



# Newsletter Term 3 Week 3

August 10, 2022

## What's going on?

10 Aug	Whole school trip-Leigh Production
12 Aug	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 - Barne's Farm
24 Aug	BOT Meeting 7 pm
25 Aug	Yr 8 Open Night Rodney College 5pm
26 Aug	Daffodil Day Kapa Haka & Colour Fun Run at Pakiri School for the whole school.
27 Aug	Quiz Nite-TBC
29 Aug	Teacher Only Day-NO SCHOOL Pre-school Expo Wellsford
30 Aug	Rain day for planting
1-2 Sept	Mike King-Forager in school
2 Sept	Whole School assembly

## Birthdays



## Mrs Neel's Notes:

### Dear families & whanau

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

Many thanks to all of you who took the time to send in nominations and bios for the Board of Trustees elections. I am very pleased to say that we have a full Board, with 2 new members, for the next 3 years. As we had the correct number of nominations we will not need to go through an election process. Please see the bios in the Board section of the newsletter to get to know our Board members.

Thanks also to those of you that have filled in the Health & Wellbeing Survey. This will remain open on HERO until this Friday.

The Clubs programme is highly engaging for our children, with a range of activities for them to participate in. It starts this Friday afternoon with clay; drawing with music; movie making; jewellery; card making; art & craft; puppets; and Italian activities. It is a nice way to spend a late Winter's afternoon at the end of the week.

The staff are going to be learning about new strategies for the Digital Curriculum with Code Avengers. We need to make use of the Sphero robots that we have in our Makerspace & other “unplugged” activities that children can do with basic coding.

I would like to remind you that at Covid Orange level parents are all very welcome to attend the whole school assemblies every second Friday. The next one will be held next Friday at 1:45 in the hall. Classes are now taking turns to showcase what they have been doing. Last week Room 2 showed some beautiful artwork, & told some very funny jokes.

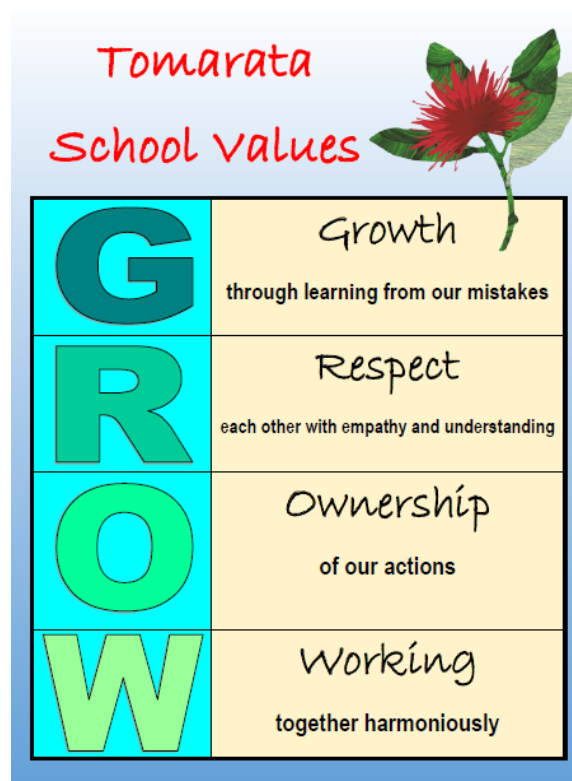
We have had some last minute invitations for events at other schools, so sorry for the late notice. As you know Pakiri School comes here every Friday for Kapa Haka & to take part in our school Friday programmes. They have very kindly issued an invitation to us to travel to Pakiri on the 26th August, do kapa Haka there, & then take part in their Colour Run. They are holding this as a fundraiser for their school, however Tomarata students will just be taking part for fun. More details on this will follow.

Today the whole school went to Leigh Primary to watch their first school production. I am sure our children thoroughly enjoyed this.

The transition programme for our Year 8 students for Rodney College is planned now so please check the calendar for dates & times. Next week the Deputy Principal will be bringing some ex-Tomarata students to talk to our children about their experiences at Rodney. Each year there is an Open information evening that parents & students can attend, which this year is on the 25th August.

Every year Daffodil Day is held as an annual fundraiser for the Cancer Society. Children are to wear yellow if possible that day & bring a gold coin donation to contribute to cancer research. As a cancer survivor myself, this is a cause that touches nearly every family I know. Please support this, even just by wearing yellow. It is the same day that we will be travelling to Pakiri School this year. A reminder will be sent out nearer the time.

