



Tokomaru School Newsletter

Thursday 17th September 2026



Principal's Pen

Kia ora koutou,

It has been a busy and rewarding couple of weeks at school, with plenty of opportunities for our students to learn together.

This week, our whole school took part in class lessons with St John in Schools, learning important first aid skills and developing confidence in knowing what to do in an emergency. Our senior students also had the opportunity to learn the basics of CPR. These are such valuable life skills, and it was fantastic to see our students engaging so positively and taking the learning so seriously.

As we come towards the end of Te Wiki o te Reo Māori, we are looking forward to finishing the week with some wonderful opportunities to celebrate together. Tomorrow, we will showcase our Kapa Haka roopu at the Fitzherbert Cluster Kapa Haka event - a great chance for our students to share their talents and celebrate te reo Māori alongside the other schools in our cluster.

We will also be getting active with Cluster Ki-o-Rahi providing another opportunity for our teams to come together and celebrate our connection to te ao Māori. It is a wonderful way to end Te Wiki o te Reo Māori, bringing together language, culture, movement and whanaungatanga.

I'm very much looking forward to seeing our school community enjoying these events together.

Ngā mihi nui,

Mel Ryan, Principal.



Term Dates

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



Upcoming Dates

Friday 18th September

- Cluster Kapa Haka & Ki o Rahi
- Production Raffle Tickets & Donations Due

Tuesday 22nd September

- EPIC Music Lessons

Wednesday 23rd September

- Year 7&8 Technology

Thursday 24th September

- School Production Rehearsal
- School Production at PNBHS Speirs Centre 6pm

Friday 25th September

- Last Day of Term 3

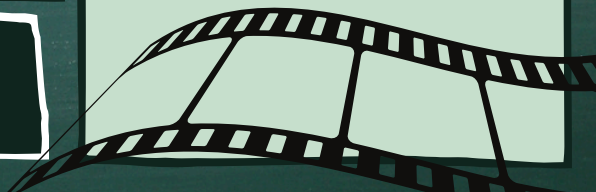
Upcoming Term 4 Dates

Friday 16th October

- Denim & Diamonds Auction Night

Monday 26th October

- Labour Day Public Holiday - School Closed



Sports

🏒 A Huge Thank You!

A massive thank you to Meisha and Carl for generously donating brand-new hockey sticks and hockey balls to our school. We can't thank you enough! They will certainly come in handy as our tamariki enjoy playing hockey on our new multi-turf. Congratulations to our amazing badminton team, who took out first place in the Shuttle Time Primary School Competition! We are incredibly proud of your fantastic effort and teamwork. Ka mau te wehi!

⚽🏒 Term 4 Summer Sports Update

Thank you to everyone who has returned their permission slips. I am still working hard to finalise teams and find additional players where needed.

We currently have:

- Year 1-2 summer soccer team
- Year 5-6 summer soccer team
- Year 5-6 touch team
- Year 1-2 summer hockey team

I will update everyone and create Facebook Messenger group chats once all teams have been finalised.

Thank you for your patience!

🏃🌈 Fun Run, Fun Run!

Get ready to run wild with Monty—it's time for the Monty the Monstar Fun Run!

Please remember to create your child's My Profile Page and start fundraising. Setting up a profile is quick and easy—then you can share it with whānau and friends to begin collecting donations.

We also have some exciting rewards and bonuses up for grabs:

- Every student will receive a pair of rainbow sunglasses!
- The class with the highest percentage of profiles created by the end of the first week will receive a Monty Scented Pencil for every student!
- Receive donations on four different days to go into the draw to slime a teacher!
- Raise \$20 to go into the draw to win a tuckshop voucher!

Together, we can achieve amazing results for our school. Let the fundraising fun begin! 🎉

Miss T & Matua Murray



Crazy Hair Day

It was awesome to see so many students with their imaginative hairstyles for Crazy Hair Day! Thank you for all of the effort and donations, together we raised \$100 for Blood Cancer NZ.



Home & School

Production raffle tickets and raffle donations are due to be returned to the school office by tomorrow Friday 18 September. If you wish to purchase raffle tickets or make a donation and can't get these in by tomorrow, please let Roxanne know at the office.

We also have our annual Auction Night fast approaching! The theme this year is 'Denim & Diamonds' and will be hosted at the Tokomaru RSA & Country Club on Friday 16th October at 6pm. If you know of any businesses who would be able to donate and support this event - please let us know!

