



Newsletter Term 2 Week 6

June 8, 2022

What's going on?

8 June	Parent Education Hero 6 pm
10 June	Chris Penk MP Visiting Kapa haka with Pakiri School Whole school assembly 1:45 pm
13 June	Teacher Only Day-no school
15 June	Yr 7/8 Tech
16 June	NO SCHOOL-POWER OUTAGE 8-5PM
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 1:45 whole school assembly
24 June	Matariki Day -NO SCHOOL
28 June	Soccer/Hockey Tournament
29 June	BOT meeting 7 pm
30 June	Room 1 & 2 trip to Kelly Tarltons Whanau Forum 6 pm
1 July	School hangi Room 6 overnighter & trip Ms Haddow's last day
6 July	Yr 7/8 tech
7 July	Reports on HERO

Birthdays



Liana Kerrisk Room6

Oliver Casey Room 3

Jesse Logue Room 6

Tiare Korewha van Leeuwen

WELCOME TO THE WORLD MALACHAI KERRISK!



Mrs Neel's Notes:

Dear families & whanau

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

The cooler weather is definitely being felt around the region, with some extremely heavy rain falling over the Queen's Birthday weekend. We keep a close eye on the roads & streams in case of school closures, & we will do our best to inform everyone as soon as possible if a closure is necessary. I have to say it is very pleasant arriving at school to find the office/admin block nice & cosy.

Speaking of which, we have been informed by Vector Electricity that the school will have a complete power outage on Thursday 16 June from 8:30 am - 5 pm.

This means no lights, heating, water , ability to flush toilets, or internet use. Due to this the school will have to be closed as we cannot operate with no water or loos. We will put work up on HERO for the students. The Ministry has been informed.

At this stage Soccer/Hockey is still on track. We will be monitoring the weather & ground conditions over the next week or so.

You may have been wondering where the mud kitchen is now. It has been moved to the Recycle Garden & the children are enjoying its new environment. They are busy doing potion making & Yuk Soup. Thank goodness it hasn't been brought to me for a taste test!

Ms Hadow has been working with digital technology across the school. We have a new initiative called Code Avengers which will be started in Term 3. It sounds like an exciting adventure for the children to take part in. This will overlap into all learning areas but sits under the specific area of Digital Technology.

Our Garden to Table Bake sale was last week & the children raised \$185.00. Many thanks for your support. This money goes back directly to the Garden to Table programme for supplies.



This week we are celebrating our support staff.. The work that Vicki, our office manager; and Jane, Heather, Sara & Allira do as teacher aides is amazing to say the least. We truly value what they do every day. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts ladies!

principal@tomarata.school.nz

Reminders

If your child is sick please notify the office or enter it on Hero.

If your child is not catching the bus please let Vicki know before 2pm this saves us trying to find a child that should be on the bus.

Our Vision

Our children learn how to learn and are taught the way that works best for them.

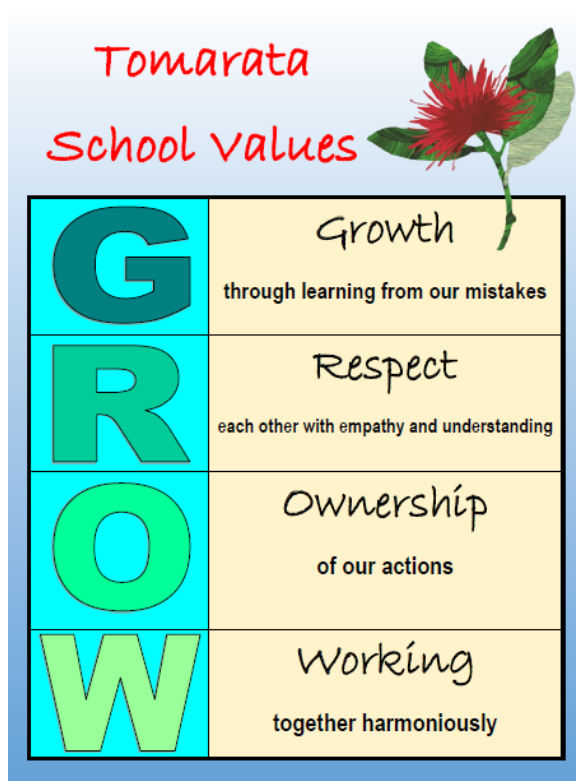
Every child learns in their own way, & at their own pace. I am very thankful that National Standards do not exist anymore, where teachers were expected to rate all children using the same tests & conditions. I remember seeing a cartoon where a person was testing an elephant, giraffe & monkey on the same test of climbing a tree. Hardly a fair playing ground. In saying that we do have to have benchmarks where we would expect most children to be by a certain year level. However we no longer label them as failures if they don't. Reach that level. Instead we look at where they are, where they are going & how to get them there. We take into account that we have a variety of learners who use sight, hearing or tactile means in order to learn. We also teach them that having a positive mindset, taking a risk & failing are all important & necessary parts of learning.

