



Newsletter

Term 1 Week 3

February 16, 2022

What's going on?

17 Feb	New parents morning tea 10 am
23 Feb	7 pm BOT meeting
24 Feb	Whanau Fun & Pizza Nite 4 pm
3 March	Whanau consultation 4 pm
4 March	Room 1 visiting Tomarata Playcentre
10 March	Parent Forum 6 pm
23 March	Year 7½ Tech starts 7 pm BOT meeting
29 March	Year 7½ Tech
31 March	Maths Parent Education Afternoon
1 April	Tomarata Playcentre visiting
4 April	House Captains Conference-Albany
5 April	RRS Tabloids TBC
6 April	Year 7½ Tech
14 April	Last day of Term 1
2 May	Term 2 starts

Birthdays



Mrs Neel's Notes:

Dear families & whanau

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

Our first full week at school, and halfway through already! I hope you had a lovely Valentine's Day (if you celebrate it). It's always nice to acknowledge your partners & what they do for you.

We have started assessing students this week, as we were unable to do so at the end of last year with online learning. This is being conducted in as gentle a way as possible, as we also acknowledge that returning to school, after such a long time at home, is a big transition for some children to make .

Room 7 went to Goat Island yesterday & the teachers & parents have reported that a fantastic day was had by all. The weather was awesome, & lots of sea life was seen. I spared the class from seeing me in a wetsuit, but was sorry to not have been there.

Swimming lessons with Ingrid have started with assessments of ability first, to enable Ingrid to know where to start with the children. Tuesday was our first Environmental Day for the school, & the beginning of our Garden to Table programme. We are lucky to have

Sue Levens joining us as our garden specialist to assist our teachers & students with all aspects of gardening. Welcome Sue! Thanks also to the 2 mums who have offered assistance with the cooking aspect.

I look forward to chatting with the parents who are coming to the morning tea tomorrow. If you have not yet RSVP'd for this, please let Vicki know by email.

I was lucky enough to be invited by Room 3 to do some journaling with them on Friday using my scrapbooking knowledge. I thoroughly enjoyed my time working with them, and they produced some wonderful work.

principal@tomarata.school.nz

Our Vision

Welcome to Tomarata School – we are going to notice you and your strengths and value your mistakes, effort, and progress.

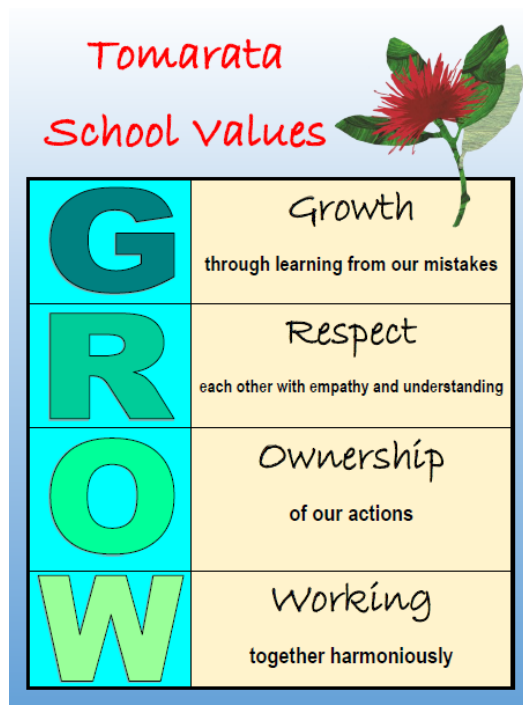
The first line of our vision is setting the scene for who & what we stand for at Tomarata School. We welcome every student no matter who they are, & are inclusive for all. Our first day interviews are the foundation blocks of getting to know the students, & what their strengths & areas of development are. We take note of every student through the year, & record progress towards goals, & mark achievements through HERO. Our G value is for Growth through learning from making mistakes, & we promote a safe environment where it is OK to make mistakes, as they lead to further learning.

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

Reminders

Swimming is continuing so please ensure all togs, towels etc are named & in a bag.

Buses. Please let Vicki know no later than 2pm if your child is not on the bus. It makes it difficult if we are looking for children who have gone home with parents.



