



Newsletter Term 3 Week 8

September 14, 2022

What's going on?

15-16 Sept	Ruud Kleinplaste "The Bug Man" at school
16 Sept	Ruud at school RRS Touch/Netball Day Whole School Assembly cancelled
19 Sept	Yr 8 Enrolment Interviews for Rodney College(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	NO SCHOOL- QUEEN'S REMEMBRANCE DAY
27 Sept	Rm 1 & 2 Nature Classroom
28 Sept	Rm 3 Nature Classroom Tech Year 7/8 BOT meeting 7 pm
29 Sept	Rm 7 Nature Classroom
30 Sept	Rm 6 Nature Classroom Whole school assembly Last day of Term 3
17 Oct	Term 4 starts Rodney College entrance test

Birthdays



Ella Hawke Room 2

Maddy Barker Room 1

Eddie Cammell Room 6



Mrs Neel's Notes:

Dear families & whanau

Kia ora, nau mai, whakapiri mai ki te Wiki o te Reo Maori. Kua reri koutou katoa ?

Welcome to Maori Language Week, 12-16 September Mahuru (September), 2022. We have a range of activities & resources that are being shared with students in our classroom this week, although we normalise te reo Maori as much as possible in our everyday practice.

The Rodney Rural Schools' cluster tournament for Touch Rugby & Netball kemu takes place this Friday. We are hoping that the weather will cooperate. I am sure our Year 4-8 students will have an enjoyable time, using lots of pungao. Many thanks to Mrs Jackson for all the Touch practice that has been happening over the past couple of weeks.

Tomarata School has received a generous donation from Marja Lubeck Labour List MP, of a 360 Virtual Tour of Parliament kit as a thank you for hosting Hon.

Jan Tinetti & herself last week. We also received the following feedback

" Dear Cherylene and Team,

Thank you so much for hosting Minister Tinetti yesterday. She commented to me that she was extremely impressed with your small school, what an amazing job you and your team are doing for our tamariki. They were extremely impressed with the lunch from your garden to table programme that was served and the kind gifts of some native trees. Please let me know your ag/gala day date so that I can put it in our calendar's. Congratulations on a memorable visit for our Minister.

Kind regards,

Tania Hamilton

Parliamentary Community Engagement & Communications Advisor "



Martin Worthington, our wonderful itinerant music teacher is planning on a concert in Term 4 involving the students he takes. This will be an awesome opportunity to showcase their talents. If you are

wishing your child to take up music, please do contact Martin on aplusmusic@windowslive.com
He takes guitar, piano, drums & singing lessons.

Our Parent Forum & Maori Consultation hui will unfortunately have to be rescheduled for Term 4. School is so busy at the moment. There will be RSVP notices on HERO beforehand, as it is disappointing to organise meetings & have no one or 1 person turn up. These evenings are open to new, old or prospective parents to meet, chat & discuss any issues or concerns, ask questions, get authentic parent/whanau voice or suggest new ideas for Tomarata School. It is also a good way to meet other parents & to find out more about learning at school.

You will be aware of the Nationwide publicity of concern over the number of hours of 'screen time' that many children are exposed to, which also is linked to poor attendance rates post Covid. Many children around the country are arriving at school tired, or late, particularly on Monday mornings, or not coming to school at all. We encourage parents to limit the amount of time spent on devices & to ensure that the content is appropriate. Some games are extremely addictive, especially 'Fortnite' which is very popular. Games like this are unfortunately flowing down to younger children who try to play their own versions in the playground!

The Year 8 transition interviews/enrolments are being held on Monday. The children were very harikoa about their open day visit recently, & I heard comments such as *"It was great fun; I can't wait to get there; The Science lab was awesome!"*

A large number of our Room 7 tamariki went to Rainbow's End on Sunday, hosted by Bluelight. Everyone that went had the "koangi/coolest" day apparently, finishing off with a sausage sizzle, & were very pau te hau on the bus trip home. We are so lucky that this opportunity is given to our tamariki.

Room 6 had an excellent trip to the Auckland Museum as part of the inquiry. There were so many exhibits to titiro at.





Finally just a few shots of the cooking class at Rodney College for Manual. Our Year 7/8 students go every Wednesday for 6 week blocks at a time, & get to take part in a variety of activities including woodwork, metalwork & drama.



E pehea utuhina to kapu?

How will you fill your cup up?

principal@tomarata.school.nz

Reminders

- We are collecting grocery items now for our Annual Grocery Raffle. Thanks to the parents/families who have already sent in items. 2-3 per family is all that we ask for please. The raffle will be drawn at Show Day Friday Week 1 of Term 4.
- All Show Day entry forms need to be back in before the end of this term, & all trophies returned please
- Please return permission slips for Touch/Netball day for Year 4-8 students asap
- Please send Yummy stickers into classrooms if you have been collecting them-thanks!

