



# Newsletter Term 3 Week 2

August 3, 2022

## What's going on?

5 August	Whole school assembly
8 August	Young Ocean Explorers visiting school
10 Aug	Whole school trip-Leigh Production
12 Aug	Family Fun Pizza night TBC Clubs start
17 Aug	2 pm New student welcome assembly
18 Aug	Earthquake Drill Rodney College visiting Yr 8's
19 Aug	Whole school assembly Room 1 visiting playcentre
23 Aug	School Planting Day
24 Aug	BOT Meeting 7 pm
25 Aug	Yr 8 Open Night Rodney College 5pm
26 Aug	Daffodil Day
27 Aug	Quiz Nite-TBC
29 Aug	Teacher Only Day-NO SCHOOL
30 Aug	Rain day for planting
1-2 Sept	Mike King-Forager in school

## Birthdays



## Mrs Neel's Notes:

### Dear families & whanau

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

Week 2 already. We have had a lovely settled start to Term 3, with many teachers commenting on the calm atmosphere in the playground, & focused learners in the classrooms. As usual the year seems to be racing by, packed with lots of learning & activities to engage our children. The mornings seem to be quite chilly, so please ensure your little darlings have layers of clothing to cope with the changes during the day. As said last week there are still a few nasty bugs out there.

Our Values focus this term is on Ownership. At Tomarata School we teach & expect the children to : Own their actions; Fix any mistakes; Learn from it; Move on. We are encouraging all students to have positive attitudes & have their equipment ready for the day ahead. This also includes the children using self-management skills for not only their possessions & actions, but also to ensure that they get enough

sleep each night, particularly on Sunday nights if they have had a busy weekend.

Room 7 is continuing with their Sausage Sizzle Fridays. We appreciate the support shown for their enterprise.

Rooms 1-3 have been adding up their days of learning so far this year, & are now celebrating the 100th day! Children have made a variety of collections of 100 items which included some edible collections to share with classmates.

I am in the process of completing a report on student attendance each term which is presented to the BOT. Odd days of absence can add up very quickly, so we need to monitor this very closely. Last term we were hit hard with Covid & the flu virus, so this will be taken into account. We expect you to keep children at home in these circumstances! Having said that, regular attendance is obviously very important to maintain momentum in learning. I do need to gently remind you that family holidays taken during school time must be entered into our attendance system as unjustified even though they are explained. We record each day's half attendance, with a total of 384 half days attendance being required for the whole year. As school needed to be closed due to no power for 1 day, I have sought & gained an exemption from the Ministry for that day, so our total will be 382 this year.

The year's theme carries on with Nurture the seed & it will blossom *Poipoia te kakano kia puawai*. There is a continuing focus on sustainability & environmental studies. We are also working on speech writing in Literacy for the senior classes.

Hopefully Clubs will start on Friday afternoon next week. Students will be participating in a variety of activities. This will run every second week until the end of the term.

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## Reminders

School starts at 8:30 am and finishes at 2:30 pm.

## Our Vision

*Learners are able to describe where they are in their learning, where they need to go & how to get there.*

This term the teachers will be concentrating on showing the children how to choose their learning goals in HERO, show them where they are in their learning as expected for their age/stage; show them where they need to be by the end of the year, & how

they can achieve that. The children will also be self assessing, & be able to mark off when they achieve their goals in HERO. We will be looking at reading goals only initially for the children to choose & assess, as a first step.

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

## PB4L Focus

This week teachers & children will be recovering the OWNERSHIP Value. We teach the children the saying of **OWN IT; FIX IT; LEARN FROM IT; MOVE ON**. Simple but effective steps in self management.

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## Shout outs

### AWESOME CHILDREN CELEBRATING SUCCESS

**Congratulations** to the following children who received the Values Awards on Monday.

Ayla Brien Room 7 for Growth: forming great paragraphs using research information

Oliver Casey Room 3 for Respect

Payson Ecroyd Room 3 for Ownership

Avery Baxter Room 2 for Working together harmoniously

### FANTASTIC WORK!

## Community

Parents, please let us know of any out of school successes that we can share in our newsletter, such as sporting, music, drama or srt achievements.

HUGE thanks to Frank & Lesley King-Turner who have given a \$200.00 donation to the school. These lovely people currently run a BBQ on Saturday mornings at the Port Albert Soccer grounds during the football season. The funds they raise are donated to a different community organisation or school each week. We really appreciate your support Frank & Lesley!

## BOT Update

We are having our next board meeting **on Wednesday 24 August** 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.

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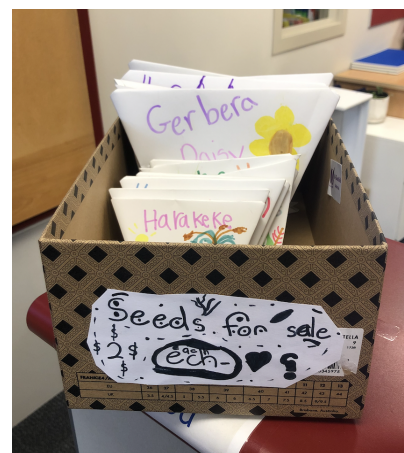
## Garden to Table

### 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



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**

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 2022 4:30 pm - 10 pm**

Just a note to say that we will be selling the very popular Glo items again at the Fireworks night. Many thanks to the lovely Jo Barnes who is organising this for us!

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 soon. The prices will be:

**Pre sale / online**

Child - \$7

Adult - \$15

Family - \$35

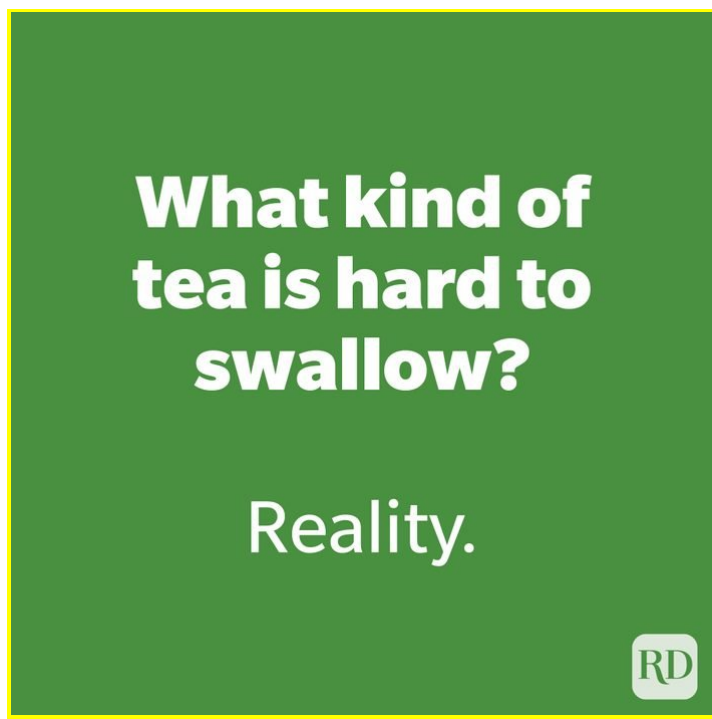
### Gate sales

Child - \$10

Adult - \$20

Family - \$40

Just for a Giggle:



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