



Tokomaru School Newsletter

Friday 21st August 2026



Principal's Pen

Kia ora koutou,

It was fantastic to see so many students attend our movie night last night, enjoying 'Shrek' while also helping to raise funds for our 2027 Senior Camp. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the evening.

Speaking of Shrek... over the past couple of weeks, we have been running auditions for our whole-school production of 'Shrek'. I have been incredibly impressed by the enthusiasm and talent shown by our students throughout the audition process.

We can't wait to bring this production to life for our school community in the last week of term at the Speirs Centre at Palmerston North Boys' High School. Make sure to "save the date" - Thursday 24th September.

We look forward to seeing you all there and sharing what promises to be a fantastic performance!

Mel Ryan,
Principal.



Term Dates

First Day: Monday 20th July
Last Day: Friday 25th September



Upcoming Dates

Friday 21st August

- Cluster Speech Competition

Tuesday 25th August

- EPIC Music Lessons

Wednesday 26th August

- Year 7&8 Technology

Friday 28th August

- Daffodil Day

Tuesday 1st September

- EPIC Music Lessons

Wednesday 2nd September

- Year 7&8 Tech
- Home & School Meeting 3:15pm

Thursday 3rd September

- Term 4 Ballot Applications Close

Friday 4th September

- Crazy Hair Day
- Cuba St Pie Delivery
- School Assembly 2:20pm



Sports

Expressions of interest for Summer Soccer and Summer Touch, beginning in Term 4, were sent out this week. If your child has put their name down for either sport, a permission slip and further information will be sent home next week.

Please remember that these teams cannot go ahead without parent support to help with coaching or managing. Depending on numbers, we may also need to combine year levels or join with other schools in our cluster to form teams.

Room 3 has also started joining Room 4 for their PE programme as we prepare for our upcoming cluster Kī-o-Rahi tournament. Students have been developing their skills in ripping rīpene and passing the kī (ball). It has been fantastic to see everyone getting involved and working well together!

Miss T & Matua Murray

Mathex 2026

We had three teams competing at the 2026 Mathex competition held at Awapuni Racecourse.

Our teams demonstrated excellent teamwork, perseverance, and mathematical thinking across the day, with a practical challenge round and a quick fire round keeping our teams on their toes!

Results for each team:

Year 6: Bronze (Max, Arthur, Molly, Artemis)

Year 7: Bronze (Pipi, Jadzia, Aka, Olivia)

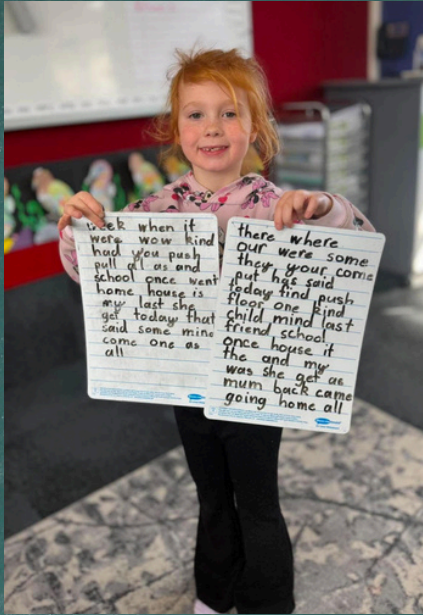
Year 8: Silver (Ruby L, Jessica, Liam B, Aka - thanks Aka for competing with the Year 8s as well due to sickness).

Super proud of our teams; thank you as always to everyone that supported our students to achieve their goals - our teachers for working with the students on practice questions, and to those that helped with transportation - Deborah and Damo.

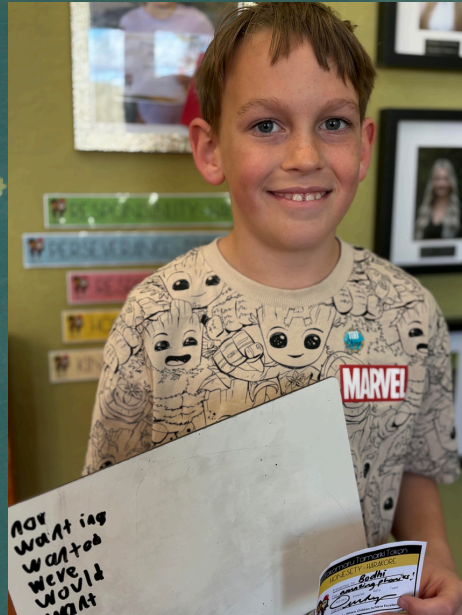


Student Stars

Te Tutuki i te kairanga



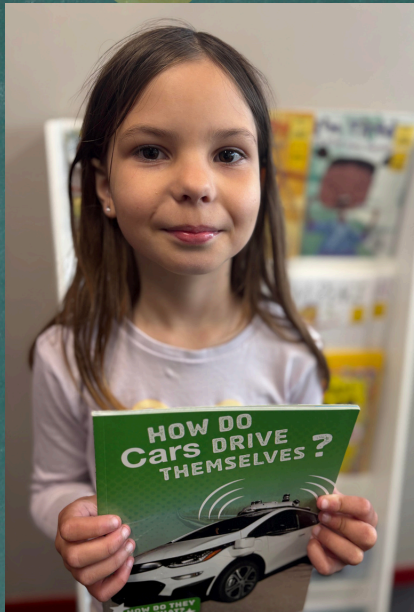
Ruby I and her amazing spelling!



