



Newsletter

Term 1 Week 10

April 6 2022

What's going on?

6 April	Year 7/8 Tech
11 April	10 am sponsors' morning tea
12 April	Room 7 to Tomarata Lake First Aid training whole school
14 April	Easter Fun Day- dress up & egg hunt \$2 entry Last day of Term 1
2 May	Term 2 starts
3 May	Hungerball arrives at school
4 May	Yr 7/8 Tech
6 May	New students welcome 1:45 pm
9-13 May	Road Safety Week
16-20 May	Bully Free Week Pink Shirt Day Friday
25 May	BOT meeting 7pm
6 June	Queen's Birthday-NO SCHOOL
10 June	Whole school assembly 1:45 pm
13 June	Teacher Only Day-no school
17 June	Grip Leadership Conference for House Captains-Albany
22 June	Yr 7/8 Tech

Birthdays



Mrs Neel's Notes:

Dear families & whanau

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

Yesterday was the most amazing GROW Values exhibition for Tomarata School. We held the Rodney Rural Schools Tabloid Sports Day which was a huge success. Many thanks to the fantastic organisation by Mrs Jackson; the awesome job that our Rakau students did in devising & running the games; the huge leadership step up that our Mahuri students did with taking control of the teams; & the amazing behaviour & sportsmanship of our students. Our staff did a stellar job of roving & supervising. Ms Haddow & her team of Rakau students ran a very successful pizza/sausage/ baking & juice bar. Thanks to the parents who supplied the yummy baking. Plus we looked extremely smart in our Tomarata tee shirts & Tomarata hats (thanks Mr Dwen!). One very proud Principal of our school is sitting here!

It seems like only yesterday that I was writing last week's newsletter. We have many activities for these final few days of the term, so please note information on the calendar.

Many thanks for your generous donations for the Easter raffle & for the fantastic job you are doing at selling tickets. There are going to be more than 2 baskets as prizes which is great. We look forward to drawing out the names of the lucky winners.

We held a Fire Drill at school last week, & I was very impressed at how calmly & quickly the children responded to the signal. We practice a different emergency drill every term.

We are having a Sponsors morning tea on Monday to acknowledge the generous support we have received for our Garden to Table programme. Without the help from Carters Mangawhai, Hammer Hardware Wellsford, Top Shop 4 Square Wellsford & Andy Dwen we certainly would not be able to do what we are able to do now. If you can please join us at 10 am in the staffroom.

Our Makerspace area (Room 5) is being well used by our students. They can experience a variety of activities including woodwork; Lego, electronics & creativity. Many of the children are earning their licences for using saws, hammers, glue guns etc. Here are some shots of Room 3 having a wonderful time exploring.





Room 7 will be visiting Tomarata Lake on Tuesday next week as part of their water education. We hope to have kayaks for the students to use on the day. We are also looking forward to a fun filled last day of term with the Easter activities organised by our Rakau students. What a brilliant Term 1 we have had.

Our Vision

Whether it be in the school garden, hunting for bugs, local planting days or learning about the trees and native birds at our special bush block, the responsibility of being Kaitiaki develops naturally, starting with a love and enjoyment of playing in the outdoors.

I hope you have been noticing the changes in our gardens & environment at school lately. The veggie garden by the class kitchen is thriving with produce; the veggie gardens by the orchard are being revitalised; our chickens are back in residence with Chicken Nuggets & Dora visiting children & classes frequently as well as laying up a storm; our worm farms are up & running; the Recycle garden is looking fab; our Trees for Survival plants have grown hugely; our compost bins are quietly nurgling away & last but not least we have a wonderful shelter at our Nature classroom now. So all of this is ensuring that our Vision is alive & well!

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

Reminders

\$2 entry for the dress up competition & Easter Egg hunt on the last day of school.



Breakfast Club is running Monday, Wednesday & Friday mornings. Many thanks to Jordan King who has taken over the running of this for the school. We really appreciate your help!

Don't forget about our Parent Education afternoon tomorrow on Reading at 3 pm.