[principal@tomarata.school.nz](mailto:principal@tomarata.school.nz)



## Reminders

Can you please put initials on your children's clothing especially sweatshirts & rain jackets. Our Lost Property pile is steadily growing again.

## Our Vision

*They are given the opportunity to self assess, developing and reflecting on their own learning through a culture of voice, ownership and self-efficacy.*

Next week I will be attending PD on how we can teach our children to use HERO to self-assess their learning. This is the first step in embedding ownership of learning in our weekly programmes for our students.

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

## PB4L Focus

This week teachers & children have been discussing what areas of the school are deemed as out of bounds. It is important that they understand that rules & expectations are not put in place to “be mean & controlling”. Rather they are there to ensure our children are in a safe environment.

[Andie McGuiness andie@tomarata.school.nz](#)

## Community

If you have any materials that could be used in our Makerspace Room please drop them off in Room 5. Boxes, egg cartons, wood offcuts, electrical items that

can be taken apart., anything that can be used for construction would be much appreciated.

## TEACHER AIDE REQUIRED: TOMARATA SCHOOL



Would you like to work at our lovely country school? Tomarata is a small, thriving, rural, full primary school of 71 students, located 15 minutes from Wellsford and 20 minutes from Mangawhai Beach. We are seeking a reliable, creative and patient teacher aide to work alongside and support doing a Bricks Lego programme, to start next week. This position is a fixed term, part time job. Hours per week are still to be assigned. Please contact Vicki at the office : 423 7022 or send an email to [office@tomarata.school.nz](mailto:office@tomarata.school.nz) stating name; contact details; previous experience; referee details.

**BUSES.** It is important that someone is at the drop off place to meet the bus in the afternoons. If you are running late please ring the office and we are happy to keep your child at school until you arrive.

## Shout outs

### AWESOME CHILDREN CELEBRATING SUCCESS

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

Levi Gray Room 7 for Growth

Willow Mitchell Room 7 for Respect

Connavar Mitchell Room 3 for Ownership

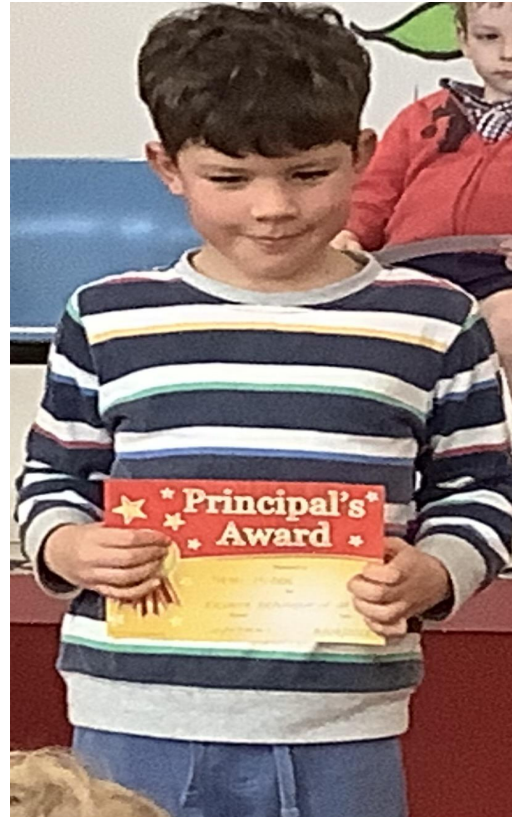
Beau Trotter Room 1 for Working together harmoniously



**LUCKY STAR:** we had 2 children to share the throne-  
Charlotte Cl;ayden & Livingstone Sionetali-Raki

## PRINCIPAL'S AWARD FOR FANTASTIC ROLE

**MODELLING:** Hemi Hobbs Room 2



## LUCKY BUCKET DRAW:

Oliver Casey Room 3

Nathan Baker Room 3

Jack Clements Room 7 who drew a no work  
afternoon

Elli Russell who drew a hot chocolate with  
marshmallows





# CLASS AWARDS



# BOT Update

Our first board meeting with the new Board is **on Wednesday 24 August at 7 pm..** Below are the bios of your Board members.

