



# Newsletter

## Term 1 Week 6

March 10th, 2022

### What's going on?

#### PARENT EDUCATION & FORUM POSTPONED

10 March
23 March
29 March
31 March
1 April
5 April
6 April
14 April
2 May
4 May
5 May
9-13 May
16-20 May
25 May
6 June

Year 7/8 Tech starts  
7 pm BOT meeting

Year 7/8 Tech

Maths Parent Education Afternoon  
4pm

Tomarata Playcentre visiting

RRS Tabloids TBC

Year 7/8 Tech

Last day of Term 1

Term 2 starts

Yr 7/8 Tech

New students welcoming

Road Safety Week

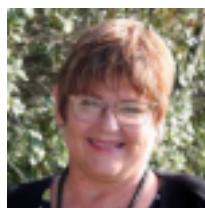
Bully Free Week  
Pink Shirt Day Friday

BOT meeting 7pm

Queen's Birthday-NO SCHOOL

### Birthdays

Payson Ecroyd Room 3 & Ellie Russell Room 7



**Mrs Neel's Notes:**  
Dear families & whanau

Surfing with Che

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

Half way through Term 1 already with Easter looming on the horizon. Many thanks to the parents who have already donated chocolate items for our Easter Raffle. We are keen to fill the basket with goodies, so any other donations can go to the office please. Remember the draw will take place at the end of the term. Tickets will go on sale soon, \$2 per ticket, 3 for \$5.

It was a great shame that we had to postpone our school swimming sports till the end of the year. Being still at RED level impacts on what activities we can safely do. Swimming tuition has finished now, however the children are still able to swim in the afternoons while the weather is still nice. Swimming is a major part of our PE programme in Term 1. Pat from Harbour Sport ( who some of you met at our Whanau Fun Nite) will be starting a sports leadership programme with some of our Year 5-8 students shortly, with a focus on the skill of organising games for others.

We are very lucky to have local musician Martin Worthington continuing to work in Tomarata School providing music tuition. This is a user pays service that occurs in school time. If you are wishing your child to take up an instrument, see Vicki in the office & she will give you Martin's contact details. He covers drumming, piano & guitar.

Bus behaviour & safety remains an area of constant reinforcement. The rules are simple- stay in your seat, face the front, & talk quietly. Remember also Year 4-8 must wear a mask. The bus company would like me to continue to remind you to be waiting for your children at least 10 minutes before the bus is due please. We have decided not to have students acting as bus monitors this year, as it is a big ask for children to monitor & control other children's behaviour.

Our friendly little itchy friends are making their

presence known in some children's obliging heads of hair. Please can you make it a regular practice to check hair once a fortnight at least. The sooner you get on top of any "visitors" the better for everyone!

Room 7 is doing well with their sausage sizzles on Fridays, & using this activity to hone their financial literacy skills- looking at profits, losses & projected income. All money raised goes towards supporting school activities like camps & buying Garden to Table consumables.

I was very excited to see that I had a letter in my Principal's mailbox, but it turned out to be a tissue (luckily unused). I do however have some lovely things for my wall from Room 2. Take a look at the Art that is starting to appear on walls, done by the children, with our lovely reliever Mrs Simkin.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our surfing trip today & I will not be trying to stand up on a board! I think I would make too many mistakes to GROW from!

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## Our Vision

*Here at Tomarata we may not be wearing shoes, but we will be learning in our beautiful back garden about our native trees and birds and how to nurture our environment.*

I have to say I had a smile on my face when one of our new parents said to his daughter... look Dixie- you can wear bare feet. We tend to forget as Kiwis that being able to safely wear bare feet at school & parks is something that is too dangerous to do in countries like America & England. We truly do need to stop & appreciate the beautiful environment we live in.

Our Environmental Tuesdays are a big hit with our staff & students, & if you have a look around you can see the beginnings of new gardens, & healthy seedlings. With 2 sessions in our Nature Classroom a term now the children are definitely doing lots of learning in our backyard. We also have our amazing shelter nearly constructed so the children will be able to go to the bush in rain, hail or shine. I wish to acknowledge the amazing work Arran Barnes has put into getting the shelter built. It looks wonderful. We will be asking for help in a working bee to get it completed before the end of the month. Here is Room 3 in the bush!







