

Newsletter

Term 4 Week 1

October 19 2021

What's going on?

22 Oct	Online Show Day
28 Oct	NZ Shakeout Day
1 Nov	School reopens if at Level 2
8 Nov	Parent Education session on HERO 3-4 pm
9 Nov	Parent Education afternoon 3-5 pm on Reading
18 Nov	Maori Consultation Forum 6-7 pm
26 Nov	RRS Athletics Day??
9 December	RRS Cricket???
13 Dec	Reports online on HERO
14 Dec	Prizegiving?? Last day of 2021

Birthdays



Mrs Neel's Musings

Dear families & whanau

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

Welcome back to another online, working from home scenario. We have had a very calm but unsettling beginning to Term 4 with not knowing when or if we will ever get back to school as normal. I wish to give sincere thanks to Mrs Bartlett and Mrs Thomas who have managed to keep the promise of our annual Show Day today, albeit under very different rules. It will still be a memorable event I'm sure. A notice went out to the children taking part in the events, to ensure there are clear understandings about the requirements for the day. Please contact Mrs B if you need a reminder. I look forward to seeing the photos and videos. We have unfortunately had to cancel Calendar Art as the logistics of completing it, getting it to teachers and ordering proved to be too complex.

This is also a friendly reminder of the importance of monitoring your child's care and use of the devices sent to you. Please ensure that they are not accessing inappropriate or age restricted computer games. We need to reassure you that none of these games are usually able to be accessed on school devices due to our strict safety net, and they are not able to be copied onto a USB stick. However we do have some clever digital native students that may try exploring!

The Year 7/8 camp as you know has had to be cancelled due to Covid restrictions. As heartbreaking as it is, we are still hoping that we will be able to give the

students fun activities over a week as compensation.

Cross your fingers and toes.

We are still going to ask you all as a family to take part in the Shakeout NZ earthquake practice held on Thursday 28 October at 9:30 am. Remember “**STOP, DROP, COVER, HOLD**” are the instructions to use.

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Our Vision

Learning at Tomarata School is in a safe environment where we celebrate failure as a part of learning, offering support to encourage & facilitate growth.

Our second value is *Respect showing empathy and understanding- Whakaute*. This respect is shown to many people- respect for themselves for who and what they are; respect for each other and respect for the environment.

Children need to understand who they are as individuals and what their purpose or role in life is. It is a continuing journey of understanding what they are good at, what they find challenging, and what they believe in. It is children learning that respecting themselves can be eating right, sleeping, keeping clean, avoiding alcohol & drugs, following rules etc. Respecting themselves can be greatly influenced by their family, peers and environmental events as well.

Respecting each other is multifaceted as well. It encompasses how you treat other people or animals; following rules or expectations; respecting property that belongs to others; respecting other people for who they are (ethnicity/ beliefs/ sexuality/ physical and mental abilities). This type of respect is most often learnt by seeing how the adults around them act.

Respect for the environment is a huge focus for Tomarata School as it is the foundation of why we have our gardens, bees and outdoor classroom. Sustainability is going to be a huge part of our children’s future, and they need to learn

how to take care of and nurture the space they live in to ensure survival for everyone.

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

Reminders

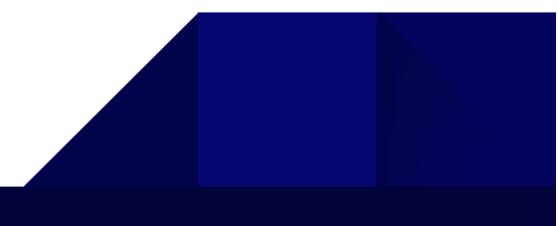
Drop, Cover and Hold

Drop, Cover and Hold is the right action to take in an earthquake. It stops you being knocked over, makes you a smaller target for falling and flying objects and protects your head, neck and vital organs.

- **DROP** down on your hands and knees. This protects you from falling but lets you move if you need to.
- **COVER** your head and neck (or your entire body if possible) under a sturdy table or desk (if it is within a few steps of you). If there is no shelter nearby, cover your head and neck with your arms and hands.
- **HOLD** on to your shelter (or your position to protect your head and neck) until the shaking stops. If the shaking shifts your shelter around, move with it.

Do not run outside or you risk getting hit by falling bricks and glass.

SCHOLASTIC: Vicki has posted the latest order magazine on SEESAW so please have a look. Xmas is coming soon!



Shout outs

Students

Well done to Jack Clements who has apparently written and recorded an amazing speech. I am looking forward to hearing it Jack. Could you send me a copy??

Community

We have now got Trees For Survival potting shade houses and irrigation systems set up at school. This will be a part of the continuing environmental curriculum that will be set up in 2022. Fun times ahead!

Helping Hands Update

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

BOT Update

Our next Board meeting is at 7 pm on Wednesday 27 October, by Google Meet . All are welcome.

To contact the BOT please email

Jason Kerrisk boardchair@tomarata.school.nz

House Captain Hello

The House Captains have got some fun competitions and challenges for the kids over the next few weeks so look out for news on SEESAW.

HERO

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

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

Just for a Giggle



My husband purchased a world map and then gave me a dart and said, “Throw this and wherever it lands—that’s where I’m taking you when this pandemic ends.” Turns out, we’re spending two weeks behind the fridge.

