few weeks, & it is great to hear how problem solving strategies are being used across the curriculum. It is a positive way for children to learn how to work effectively & harmoniously with others to work things out.

This week is Support Staff Week. The roles of our support staff are wide & varied, from teacher aides, to the caretaker and office administrators. This week is nationwide to recognise the valuable contribution these staff members make to our schools & our children's learning. Teacher aides support students' learning & behaviour, running a number of effective programmes. We currently have 3 teacher aides employed at Tomarata, and we recently welcomed Jen Beavan to our team for the remainder of the term. We as a staff &

What's going on?

9 June	Year 7/8 Tech Footsteps Dance Company
11 June	Whole school assembly
17 June	Sausage Sizzle House Captains
18 June	Rodney Rural Schools Soccer/Hockey tournament
22 June	Student Voice meeting
23 June	House Captains to Conference Footsteps Dance Company
24 June	Lunch order day
25 June	Whole school assembly
30 June	Footsteps Dance Company BOT meeting 7 pm
6 July	Paid union meeting for teachers - School closed from midday
8 July	Whole school planting day-Tomarata Lakes

Birthdays

Oliver Casey & Jesse Logue



community need to thank them all so much for the amazing work that they do.

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Our Vision

Our enthusiastic team of teachers put the learners & their whanau at the core of everything we do; getting to know them & building relationships is key for our happy, eager students

Teaching is a very hard job. Think on how you manage your 1, 2, 3 or 4 children with what they like & dislike, their behaviours and individual personalities. Then multiply that by 5, & you get some idea of how hard it is to cater for everyone's needs in a classroom. The Tomarata School staff work extremely hard at getting to know every child as best they can in the 5 hours that they are at school every day. The Day 1 interviews at the start of the year have proven very beneficial to forming those important relationships. The interviews at the end of this term are another chance to have that discussion with you, the whanau members, who know your children better than we do. It is a team effort in order to best cater for each and every student that we care for & wish to do our very best for.

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

Reminders

Year 7 & 8 students going to Tech need to be at school on time to catch the bus to Rodney. If they arrive late they will either need to be taken to Rodney College by you, or they will remain at school. The bus leaves after 9 am so everyone should be at school. Also students are required to wear closed in shoes, & tie up long hair for Health & Safety reasons around machinery.

PB4L Focus

Our PB4L focus this week is on children being able to resolve conflicts using problem solving strategies. Our Pause, Breathe, Smile programme helps in this area with children learning to recognise what emotional state they are in, and being able to regulate their reactions & behaviours. It takes a lot of practice to be able to do this, & I am sure there are parents out there who need to pause, breathe & smile when faced with stressors. Being a great role model for this will show your children that everyone has to work at this sometime in their lives.

[Tomarata School Behaviour Plan can be read here](#)

Shout outs

Students

Awesome effort to the following students who received the Values mascots on Tuesday: Ran Rm 7 for Growth; Lucas Rm 6 for Respect; Eddie Rm 3 for Ownership ; Charlie Rm 6 for Working Together Harmoniously.



Community

The School Council Student Voice team met yesterday with Mrs S. They would very much like to celebrate Matariki with a hangi. We have explained to the group that this is a very big task, & would depend on members of the community stepping forward to organise this. SO... if you know how to put down a hangi, & could help the Student Voice Council to make this happen please contact Mrs S on robyns@tomarata.school.nz

Welcome to...

Chyliss Halley-Thomas who has joined us from Gisborne. Chyliss is in Room 6. Welcome also to Jen Beavan, who is a new teacher aide. We hope you enjoy your time at Tomarata School.

Parent Forum

The Parent Forum was held last night. Despite the horrible weather Robyn Sibtsen & I were joined by 9 wonderful parents & a great conversation took place. Topics covered & questions answered ranged from the behaviour plan. PB4L, bullying, Maths, parent education , the bus and many more. It was a really good forum, & another way to meet & get to know parents of children from other classes in the school. There is talk of it being a wine & cheese next time so watch this space!

Helping Hands Update

We are still in need of helpers for the hockey /soccer day at Port Albert on Friday the 18th of June for our sausage sizzle and food sales..

We also need someone to help with transporting the bbq and tables out to the Port Albert soccer club in the morning by 9.00am.

Anyone that is able to help please let me know urgently. Many thanks in advance!

Erica Casey helpinghands@tomarata.school.nz

BOT Update

Our next Board meeting is on Wednesday 30 June at 7 pm in the Boardroom. All are welcome.

To contact the BOT please email

Jason Kerrisk boardchair@tomarata.school.nz

House Captain Hello

Can a builder parent/grandparent please come to advise the House Captains on how much wood etc they will need to get for their roadside stall project. They are desperate to get this underway!

Community Notices.

Landowners & Contractors Protection Association Inc

Have a petition in the school office to save Our Ground Water Resource. This petition requests Auckland Council urgently review its management of



ground water resources in North East Rodney. If you would like to support this petition you can sign in the school office. We have more information on our facebook page

CATWALK ARTS WEARABLE ART AWARDS Sat 28th August 2021 Mahurangi College. Please see our facebook page for more information

Tomarata Playcentre

619 School Road, RD 4, Wellsford

tomarata@Playcentre.org.nz

09 423 9074 Tuesday, Thursday & Fridays 9.30-12pm

Over the last 2 weeks Room 5 have been developing techniques experimenting with Indian Ink on paper to recreate a series of simplified pictographs of a journey they have been on before. You may have discussed these Journeys at home. Geva Downey and Mindy Catt will be teaching visual art to the Year 7 and 8 throughout the year. While studying different artist's techniques and experimenting with different mediums the students will reflect on techniques and the connections of their art. Next we will focus on places that give them a sense of calm.



Just for a Giggle



Jackets.

There are still some jackets available

Girls 3yrs,5yrs,6yrs,7yrs,8yrs,10yrs

Boys 2yrs,3yrs,5yrs,8yrs

There is 1 jacket per size left. They are beautiful warm jackets. If you would like one for your child please contact the office asap

We will also have some sleeping bags so if you would like one please come to have a look and choose what would suit.

Remember there is the Year $\frac{7}{8}$ camp coming up in Term 4.

HONEY!!!!!!!

We have our own school honey for sale from our bees. If you would like a jar please contact Miss McGuiness on

andie@tomarata.school.nz

Prices range from \$8.00 to \$10.00 a jar