PB4L Focus

Our focus next week is to continue to ensure that the students know how to act in the pool area safely. This is reinforced by our swimming instructor Ingrid as well.

Andie McGuiness andie@tomarata.school.nz

Shout outs

Students

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who were awarded certificates for our first virtual assembly. I hope you were all able to see this on HERO.

Principal's certificate:

Beau Trotter Room 1 for settling into school well

Good Citizen Ticket Draw:

Levi Gray Room 7 for working together harmoniously with others

Arley Baker Room 6 for Growth through learning from making mistakes

Liana Kerrisk for independently promoting growth in learning by choosing to attend extra maths workshops

Nova Saxby for ownership of her actions

Well done! We are so proud of you all!

Community

Many thanks for the kind donation of a cubic meter of soil for our gardens from a relative of Renee Wade. Much appreciated

Information dates

I warmly invite parents to come to school on the following dates & times to share your thoughts, ask questions & gain knowledge. Masks will need to be worn in line with current restrictions.

17 Feb: new parents morning tea. A chance over a cuppa to ask questions & meet new people

24 Feb: Whanau Fun Nite & Pizza. We will be heating up the pizza oven so bring a picnic tea or pizza bases & toppings to cook your own. There will be a fun family competition for you all to take part in as well as tug of war & other activities.

3 March: whanau consultation. A warm welcome to come to our kura to korero about what you want for your tamariki

10 March: parent forum. Come to share a cuppa & ask more questions & give suggestions for what is happening at Tomarata School

Welcome to...

Allira Bowman who will be assisting in Room 7 as a teacher aide.



Help Needed

I wish to resume the Breakfast Club again for students. If you are willing to help supervise this in Room 4, before school, can you please give your name to Vicki, in the office. Your assistance would be much appreciated.

We are in dire need of more equipment for our Environmental garden programme. If you have any of the following, & are willing to donate them to the school we would be very, very grateful. It is a long list !

Coffee Sacks, Straw/Hay, Large Cardboard, Manure

Seeds/Seedlings: carrots, lettuces, silverbeet, radishes, dwarf beans, beetroot, celery, brassicas, spring onion, chinese cabbages, perpetual spinach, rhubarb, potatoes

Seeds for Soil Nutrition/Cover Crop: Oat, Lupin, Broad Bean, Comfrey, Daikon Radish

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

Tarps (old ones fine)

Harvest Baskets

SOIL- Lots (trailer load)

Sand - 1 bag

Peat - 1 bag

Gypsum - 1 bag (for clay)

Seed Raising Mix

Compost min 2m

Mulch

Chicken/Sheep/Cow/Horse Poo

2-3 Barrels for Fermenting
Seaweed/Comfrey/Herbs

Seed Trays (old)

Seedling/plant pots (used please!)

Olla Pots (Clay Pots with lids) - watering system

Slug Bait

Hand Trowels 4-6

Hand Forks 2-4

Secateurs/Garden Scissors 2 each

Leaf Rake (not plastic)

Gloves for kids

3 Spray Bottles (Heavy-duty)

1 Large & 1 Small wheelbarrow

Flat-bed Trolley

Large black woven bags for weed quarantine or black garbage bags

2-3 Watering Cans/Old Milk Bottles (various uses)

Milk Bottles with Handles (cut to make a scoop)

Old T-shirts, stockings etc for Ties for plants/construction of trellises

Twine &/or rope

Basic Tools: Hammer, Pliers, Screw Driver,
Sledge Hammer, Saw

Bamboo for Trellises and Stakes

Iceblock Sticks to use for plant IDs and planting
seeds

Helping Hands Update

Our Helping Hands group is down to 1 parent and 1 teacher. If we do not get any more helpers then this group will sadly have to fold. This will have a huge impact on fundraising & other events such as lunches and sausage sizzles at events. Please, please if you could spare some time make contact with Erica as below

Erica Casey helpinghands@tomarata.school.nz

BOT Update

The Board is on the lookout for new members to join . These will be short term as the triennial elections are going to be held in September. This is a great chance for you to try it out. We are having our monthly board meeting **Wednesday 23rd February** 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

Just for a Giggle:

