



Tokomaru School Newsletter

Thursday 5th February 2026



Principal's Pen

Kia ora koutou,

Thank you to everyone who attended our Parent/Teacher/Student conferences last week. We were pleased to see 90% of our whānau take part, and our teachers are following up with those who were unable to attend. Ongoing communication between home and school is very important, and these conferences provide a valuable opportunity for students to share their learning and for families and teachers to connect and discuss progress together.

If you've visited Rooms 1 and 2 this term, you will have spotted some new furniture and classroom layouts. These have been carefully chosen with the Science of Learning in mind, with thought about environmental comfort, set up to support students' focus and engagement to help them get the most from their learning experiences. There are a number of studies highlighting how physical design features in classrooms can support engagement and cognitive focus, and our littlest learners are really enjoying them!

Our upcoming Cluster Careers Expo on the 19th March is looking for a couple more presenters. This is a fantastic opportunity for members of our school community to share their experiences and passion for their trade, career, or vocation with our students. If you have a story to tell about your journey and would like to inspire the next generation, we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch with me for more details about how you can participate so our students can 'Explore the Possibilities!'



Mel Ryan,
Principal.

Term One Dates

Monday 26th January - Thursday 2nd April
Good Friday - Friday 3rd April
Easter Monday - Monday 6th April
Easter Tuesday - Tuesday 7th April



Upcoming Dates

Friday 6th March

- Variety Morning Tea
- School Assembly 12:30pm
- School Triathlon 1:50pm

Tuesday 10th March

- Epic Music Lessons

Wednesday 11th March

- Year 7&8's leave for camp
- Home & School Meeting 3pm

Thursday 12th March

- Term 2 Ballot Applications Close

Friday 13th March

- Year 7&8's return from camp
- Term 2 Ballot Drawn
- Variety Morning Tea

Monday 16th March

- Board of Trustees Meeting 6:30pm

Tuesday 17th March

- Epic Music Lessons

Wednesday 18th March

- Year 7&8 Technology

Sports

We are all looking forward to our Triathlon tomorrow! It has been fantastic to see so many of our tamariki out there giving it their all at practices, showing determination and supporting each other from start to finish. From swimming to biking and running, students have pushed themselves, encouraged their friends and showed amazing perseverance. We know all their hard work will be worth it when they cross the finish line tomorrow. Events like this are a great reminder that sport is not only about competition, but also about having fun, challenging yourself, and showing great sportsmanship. Kā pai to all of our students for their fantastic effort.

A big Kā pai also goes out to all of our summer sports teams. Each week I hear great feedback about how much our students are enjoying their games, working together as a team, and proudly representing our school. It's awesome to see the positive attitude and effort everyone is putting in.

Looking ahead, please remember we have our Swimming Showcase coming up in Week 8 on Friday, followed by Junior Cluster Athletics in Week 9 on Friday. These are always exciting events on our school sports calendar, and we look forward to seeing our tamariki getting involved and giving it a go. More information will be shared with whānau closer to the time.

We look forward to seeing you all at the triathlon tomorrow.

Miss T & Matua Murray



Kahui Ako Collaboration

Last week we had the privilege of joining several schools within our Kāhui Ako from 2025 for a morning of local curriculum learning and collaboration. This was a follow-up from last year's experience of learning about powhiri and mihi whakatau to put it into a real context for students to experience.

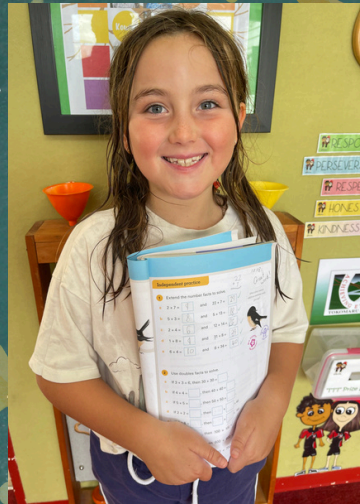
The morning provided a wonderful opportunity to share knowledge and grow through really meaningful collaboration. Ten of our Kapa Haka students were fully immersed in workshops including Waiata, Ngā Tākaro Māori, and Pūrākau - embracing culture, language, and storytelling with enthusiasm.

A big thanks to PNBHS for their excellent organisation and warm welcome. A special thank you to Matua Murray for sharing his knowledge and supporting our learners throughout the day, and to Sophie for joining our students for the morning and providing transport - we truly appreciate your time.

