



Newsletter Term 2 Week 4

May 25, 2022

What's going on?

23-27 May	Book week Parade on Friday
25 May	Hungerball arrives BOT meeting 7pm
26 May	Wear ORANGE for PWS month
27 May	Room 1 visiting Tomarata Playcentre Whole school assembly
1 June	Garden to Table Bake Sale
2 June	Parent Forum 6 pm
6 June	Queen's Birthday-NO SCHOOL
8 June	Parent Education Hero 6 pm
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
24 June	Matariki Day -NO SCHOOL

Birthdays



Mrs Neel's Notes:

Dear families & whanau

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

As the weather is definitely turning into Winter now please ensure that your children wear (or bring) some layers of clothing to school. There have been other nasty illnesses popping their heads up lately including common colds & tummy bugs, so we need to continue to take extra care with hygiene, & catering for temperature changes. We have been very fortunate with a very warm & prolonged Summer, & a mild Autumn, but we do know from experience that this will change! If your children show any sign of illness please keep them home before returning to school.

It is very exciting watching the Friday morning play based learning activities with Rooms 1 & 2. There are some very busy little builders, artists & creators. Some of their ideas have flowed over to the Recycled Garden including the mud kitchen- please have a look. There are very busy Room 6 gardeners as well, as they plant out our Winter crops, & get the garden shed organised. Room 7 is slowly working on tidying up & revamping the Butterfly Garden ready for next Spring.

You may have noticed 2 new faces with the staff. We have Kristy Loe working in Room 7 & Michaela Kemp in Room 2. Welcome ladies!

Our children are enjoying the Sausage Sizzle Fridays & the Hot Chocolate Tuesdays. I have commented before on how well that supports Financial Literacy- operating budgets, forecasting profits & loss, all skills we need to know as adults.

On Fridays I will be working with a small group of Year 5 & 6 talented visual artists for a competition coming up in October/November. Remember if you have a talent or skill that you would like to share, & have some time to spare, please contact me & I will see what I can do. We would love you to use your skills/expertise & interests with our children. It is a lovely opportunity to work with a small group of children & they really enjoy it too.

Don't forget to wear **ORANGE** on Thursday for PWS Awareness month & a costume for Bookweek Parade on Friday! Have a look at each class windows or doors for the different book week decorations the classes have come up with. I have even done my door!

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Reminders

As of **NOW** the waiting & pick up area for those children being collected by parents/caregivers by car. Is the gazebo by the swimming pool. Parents can you please come to the gate by the Gazebo to pick up your children.

It is **BOOK WEEK** this week so please visit the Library & see what is available to buy. The children are filling in their wish lists so I hope you have deep pockets!



Tomarata School values



G	Growth through learning from our mistakes
R	Respect each other with empathy and understanding
O	Ownership of our actions
W	Working together harmoniously

Our Vision

We realise that first we must understand the child, then we must teach them in a way they understand.

We have just had our Maths facilitator Lucie in watching teachers taking a Maths lesson. Part of our Maths programme is allowing the children to work at their own pace, & then to discuss their answers (or mistakes), using what we call Talk Moves. While the children are working together in trios, or individually, the teachers are roving & quietly observing each child, just to get an understanding of their thinking. Then in the discussions afterwards the teachers have to actively listen to get a clear picture of what the children understand, what strategies they use, & what they need to learn next. We have children who learn by doing; by listening; by using materials; by watching; by questioning. That is how we know how to group them, and teach what they need. This practice is the same over each curriculum area. However please bear in mind that we have 1 teacher for many children, so we do the best that we can. In the school environment.

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

PB4L Focus

This week teachers & children are looking at sandpit behaviour.

Andie McGuiness andie@tomarata.school.nz

Shout outs

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

Room 1 Maddi Prater & Nova Saxby with their Literacy worksheets

VALUES ASSEMBLY

These wonderful students received recognition on Monday

Lillias Parker Room 1` for Growth

Teilah Melrose Room 6 for Respect

Isaac Kerrigan Room 7 for Ownership

Mickey Bishop Room 1 for Working Together

CONGRATULATIONS!



Community

The response to the survey regarding timings for parent education was overwhelmingly for nights. So we will be looking at doing these evenings at 6 pm. I will be putting out another survey as to what topics you would like to be covered. Can you please fill this in by Friday 3 June.

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!

Sue would desperately like 1 or 2 people to help her on a Tuesday especially between 8:30-10:30 with the gardening group.

BOT Update

We are having our next board meeting, **TONIGHT 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

We will be having a working bee soon to tidy up our grounds. So **WATCH THIS SPACE!**

Room 6 prepared a delightful morning tea for our new parents last week. Unfortunately we didn't have anyone come, so the staff enjoyed their unexpected treat.

My menu delivered today was hot mint chocolate (my favourite) & stir fry using broccoli & silverbeet from our gardens. It was delicious (& I don't even like broccoli!).

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

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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powerball and having
all of my students
listen to directions
the first time are the
same.

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