



Newsletter

Term 4 Week 7

November 30, 2022

What's going on?

30 Nov	BOT meeting 7 pm
1 Dec	Responsibilities Assembly 1:45 pm
2 Dec	Y8 Big Day Out trip
6 Dec	Sponsors & Parent helpers Morning Tea
8 Dec	House Captains Trip
9 Dec	Swimming finishes Xmas Concert 1:45 pm
12 Dec	Music Kids Concert with Martin 11 am in the hall Taylor STEM at school
13 Dec	Farewells Assembly 1:45 pm
14 Dec	Reports open on HERO Taylor STEM in school
15 Dec	Prizegiving 10 am Last day of the school year
7 Feb	Term 1 2023 School starts
6 April	Last day of Term 1 2023
24 April	Term 2 2023 starts
25 April	ANZAC Day-no school
6 May	King Charles II coronation

Birthdays

Beau Trotter Room 2

Ollie Flexman Room 3



Mrs Neel's Notes:

Dear families & whanau

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

Firstly, many apologies for the lack of newsletters the past 2 weeks. The year is slipping away extremely quickly, & our Year 8 leavers are preparing their farewell speeches. This is a long standing tradition, & some children work in pairs to deliver their entertaining reflections.

Our children continue to be involved in a wide variety of activities. They are especially enjoying working on their Xmas items for the upcoming concert. The Year 8 students are off on their Big Day Out on Friday to Game Over & Jump so they are very excited as you can imagine. We will also be having a 2 day visit with Taylor Thomson, who is an expert on rivers, streams & water quality, working with the children to round off our STEM Outdoors year.

The disappointment of not being able to run the Fireworks event was huge. However we have been very humbled by the response of the community at large; starting from many people donating their ticket

money back to the school; most of our large sponsors allowing us to keep half or all of the sponsorship money; our Raffle sponsors agreeing to honour the raffle; the community supporting the Raffle; businesses donating money and prizes for further raffles; right up to Top Catch in Mangawhai allowing us to have the proceeds from mini golf last Saturday, combined with a bake sale & raffle organised by Jeanette Mabin.

The huge amount of work done throughout the year by our Fireworks Team (Paula Bishop; Hayley Hawke; Anne Richards; Shannon Josephs; Robyn Sibtsen & myself) was truly appreciated. I also want to thank the parent helpers & outside organisations who had also volunteered their services for the night, alongside Neil & his pyrotechnic team. We have managed to raise an amount that is now tagged & set up for next year for our school van. We raised \$9,460.00 from our Raffle alone! The final figure from donations etc will be revealed soon.

As our student numbers are lower in 2023, we will begin the year with 4 classrooms, but each will still have fairly low class numbers to maximise learning. This is still being finalised. Of course the Board has advertised for a new Principal, as well as 2 fixed term positions for class teachers. We are organising classes for next year so please let us know if your children are not returning in 2023, as well as any prospective enrolments.

Swimming lessons with Ingrid started on Monday. Despite the weather being very unstable, the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves on Monday. Please make sure that your children have togs & towels in a plastic or swim bag every day until the end of next week for lessons. These lessons will also take place again in Term 1 next year. We get 10-20 free swimming & water safety lessons each Summer for

our children with trained instructors. Also whenever it is warm enough (& the children have their swimming gear) the classes will be utilising the pool for the rest of the year.

Bunnings Mangawhai has opened just recently, & have already offered help & sponsorship to the school. On 9 November some lovely ladies came to school as part of a new Graduation scheme with the school. Each of our Year 8 students were presented with a Rata tree to plant in remembrance of their time at Tomarata School. We hope this will become a yearly tradition. The children had fun planting in our tree nursery area, & we also appreciate the tools that Bunnings also donated.

My time at Tomarata has provided me with many things that I will cherish or laugh about as memories. One that tickled my fancy the other week was this:

I was in Room 1 listening to a child read with great excitement. At the end of the book we exchanged a high 5, & then she came in for a cuddle (as they know they can with me). She said to me- " You smell like Nana. I said .. oh does your nana have the same perfume as me? She gave me another squeeze & said ... No, you just smell like a nana & you're soft & squishy! " Gotta love kids !

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Reminders

- All unclaimed clothing will be donated to the Op shop at the end of the year, so please check Lost Property for items that may belong to your children
- The Library is now closed for culling & stocktake. Please check under beds & behind couches for any books lurking there.

- Remember to return your strawberry orders to school asap

Our Vision.

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

PB4L Focus

This week teachers & children have been recovering the expectations on keeping Tomarata a Zero Waste school. That means that we expect all lunch wrappers to go back home; we recycle all our paper & cardboard; food waste goes to our worm farms & compost system; and only landfill goes in the bins. These are good lifestyle practices that we all should be following at home. I am sure the children could help set up these systems with you.

Andie McGuinness andie@tomarata.school.nz

FANTASTIC KIDS ACHIEVING

FANTASTIC THINGS!

VALUES AWARDS

Isaac Curran Room 2 Growth

Maddy Barker Room 1 Respect

Corbin Pieper Room 3 Ownership

Ellie Russell Room 7 Working Together



Jesse Logue Rm 6 Growth

Maryrose Parker Room 1 Respect

Eddie Cammell Room 6 Ownership

Todd Clarke Room 7 Working Together



ASSEMBLY LUCKY BUCKET

Charli Gray Room 7

Chyliss Halley-Thomas Room 7

Ayla Brien Room 7

Tia Campbell Room 7

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Felix Reid Room 1

Eddie White Room 3

Harry White Room 1

Khodi Paikea Room 7

Ellie Russell Room 7

Ayla Brien Room 7

FIREWORKS POSTER WINNERS

1st :Julian Cammell Room 3

2nd :Corbin Pieper Room 3

3rd :Room 1

Highly Commended :Rosalie Bowman Room 3

GOOD WORK

Ave Pieper Room 2 for her Xmas angel

Taine Sawyer showed us the 3 Gold Medals that he won at the World Kickboxing Championships held in Wales. They are very heavy, not to mention impressive. We are so proud of you & your achievements Taine!



BOT Update

Our next board meeting is **tonight** Wednesday 30 November at 7 pm.

Jason Kerrisk boardchair@tomarata.school.nz

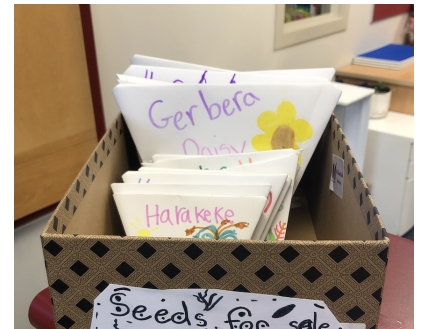
Garden to Table

FOR SALE

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

Flax

Daikon Radish



Sue Levens has been an outstanding Garden Specialist for us. Sadly she will not be returning next year, as her family is arriving back in New Zealand, so she is spending valuable time with them. We thank her for her enthusiasm, input & knowledge & wish her well. This means we need someone to fill her paid position for 2023. If you are interested please contact Cherylene asap.

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