



# Newsletter Term 2 Week 1

May 4, 2022

## What's going on?

4 May	Yr 7/8 Tech BOT meeting 7pm
5 May	Parent Education afternoon-Literacy 3pm
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 with Bake Sale
19 May	Scholastic Bookfair arrives
23-27 May	Book week Parade on Friday
25 May	BOT meeting 7pm Parent Education afternoon-Hero 2:45pm
1 June	Garden to Table Bake Sale
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

Welcome back! It was great to see so many students smiling back at me at our Values assembly on Monday. I hope that you all had an enjoyable break & that your children are ready for more learning. We finished Term 1 with some great activities- Room 7's trip to Tomarata Lakes and the Easter Egg hunt & parade to name a few. Huge thanks to Bennetts for supplying the big chocolate bunny!









We are continuing our year's rich concept theme of *"Poipoia te kakano kia puawai" Nurture the seed and it will blossom*. Our environmental day is Tuesday, with Sue Levens working alongside our students & teachers. Rooms 1 & 2 are looking at studying the sea which also ties in to our Book Week theme this year of *"Dive into Reading"*. Room 3 is going to be planning, designing and constructing some wonderful things for Chicken Nuggets & her gang. Room 6 is going to be trialing recipes for the Great Garden to Table Bake Sale on 1 June, & Room 7 is looking at promoting the school through a brochure & movie, & looking at pollution in the sea linking it to the recycling & composting work they have already been studying last term. Whew- what awesome authentic contexts for the children to be using. Reading, writing & maths will integrate into the studies.

Room 1 has done a lot of work in the recycle garden, with the mud kitchen now in residence there. They have added items of interest which promote questions & discussions from students.

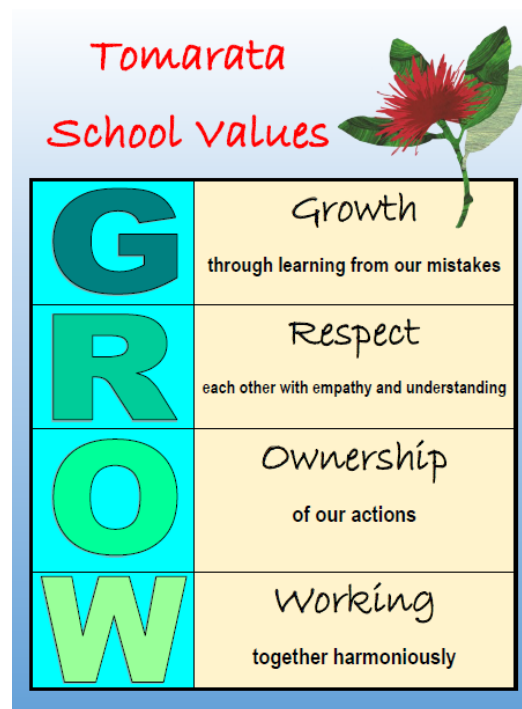
I have just finished compiling our school directory of skills, expertise & interests that you parents have. We would love you to share these with us whenever & wherever possible. If you would like to run a lunchtime club at all please let me know. This is especially beneficial in the wetter months when children can't be outside. You may also get a friendly phone call or email through the year if a class or school project needs someone with specific skills to help &/or advise.

We are extremely lucky to be given the opportunity to have the Hungerball arena back at our school for the

next 3 months. This is at no cost! As you can imagine the children are very excited to be able to use this again. The games that can be played link to our Values, key competencies, our PB4L plan & of course Health & PE. It offers another activity choice at break times too.

Whole school assemblies start again on a fortnightly basis on Friday afternoons. The first one will be next week. I look forward to seeing you all there.

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## Our Vision

*There is unity, transparency & respect amongst all staff.*

Being such a small school we have to work as a team, & be on the same page with all that we do. Everything is discussed together & agreed upon. The staff also

follow the same GROW values as the children, being our professional core values alongside the Teacher standards that all NZ teachers follow. We ensure that the same expectations that we have for our students with behaviour & actions are modeled by ourselves. We walk the talk!

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

## Reminders

Please check our Lost Property clothes line for items of clothing that may belong to your children. It is on the wall by the doorway to the Library. It would be EXTREMELY helpful if clothing was named so it could be returned to its rightful owner too!

Structured Literacy education for parents this **Thursday at 3pm.** Come along to find out what it's all about!

## PB4L Focus

This week teachers & children will be going over the class expectations & class agreements for behaviour. We will also be recovering the GROW Values, with an emphasis on Respect this term.

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

## Shout outs

Thank you to the following students who have shared their cool work with me either in the last week of Term 1 or this week.

**Jet Saxby & Eddie Cammell** Room 6 who shared their excellent book that they wrote & illustrated called "*Sea of Thieves- A Pirate's Tale*". I really enjoyed reading it.

**Tahlia Witheford** Room 1 who showed me her fantastic Literacy work on matching sounds to objects.

**Room 6** for letting me try their delicious vegetable curry and chocolate mint tea that they made yesterday. Yummy!

**Arya Mitchell** Room 6 for knowing what Respect is in te reo "Whakaute"

## Community

This month is PWS ( Prader Willi Syndrome) Awareness month. We will all be wearing **orange** on **Friday 27 May** to celebrate this

We have been extremely fortunate to have been awarded a substantial grant from the Mangawhai Community Opportunity Shop. This money will go towards buying the resources we desperately need to deliver our new structured Literacy programme.

## Welcome to...

Harry White & Felix Reid in Room 1.

We hope you have a fabulous time as part of the Tomarata school family.



## Help Needed

Andy Dwen has got some concrete donated to form a pad for our compost, soil & mulch bins. We need someone who has a small digger available to flatten the area to lay the pad. If that is you please contact Andy on [andy@tcbc.co.nz](mailto:andy@tcbc.co.nz) asap. He is able to drive it if required. We also need as many **200 series concrete blocks** as possible. So if you have any lying around please, please drop them off at the school by the orchard

## BOT Update

We are having our board meeting **tonight, Wednesday 4 May** 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)

## 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, 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



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

**Tea towels**

Handee towels/ foil

2x containers for compost/worm farm scraps

## **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

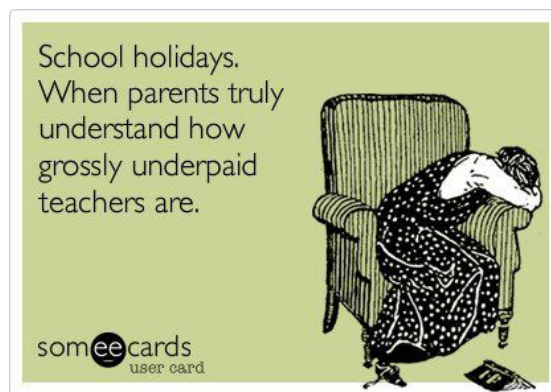
Cherylene Neels



Planning & preparation is coming along well. Food vendors are booked, and the Cricket Club notified.

HOWEVER **URGENT!:** The cover band "Happy Fish" that we have always used for our Fireworks night is unavailable this year. If ANYONE knows of a good cover band that could be our entertainment please contact Anne Richards at [peteanneplus3@gmail.com](mailto:peteanneplus3@gmail.com)

**Just for a Giggle:**



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