Our Vision

Welcome to Tomarata School- we are going to notice you & your strengths & value your mistakes, effort & progress.

Everyone that walks through the door at Tomarata School is welcome to join us. One of the things that I noticed was missing when I came to lead the school was there was no sign welcoming you in. Hence why I asked the very talented Suzie Richards to paint me the sign that now sits proudly at the apex of the front deck. My question to you is, is there more that we could do that would make you feel welcome when you enter the school? Is there anything missing? If so, I

would love to hear your ideas. Please email me with any suggestions.

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

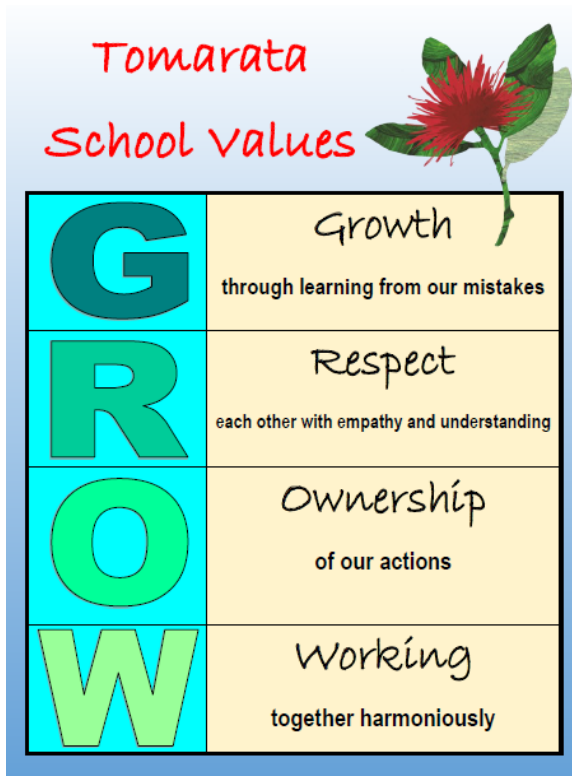
PB4L Focus

This week teachers & children have been working on the key competency of managing ourselves. In a nutshell it is teaching children how to get organised for their day with time & equipment. If we remember to put on our underwear every morning, then we can remember to bring our lunch, pack our bag, have a pencil etc. This is a basic necessity for future life at school & in the workforce. It is also important for children to be able to do this independently from an early age. So parents don't let your child expect you to carry their bags, & get their lunchboxes or brain food out. They can do that from Day 1. It is core to independence, motivation and is as essential as brushing your teeth & hair every day.

Andie McGuiness andie@tomarata.school.nz

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.



TOMARATA SCHOOL SPEECH FINALS

Brilliant effort from the following students:

Year 1 - 2: 1st Monty Bishop
 2nd Felix Reid
 3rd Isaac Curran
Participation: Ava Pieper, Harper Ferguson

FANTASTIC KIDS ACHIEVING FANTASTIC THINGS!

NEW HOUSE CAPTAIN:

I am very pleased to announce that Charlie Gray
Room 7 is now the co House Captain of Kea House.
Congratulations Charlie!

Values assembly:

Congratulations to these awesome role models

Charlotte Clayden Room 6: Growth

Rosalie White Room 6: Respect

Mickey Bishop Room 1: Ownership



Year 3 - 4 : 1st Corbin Pieper
 2nd Rosalie Bowman
 3rd Connavar Mitchell
Participation: Eva Kerrisk, Eli Logue



Year 5 - 6:

1st	Liana Kerrisk
2nd	Cate Richards
3rd	Arya Mitchell

Participation: Teilah Melrose, Tiare Korewha - Van Leeuwen



BOT Update

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

Jason Kerrisk boardchair@tomarata.school.nz

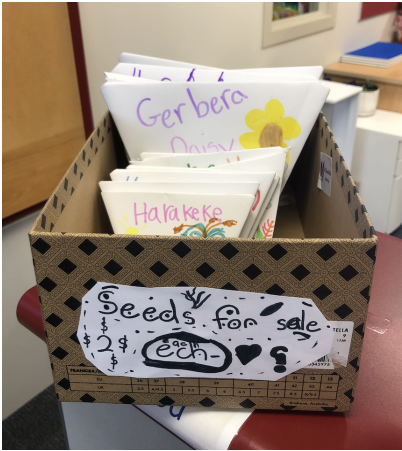
Garden to Table

FOR SALE

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

Flax

Daikon Radish



Year 7 - 8 :

1st	Willow Mitchell
2nd	Ayla Brien
3rd	Molly Barnes

Participation: Ellie Russell, Isaac Kerrigan

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

Just for a Giggle:



**What do you call
a sleeping bull?**

A bulldozer.

woman's day

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