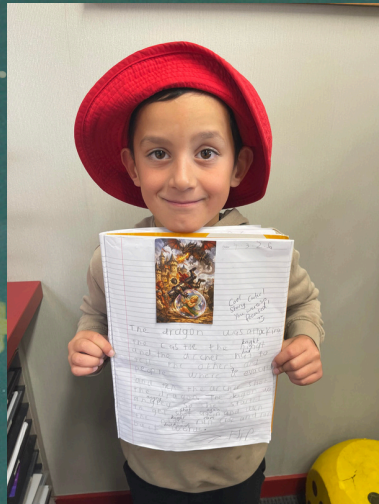


Student Stars

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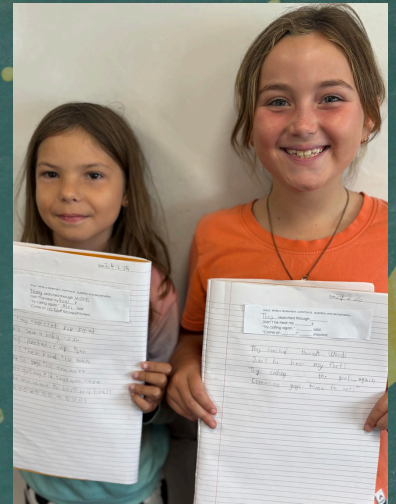
Addy's marvellous maths!



Carter's impressive writing!



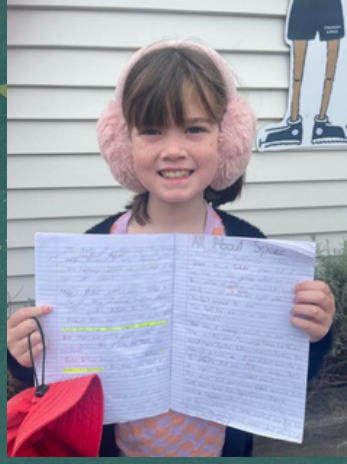
Jessica's El Rancho writing!



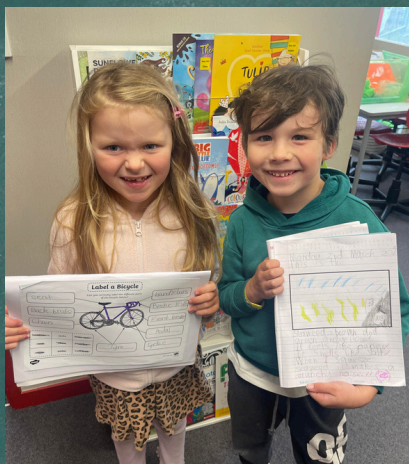
Everleigh-Rose and Addy's impressive sentence learning!



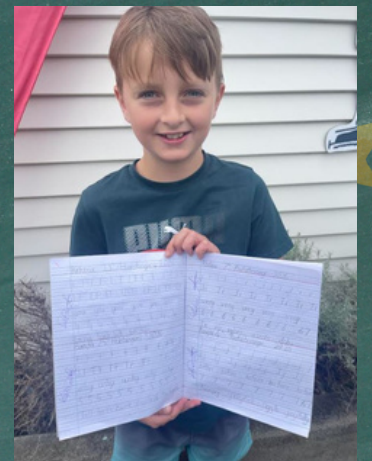
Ruby's remarkable research!



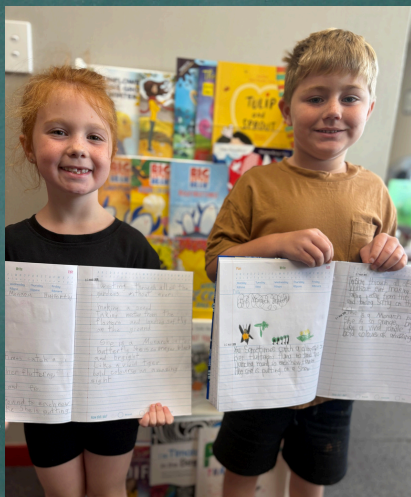
Eden's super writing about space!



Octavia and Hezekiah's 'Wow Work' from room 2!



Travis' outstanding handwriting!



Ruby & Jax's monarch butterfly writing!



Room 4 'Wow Work'!

Welcome

Welcome to our newest student Eli, we hope you are enjoying joining your big brother at Tokomaru School.



IT'S ALL BACK ON!

Chess Club and Epic Music students are all back in action for 2026!



★ Tokomaru Hall ★ Market Day

Sat 2nd May 2026 from 10am

At Tokomaru Hall 761 Makerua Rd

New and second hand goods for sale

To book a stall site or for more information, contact us via our facebook page: Tokomaru Community Hall or email us on tokomaruhall@gmail.com

Tokomaru Hall Quiz Mid-Winter Christmas

\$120 table of six or \$20 per person

Sat 27th June 2026 6pm

Any questions or to book a table please email tokomaruhall@gmail.com or contact us via facebook @TokomaruHall

Proceeds go towards upgrades to the Hall to benefit the Community

Weird, but true... Bananas contain potassium and are slightly radioactive, and watermelons are 92% water. 



Tokomaru Cubs and Scouts

Join the adventure!



Cubs - aged 8 to 11, Wednesdays 6:00 to 7:30pm

First night - 4th February 2026

Scouts - aged 11 to 14, Mondays 6:30 to 8:00pm

First night - 2nd February 2026

Location: Tokomaru Scout Hall



Activities: Focus on fun while developing Leadership and Teamwork skills through indoor and outdoor activities including: Camping, Cooking, Kayaking, Tramping, Community Service and Earning Badges

Contact - Tokomaru@group.scouts.nz.

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