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

PB4L Focus

This week teachers & children are looking at how to deal with conflict & be a problem solver. These are very important skills that build independence & resilience. They also tie in directly with our GROW values.

Andie McGuiness andie@tomarata.school.nz



Shout outs

Thank you to the ROOM 1 students who have shown their GROW values by cleaning up around the school and coming to show me what they found (they were highly disgusted too I might add!).



Felix Reid Room 1 for showing a high level of honesty & respect for handing in money that he found in the playground

VALUES ASSEMBLY

These wonderful students received recognition on Tuesday-

Nova Saxby Room 1` for Growth

Cole Costello Room 7 for Respect

Liana Kerrisk Room 6 for Ownership

Monty Bishop Room 2 for Working Together

CONGRATULATIONS!



Community

We held a parent forum last week. Topics discussed were HERO issues & accolades; potential High Schools; Parent/teacher interviews; emergency drills; buses; minivans; Open days

As a follow up:

- There was a parent education evening last night on HERO. Please do let us know if you are not receiving messages though. Generally people are feeling very happy with the site
- There is a meeting to be held in Mangawhai soon regarding a potential private High School being built. As I explained on the night the MOE will not build one as Rodney College & Otamatea High have not reached their full roll sizes
- discussion was held about whether to have the parent/teacher interviews held over a day or in the late afternoon/evenings. Consequently a survey was put on HERO. Please have your say. Results will be collated this Friday
- In future I will inform families when we are to be practising emergency drills at school.

Currently we practise fire; earthquake; & lockdown procedures. These may worry some children, so you will have advance warning to be able to reassure them & talk to them about it

- We have been having some bus issues again. Please refer to the note put on HERO about this
- We would dearly love to have a minivan for the school for transport; especially for the Nature Classroom, & also for any potential children who wish to attend Tomarata who live in Mangawhai. If you know of any company that could or would sponsor a van for us please let Cherylene know
- We will be holding an Open Day in Term 4 for the wider community to come & see what makes Tomarata School so amazing. Dates TBA

Many thanks for your support of Book Week. We raised \$300 which will go back into the Library. Scholastic kindly donated prizes for the children.

BOT Update

We are having our next board meeting, **on Wednesday 29 June** 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 have had a wonderful harvest from our vegetable gardens, which is then being cooked up into delicious meals & shared. Many thanks to Sue Levens & Renee Wade & of course the Room 6 children!





The list of needed equipment for our GARDEN TO TABLE programme is below, & getting shorter yahoo! 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: Borage, Comfrey, Fennel, Anise, Caraway, White Mustard, Celery

SOIL- Lots (trailer load)

Compost min 2m

Sheep Poo

Olla Pots (Clay Pots with lids) - watering system

Flat-bed Trolley

Sledge Hammer

KITCHEN

3x serrated knives

2x small paring knives

1x pastry brush

1x colander/strainer

Beater

Tall pantry type cupboard

Set of drawers- plastic or trolley type would do

Fry pans

6x serving spoons/forks

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

Just for a Giggle:

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You are the apple of my eye, your sister is the banana of my ear, and your father is the peach of my nose."

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