



# Newsletter

## Term 1 Week 8

March 23 2022

### What's going on?

23 Mar	Year 7½ Tech starts 7 pm BOT meeting
24 Mar	Parent Forum 6-7:30 pm
29 March	Year 7½ Tech
31 March	Maths Parent Education Afternoon 3 pm-change of time
1 April	Tomarata Playcentre visiting
5 April	RRS Tabloids TBC
6 April	Year 7½ Tech
14 April	Easter Fun Day
14 April	Last day of Term 1
2 May	Term 2 starts
4 May	Yr 7½ Tech
5 May	New students welcoming
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

### Birthdays



Lucas Davis



### Mrs Neel's Notes:

#### Dear families & whanau

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

I sincerely hope that Monday's horrendous weather bomb did not cause any damage to your properties. It certainly was an impressive sound & light show. I want to thank you for your support in our decision to close the school. The high water levels, scary sounds, & power & internet flickering on & off would have been very stressful for the children. Thank goodness our lovely school didn't sustain any damage.

With the Autumn weather causing cooler mornings, the children are beginning to wear sweatshirts. As a consequence our Lost Property box is beginning to pile up with "misplaced" clothing. Could you please check it for any items of clothing that may belong to your children. Naming your children's clothes would greatly help in returning things to their owners quickly & easily.

If you have any milk bottles at home, instead of putting them in the recycling bin, can you wash them & bring them to school. We will be repurposing them for the Garden to Table project. They can be left by the garden shed.

The lovely Sara Pengelly is now working in Room 1 as a teacher aide. As a result we need another wonderful volunteer to run the Breakfast Club. It would be 2 mornings a week in Room 4 from 8-8:30 am. The children manage themselves, so it is just getting the plates & cutlery & supervising. Please let me or Vicki know if you can help. We have up to 10 children who love having breakfast together & I would hate for them to miss out.

Last Saturday we had a working bee to try to get our Nature Classroom shelter as near to completion as possible. Huge, huge thanks to Jason Kerrisk & Hagan Logue (both Board members) who gave up their precious time to help Arran. The shelter now has a roof and walls, & the shower, toilet & storeroom are nearly finished. We couldn't have done this without them, all of Arran's hard work he has done for free, the generous contribution of money from Massey University, & donations of building supplies from Carters Mangawhai. We plan on having a special opening ceremony early next term involving the whole school & invited guests. Keep an eye out for further information soon.

## Our Vision

*We learn and use Te Reo across work and play - Maori culture is embedded throughout our school and we celebrate life with our own unique activities.*

We are making it normal practice to integrate Te Reo into all areas of our school day. We do not have stand alone lessons, but try to use as many words & phrases in Te Reo as we do in English. As you can appreciate we are learning alongside your tamariki so it is new for us too. We are using Te Whare Tapa Wha practices in our rooms, which are based on wellbeing & Pause, Breathe, Smile. Ask your children about this. I am sure they will be able to explain what the 4 areas are that make us whole & happy. We also celebrate special events like Matariki & Maori Language week.

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

## Reminders

Easter raffle- many many thanks for the lovely donations already received. We would appreciate 1 chocolate donation per family of an Easter goody to the office please. Tickets \$2 or 3 for \$5, drawn the last day of Term 1. Room 7 has their sausage sizzle every Friday so if you want to order one, please bring \$2

## PB4L Focus

Our focus next week is continuing on break times, and how to play collegially with other students. It is an emphasis on living our GROW values when we interact with others out in the playground; & on making wise choices. We talk about out of bounds areas, & why, & what makes being a good friend.

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# Shout outs

## Students

Awesome pakipaki to the following tamariki who earned the Values mascots yesterday.

Eli Logue for Growth -Tupu

Eddie White for Respect -Kakano 2

Eli Prater for Ownership of his actions -Tupu

Cate Richards for working together -Huritau



# Community

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

- **THE BRIEN FAMILY:** for their donations for our Garden to Table gardens. Much appreciated

# 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.

## GARDENING

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

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

Herb/Tea/Medicinal Garden: Lemon Balm, Mint, 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 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**

3x serrated knives including a bread knife

2x small paring knives

6x peelers

4x box graters

2x citrus juicers

Food processor

2x measuring scales ideally electronic

4x wooden spoons

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

Handee towels/ foil

2x containers for compost/worm farm scraps

## **Room 6 harvesting produce**





## 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 **tonight** and you are welcome to attend. These meetings are held at Tomarata School at 7pm and are always open to the public.

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## Just for a Giggle:



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