Tokomaru School Newsletter

Thursday 29th October 2026



Principal's Pen

Kia ora koutou,

What a fab time we had celebrating Play Week at Tokomaru School last week! It was awesome to see our students making the most of all the play initiatives, connect with different students, and enjoy being active together. We're also excited to see our new Gaga ball pit taking shape - there is plenty of anticipation amongst the students, who are eagerly looking forward to getting their Gaga games underway.

With end-of-year reporting at the end of this term, our teachers have begun our Term 4 assessment programme. This includes the new Year 2 Maths Checks, and other assessments used across the school. Our teachers use a range of information to develop an understanding of each student's learning and progress including classroom observations, students' everyday work, conversations with students about their learning, work samples, and assessment tasks. By bringing this information together, teachers can then make informed judgements about each student's achievement in relation to the New Zealand Curriculum expectations for their year level. This helps us celebrate progress, identify next steps, and provide you with a clear picture of your child's learning and achievement in their end-of-year report.

Although the temperatures have only crept up a little so far, we're making the most of the warmer weather and getting ready for swimming season! Our school pool is ready, and we're looking forward to getting our students back in the water for their swimming lessons. Next week, Kelly Sports will begin working alongside our classes to support our teachers in delivering swimming lessons and developing students' water confidence and swimming skills. These sessions will provide valuable opportunities for our students to build confidence, practise essential skills, and develop safe habits around the water. We're looking forward to seeing our students make the most of these lessons as we head into the summer months!



Mel Ryan,
Principal.

Term Dates

First Day: Monday 12th October
Last Day: Monday 7th December

Upcoming Dates

Friday 30th October
- School Assembly 2:15pm

Monday 2nd November
- Board of Trustees Meeting, 6:30pm

Tuesday 3rd November
- EPIC Music Lessons
- Kelly Sports Swimming Lessons

Wednesday 4th November
- Year 7&8 Technology

Thursday 5th November
- Tokomaru School Athletics Day

Monday 9th November
- Ag & Market Day

Tuesday 10th November
- EPIC Music Lessons
- Kelly Sport Swimming Lessons

Wednesday 11th November
- Year 7&8 Technology

Friday 13th November
- Colour Fun Run from 2pm

Sports

🌈 **Monty Colour Fun Run Update!**
What an incredible fundraising effort from our Tokomaru School tamariki and whānau! Together, we have raised an amazing $5,528 for our school, so far!
Fundraising Leaderboard:
Room 4: $1,703
Room 5: $1,500
Room 2: $1,065
Room 1: $735
Room 3: $525

Room 5 took out our special classroom challenge and earned the opportunity to choose which teacher would get SLIMED! After much anticipation, Room 5 has officially voted for MISS T! 😱🟢

🏅 **School Athletics Day - Next Thursday!**

We are excited for our School Athletics Day next Thursday, kicking off at 9:30am! It will be a fantastic day of fun, competition and showing our school spirit! Please make sure students come prepared with:

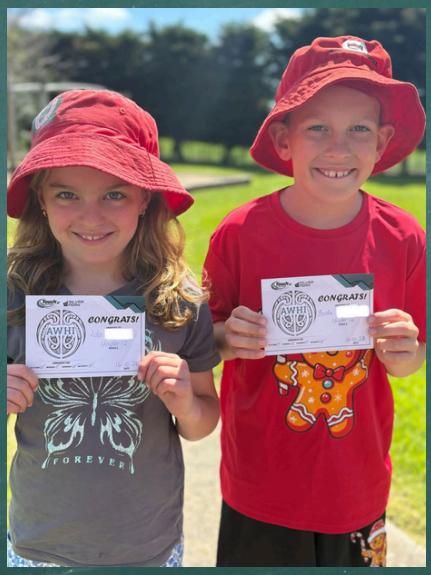
- Their house colours
- ☀️ Sunscreen
- 💧 A full drink bottle
- 👟 Appropriate footwear for running and athletics events

🌭 Sausages and ice blocks will be available to purchase throughout the day. Whānau are warmly invited to come along, cheer on our tamariki and enjoy a great day of athletics!

