



Newsletter Term 2 Week 3

May 18, 2022

What's going on?

16-20 May	Bully Free Week Pink Shirt Day Friday
18 May	New parents morning tea 9:45 am
19 May	Scholastic Bookfair arrives
23-27 May	Book week Parade on Friday
25 May	Hungerball arrives BOT meeting 7pm Parent Education afternoon-Hero 2:45pm
26 May	Wear ORANGE for PWS month
27 May	Room 1 visiting Tomarata Playcentre Whole school assembly
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
15 June	Yr 7/8 Tech
17 June	Grip Leadership Conference for House Captains-Albany Tomarata Playcentre visiting
22 June	Yr 7/8 Tech
23 June	Tomarata Weetbix Tryathlon at school

Birthdays



Corbin Pieper Room 3



Mrs Neel's Notes:

Dear families & whanau

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

When I was checking over the staff meeting minutes yesterday I said to Ms Haddow what a very busy place Tomarata School is! There is such a lot going on for our children, & we are very grateful to those parents who help us with support. Education never stands still that's for sure!

Despite the reality of Covid still with us, & reliever shortages, we are fortunate to have a great group of relievers. We have just lost Brenna McCarthy as she has won a position at Warkworth Primary. We wish her well in her new job. Many schools are having huge difficulties when staff are away, often needing to split classes. We are fortunate to have low class numbers here at Tomarata, as well as a healthy reliever list!

Unfortunately there is still a lot of illness out there currently including a tummy bug. Some classes have had really low attendances due to COVID isolations & other bugs doing the rounds. This includes staff members, so do not be surprised if your children have

a reliever in their rooms. Please continue to give your children constant reminders about the importance of handwashing, disposing of tissues, & coughing into their elbows. And please keep them at home if they display ANY signs of Covid.

We have our Soccer/Hockey tournament day coming up on the 28th June. We will be asking for help on the day for the sausage sizzle & selling of food. This is a Rodney Rural Schools Cluster event & a good opportunity for us to fundraise when other schools & whanau are present. If you can volunteer for a shift at the event I am sure Cara Jackson will be thrilled to hear from you. You will also have time to watch your chid/ren, while supporting our school. Please let Cara know if you are able to help.

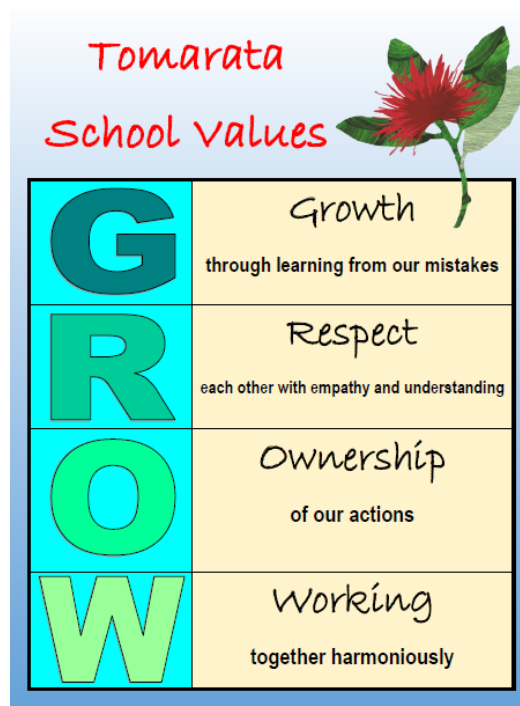
Room 7 is still continuing with their very popular sausage sizzle on Fridays. Room 6 now have their hot chocolate Tuesdays. We are certainly growing a group of entrepreneurs!

The whole school is "THINKING PINK" this week, with national Bullying Free week. It will culminate with everyone wearing pink on Friday, to show our support for this very important cause. I am sure there will be some very creative ideas for costumes appearing! It is about us growing & maintaining an anti-bullying culture in our homes, schools & communities. We are encouraging students to korero mai, korero atu, mauri tu, mauri ora- Speak up, stand together, stop bullying. Bullying in Aotearoa is a real problem. We have the 3rd highest rate of school bullying out of 36 OECD countries, and 1 in 10 workers feel discriminated against or bullied at work. Those bullied are far more likely to experience mental health issues. Pink Shirt Day works to reduce bullying by celebrating diversity

in all its forms & supporting schools; workplaces & communities to be safe, supportive, welcoming & inclusive for everyone.

I am pleased to say that at Tomarata School we follow all of these goals with our GROW values every day!

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Our Vision

We go above and beyond to plan a programme that offers a range of options and opportunities for each child.

Our students learn in different ways, & they all have challenges & areas that need developing. In a school such as ours we try to the best of our ability to use programmes, or start new initiatives to give different

options &/or opportunities for our tamariki. We have our Environmental Day; Garden to Table; Nature classroom; Play based Fun Fridays for the Junior school; Structured Literacy; Inquiry based maths; integrated inquiry; RTLB intervention; Ed Psych intervention; teacher aides; and our Makerspace. We have House Captains & Student Voice. We have our Little Kauri group for sports. We have just started kapa haka. Very soon we will have counselling for some students; Bricks Lego club; & of course the Hungerball arena. Anything out there to provide a programme or activity or intervention to help our students I will try to get.

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

Reminders

Please fill in your response to the survey about parent education times on HERO by this Friday.

As of **next week** we will be moving the waiting & pick up area for those children being collected by parents/caregivers by car. The children will now wait in the gazebo by the swimming pool. This will provide shelter from the rain in Winter, & the sun in Summer. Parents come to the gate by the Gazebo to pick up their children. We will also be organising the parking so that parents will park closer to there, & staff will park further down. We think this will be an easier & safer arrangement for everyone.