Bodhi's amazing spelling!



Fox & Nataria's writing about Donkey from Shrek!



Everleigh-Rose chose a book from the prize shelf after finding a Lucky Library ticket!

Hattie and Stella's 'Saddle Up' imagination with the loose parts play!



Exploring a Future in Teaching

Over the past few Wednesdays, we've been fortunate to have Maia spending time in our junior classrooms as part of the Gateway programme at Palmerston North Girls' High School.

Maia is a former student of our school and is currently exploring her interest in becoming a primary school teacher. Maia has been spending time alongside our teachers and students in Rooms 1 and 2, observing classroom life and gaining valuable insight into the day-to-day work of a primary teacher.

It has been lovely to see Maia's enthusiasm for working with children and to support her as she takes these early steps towards her future career. We wish her all the very best with her studies and her goal of becoming a teacher!



Board of Trustees

At Tokomaru School, we want our students to feel safe, settled and supported when they are at school and when they are taking part in school-related activities. We would like to take this opportunity to remind all members of our school community about the conduct expectations that help us maintain a safe, respectful and inclusive environment for our students, staff and wider school community.

While disagreements and differences of opinion are a normal part of life, the way adults manage these situations can have an impact on our students. Children may see, hear about, or be affected by adult conflict, even when they are not directly involved.

Our 'School Community Conduct Expectations' state that, at Tokomaru School, school-related activities and events, and in all communications, we expect members of our school community to:

- treat school staff and other members of the school community with respect
- communicate appropriately and through appropriate school communication channels
- take reasonable care that their behaviour does not negatively affect the health and safety of others
- support student learning and wellbeing
- respect the privacy of others
- use digital technology and social media safely and responsibly
- follow relevant school policies and procedures and support our inclusive school culture and school values.

Our responsibility is to provide a physically and emotionally safe place for all students and staff. We all have a role to play in creating a school community where our students see adults modelling the respect, care, self-control and kindness that we expect from them.

Thank you for supporting the wellbeing of our students and the positive culture of Tokomaru School.

You can review this policy by logging in through our SchoolDocs site.

<https://tokomaru.schooldocs.co.nz/>

Username: tokomaru

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If you have any queries please feel free to contact the Tokomaru School Board Presiding Member or our Principal.

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The logo for SchoolDocs, featuring the word "SchoolDocs" in a white, sans-serif font. The letter "o" in "Docs" is replaced by a stylized apple icon with a bite taken out of it. The logo is set against a dark green rectangular background.

A collage of 12 photographs showcasing a book fair event. The top row features a display of children's books, a boy in a Batman mask holding a book, a table with various books and a plush unicorn, and a girl in a brown coat holding a book. The middle row shows a large display of books on a table, a man in a blue sweater holding a wand, and a boy in a pirate costume holding a book. The bottom row includes a girl in a trench coat and cat ears holding a book, a table with books and plush toys, and a girl in a floral dress. A vertical strip of colorful book spines is on the right.



Weird, but true!



Australia is wider than the moon!



DATE	STARTS	MAP	SCALE	COURSES
Sun 23 Aug	From 10:00am	Holly Farm	1:7500	6

COURSES

#	DIFFICULTY	CLASSES	KM	WINNER'S EST. TIME
1	Red Long	SBC (Yr 12-13)	4.7	40-45 min
2	Red Med	SGC (Yr 12-13)	3.9	40-45 min
3	Orange Long	JBC (Yr 9-11), SBS, Y7/8BC	3.5	30-35 min
4	Orange Med	JOC (Yr 9-11), SOS, Y7/8OC	2.9	30-35 min
5	Yellow	Y7/8BS, Y7/8GS, PBC, PGC	2.9	20-25 min
6	White	PS (Primary)	2.1	15-20 min



Terrain: Rolling farmland with patches of forest and bush, some steep areas.
Bring: Own water, snacks & a school tent or gazebo — no water on site.
Arrive: At least 45 min before your start time.



GETTING THERE

From Marton: Follow Tutauenu Rd north, continue on Galpins Rd, turn left at the Holly Cottage sign into Warrens Rd extension (15 min from Marton). Follow orienteering signs from here to paddock parking. The event centre is very close to parking.

GPS: -39.985282, 175.390818

There are a limited number of compasses to borrow and whistles for sale.



Event info & start lists

Scan the code or visit
redkiwi.org.nz/events/353895

Enquiries
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Maths Week Challenge Winners

Nataria - Won 'Where's Stitch' Search & Find Book

Ruby B - Won 'Number Fun' Book

Rory - Won 'The Great Aotearoa Puzzle Book'

Jax - Won 'Number Fun' Book

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TOKOMARU HALL SPRING QUIZ

Tickets \$15 per person

Sat 19th Sept 2026 6pm

Kitchen Roof Fundraiser

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