PB4L Focus

Our focus next week is recovering our GROW Values & what they look, sound & feel like. Chat about them at home. What do they look like in your house? How are you modelling growing through making mistakes; respect; ownership of your actions; & working together harmoniously, with your children?

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Shout outs

Students

Awesome pakipaki to the following tamariki who earned the Values mascots on Monday

Jack Clements for Growth -Rakau

Brock Ecroyd for Respect - Kakano 1

Bella Mawson for Ownership of her actions -Mahuri

Julian Cammell for Working Together -Tupu

Principal's Award: Ayla Brien

Brilliant effort from brilliant kids!



I also wish to congratulate Taine Sawyer who was interviewed by TV3 regarding his kickboxing skills. He is going to be taking part in an International competition in Ireland later in the year & we wish him well. Taine is a fantastic advocate for resilience & overcoming disabilities to achieve great goals. We are very proud of you Taine!

On Sunday I went to watch the Junior Surf Lifesaving Champs at Mangawhai Heads as my 3 grandsons were taking part. I was also very proud to see 1 child from Tomarata School in the competition. **CONGRATULATIONS** Cate Richards for coming 1st in your age group. A well deserved win! I would heartily recommend any child to join this worthwhile activity next Summer. Such a lot of GROW values developed there alongside important water safety skills.

Community

I wish to congratulate Geva Downey who did a national presentation on what she achieved with our

Tomarata School children for Creatives in Schools. I have been informed that it was excellent & well received. We are lucky to have Geva as a parent of our school who is willing to share her artistic skills.

Congratulations to Pip White & her hubby who won the Mixed Doubles competition in the Mangawhai Tennis Champs. We're proud of you too!

We continue to receive extremely generous donations for the school and I want to acknowledge the following:

- **RUBY RICHARDS & DWEN FAMILIES:** We now have a blender/food processor for the class kitchen thanks to Suzie Richards. Andy Dwen supplied every child & staff member at school with a Tomarata hat. We truly appreciate your help!

We need a pantry for our class kitchen to hold all our cooking supplies donated from Top Shop 4 Square Wellsford. Preferably a tallish one with cupboard doors. If you can help please let Vicki know in the office.



WANTED: a friendly, kind washing fairy who can take our Sickbay linen on Friday to wash. Our last fairy has flown away to Albany, so we are looking for another one to sprinkle fairy dust on our school. Please give Vicki a tinkle if you can twinkle!

Garden to Table

The list of needed equipment for our GARDEN TO TABLE programme is below. If you have any of the following, & are willing to donate them to the school we would be very, very grateful. As items are donated they are removed from the lists. **Bolded blue items desperately required**

GARDENING

Herb/Tea/Medicinal Garden: Lemon Balm, Coriander, Marigold, Calendula, Borage, Comfrey, Fennel, Anise, Caraway, White Mustard, Celery

SOIL- Lots (trailer load)

Peat - 1 bag

Gypsum - 1 bag (for clay)

Compost min 2m

Sheep Poo

Olla Pots (Clay Pots with lids) - watering system

Garden Scissors x2

3 Spray Bottles (Heavy-duty)

Flat-bed Trolley

Milk Bottles with Handles (cut to make a scoop)

Sledge Hammer

KITCHEN

3x serrated knives

2x small paring knives

4x box graters

2x citrus juicers

Measuring scales ideally electronic

1x pastry brush

4x rolling pins

1x colander/strainer

Microwave

Beater

Tall pantry type cupboard

Set of drawers- plastic or trolley type would do

Fry pans

1x muffin tray

plates/cups/bowls & cutlery for a class of 25

6x serving spoons/forks

2x water jugs

**Cleaning supplies
(cloths/scourers/brushes/gloves)**

Tea towels

Handee towels/ foil

2x containers for compost/worm farm scraps

BOT Update

We are having our next monthly board meeting on 27 April and you are welcome to attend. These meetings are held at Tomarata School at 7pm and are always open to the public.

Jason Kerrisk boardchair@tomarata.school.nz

FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA NIGHT

SAVE THE DATE! With the relaxation of mandates it is looking highly probable that we will be able to hold our annual Fireworks Extravaganza this year. So please note the **12TH NOVEMBER** for this special

night!



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