PB4L Focus

This week teachers & children have been recovering wet day procedures & arrangements. On wet days we expect the children to stay indoors. Senior students from Room 7 will help to supervise them, with teachers still on duty visiting rooms. We always endeavour to get them back outside if the weather settles.

Andie McGuiness andie@tomarata.school.nz

Shout outs

Thank you to the following students who have shared their cool work with me

Room 1 Maddy Barker, Maddi Prater & Nile Ahern
with their mathematical thinking and addition working out

Room 6 with their Fairy Pirate ship which is now on display in the Library. Pop in & have a look. It even has treasure in the treasure chest!

VALUES ASSEMBLY

These wonderful students received recognition on Monday

Isaac Kerrigan Room 7 for Growth

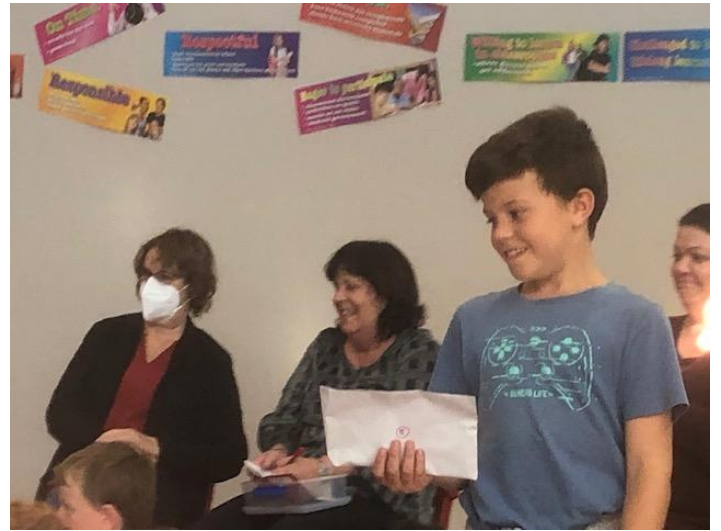
Connavar Mitchell Room 3 for Respect

Maddy Barker Room 1 for Ownership

Lillias Parker Room 2 for Working Together

CONGRATULATIONS!





WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

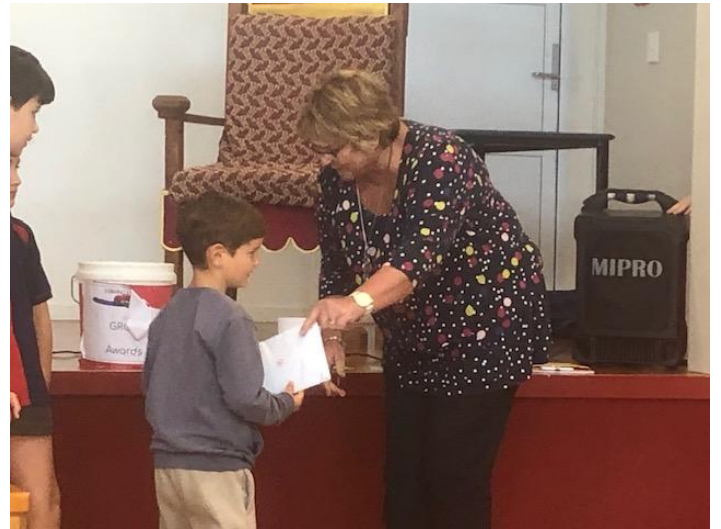
Brilliant effort from these awesome tamariki who got their names chosen for tickets :

Jesse Logue Room 6

Connavar Mitchell Room 3

Felix Reid Room 1

Eli Prater Room 3





Principal's Award: Brock Ecroyd Room 1



Community

We have joined forces with Pakiri School for Kapa haka every Friday. Nigel Rogers (Matua) is the Principal of Pakiri & a very experienced & talented kapa haka tutor. We also have Whaea Ra from Pakiri helping with our Juniors & playing the guitar. The 13 students from Pakiri take part in Kapa Haka & also in activities with classes so it is a win win situation. ALL

of our students are involved & Nigel says we will be a force to be reckoned with.

We have received our Structured Literacy resources that we ordered using the money from the Mangawhai Opportunity Shop grant & our Easter Raffle money. Look at what we managed to get!



Welcome to...

Mickey(Michaela) Bishop in Room 1

Help Needed

Does **anyone** know how to clip hen's wings so they can't fly out of the coop? Much as we love Chicken Nuggets & Dora, we don't love their frequent deposits they leave behind on our decks!

BOT Update

We are having our next board meeting, **Wednesday 25 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

Garden to Table

TONS of gratefulness to the donor who gave us our microwave! You are so generous!

A huge thank you to the **Wellsford Lions** for their very kind donation towards our Garden to Table programme.





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. **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

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



Tickets are being formalised ready to go on sale next term. The prices will be:

Pre sale / online

Child - \$7

Adult - \$15

Family - \$35

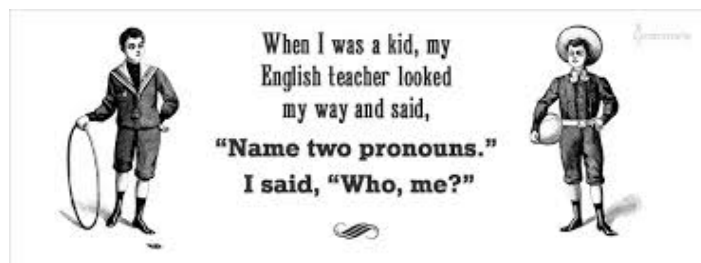
Gate sales

Child - \$10

Adult - \$20

Family - \$40

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