🏊 **Kelly Sports Swimming Lessons - Starting Next Tuesday!**
A reminder that our Kelly Sport swimming lessons begin next Tuesday! Please ensure all students bring their togs and a towel to school. These lessons are extremely important as our tamariki will be learning essential water safety skills, developing their swimming confidence and understanding how to keep themselves and others safe around water. With summer just around the corner, these are valuable life skills for all our students to develop. We look forward to seeing everyone participating and making the most of these sessions!
What an exciting few weeks of sport we have ahead of us at Tokomaru School! 🌟

Miss T and Matua Murray - Sports Coordinators

Players of the Day!



Ada and Bodhi - Touch Player's of the Day



Arlo - Hockey Player of the Day



Hattie - Hockey Player of the Day

Home & School

Our annual auction night was an awesome night of music and bidding had by all!

Thank you to The Tokomaru Rsa & Country Club for hosting us and to Chris, Deirdre, Ava, and Ben for their hard work on the night. The RSA's generous spot prize donations were much appreciated by our best dressed, with best matching denim threads going to Dan, Bernard, and Kota, while Karen took out the best denim and diamonds combo!

Please support the businesses that supported us - see our supporters list below!

For all the work behind the scenes - members of our Home and School Association who went out and asked local businesses for donations and helped decorate - Melissa, Kylie, Chante, Karen, Kelly, and Roxanne - we so appreciate your support, and as always, an extra thanks to Roxanne for all the admin that goes into an event like this.
Lastly, massive thanks goes to all those that came along on the night, buying tickets and getting your bid on! We raised just over $2200 to go towards our turf!

Home and School Events Coming Up!

- *School Athletics Day - Thursday 5th November - Sausage sizzle and iceblocks*
- *Ag & Market Day - Monday 9th November - Sausage sizzle, iceblocks & drinks*
- *Bonfire Night - Saturday 14th November - Sausage Sizzle, Mexican Toasties, Drinks, Lollies, Inflatable & Blow Up Items.*









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Play Week Aotearoa

Last week was Play Week Aotearoa! We kicked it off with an inter-House loose parts play creation station and over the rest of the week students enjoyed playing a variety of games with their peers and classes, making the most of the sunshine out on the field, turf and courts. Our Year 8 students were so excited to help Damo build the Gaga pit! Lots of Maths involved, with the angles of the hexagon-shaped pit providing a hands-on learning opportunity. We'll keep you updated as it progresses! We closed the week off with wheels day which was a hit. Students had an awesome week full of fun, creativity, connection and PLAY!












Student Stars

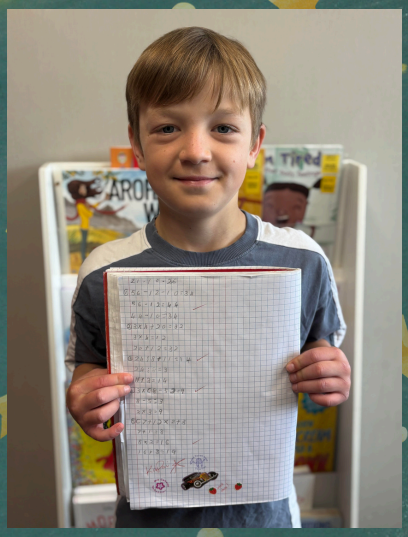
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Welcome

