



# Tokomaru School Newsletter

Thursday 30th April 2026



## Principal's Pen

Kia ora koutou,

It was really special to attend the ANZAC service at the RSA with so many of our students, their families, and members of our wider community. As always, our students showed great respect, and their participation helped honour the sacrifices of those who have served our country. Moments like this remind us of the strength of our community and the importance of coming together to remember.

Our visit to Rangimarie Marae will be a special opportunity for our students to deepen their understanding of tikanga Māori and the values of manaakitanga and whanaungatanga. During the visit, students will take part in a pōwhiri, learn about the history and significance of the marae, and engage in activities such as waiata, sharing pepeha, art, and shared kai. We are grateful for the chance to connect with our local community in such a meaningful way.

In Week 3, we look forward to welcoming the Life Education programme back to our school. These lessons provide students with valuable learning around health and wellbeing, and making positive choices. The interactive sessions (including Harold the Giraffe of course!) are always a highlight and support specific focus areas for each class.

We are also excited about the upcoming Cluster Chess Tournament. Our students have been practising over the past several weeks, building their strategic skills. We wish all our participating students the very best and commend them for their commitment in preparing for this event.

**Mel Ryan,**  
**Principal.**



## Term Two Dates

First day of Term 2 - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April  
King's Birthday - Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June  
Matariki - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July  
Last Day of Term 2 - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July



## Upcoming Dates

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May

- Rangamarie Marae visit for Kapa Haka & Room 5

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May

- Life Education Week begins

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May

- EPIC Music Lessons

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May

- Year 7&8 Technology
- Home & School Meeting 3:15pm
- Mother's Day Raffle tickets due

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May

- Mother's Day Raffle Drawn
- Variety Morning Tea

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May

- Cluster Chess Tournament
- Tokomaru School Assembly

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May

- Happy Mother's Day

HAPPY  
Mother's Day

# Sports

Welcome back to Term 2! Another busy term full of exciting sporting opportunities! Our winter basketball (congrats to the team for their 14-12 win against Linton Camp last week) and hockey teams are now underway and ready for a great season ahead.

Across the school, classes have started their cross country practices as we build up to our School Cross Country on Friday 22nd May (Week 5). It's awesome to see our students showing determination and giving it their best effort during training. Please remember to bring appropriate running shoes and appropriate running clothes while we are doing our practices.

We have also been lucky to have Netball Manawatū running skills sessions with Room's 1, 2, 3, and 4. These sessions have been a real highlight, with our tamariki always excited to get involved and build their netball skills.

Key dates to keep an eye on this term:

- Rippa Rugby sessions with Josh - 13th-14th May (Week 4)
- School Cross Country - Friday 22nd May (Week 5)
- Cluster Cross Country - 4th June (Week 7)
- Manawatū Kī-o-Rahi Tournament - 24th-25th June (Week 10)

Miss T & Matua Murray

# Netball Team

Our Year 5/6 netball team played their last game of the season on the last day of Term 1. The team played so well together, with some excellent defence and attack play.

We'd like to thank Haley for her support in coaching the team, our students for their dedication each week, our fab families for supporting from the sidelines, and to Miss T for coordinating our teams.



# Netball Manawatu

Our Year 1-6 students have been having a fab time during their netball lessons with Netball Manawatu over the last two weeks.

A big thank you to Michaela and Ashley for leading such energetic sessions. Students have been developing their ball skills, including passing, throwing, and catching, while also learning how to play the game.



# ANZAC DAY 2025

A special morning for our school community at the ANZAC Day service at the Tokomaru RSA on Saturday.

So proud of our Head Students Ruby and Liam for delivering the Ode, students from our Kapa Haka group for leading the National Anthem, and our Deputies Jessica and Jadzia and two of our juniors - Izaac and Arlo - for laying the wreath, and our students who marched and attended with so much respect.

