



Newsletter

Term 4 Week 8

December 7 2022

What's going on?

8 Dec	House Captains Trip
9 Dec	Swimming finishes Xmas Concert 1:15 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-½ day
31st Jan	Office now open
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
5 June	Kings Birthday-no school
30 June	End of Term 2
14 July	Matariki holiday

Birthdays

Cody Davis Room 3



Mrs Neel's Notes:

Dear families & whanau

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

Our Year 8 leavers had a wonderful "Big Day Out" last week with Ms Haddow & Betsy Tipping accompanying them. They had a lot of fun with mini-golf, go kart racing & Laser Tag at Time Out, followed by an hour at Jump & lunch at Albany Mall. I hear there was a hole in one, & photos with Santa to finish the day. It is nice for the kids to celebrate their end of Primary School as a group. I got some positive feedback from the children, & Lynnette & Betsy (who also seemed to enjoy themselves). Huge thanks to both these ladies who provided the transport & supervision. The Year 8's have also left a reminder of themselves on the fence palings outside the school. Please have a look when you next come.

As you have been informed you will have a new Principal next year. Chris King has been appointed who will move up from Invercargill. I wish him well. We have also appointed Mr Donovan Jonathan in the

Year 7½ class for next year, and have 1 more appointment to confirm for the Year 5½ class.

We are looking forward to the musical recital on Monday with Martin Worthington's group. It starts at 11am in the hall & we invite you all to attend.

It was sad that the weather yet again postponed the cluster Athletics Day. This has been moved to Term 1 next year. Here's hoping the weather will be more settled by then!

With the warmer temperatures, despite the rain, comes the possibility of infected insect bites & impetigo (school sores). Impetigo is highly infectious & needs to be treated properly. Please check your children for any suspicious spots.

We do hope that parents are able to attend our end of year Prizegiving on Thursday 15 December at 10am. Our Year 8 students will be delivering their Leavers Speeches, which is a Tomarata School tradition. Children will go home after the assembly. Buses will run as normal in the morning, but students will need to be picked up at approx 11:30 after Prizegiving. We also have our Xmas concert this Friday, & the Farewell assembly for staff on Tuesday next week.

Everyone is looking forward to 2023. We ask if you could let us know of any students that are leaving Tomarata School, as well as any prospective enrolments. This is very helpful to finalise classes for next year. We welcome 2 new students tomorrow

Ari Murray In Room 3 & Oscar Murray In Room 6. We hope you enjoy our lovely school. At this stage our classes are organised as follows:

Room 7	Donovan Jonathan	Year 7½
Room 6	TBA	Year 5½
Room 3	Robyn Sibtsen	Year 3¼
Room 1	Barbara Bartlett	Year 1½

The survey for 2023 stationery came back strongly in favour of supporting The Nook as our suppliers. The process of ordering will be the same as Qizzle, as in online. This should be able to be accessed by January 15th. You will look up the list for the year group, & be able to order what is needed. Information for accessing the website will be sent to asap. We are quite happy for children to use any unused exercise books from this year, or those only partly used. Also items like book bags & protractors do not need to be renewed every year. The biggest difference however is that you will need to pick the stationery up from The Nook in Wellsford. If you wish to cover your children's books, you are welcome to. Duraseal or EZ Covers are the best options.

The school office will be open from Tuesday 31st January on, from 8am-2:30 pm , for new enrolments or enquiries. If you wish to make appointments please contact Vicki on 423 7022 or office@tomarata.school.nz

On Thursday last week we also held our Responsibilities Assembly. This event was to recognise & reward those students who took on extra responsibilities over & above classroom duties. We are very proud of everyone who was acknowledged.



Isaac Kerrigan for Flag monitor duties



Livingstone Sionetali-Raki, Ellie Russell & Tia Campbell - Travelwise monitors



2022 House Captains: Cole Costello, Charlie Gray, Isaac Kerrigan, Ayla Brien, Molly Barnes & Willow Mitchell



Student Voice team: Charlie Gray, Eddie Cammell, Liana Kerrisk, Eva Kerrisk & Connavar Mitchell



Community Spirit Cup: Chyliss Halley-Thomas

Yesterday we also held a Sponsors morning tea to thank those amazing organisations & people who have supported Tomarata School throughout the year, & for our Fireworks event. The fantastic Room 6 Garden to Table cooks prepared & served a delicious morning tea, which the sponsors really enjoyed. We look forward to working with you all again next year.

Finally I am thrilled to inform you that we have received our new ERO report, which is excellent. I thank the parents who took part in the meetings with Brent Wagner, & myself to ensure that we worked together to improve the organisation & practice at Tomarata School. Please read the message below.

Te Ara Huarau is the evaluation approach that the Education Review Office (ERO) is using in our school. This is a developmental approach to evaluation where ERO and our school work together over time rather than one off reviews that happened previously. Te Ara Huarau is used in most English-medium state and state-integrated schools.

ERO maintains a regular review programme to evaluate and report on the education and care of young people in the schools. Our school worked alongside ERO to write our Profile Report. This type of report will only happen once as part of our initial engagement with Te Ara Huarau. The profile report reflects our strategic goals and a shared evaluation focus on one or more areas that are important to us as we work together to improve outcomes for all our learners. ERO, like us, has a strong focus on equity and excellence. Future reporting will show our progress and achievement towards meeting the goals we have set. Public reports like the Profile Report are published on [ERO's website](#).

A Board Assurance Report that shows how we are meeting regulatory and legislative Requirements has also been published.

