



Newsletter Term 1 Week 11

April 13 2022

What's going on?

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 BOT meeting 7pm
6 May	New students welcome 1:45 pm
9-13 May	Road Safety Week
12 May	New parents morning tea 9:45 am
13 May	Whole school assembly 1:45 pm
16-20 May	Bully Free Week Pink Shirt Day Friday
19 May	Scholastic Bookfair arrives
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



Ruby Richards

Happy birthday to all students celebrating in the holidays



Mrs Neel's Notes:

Dear families & whanau

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

This is our final week & my last newsletter for Term 1 2022! I am crossing my fingers that the weather will still permit us to hold our Easter Egg Hunt Day on Thursday. I hope that you all have an eggciting Easter & an enjoyable 2 week break, & we will see our children ALL back "bright eyed & bushy tailed" ready for another busy term!

Room 6 was very, very busy last week & yesterday preparing & presenting food for our Sponsors morning tea. Unfortunately only Duncan McKenzie from Carters Mangawhai was able to attend in person. Eddie, Bella & Liana took him on a tour of the school, & Arya & Jet plied him with delicious food including savoury

muffins, chocolate dipped kiwifruit, egg pastries & mint julep tea. He literally “rolled” back into his car! As our other sponsors couldn’t come because they were short staffed we decided to take morning tea to them instead. So Eddie, Liana , Bella & I piled into my car & drove to Wellsford with platters of goodies. Hammer Hardware & Top Shop 4 Square were very appreciative of their treats, as we are of their support.

We had St Johns visiting us yesterday taking each class for basic first aid training. We are very lucky to be able to provide this as part of our Health & PE curriculum.

Room 7 went down to Tomarata Lakes yesterday too (despite the gloomy weather) & took part in kayaking with Shane Gould & water safety/survival. St Johns also went there with them for water safety & how to help for near drownings. The statistics for drownings in New Zealand still remain unacceptably high, so imparting that knowledge to our tamariki is invaluable. This was quite a big day for them & a worthwhile end of term activity. We are so fortunate to have resources like this on our doorstep.

We still have the final day for money to come in but at this stage it looks like we have raised over \$1,000.00. From our Easter Raffle This is absolutely amazing & we have never raised this amount of money before. What a brilliant

community you are. This money will be going towards buying the Literacy resources that we desperately need for Rooms 1-3 for the new Structured Literacy programme. Thank you from the staff and students for your generous donations & your ticket selling!

There is a wee bit of a crisis looming with the lack of relievers available for schools. Most areas are declining with teachers willing to relieve. Room 2 had to be split yesterday due to no one being able to cover the class. Unfortunately there is not much we can do about this, & with Covid still affecting us, it could happen again next term. Tomarata has gotten off rather lightly at this stage, so I am crossing my fingers it continues. The number of teachers & principals leaving the profession is increasing due to the high stress & pressure put upon them. The result is a growing shortage of good teachers. This is not good news for our children as we need well trained, skilled & passionate teachers in every classroom in the country. We also want high quality relieving teachers, skilled & energetic principals in every school & competent support staff. Gross underfunding by the Ministry & Government does not assist us either. (Rant over!)

Our Vision

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



We are lucky at Tomarata School that we do have well trained, skilled & passionate teachers as I mentioned above. We are designing our local curriculum more & more to be led by the students & what they are interested in, & by our Vision & Values. As always relationships are the foundation for everything. That is why your attendance at whanau hui & parent forums are important to us to hear your voices too. [Tomarata School Shared Vision can be read in full here.](#)

Reminders

School finishes at the normal time on Thursday for the term.

Bring \$2 to enter the Easter Egg Hunt & dress up competition on Thursday.

PB4L Focus

Our focus in the first week of Term 2 is to recover our class Essential Agreements & expectations to set everyone up for the new term ahead.

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Shout outs

Students

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

[Charlotte Clayden for Growth -Mahuri](#)

[Nile Ahern for Respect - Kakano 1](#)

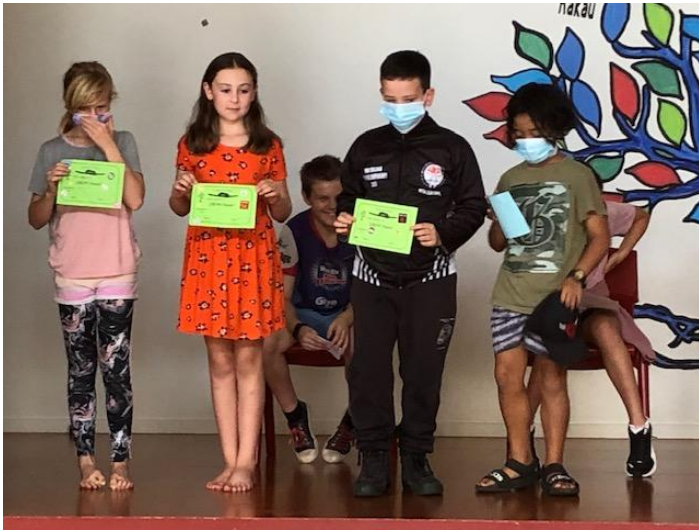
[Todd Clarke for Ownership of his actions -Rakau](#)

[Eli Logue for Working Together -Tupu](#)

Brilliant effort from brilliant kids!

We held our first indoor assembly last Friday since..... who remembers when! ??? Here are some photos of certificate winners. Did you notice the awesome mural on the wall painted by our House Captains?





Community Notices

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

Room 6 students worked with Sue last Friday to develop a new vege garden for our seedlings we won. They did a fabulous job. It has been named the Shell Garden as it is in the shape of a scallop shell. Now to keep Chicken Nuggets & Dora out of it!!!



We said thank you to our Environment Sponsors with a morning tea prepared by Room 6 from our wonderful school grown food.



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)

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

Sledge Hammer

KITCHEN

3x serrated knives

2x small paring knives

2x citrus juicers

Measuring scales ideally electronic

1x pastry brush

1x colander/strainer

Microwave

Beater

Tall pantry type cupboard

Set of drawers- plastic or trolley type would do

Fry pans

1x muffin tray

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

Our next monthly board meeting is now on 4 May 2022 and you are welcome to attend. These meetings are held at Tomarata School at 7pm and are always open to the public. We are very sad to have accepted the resignation of our long time, valued & respected Board member Sheila Russell. Sheila served 2 stints as Board Chair and has been a strong supporter & advocate for Tomarata School over many years . Her knowledge & expertise especially in the areas of Governance will be sorely missed. She has managed the school through building projects, different Principals & a worldwide

pandemic to name but a few. Not many Board members could say that. Now that the Covid restrictions have lessened we will be recognising Sheila's amazing contribution to Tomarata School next

term. Date TBA. In the meantime Sheila **THANK YOU !!!!!!!**

Jason Kerrisk boardchair@tomarata.school.nz

FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA NIGHT

SAVE THE DATE! Fireworks Extravaganza

12TH NOVEMBER

Our Fireworks team are as follows:

Paula Bishop

Anne Richards

Shannon Josephs

Hayley Hawke

Robyn Sibtsen

Cherylene Neels



If you are willing to join the team please let Cherylene know. St Johns have been booked so we are on the first steps for organising the night. Ticket details & prices will be relayed soon.

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