



Newsletter Term 3 Week 8

September 22, 2022

Birthdays



Mrs Neel's Notes:

Dear families & whanau

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

As I sat watching Queen Elizabeth's funeral, along with billions of people around the world, it made me stop & reflect. She had been the Queen for all of my life, & it made me realise that even though I had never met her, I felt she was part of "my" family; as so many people interviewed stated - like a Grandmother. I had great admiration for her loyalty, dedication, integrity & honesty; & for the enormous responsibility she had taken on in her role. I also thought about how through her life she had endured so many things & had to make decisions that were for the good of the whole rather than 1 person. Her life & actions were constantly watched & commented on.

This then made me think on how people who take on these enormous positions of responsibility are hardly ever truly recognised for the good they have done, until they are no longer in that role e.g Presidents, Prime Ministers, Mayors right down to school Principals & classroom teachers. It seems to me that it is much easier to find fault rather than the opposite. It would be nice if people thought twice before they made comments about how they perceive what a person in an important role has done - think how you

What's going on?

22 Sept	Year 5-8 Puberty programme- Leigh School
23 Sept	RRS Speech competition- Kura Kaupapa
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
20 Oct	Cerebral Palsy Day - please wear GREEN
21 Oct	SHOW DAY -WOOHOO
24 Oct	LABOUR DAY-NO SCHOOL
26 Oct	NZ Shakeout Day Travelwise Day 7 pm BOT meeting
27 Oct	RRS cross country-Pakiri School

might have reacted if you were in that position- and think about what consequences your actions may have as a result. Unfortunately social media is a platform where people find it extremely easy to make negative comments without knowing if the facts are correct, and seemingly not realising or caring what fallout or reactions may happen as a result.

I am truly saddened to inform you that Mrs Cara Jackson is resigning in her role as part time teacher in Room 7 at the end of this term. Cara has been with us for the past 2 years and this is her last term as a classroom teacher. She is an amazing educator & we will miss her positive input around our school. Cara has also worked with the staff to share her valuable knowledge, strategies & ideas on enhancing Te Ao Maori, & Outdoor Education programmes to cater for students' needs. She will, luckily, still be continuing in her role as our Nature Classroom specialist teacher on Thursdays. We wish her & her husband every success in their business venture. We are also unfortunately losing Allira Bowman as teacher aide in Room 7. Allira is a fantastic TA, & I hope she takes on this role again in the future.

Talking about the Nature Classroom we have had to cancel some classes going due to not having enough parental support. We are bound by MOE rules to ensure children are safe by having a strict adult to student ratio for outside activities, especially near water. I fully realise that many parents work so are not available. However we seem to have dropped dramatically in offers of help this term. Grandparents & other relatives are more than welcome to come in stead. We are so lucky to have this wonderful

resource attached to our school, & it would be tragic if we are not able to use it.

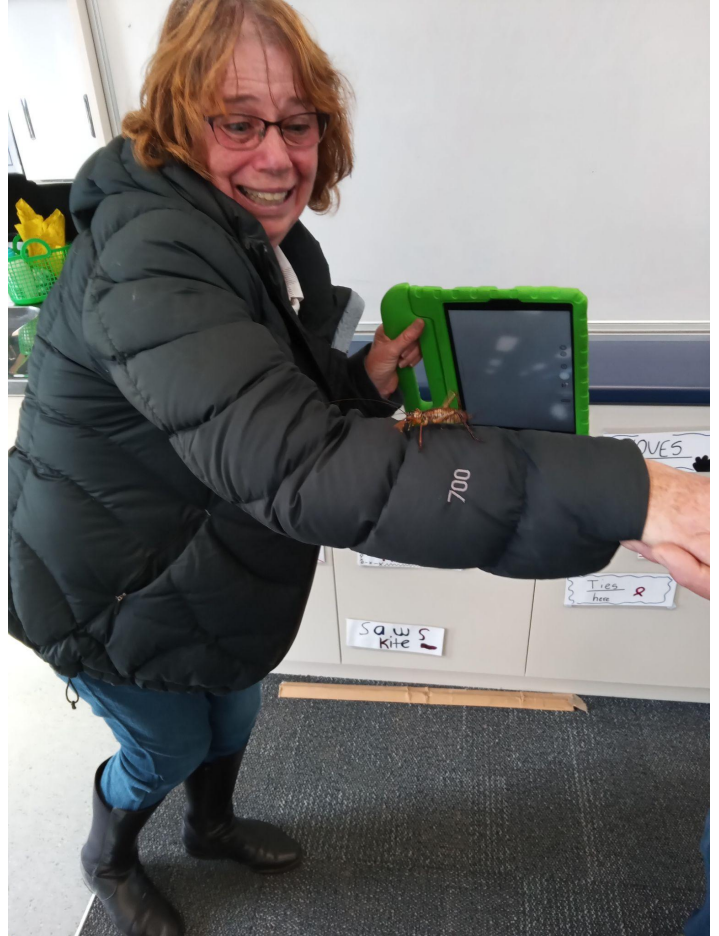
It seems we will still have some days of rain ahead of us. Typical Spring weather. Our children are very active, outdoorsy types. Thanks to those parents who supply a change of clothes in bags. On wet days we have some senior students who act as monitors, with teachers still roving through classes to check behaviour.