## Kerrisk, Jason Alexander

Hello, For those of you who don't know me, I grew up in Tomarata on a dairy farm and attended Tomarata School in the 90's. My wife and I moved to the Wairarapa in our younger adult life where we lived and worked for six years

before moving back to the area in 2011. Since we moved back, we have run a successful building business. I have two daughters that attend Tomarata School and a couple of boys to add to the school roll in the future. I have worked on the Board for the last three years and I am the current Board Chair (since May last year). During my time on the board I have developed a growth mindset, I have learnt a lot about governance, working with other people and education. I have a genuine passion for Tomarata school. I will continue to be part of a team to make decisions for the benefit of children and the school.

## Logue, Hagan

Kia ora Tomarata School whanau,

When my wife, three sons, and I returned to the area last year from Gisborne, the decision was easy to enrol our two school age boys at Tomarata School. As an ex-student of Tomarata, when I walk through the school gates many fond memories come to mind. As a member of the Board I would like to be a part in creating an environment where our current students will excel educationally, physically, and socially. I have been a member of the Board for just over a year now. During this tenure I have been involved in writing school policies and helping to manage the school finances. Having taught at a Gisborne High School for eight years, with Head of Faculty and Deaning experience, I am familiar with the education sector and believe this brings valuable experience to the Board team. My desire for Tomarata School is for it to be a place where all students can G.R.O.W. Being a member of the Board is one way in which I believe I can help make this happen.

## Mabin, Jeanette

My name is Jeanette Mabin and I am standing for the Tomarata School Board. My son Noah is in Year 4. I've been a board member for the past three years. Education is important to me. I trained in literacy, language and numeracy. I've had experience in the special needs sector as my son has PWS. Gaining support for him has given me an awareness of the diverse requirements within the education system. I believe in the well being of teachers and children. My work as a hypnotherapist and Celebrant

supports this. It is an honour to be part of continuing to make Tomarata the best it can be.

## Reid, Siobhan

My name is Siobhan Reid and I am standing for the Tomarata School Board. My husband, Paul, and I live in Mangawhai with our three children, Felix, Margot and Freja. We shifted to Mangawhai nine years ago and love living in this beautiful area. It is a fantastic place to raise our children, who have spent much of their early years either on the beach or running around barefoot on our property. Our eldest, Felix, started at Tomarata School earlier this year. I have had a varied career, working as a lawyer both in corporate law and general practice, as well as some time away from law, in event and hotel management, both in New Zealand and overseas. I am currently taking a break from my career to be a full time mother, however I own a small business in Mangawhai, Kindred Coworking, a shared office space. Working for a range of businesses has given me good insight into business processes and how effective teams work. We chose Tomarata School for our children for a number of reasons; as someone who grew up in a rural farming community myself, I love the small size of the school and its relaxed, friendly feel. I am passionate about learning and education, and believe that our role as the school community is to encourage a life-long love of learning in our children and a curiosity about the world around them. Balancing this with a broader life education is important, which is where programs such as Garden to Table and the Bush Block are so valuable. I feel very strongly about raising well-rounded, happy and healthy children, ensuring that they have the necessary skills and outlook to be successful in life (whatever that means for them!). I would like to play an active part in helping Tomarata School to prosper and our children to thrive. I believe that my skills and life and work experience will make a valuable contribution to the Board.

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



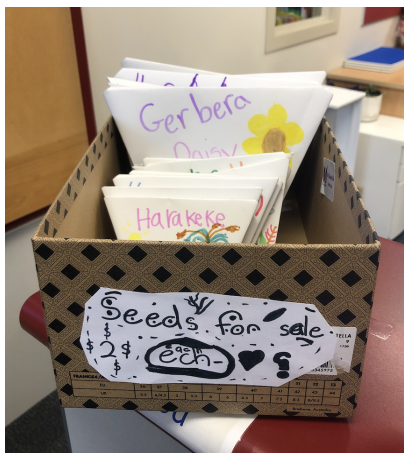
# Garden to Table

## FOR SALE

Seed packets for sale at the office. \$2 each.

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: 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**

Is there any organisation out there who would like the opportunity to run a sausage sizzle to raise funds for you. If so please contact Anne Richards.

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:

**Why did the frog  
take the bus to  
work today?**

**His car got toad away.**

**Congratulations to the following  
students for the awards they  
received from Tomarata Rugby  
Club**

## Well done!

U7

Best Novice - Lillias Parker

Most Improved Novice - Ava Pieper

U9

Player of the Year - Julian Cammell

Most Improved - Connaver Mitchell

U13

Player of the year - Finn Andrews 9past pupil)





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