



Tokomaru School Newsletter

Thursday 16th October 2025



Principal's Pen

Kia ora koutou,

This week we are excited to welcome Ruby B and her whānau to our school, joining the super group of learners in Room 1. We are so happy to have you as part of our school community and look forward to supporting your learning journey here at Tokomaru School.

Mrs Sarten and Miss T recently attended the latest TLF Maths Professional Development session and returned full of enthusiasm and new strategies to support students in their classrooms. This has been a fantastic PLD journey so far, and we're excited to continue working alongside the other schools we've partnered with throughout the year, in 2026.

I had the opportunity to visit three local schools as part of the Mana in the Manawatu day - a Manawatu Principals' Association event. It was inspiring to see some of the innovative practices that these schools have recently implemented, particularly in the areas of school values, school spaces that connect schools with their community, and using AI. It's always valuable to connect with other schools, their principals, and staff, and bring ideas back.

We hope to see you all at our Glitz, Glam, and Gavel evening on Friday!

Mel Ryan - Principal.



Upcoming Dates

Friday 17th October

- Annual Auction Night: Glitz Glam & Gavel at the Tokomaru RSA 6:30pm

Monday 20th October

- Epic Music Lessons today in place of Teacher Only Day 24th October

Wednesday 22nd October

- Home & School Meeting 3:15pm

Thursday 23rd October

- School Assembly 2:20pm

Friday 24th October

- Teacher Only Day - School Closed

Monday 27th October

- Labour Day

Term Dates

Term 4

Monday 6th October - Tuesday 9th December



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Sports

Summer sports are off to a great start, and it's been awesome to see the energy and effort from our teams in their first week of competition - well done to all involved!

Unfortunately, due to limited numbers, we weren't able to field a Year 7&8 soccer team or a Year 5&6 hockey team this term. We hope to see more students keen to join in future terms.

On a positive note, whole school touch training has begun as we prepare for the upcoming Cluster Touch Competition in Week 5. It's been fantastic to see everyone getting involved and building those skills! Touch rugby is a great way to build fitness and coordination while having fun with friends, and we're excited to see how our teams progress over the next few weeks.

Looking ahead, fingers crossed for some sunny weather later in the term so we can get our school pool up and running - we're looking forward to making a splash!

Have an awesome term 4 full of sports!

Miss T & Matua Murray

Home & School

If you haven't bought tickets already - you're not too late! Our annual auction night will be held at the RSA tomorrow night from 6:30pm.

Contact the school office on officemanager@tokomaru.school.nz or 06 329 8780 to lock in your tickets!

Check out our Facebook page to see all of the awesome items we have been donated to help us fundraise.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Tokomaru School

GLITZ, GLAM & GAVEL NIGHT

Auction Night!
No Quiz - Just a Good Time!
Get glammed up and join us for a fun-filled evening of bidding, drinks, food, and live music!
Bring your friends and enjoy a night out - no trivia, just vibes!

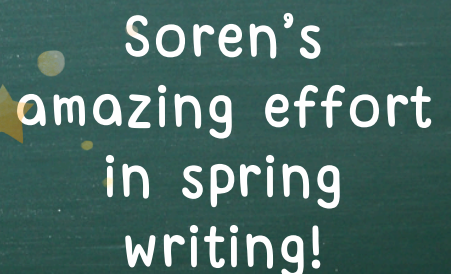
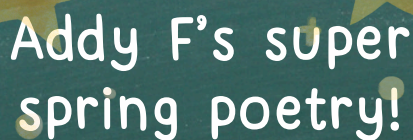
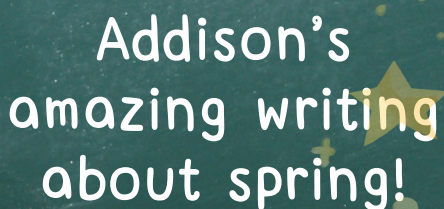
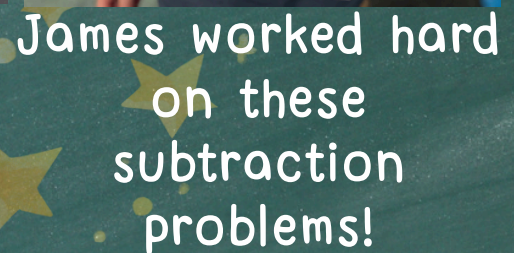
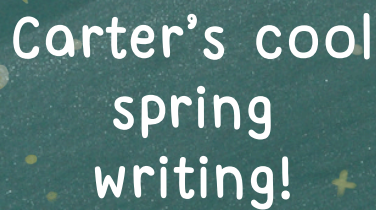
TIME 6.30 PM - MIDNIGHT	FRI 17 OCTOBER
<i>Tickets</i> \$15	BAR & KITCHEN OPERATING Tokomaru RSA Country Club

CONTACT US NOW TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS

☎ 06 329 8780 ✉ officemanager@tokomaru.school.nz

18+

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LOCATION & SCHEDULE

📍 Jiu Lian Shan Martial Arts Hall
54 Pascal St, Palmerston North

🕒 Mondays & Fridays

- Pee Wees (ages **5 to 6**): 5 - 5:45pm
- Children (ages **7 to 11**): 6 - 7pm
- Teens (ages **12 to 16**): 7 - 8:30pm
- Adults (ages **17+**): 7 - 8:30pm

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Run - Cycle - Swim

Take part in one of the biggest whānau sporting activities in Horowhenua this summer!

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Shannon
Friday 20 February 5pm-7pm
Shannon School (\$2)

Levin
Sunday 22 February 10am-2pm
Levin Aquatics Centre (\$5)

Foxton
Sunday 1 March 10am-2pm
Foxton Pools (\$5)

Photography will be taken during the event

Categories for ages 3-5, 6-7, 8-10, 11+ Caregivers encouraged to join in!

Register online at aquatics.horowhenua.govt.nz

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