Term 3 is rapidly drawing to a close. Teachers are reflecting on programmes, progress & achievement made this term, & planning ahead for next term. This is the first time in over 2 years we have been at school this long, & everyone is really tired & ready for a holiday. Due to this we have noticed an increase in some inappropriate behaviours so are reminding our children about respect & ownership of their actions. The Values & behaviour expectations are unpacked regularly with the classes at an appropriate level for what it looks like for their age group, & recovered at the Values assembly every Monday. The main messages we are wanting to share are to be kind & respectful to each other.

Room 6 & other classes were very lucky to have a Virtual Reality experience last week. They were able to explore Scott's Hut in Antarctica. As one Year 4 student said- it was like being time travelled Mrs Neels...so cool. My husband Tony also took time out of his day to visit Room 6 to share his experiences of working in Antarctica over Summer, when he was in the Army.



Bug Man. I am sure many of you have seen him on TV. He captivated the children (& teachers), especially when he allowed Dorothy (an alarmingly large weta) to crawl up their arms. I am not sure if Mrs S was quite so enamoured of Dorothy!



The whole school also had a fantastic time with 2 days of “buggy” experiences with Ruud Kleinpaste the



Last Friday the Year 4-8 students went to the Rodney Rural Schools Touch/Netball tournament, hosted by Tapora School. Luckily the weather cooperated! The children had a very enjoyable time. Many thanks to the parents who helped on the day.





A heads up that we will be seeking support for helpers for our amazing Guy Fawkes event on

November 12th. This is an extremely important event in our school calendar, & we do value your input & assistance. It will be an awesome night!

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Reminders

- We are still collecting grocery items 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 on 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

Our Vision

We cannot wait to get to know you, everyone is welcomed and cared for here

Tomarata School does not have a zone. That means that anyone who wants to come here can, no matter where they live. We look forward to any new students /families who walk through our doors. The teachers spend a considerable amount of time getting to know the students; and this starts with the interview with the Principal, & tour of the school before you even start.

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

PB4L Focus

This week teachers & children have been working on how, why & when they should ask for help. This is not just in the playground, it is in the classroom too. One of

the common barriers to learning can be children not asking for help when they are stuck. I know I was reluctant to do so when I was at school for fear of looking “dumb”. However we really encourage the children to realise it is a good thing to ask for help, no matter the situation. It is also directly linked to our Grow Value- which is growing through learning by making mistakes.

Andie McGuiness andie@tomarata.school.nz

Community

I was very lucky to have a visit from Sarah Wardle & Candice Deutschmann from Bunnings last week. They very kindly donated a \$500 gift card as one of our raffle prizes for the Fireworks evening. They also donated some umbrellas to the school. It sounds like we can look forward to further sponsorship from this awesome company in the future.

FANTASTIC KIDS ACHIEVING FANTASTIC THINGS!

Values assembly:

Congratulations to these awesome role models

Eddie Cammell Room 6: Growth

Eddie White Room 2 : Respect

Arley Baker Room 6: Ownership

Fili Maka Room 6: Working Together

Tomarata School values



G	Growth through learning from our mistakes
R	Respect each other with empathy and understanding
O	Ownership of our actions
W	Working together harmoniously

Table programme. We could not do it without your continuing support.



Room 6 children hard at work!

BOT Update

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

Jason Kerrisk boardchair@tomarata.school.nz

Garden to Table

Carters Mangawhai have come to the party yet again, donating posts for the new garden the children & Sue are planning. We thank you for your sponsorship.

Hammer Hardware Wellsford have also continued their sponsorship with more items for the Garden to



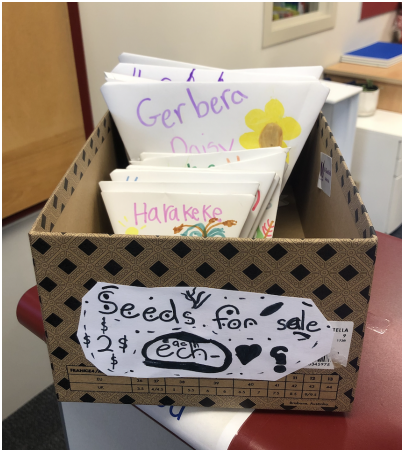


FOR SALE

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

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:

Why was 6 afraid of 7?

Because 7, 8, 9!

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AMAZING SPONSORS

We have had Toyota Warkworth join as major sponsors for the school for our Fireworks Night, as well as Remax Wellsford. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

We really appreciate your help:



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