



Tokomaru School Newsletter

Thursday 28th May 2026



Principal's Pen

Kia ora koutou,

We can't wait! Our student leaders are looking forward to attending the upcoming National Young Leaders Day (NYLD). This year's focus on building confidence, resilience, and positive leadership is especially relevant to their various roles at school. They're excited to hear from speakers who will share real-life stories and practical ideas they can bring back to our school community. And our own Whaea Torah is a being an amazing role model for demonstrating service to the community and resilience in action as she completes her volunteer recruit firefighter course this week!

The Government is focusing on greater consistency across schools and as I've shared before, as part of this, the New Zealand Curriculum has been updated, including new learning expectations. We are required to implement the refreshed English and Mathematics curricula this year, and I'm pleased to share we are well on track with this work.

We are also beginning to work with new assessment tools and changes to reporting to whānau. Our focus remains on providing clear and meaningful information about your child's progress. I am pleased to share that we are going to be using Hero for reporting for our mid and end of year reports. Hero will provide a clear and accessible way to view reports and information about your child's progress throughout the year.

As we work through these changes, we will continue to rely on teachers' professional judgement supported by a range of assessment information and classroom observations. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or me if you have any questions and feedback about these changes.

Mel Ryan, Principal.



Term Two Dates

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



Upcoming Dates

Friday 29th May

- Variety Morning Tea
- School Assembly 2:20pm

Monday 1st June

- King's Birthday Public Holiday - school closed

Tuesday 2nd June

- Epic Music lessons

Wednesday 3rd June

- Year 7&8 Technology
- National Young Leaders Day for student leaders
- Home & School Meeting 3:15pm

Thursday 4th June

- Term 3 Ballot closes
- Cluster cross country

Friday 5th June

- Term 3 Ballot drawn
- Variety morning tea

Tuesday 9th June

- Epic Music lessons



Sports

What an awesome Cross Country event we had last Friday! It was fantastic to see so many of our tamariki participating, showing determination, perseverance, and giving it their all. We are very proud of the effort and positive attitudes shown throughout the day.

A huge thank you to our whānau who came along to support their tamariki, and to the whānau who helped with marshalling around the track. We really appreciate your support – we couldn't do these events without you! Please see our 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place getters for each year group below and certificates will be handed out at this Friday's assembly.

Cluster Cross Country permission slips have now been handed out for students who qualified to compete at our Cluster Cross Country event, which will be held at Stewarts' Farm next Thursday. Please return permission slips as soon as possible; as always we would love for our whānau to come out and support our tamariki.

Miss T & Matua Murray

Tokomaru School Girls Cross Country Results 2026



YEAR	🏆 1ST	🥈 2ND	🥉 3RD
1	Hattie	Ruby B	Nataria
2	Ruby I	Eve	Dahlia
3	Harper	Savanna	Everleigh-Rose
4	Addy F	Bella	Rory
5	Ada	Eden	Adaline
6	Molly	Emily	Hazel
7	Athea	Jadzia	Nila
8	Bonnie	Jessica	Ruby L



Tokomaru School Boys Cross Country Results 2026



YEAR	🏆 1ST	🥈 2ND	🥉 3RD
1	Izaac	Arlo	Eli
2	Vinnie	James	Hezekiah
3	Ephram	Osiris	Maddox
4	Carter	Kaydian	Asgeirr
5	Lincoln	Bodhi	Liam P
6	Cooper	Ali	Travis
7	Andrew	Aka	Pipi
8	Koby	Adam	Liam B



Cross Country 2026



FINISH

Pink Power

On May 15th we wore pink to spread kindness, celebrate inclusion, and stand together against bullying. It was awesome seeing so many of our students getting their pink on! Thank you to all who attended and contributed to our Pink Ribbon morning tea, together we raised \$52.80 for Mental Health Foundation NZ and \$120 for Breast Cancer Foundation NZ.



Board of Trustees

We had a great day welcoming teachers and principals from Turitea, Linton Camp, Newbury, Aokautere, and Hiwinui Schools to our kura for The Learner First Maths PLD. It was so lovely to open our classrooms, share ideas, and learn from each other. There were lots of great conversations throughout the day, all focused on supporting the learning and success of our students, and our students especially enjoyed the demonstration lessons by our facilitator Jo Knox. Thanks for spending the day with us everyone.



