



Tokomaru School Newsletter

Thursday 25th June 2026



Principal's Pen

Kia ora koutou,

Keep an eye out on the last day of term for our new-look mid-year reports. A printed copy will be coming home in school bags on the final day, and the digital version will also be available to view and save directly via Hero. We hope you enjoy this updated format.

Week 10 has been a jam-packed week of sports for our students! They showed fantastic determination, and teamwork, competing in the Foxton Schools rippa rugby tournament, and a two-day Manawatu Kī o Rahi Festival. They represented our school so well, and we are super proud of their efforts. On top of that, I'm personally looking forward to heading along to cheer on our team for the final basketball game of the season this week - let's finish the term on a high!

Next week, we come together to celebrate Matariki, and I want to extend a massive thank you to all of our families. Your support with donations and orders has been incredible! We are so excited that all of our students will get the opportunity to try an authentic hāngi as part of the celebrations - it's going to be a special experience for the whole school.

Wishing you all a wonderful final week of the term, and a safe and relaxing holiday break!

Ka nui te mihi,

**Mel Ryan,
Principal.**



Term Dates

Last day of Term 2 - Friday 3rd July
Matariki (Public Holiday) - Friday 10th July
First day of term 3 - Monday 20th July



Upcoming Dates

Friday 26th June

- Variety Morning Tea

Tuesday 30th June

- EPIC Music Lessons

Wednesday 2nd July

- Matariki Celebration
- Hangi collection 5:30-6pm
- Year 7&8 Technology

Friday 3rd July

- Variety Morning Tea
- Last day of term 2

Monday 20th July

- First day of term 3

Important Dates coming up in Term 3

Tuesday 28th July

- Book Battle

Wednesday 5th August

- Home & School Meeting 3:15pm

Tuesday 11th &

Wednesday 12th August

- Parent Teacher Pupil Conferences

Friday 14th August

- Mathex Competition

Sports

What a fantastic way to wrap up Term 2 with our final sporting events of the term! It has been a week full of excitement, teamwork, and outstanding sportsmanship from our tamariki. On Tuesday, our students travelled to Foxton to compete in the Rippa Rugby Tournament at Coley Street School. The weather was beautiful, and both teams played exceptionally well, representing Tokomaru School with pride, determination, and great sportsmanship throughout the day.

We also had students competing in the Manawatū Kī-o-Rahi Tournaments on Wednesday and Thursday. Once again, our tamariki showcased the skills they have been developing and demonstrated just how much their hard work and practice have paid off. It was fantastic to see their confidence, teamwork, and enthusiasm on display.

A big congratulations to our basketball team, who play their final game of the season this week. Thank you to all the players, coach Matua Murray, and whānau who have supported the team throughout the season. Our hockey teams have another game this weekend and a couple more games remaining at the start of next term, and we look forward to seeing them finish their season strongly. Congratulations to our recent Player of the Day winners!

Thank you to everyone who has helped make Term 2 sport such a success. We are incredibly proud of all our students for the way they have represented our school. We look forward to another exciting term of sport in Term 3!

Miss T & Matua Murray



Board of Trustees

Over the past couple of weeks, we've practised some of our emergency drills, including evacuation and lockdown procedures. These drills are an important part of ensuring that all students and staff know what to do in the event of an emergency and can respond calmly and efficiently, as well as safely.

We are pleased at how well our students followed instructions and demonstrated responsibility throughout these practices. Our school education officer attended our lockdown drill and is supporting us to improve our procedures even more. Regular drills help us maintain a safe learning environment and ensure we are prepared for a variety of situations.



From the Office....

Hero app:

It is great to see so many of our parents taking advantage of the Hero app. If you still don't have it downloaded, or are having trouble downloading it, please see or contact me at the office so I can help you get this sorted, it really is the best way to keep up to date with all school events and invoices, shortly reports too!

Payments:

Payments made for your Hero invoices do not automatically show as paid in Hero, these are manually reconciled which we try to do as quickly as possible. Please allow up to 2 weeks for these payments to show as 'paid' in Hero. If you have made a payment and it is not showing in Hero after 2 weeks, please do contact me to let me know.

