Newsletter  
Term 3 Week 3 

August 11 2021

# What's going on?

| 11 August | Year ⅞ tech |
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| 17 August | Action Team meeting- any parent welcome |
| 18 August | Rodney College visiting Year 8’s  Year ⅞ tech |
| 20 August | Whole school assembly |
| 24 August | Parent Education afternoon 3-5 pm on Reading |
| 25 August | Rodney College Open Evening 4:30-5:30 pm  HERO parent education 3-4 pm  BOT meeting 7 pm |
| 26 August | Parent forum 6-7 pm |
| 27 August | Daffodil Day |
| 30 August | TOD-school closed |
| 1 Sept | Yr 7/8 Tech |
| 2 Sept | Maori Consultation Forum 6-7 pm |
| 3 Sept | RRS Netball/Touch day Year 4-8 |
| 10 Sept | School speech competition |
| 14 Sept | Rodney College interviews |
| 17 Sept | RRS Speech Competition |

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# Birthdays

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Chase Harris

## Mrs Neel’s Musings

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## Dear families & whanau

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

Term 3 is always a busy one at Tomarata School, & seems to go very quickly. I can’t believe it is Week 3 already! We are currently preparing for Speech Competitions, as well as the Production at the end of the term. The House Captains & Student Voice are keenly involved in a variety of projects including Daffodil Day for cancer. Tomarata School has always supported this fundraising venture. As a cancer survivor myself, it is a cause dear to my heart.

Production rehearsals have begun, & we will be asking for volunteers to assist with costumes, props, scenery, makeup & transporting things for the performances. This year we are holding them at the Tomarata Rugby Club hall. I am hoping to get assistance from Mangawhai Beach School with sound & lighting. However if any parents out there have expertise in this area I would be very grateful to hear from you. This whole school activity is a major undertaking, requiring a lot of time, input & patience; but the end result is always so worthwhile. Our students have many talents & this is a wonderful opportunity for them to shine, while working together harmoniously as a large team. A lot of effort but with many rewards, so we hope you will all be engaged by the enthusiasm of the staff & children.

Our first parent education afternoon will be held on the 24th August at 3 pm & will be on Reading. These sessions will be interactive & you are sure to learn some useful strategies to support your children’s learning & enjoyment of reading.

On the 18th August some staff and students from Rodney College will be here to talk to our Year 8 children about the transition to College next year.; & to answer any questions they may have about college life. The visiting students are usually our last year’s Year 8 students.

Vicki & I attended a workshop last week on Financial systems for the school, & tomorrow Ms Haddow & myself will be attending professional development on leadership with Schools That Deliver. Next week I will be visiting schools that do the Garden to Table Initiative, as our Environmental Programme alongside the Living World in Science will be our major focus in 2022. There are so many ways we will include these topics into our Inquiry next year, & also event planning. We are continuing our current focus on student & staff Wellbeing; alongside engaging parents & whanau in student learning & goals.

Have a great week everyone & rug up warm with this Arctic weather!

*Wastewise wisdom:*

*Did you know that forgotten food is another reason food is wasted? The best by date on food doesn’t mean it’s unsafe to eat. Check your fridge before you go shopping & only get what you need.*

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# Our Vision

***Each child has the opportunity to find their passion.***

Children know what they like to do, what gives them satisfaction, & what engages them. It is up to the school to give them opportunities to follow their passions, & spend time doing them. We are still in the throes of learning what each child is engaged in. It takes time , people to run programmes, & more often than not money to enable this to happen. It is very much a work in progress at this time.

[**Tomarata School Shared Vision can be read in full here.**](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1XODboho0oPxNrrgrYJLnFEDEXMDfTnPQM5TEWitL2wk/edit?usp=sharing)

# Reminders

Remember that you can access the newsletter on HEREO now too. Please take the time to log on to HERO & see what it can do for you.

# PB4L Focus

Our PB4L focus this week is on knowing the in & out of bounds areas in the school. This is really important in order to keep everyone safe. We also do not encourage the children to go into the surrounding farms, especially if cattle are in the paddocks.

[Tomarata School Behaviour Plan can be read here](https://drive.google.com/file/d/12XgEtYd8ZOOrOE3T_Z4Pi6A_nCeBv83t/view?usp=sharing)

# Shout outs

**Students**

Congratulations to the following students who earned the Values mascots at assembly on Monday.

Chyliss Halley-Thomas for Growth; Monty Bishop for Respect; Felix Tipping for Ownership and George Russellfor Working Together Harmoniously. Awesome effort guys!

At assembly last week the following children won the Lucky ticket draws: Eden Harris, Chyliss halley-Thomas, Arya Mitchell & Charlotte Clayden. You are AWESOME! Principal’s Award went to Blake Hodgetts for brilliant effort with ownership of his actions. Ka pai Blake.

Finally cool bananas to Jack Clements who met my challenge of spelling supercalifragilisticexpealadociuos correctly. He then gave me the challenge of pronouncing

Pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicvolcanoconiosos! Good grief!!!

Community

The children have made a very good plea for starting up a Pokemon Club. This will have clear trading rules, & be supervised. It would be great if you could explain to young children what trading means. I also ask that expensive cards do not be brought to school.

**PRODUCTION**

” WE NEED YOU”to help with

* Props & scenery
* Costumes
* Helping backstage
* Front of house
* dance teachers
* A photographer
* Sound technician
* Lighting
* Microphones

If this sounds like you please contact Mrs Neels at school.…it’ll be a blast!

Congratulations to the following students who are our main actors:

| Jack | Isaac Kerrigan |
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| Mr Parsley | George Russell |
| Mrs Rose | Hope Henderson |
| Jack’s mum  ( Sage) | Teilah Melrose |
| Connor | Finn Andrews |
| Tiana | Willow Mitchell |
| Chorus | Molly Barnes |
| Stephen | Leon Richards |
| Jasmine | Lily Andrews |
| Tiana’s dad | Nathan Costello |

# Parent Forum

Our next Parent Forum will be on Thursday 26 August at 6 pm in the staffroom all are welcome. We will also be holding a Maori Whanau Consultation night on Thursday 2 September at 6 pm. We would like our Maori whanau to attend, as well as in other interested families, to discuss what Tikanga Maori could look like at Tomarata School.

Helping Hands Update

A Helping Hands meeting will be held this Friday in Room 7 straight after school. The ladies would love to see some n ew faces joining them!

**To contact HH please email Erica Casey** helpinghands@tomarata.school.nz

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# BOT Update

Our next Board meeting is Wednesday the 25th August at 7 pm in the Boardroom. All are welcome.

**To contact the BOT please email**

**Jason Kerrisk** [boardchair@tomarata.school.nz](mailto:boardchair@tomarata.school.nz)

HERO

For information about HERO, including how to log in go to

<http://go.linc-ed.com/>

Community Notices.

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

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Just for a Giggle

