



Newsletter Term 3 Week 7

September 7, 2022

29 Sept	Rm 7 Nature Classroom
30 Sept	Rm 6 Nature Classroom Whole school assembly Last day of Term 3

Birthdays



What's going on?

9 Sept	Rm 1 visiting Tomarata Playcentre Clubs
13 Sept	School speech competition
14 Sept	Rm 6 Edmund Hillary Virtual Reality Experience Tech Year 7/8
15-16 Sept	Ruud Kleinplaste "The Bug Man" at school
16 Sept	RRS Touch/Netball Day Whole School Assembly
19 Sept	Yr 8 Enrolment Interviews for Rodney College(interviews are being held here at school)
21 Sept	Tech Year 7/8 Parent Puberty Evening- Leigh School
22 Sept	Year 5-8 Puberty programme- Leigh School
23 Sept	RRS Speech competition
26 Sept	Rm 1 Nature Classroom
27 Sept	Rm 2 Nature Classroom
28 Sept	Rm 3 Nature Classroom Tech Year 7/8 BOT meeting 7 pm



Mrs Neel's Notes:

Dear families & whanau

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

Welcome to Tongan Language week. We have a number of part Tongan children at school so I am pleased to acknowledge your culture in this way.

We are now collecting Grocery items for our Annual Grocery raffle. We would appreciate it if **each family** (not each child) donated 2-3 items for the baskets. These can be dropped off to the office. Can you please check Best Before dates on the items as we cannot include anything that has a date before 31 October 2022. The raffle will be run in the same way as the Easter raffle, with each family getting a book of tickets to sell. The funds raised this year will be going towards refurbishing our Kids Kitchen for Garden to Table; starting with proper pantry cupboards. The raffle will be drawn on Show Day (the first Friday of Term 4). Tickets will go out soon.

Year 8 Enrolment Interviews for Rodney College are being held on Monday 19 September. Please phone Vicki in the office to book your interview time if you have not done so already.

Our children thoroughly enjoyed working with Mike King the food forager on Thursday & Friday last week. Who knew that we had so many edible things growing in places other than our vege gardens & orchard!

Miss McGuinness has started up a Lego Club running some lunchtimes in the Rata Room. Any child can go to build and create, & it proved very popular. It is lovely seeing them working together harmoniously (or homummyisly as a 5 year old told me the other day).

Child speak is something that teachers treasure - although sometimes their honesty can be brutal. Some pearls to share with you are : a 5 year old rubbing my leg as I read a story to them in Book Week & informing me my prickles were back again; a 6 year old boy asking why I looked like a clown (I was wearing eye shadow for a change); I asked a child in Rm 3 if they would like to tell me what their goal was in writing to which they replied very politely "No thank you" (I quickly rephrased my request); and today a New Entrant naming all the adults in the room as I went in. That's Mrs B, that's Sara, that's Nadia... looks at me & says and that's the bear! Ohhh dear..... I thought Mrs B was going to fall off her chair laughing.

Room 3 had a very successful trip to the new Hundertwasser Museum in Whangarei last week. They received very high praise from the Museum staff who stated they were the best class & school that they had worked with. They returned with some fantastic pottery & very inspired to complete their

Hundertwasser works of art they have been working on in class.

