



# Newsletter Term 2 Week 8

June 22, 2022

## What's going on?

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	Room 6 overnighter & trip Ms Haddow's last day
6 July	Yr 7/8 tech
7 July	Reports on HERO
8 July	Parent/Teacher Interviews Last day of Term 2
25 July	Term 3 starts
3 August	Whole school planting day
8 August	Young Ocean Explorers visiting school
12 Aug	Family Fun Pizza night
24 Aug	BOT Meeting 7 pm

## Birthdays



## Mrs Neel's Notes:

### Dear families & whanau

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

Our weeks seem crammed with activities lately! Have you checked out the Clubs notice that Molly & Jack from Rm 7 posted on HERO? They are very keen to get this started for Term 3. As I write this I am hoping that the weather is kind for our Tryathlon tomorrow. It should be loads of fun. Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to be helpers on the day. We really appreciate it.

As you will have read in last week's newsletter, next Friday is Ms Haddow's last day. Lynnette has been a fantastic teacher & Acting Deputy Principal & we will miss her a lot, but wish her well on her learning journey. Miss Maria de Razza will be filling in for Lynnette as Room 7's class teacher 3 days a week, & Mrs Jackson will be continuing in Room 7 as per usual.

Teachers are completing mid year reports on HERO, which will be available for you to view in the last week of term. The results will be discussed with you at the parent/teacher interviews on Friday of Week 10.

Please write down any questions or queries you may have before you come so that you can make optimum use of the time slot. If there is more to discuss at the end of your allotted time, please make another appointment time to meet with your child's teacher.

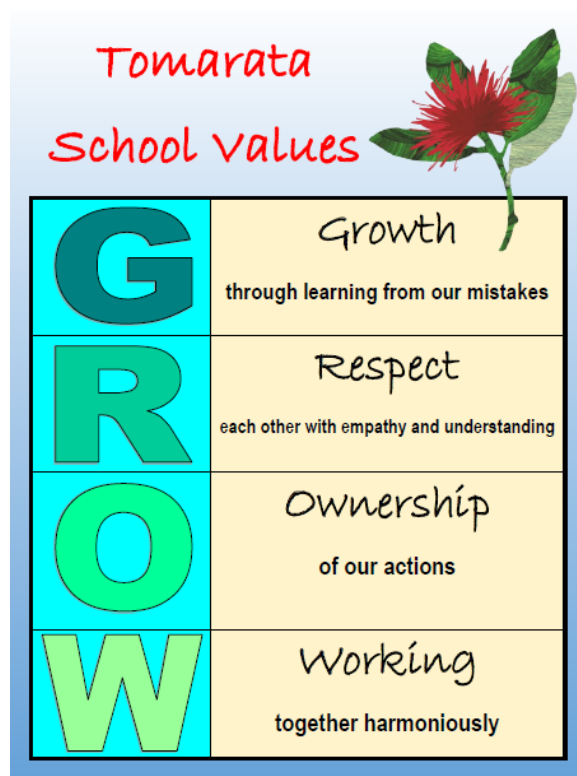
We have had a visit from Chris Penk, a local MP and Marja Lubeck, the list MP. Marja very kindly donated some soccer balls to the school as well. On Monday 5 September the Associate Minister of Education the Hon Jan Tinetti will also be visiting our school to see what issues small rural schools face.

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## Reminders

Sausage sizzle every Friday run by Room 7 students

Hot Chocolates every Tuesday run by Room 6 students



## Our Vision

*Keeping class sizes manageable and adding extra support where it is needed helps everyone work on their goals in the best possible environment.*

All of our classes at Tomarata School are small which gives the teachers an opportunity to work more closely with the children. As you know getting support for children is not an easy process, & I am spending a considerable amount of time haranguing the Ministry of Education for funds & money for our children. It is a very difficult task! However this year I have managed to get the following:

- Funding for a child counsellor
- Funding for some teacher aide assistance
- Assistive technology equipment for 2 students
- Funding for equipment for the Makerspace to engage students after Covid lockdowns
- RTLB funding for special programmes
- RTLB intervention
- Interim response funding
- High Health Needs funding
- Educational Psychologist referrals
- SWIS (Social Worker in Schools) who will be starting with us next term

None of these fundings are permanent, & it is an ongoing battle, but it is vitally important so I keep on fighting the system for the sake of our children.

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

## PB4L Focus

This week teachers & children have been looking at following instructions. This falls into Respect, Ownership & Working Together Harmoniously from our GROW values

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# Shout outs

## AWESOME STUDENTS CELEBRATING SUCCESS

### Harry White Room 1 for his beautiful artwork

**SOCCKER:** Last weekend I was on Nana soccer duty with my grandson. While there I was able to watch Eddie & Harry White, and Nathan Baker playing. Nothing beat Eddie's smile as he scored his 4th goal & got Player of the Day. I know that Mrs B has been going to watch some sports games as well. It makes us burst with pride to see our children actively employed in activities where they display the GROW values in everything they do.