Regards,

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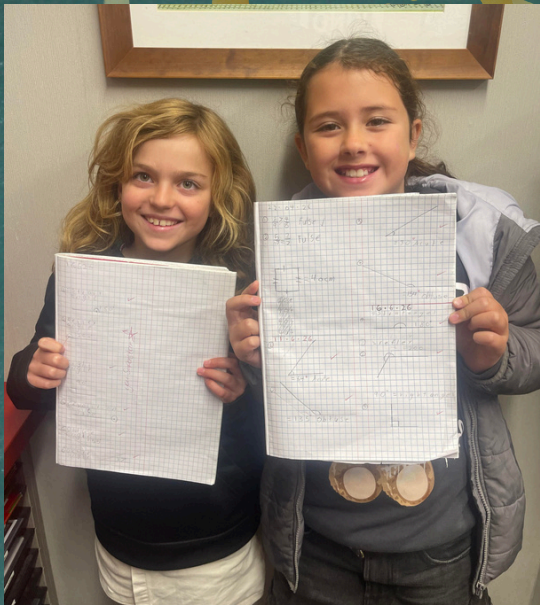
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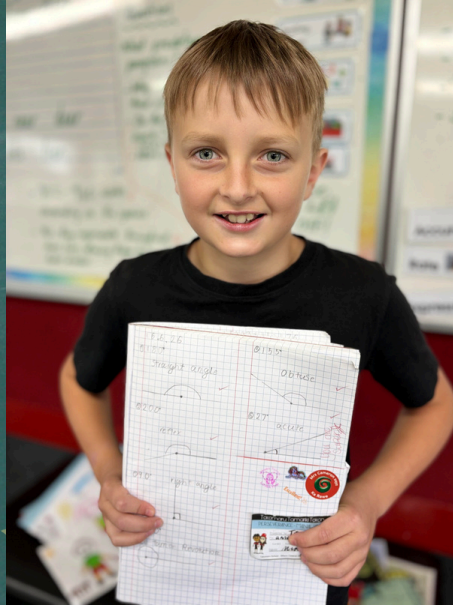
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Student Stars

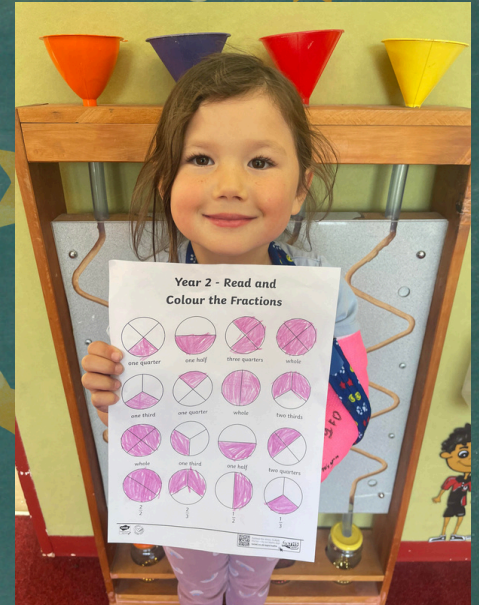
Te Tutuki i te kairanga



Ada and Adaline's amazing maths angles!



Travis looking at maths from a different angle!



Hattie's fabulous fractions!



Library - Savanna, Harper, and Ephram found Matariki stars hidden in the library and won prizes!



Vinnie having so much fun in the loose parts play area!



Congratulations to Octavia for being the Principal's Award winner at Week 9's assembly!

Tokomaru Talent Show

Huge congratulations to everyone who took part in our Tokomaru's Got Talent Show! This event started as an idea brought forward by our Student Council, and it was great to see so many students sharing their talents. We had music and dance to magic and hand tricks - the show highlighting the creativity and confidence of our Tokomaru School students.

Thanks to all our performers - Kate, Sienna, Emily, Ada, Molly, Adaline, Lincoln, Rory, Bella, Everleigh-Rose, Harper, Ruby B, Ruby I, Octavia, and Ephram, our Student Council organisers - Bonnie and Jadzia, and Olivia for supporting, and to our students, staff, families, and Tokomaru ECC who were such supportive audience members. You all helped make the show a success. We're super proud of everyone who took part and look forward to future student-led events coming up!

All participants received a prize for taking part, with overall winners also getting a prize:




1st - Adaline and Lincoln - drums duo "Arabella"

2nd - Kate and Sienna - dance "Katseye"

3rd - Addie P - dance "Don't Cha"



Matariki & school holiday fun!

- 
Matariki Nature Workshops Friday 10 July
 - Pot your own seedling
 - Make your own pūrerehua (bush telephone)
 - Make a bug hotel
- 
Kiwi & Cat Matariki Adventure Screening Saturday 11 July
 - Enjoy a hot chocolate and popcorn while watching 10 episodes of this iconic cartoon duo
- 
The Penguin & the Sea Monster Puppet Show Sunday 12 July
 - Presented by String Bean Puppets

A special 30% discount on two of our most popular experiences:

- Kiwi Night Encounter
- Native Bird Close Encounter

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School holiday offer
30% off!



Weird facts!

Honey never spoils: Pots of honey have been found in ancient Egyptian tombs that are thousands of years old and still perfectly good to eat!



MATARIKI WINTER EXPRESS

27 June & 10/11th July 2026

Starts at 5pm
(last train) 7:30pm

Adults \$6.5 per person
Child \$3.5 per person



Short train rides at night in Feilding yard

More info steamrail.nz



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OPEN NIGHT

Tuesday 28 July - 5:30pm - School Gymnasium
434 Botanical Road, Palmerston North

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