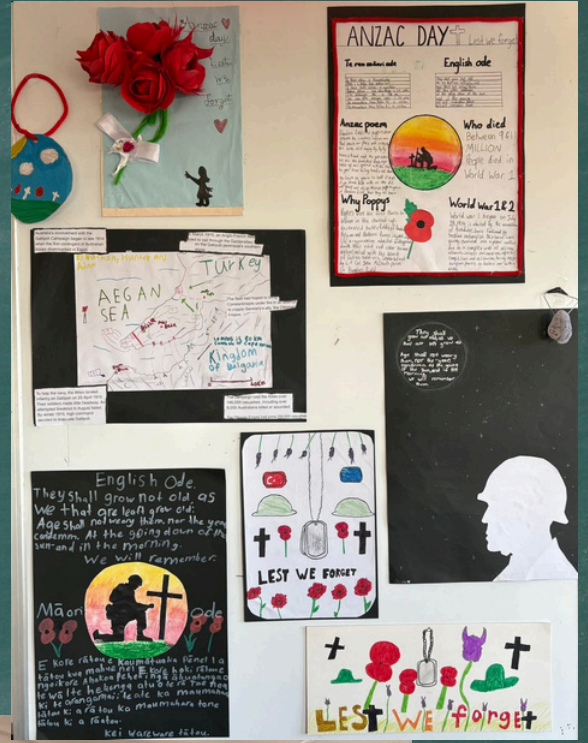
It was lovely to see everyone come together to march from our school's memorial arch with whānau, community groups - including our local Scouts group - friends, and the wider community.

A big thank you to the Tokomaru RSA for their organisation and preparation of the service and the beautiful morning tea and refreshments.

We will remember them.



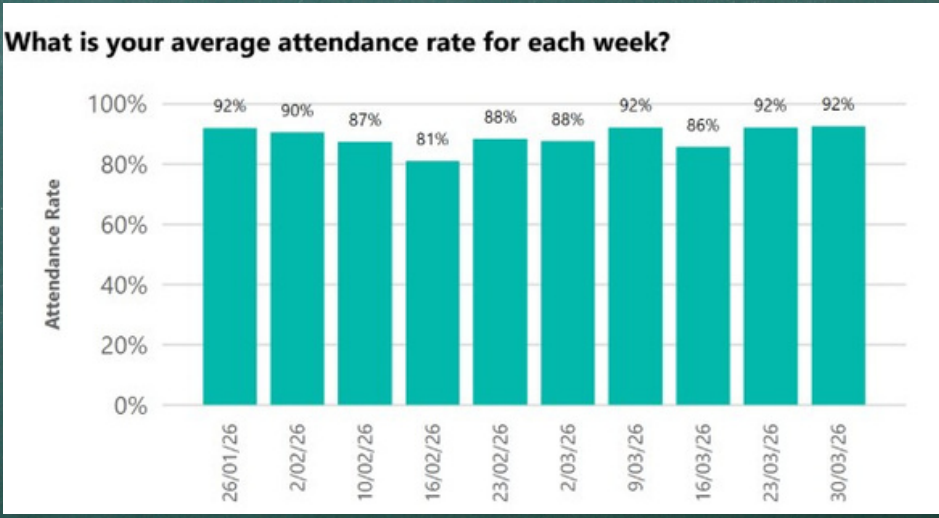
# ANZAC DAY ART



Check out our ANZAC Day art on display at the RSA!



Term one attendance update - Our Term 1 attendance was positive, with most weeks in the high 80s to low 90s. Thank you to our students and whānau for supporting regular attendance - please make sure you get in touch with us via Hero, phone on 06 329 8780, email [officemanager@tokomaru.school.nz](mailto:officemanager@tokomaru.school.nz) or text on 0278198039 or Facebook messenger if your child/ren are going to be absent. Being at school each day really does make a huge difference to learning and engagement!



# Student Stars

## Te Tutuki i te kairanga

Ako in action - Room 5 shared their dioramas and poetry with the other classes, exploring the various learning activities they'd enjoyed at El Rancho Camp. It was lovely seeing our students teaching and learning from each other!



Our student scientists rocketed into the House of Science kit - Spaced Out - exploring our place in the solar system and the fascinating relationship between Earth and our biggest star, the Sun.

Through hands-on activities, they explored the incredible scale and components of our solar system, used balloons to model how the solar system (or even the universe) changes in size and distance, made a galaxy in a bowl, and more! These sparked some big questions and even bigger curiosity!





Thanks Izaac and whanau for sharing your medals with us for ANZAC Day, we all loved looking at them!



A big welcome to Arlo, Eleanor, and Nataria, along with your whānau - happy school days!

True or False...  
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