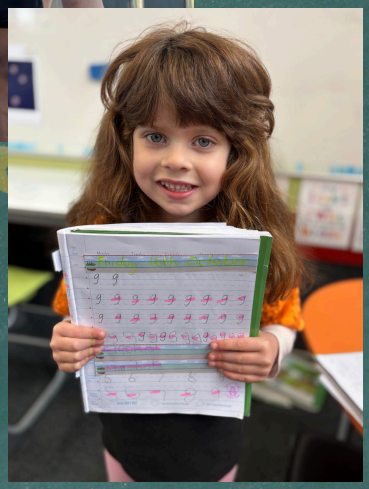




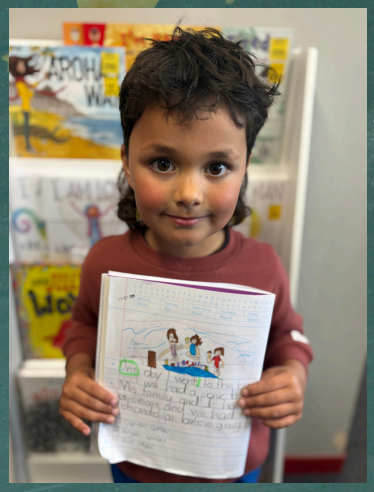
A big welcome to Koa, Charlotte, Kylah and Malachi who started at Tokomaru School in the last couple of weeks! We hope you and your whanau enjoy being part of our Tokomaru School community!



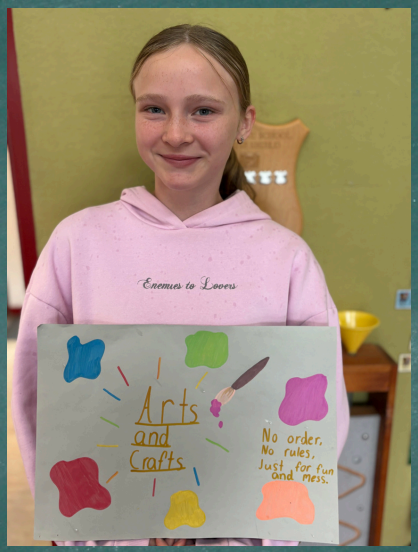
Lincoln's amazing algebra!



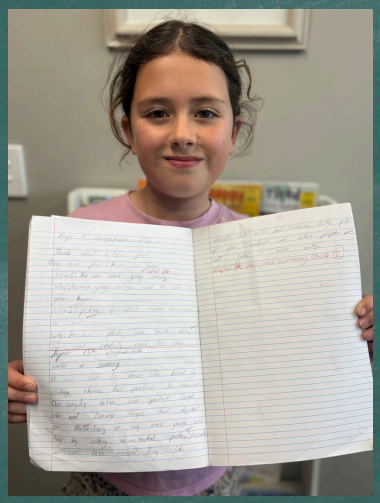
Eleanor's excellent handwriting!



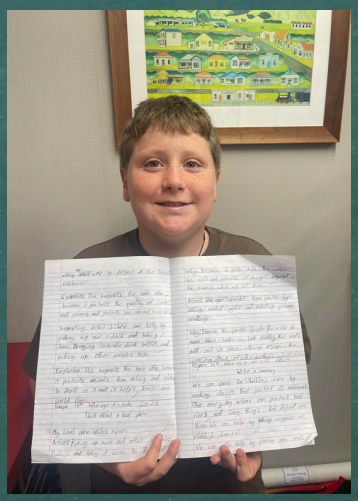
Arlo's amazing writing about the beach!



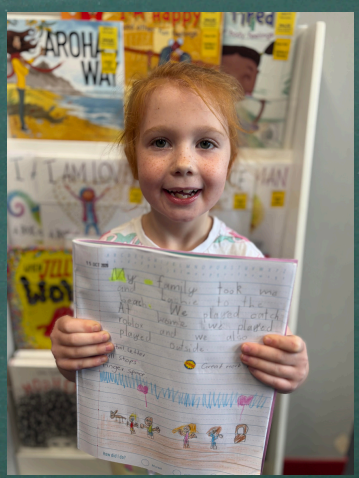
Room 5 have been busy learning about elections and the government - forming their own parties and voting!



Adaline's excellent writing about preserving our local environment!



Max's Amazing Writing!



Ruby's fantastic writing!

Classroom Spotlights

Our Year 7/8 students had a visit from the team at Electra, for an electrical safety session. The session included interactive and hands-on activities about staying safe around power lines and electrical equipment, what to do in an emergency and how to stay safe near fallen power lines, and exploring Electra's safety gear, including PPE, safety harnesses and cables.





Room 3 researching and learning about organs as part of their Reading & Writing!








House of Science lessons - Moo to You - with the students from Rooms 1 & 2 learning about protein and fat in animals' milk!



Weird but True...

Grizzly Bears can run as fast as a racing horse, even when sprinting uphill or jumping over obstacles.







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