Home & School

The Hopkins Farming Group invited us to fundraise at their latest farm auction. Thanks goes to Roxanne, Justin, and Narissa who were on the food and a special thanks to Property Brokers for generously providing the BBQ trailer and gazebo for the day. And a big thank you to Tony for organising the trailer and gazebo, and for giving us the opportunity to fundraise at the auction. Your support is hugely appreciated! Thank you as well to everyone who stopped by and bought something from us - a super generous crowd - your support means a lot to our school community. We raised just over \$480 to go toward our all-weather turf that is going to be installed in July!



TOKOMARU SCHOOL
MENU

Sausage Sizzle \$3

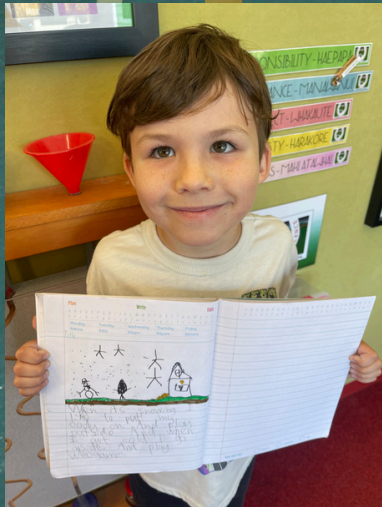
Toastie \$3
 Choose 3 fillings:
 Beef
 Ham
 Cheese
 Onion

Drinks \$2
 Fizzy Drink
 Tea
 Coffee
 Hot Chocolate

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Student Stars

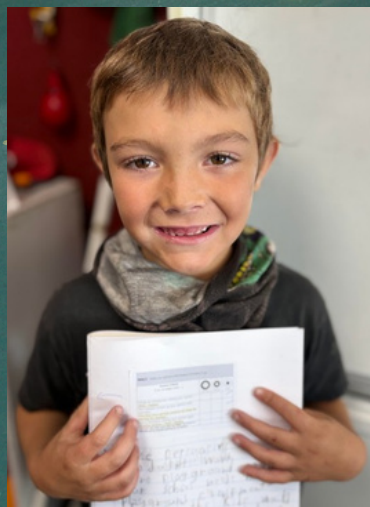
Te Tutuki i te kairanga



Hezekiah's super snow story!



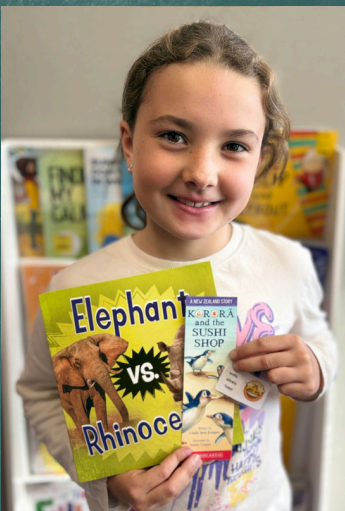
Artemis' awesome archery award!



Asgeirr's impressive persuasive writing!



Hattie's super myths and legends writing!



Rory showed us her dance competition ribbons, coming 1st in Expressive and 3rd in Jazz Solo! Keep dancing your heart out, Rory!



Octavia and Addy F found Lucky Library tickets reading this week! They won a book from Mrs Ryan's prize shelf!

≡ Welcome ≡



A special welcome to Fox and his whānau, joining us in Room 2!





FLU2026

Is your child eligible?

Many tamariki may be eligible for a FREE flu vaccine if they have:

- been hospitalised with a breathing illness
- an underlying health condition.

To see if it's free for your tamariki, visit info.health.nz/flu

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Fun Facts...

Caterpillars
have 12 eyes!



FLU VACCINE INFO FROM HEALTH NZ

The flu vaccine is recommended for everyone over six months old especially, as we approach the winter season, and is free for those at higher risk. You can check eligibility for a free flu vaccine at:
<https://www.healthnz.govt.nz/health-topics/immunisations/vaccines-aotearoa>

Ask your vaccinator to check that you're up to date with all your vaccinations.

Book a vaccine by calling 0800 28 2926 Monday to Friday or visiting:
<https://app.bookmyvaccine.health.nz/>

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30 MAY

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SUNDAY

31 MAY

9AM - 4.30PM

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