Our school relies on the contributions of our school community to assist our fundraising efforts and provide our students with extra opportunities and facilities so we really appreciate your support!



2026 Production Raffle

Student Name:

Win your Happily Ever After!

Let's get ready for our Happily Ever After Production Raffle! Please send along a raffle prize/donation if you are able to help - something that would make you "happily ever after" - maybe a yummy treat, a book, a stationery item - we're looking forward to putting together some fantastic prizes for our school community to win, with the school holidays just around the corner!

Tickets are \$2 each

Every child has received a sheet of 10 tickets to sell.

If you do not wish to sell the tickets, please return them to the office as soon as possible.

Tickets will be available for purchase up until 3pm, Friday 18th September.

All donations, sold and unsold tickets must be returned to the office by then also.

The raffle will be drawn on production night, Thursday 24th September.

Ticket #	Name	Contact Number
1		
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9		
10		

All ticket purchases to be made online please to:

Tokomaru School 02-3143-0428358-01

Please use 'raffle' and your child's name' as references.

Thank you for supporting Tokomaru School!

Due
tomorrow:

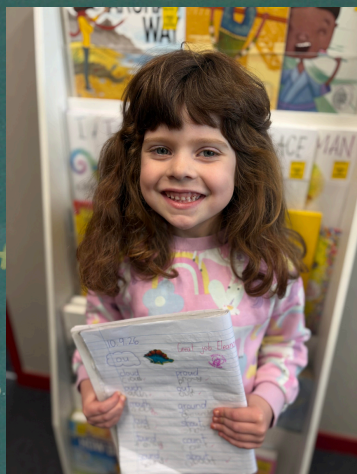
- Production Raffle Tickets
- Raffle Donations
- Production Ticket Purchases

Student Stars

Te Tutuki i te kairanga



Odin's dragon imagination play!



Eleanor's fabulous phonics!



Production practice - we can't wait to put on a show for you!



Welcome to Caitlynne and her whanau!



New Self-Agents!

Week 7 Assembly Awards



Kindness awards for Asgeirr, Pipi, Arlo, Liam P and Octavia.



Value awards for Odin, Max, Ali, Jadzia, Nila, James, Vincent, Rory & Nataria!



Congrats on your Principal's Award, Nataria!

2026 Production - Shrek

Our 2026 Production is quickly approaching!

Here are some reminders;

- Production rehearsal permission slips were sent home earlier this week, please return these to the school office as soon as possible
- Production rehearsal is for the whole school next Thursday 24th September. We will be leaving via bus just after the 9am roll and will return around 2:30pm in the afternoon ready for children to go home at the usual 3pm finish time.
- The show begins at 6pm, however students will need to be at the venue by 5pm to give everyone time to get ready (speaking roles will be required at 4:30pm)

We have been practicing a lot and are excited to see you all there to celebrate the students hard work!

Tokomaru School 2026 Production

SHREK

Thursday 24th September

6pm

**Palmerston North Boys High School
Speirs Centre**

**Tickets on sale now at the school
office**

Adults \$8

Children \$5

Under 5's Free

**Contact 06 329 8780 or
officemanager@tokomaru.school.nz
to secure your tickets.**

Weird, but true!

The number four is the only number to have the same amount of letters as its value.

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Ngā Manu presents

Zappo The Magical Chef!

Ngā Manu
Nature Reserve



SCHOOL
HOLIDAY
FUN!

Join Zappo The Magician as he whips up magical surprises alongside Pedro, his silly sidekick and sous chef, and Clarissa the talking cookbook.

- Tuesday 29 September 2026
- 11am
- \$6 per ticket

ngamanu.org.nz
74 Ngā Manu Reserve Road Waikanae

TOKOMARU HALL SPRING QUIZ

Tickets \$15 per person
Sat 19th Sept 2026 6pm
Kitchen Roof Fundraiser

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

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Tokomaru RSA and Country Club

THE GREAT KĀPITI Bird Rescue

Calling all local bird lovers, big and small!
Join the search to find Piki the Kererū and his friends.
Interactive science sessions and be in to win prizes!

MONDAY 5 - FRIDAY 9 OCTOBER

10:30AM

11:10AM

11:50AM

Parents or appropriate adults are to remain present at all times.
Not suitable for 5 years and under due to small parts.



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