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

## Reminders

Please, please we ask that your children's toys remain at home. We cannot take any responsibility for items that are lost, or taken by other children. It can become quite a nightmare to sort out what belongs to who. Many thanks for your cooperation with this.

## PB4L Focus

Our focus next week is on lunch eating expectations. At Tomarata our children eat their lunches at the end of the lunch break. We have found that they eat more, & settle quicker into the afternoon programme. They are expected to eat sitting down, & are monitored by their class teachers. We also expect wrappings like glad wrap to go back home.

**Andie McGuiness** [andie@tomarata.school.nz](mailto:andie@tomarata.school.nz)

## Shout outs

### Students

CONGRATULATIONS to Kakano 1 who bought me their stories to read yesterday. They were very proud of their efforts.

## Community

We have had some extremely generous donations for the school and I want to acknowledge the following:

- **THE KOREWHA VAN LEEUWEN FAMILY:** for their donations for our Garden to Table kitchen. Much appreciated

Just a reminder that there is a \$10.00 fee for police vetts. Unfortunately the school is no longer able to cover this charge.

Thanks also to Martha Korewha who came to our whanau hui afternoon. We had a great korero & kai session, & spent time looking at the front of the school, discussing what we could do to make it more welcoming culturally. We have come up with a list of ideas, so get your painting skills up to scratch, as I feel another working bee coming on!

## Garden to Table

We continue to need equipment for our GARDEN TO TABLE programme. If you have any of the following, & are willing to donate them to the school we would be very, very grateful. It is 2 long lists ! Some items already donated or offered have been removed.

### GARDENING

Straw

Seeds/Seedlings: carrots, lettuces, silverbeet, dwarf beans, brassicas, potatoes

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

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

Tarps (old ones fine)

1 Harvest Basket

SOIL- Lots (trailer load)

Peat - 1 bag

Gypsum - 1 bag (for clay)

Compost min 2m

Sheep/Horse Poo

Olla Pots (Clay Pots with lids) - watering system

Secateurs/Garden Scissors 2 each

Gloves for kids

3 Spray Bottles (Heavy-duty)

Flat-bed Trolley

Large black woven bags for weed quarantine or black garbage bags

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

Sledge Hammer

### KITCHEN

6x 18-20cm chef's knives

3x serrated knives including a bread knife

2x small paring knives

6x peelers

4x box graters

2x citrus juicers

Food processor

1x set of measuring spoons

2x measuring scales ideally electronic

10x mixing bowls of various sizes

4x wooden spoons

2x flexible scrapers

1x ladle

1x pastry brush

4x rolling pins

1x colander/strainer

1x stockpot

2x fry pans

1x roasting dish

1x muffin tray

1x oven mitt

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

10x serving plates/bowls of various sizes 6x

serving spoons/forks

3x water jugs

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

8x tea towels

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2x containers for compost/worm farm scraps

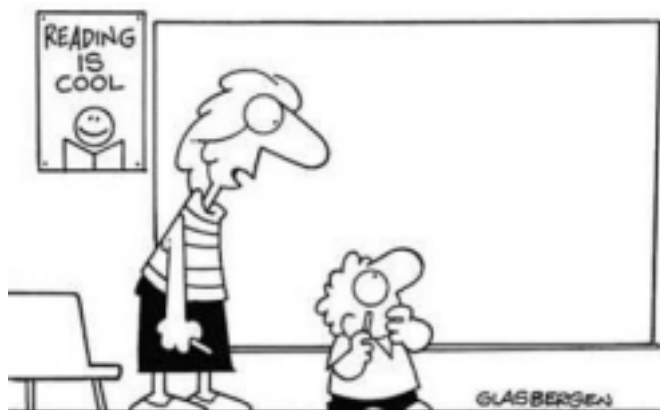
## BOT Update

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 **on Wednesday 23rd March** 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](mailto:boardchair@tomarata.school.nz)

## Just for a Giggle:



"There aren't any icons to click. It's a chalk board."