**Congratulations to** these wonderful students received recognition on Monday-

Eva Kerrisk Room 3 for Growth

Taine Sawyer Room 7 for Respect

Brock Ecroyd Room 1 for Ownership

Max McVicker Room 7 for Working Together

## House Captains

Our House Captains were very lucky to go to Albany last Friday with Ms Hadow for the GRIP Conference for Young Leaders. GRIP stands for Generosity, Responsibility, Integrity & People. It was a fantastic opportunity to learn alongside hundreds of other schools' student leaders. Well done to you all.





## Community

Mrs B & the school are planning to hold our usual Show Day in the first week of Term 4. Hopefully we won't be affected by Covid this year. Soooo, time to think about those calves & lambs!

Lastly, the nasty viruses hitting our school are causing me some concern. There is a gastro bug going round; however the worst is the flu like one that is hitting everyone like a tonne of bricks. The symptoms are soaring temperatures that take days to break, body aches, nasal congestion & nasty coughs. We have also had a confirmed case of pneumonia & of influenza which are very serious. Please watch for these symptoms & keep your children at home if they show any of them as they can get very sick very quickly. We are also still getting active cases of Covid/Omicron in families alongside everything else. Due to the fact of lockdowns & isolation, our children & ourselves are far more susceptible to these bugs, & are getting a lot sicker with them. Take care out there

## 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. Remember that the Board elections are coming up in September.

**Jason Kerrisk** [boardchair@tomarata.school.nz](mailto:boardchair@tomarata.school.nz)

## Garden to Table

Room 1 have been learning about planting & repotting seedlings



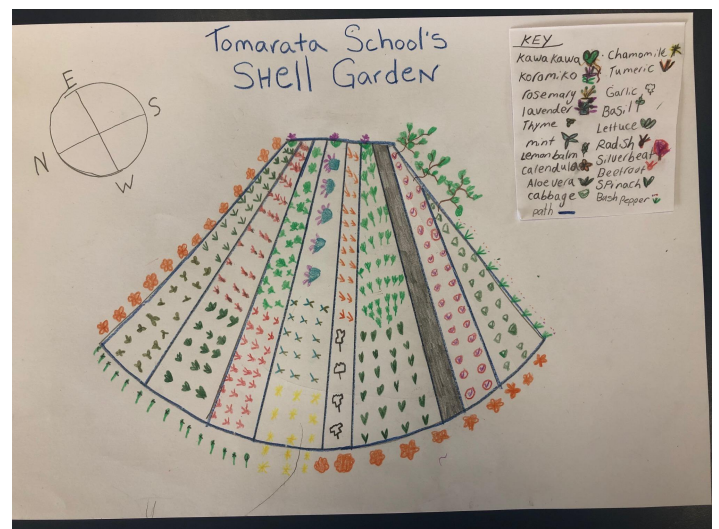




Room 7 tends to the Butterfly garden.



Our Room 6 students have entered a competition for designing , building & growing a new edible Kai and Rongoa (traditional Maori medicinal) garden. They have been working extremely hard with Sue on plans and planting ideas using recyclable sustainable materials. If they win we could receive \$1,000 towards building the garden, & further \$500 on completion to sustain it. Please cross your fingers & wish them luck.



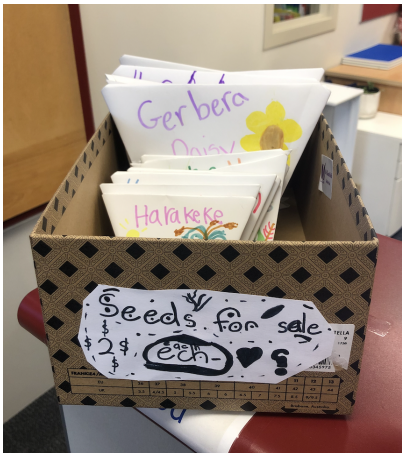




# FOR SALE

Garden to table have made some seed packets for sale at the office. \$2 a packet and a choice of:

- Flax
- Daikon Radish
- Gerbera Daisy



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 grateful. As items are donated they are removed from the lists. **Bolded blue items desperately required**

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:

Cherylene Neels (Coordinator)

Robyn Sibtsen (Coordinator)

Paula Bishop (Sponsorship)

Anne Richards (Vendors)

Shannon Josephs (Traffic control)

Hayley Hawke (Donations/raffles)

Tickets will be 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:

Mom: What did you do at school today?

Mark: We did a guessing game.

Mom: But I thought you were having a math exam.



Mark: That's right!



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