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Reminders

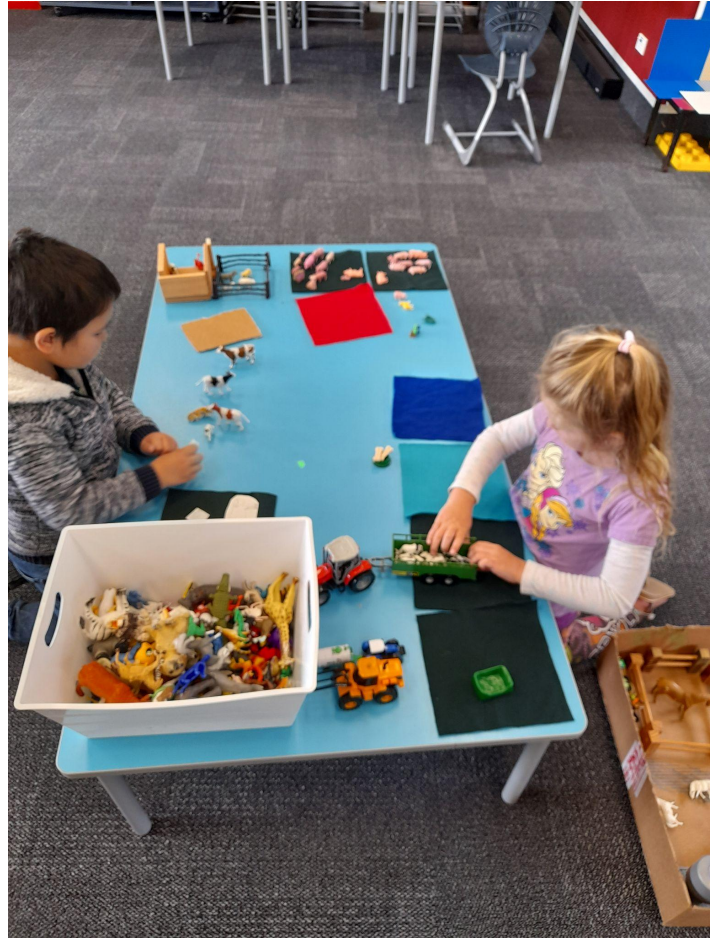
- All unclaimed clothing will be donated to the Op shop at the end of the year, so please check Lost Property for items that may belong to your children
- The Library is now closed for culling & stocktake. Please check under beds & behind couches for any books lurking there. Culled books will be available for parents & children to take after the Xmas Concert, at no cost
- 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 discussing accepting differences & being inclusive. This is even more important these days with all neurodiverse children expected & able to attend mainstream schools. It is vitally important that this acceptance is talked about & modelled at home too. Here are some beautiful examples of this, with Tahlia Witheford supporting Mason Klenner in his learning.





Andie McGuiness andie@tomarata.school.nz

VALUES ASSEMBLY

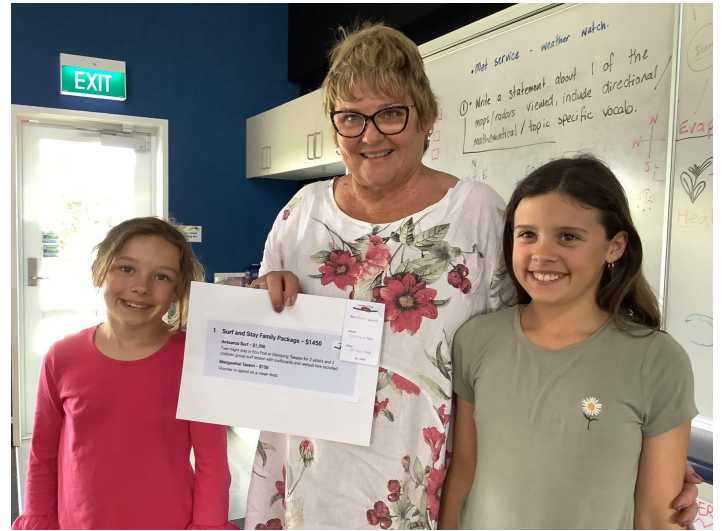


Awesome Values award recipients this week were:

Nova Saxby	Room 1	Growth
Julian Cammell	Room 3	Respect
Dominic Jones	Room 6	Ownership
Orla Bowens Together	Room 2	Working

FIREWORKS RAFFLE

Photos of the grandchildren of some of our lucky winners- Eva & Liana Kerrisk



Eli & Jesse Logue

BOT Update

Our next board meeting is in **February 2023**. The actual date is TBA. The Board & staff enjoyed a lovely Xmas get together at The Cow Shed last week. Highly recommended for a delicious meal & awesome service & atmosphere..



The Board of Trustees met for our last regular meeting of the year last week. It was also our last meeting with Cherylene as Principal. We want to use this space to publicly acknowledge and thank her for all the work that she has put into this aspect of her busy role. She has had many late nights and put in lots of hours preparing for each meeting, to ensure the board were fully informed and up to date every month.

We also are pleased to inform you that we have co-opted onto the Board Pip White and Paula Bishop, who both have experience and expertise in Marketing. They will focus their time and effort on promoting the school to the wider community. They are both also great additions to our Board, and we are now a complete team with diverse minds and a range of skills.

Jason Kerrisk boardchair@tomarata.school.nz

Garden to Table

I am very pleased to inform you that we have a new Garden to Table gardening coordinator for 2023. Sally Usher will be joining us. Sally is a past teacher of Tomarata, very skilled, & very passionate about hands-on learning & the environment. Welcome back Sally. We're so pleased you have rejoined the Tomarata team.

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“break a leg?”

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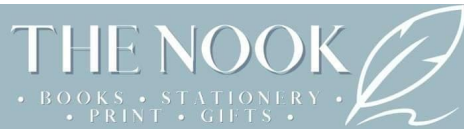
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