Finally Tomarata School was very honoured to host The Hon Jan Tinetti (Associate Minister of Education), Marja Lubeck MP, and Kirsty Ross MOE yesterday. The Minister is doing a tour of the smaller rural schools to see what programmes they are using, & how the school is coping post Covid lockdowns. The children were superb & sang beautifully in our assembly. Molly Barnes & Jack Clements presented the ladies with native trees & then they were escorted to the staffroom for a fabulous lunch prepared by our Room 6 Garden to Table students & Ms Wade. The food was outstanding & it all came from our gardens. Our visitors were very impressed, & I was bursting with pride for our staff, children & school.
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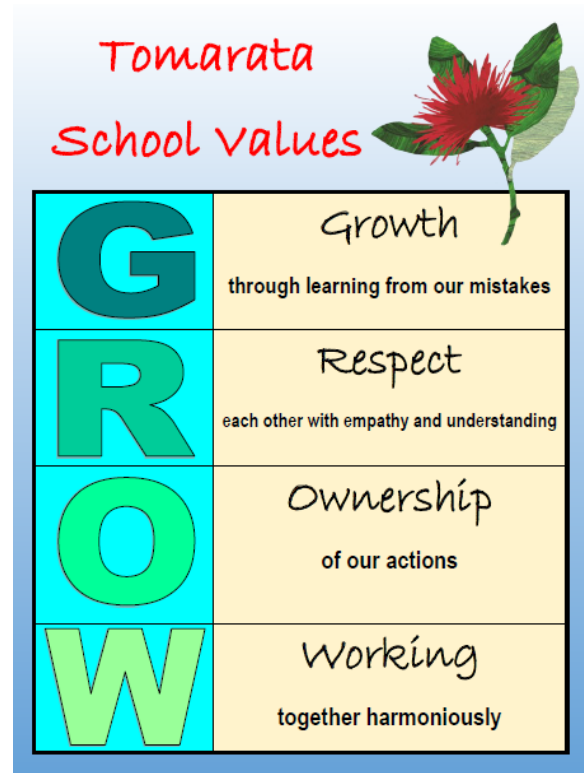
[Tomarata School Shared Vision can be read in full here.](#)

Reminders

- Please return entry forms for Show Day asap to the office for Mrs B. We need them all in by the end of the term. We expect children to enter 1 of the 4 categories: lambs; calves; gardens or sculptures. Can you also return all trophies
- Please return permission slips for Touch/Netball day for Year 4-8 students asap please

Our Vision

Our school Vision & Values were formed in January 2020 by parents; Helping Hands members; staff; and students over an intense 2 day workshop. Everyone's ideas for the future direction of the school were accepted, & we worked together to form the documents that we have now. The only person who did not have a say or vote was me. That means that the Vision & Values are owned by you, our parents and whanau. It is my job to ensure that the vision comes to life. I am very proud of what was formed over those 2 days, & it informs everything that we do at Tomarata School.



PB4L Focus

This week teachers & children have been working on returning school property to their correct places and collecting lost property. Room 1 is currently decorating our Lost property box. Please do check this regularly as we often have very expensive items of clothing left in there!

Andie McGuiness andie@tomarata.school.nz

FANTASTIC KIDS ACHIEVING FANTASTIC THINGS!

Principal's Award: Corbin Pieper

Bucket Draws: Roman Saxby Room 1;

Ella Hawke Room 2 Maddy Barker Room 1;

Cody Davis Room 3

Community

We are still hoping to gain 1 more major sponsor for our Fireworks extravaganza. Please email tomarataevents@gmail.com if you are interested; or anyone you know who may be. You will be sent information on the Sponsorship packages.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Do you have spare time on a Tuesday? Do you like cooking with children? We would love to have someone to take on the volunteer role of kitchen specialist for our Garden to Table programme. If this sounds like you please email me

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BOT Update

Our next board meeting is **Wednesday 28 September at 7 pm.**

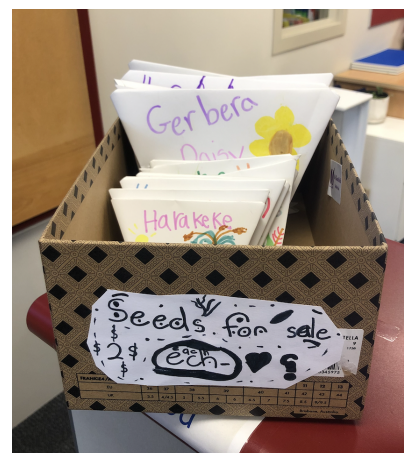
Jason Kerrisk boardchair@tomarata.school.nz

Garden to Table FOR SALE

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

Flax

Daikon Radish



FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA NIGHT

SAVE THE DATE! Fireworks Extravaganza

12TH NOVEMBER 2022 4:30 pm - 10 pm

We are very lucky to have Wharehines assisting us with traffic control this year. Parking areas will be clearly marked, as well as no parking areas, & monitored. This will hopefully solve the issues from last time.

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 prices will be:

Pre sale / online

Child - \$7

Adult - \$15

Family - \$35

Gate sales

Child - \$10

Adult - \$20

Family - \$40

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bicycle
collapse?**

**It was
two tired.**

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