



Tokomaru School Newsletter

Thursday 30th October 2025



Principal's Pen

Kia ora koutou,

This term, we've seen some more changes in our curriculum, with a particular focus on adapting to the refreshed curriculum framework. I had the opportunity to attend via livestream, the Curriculum Roadshow, where I gained some more insight into these changes and how they will impact both our teaching practices and students' learning experiences. Our recent Teacher-Only Day was also a valuable chance for our staff to come together and unpack the updates to the maths curriculum. The discussions we had around these changes were very productive, and it's clear that our teachers are committed to ensuring these new approaches enhance the way we support our students in their learning. As we continue to engage with these changes, we will keep our school community informed on progress.

We were excited to host a visit from a group of Japanese students Clark High School in Japan through the exchange programme at IPU, which was a wonderful opportunity for a different cultural experience. Our school welcomed them with a warm mihi whakatau, creating a connection between our students and our guests. After this, our visitors treated us to demonstrations of traditional Japanese activities, including kendama, origami, and calligraphy. In return, our students proudly shared some of our own cultural practices, showcasing their skills with rakau and poi. It was a great day, filled with learning and connection, and a reminder of how cultural exchange broadens our understanding of the world. We look forward to more opportunities like this in the future!

For National Play Week, we celebrated the power of play, helping our students grow, learn, and connect. Thanks to a grant from Tu Manawa, we were able to purchase a range of loose parts play gear - things like ropes, wooden batons, and tarps - that let our kids get creative and build their own fun. Loose parts play is all about giving students the freedom to explore and collaborate, and it's been awesome to see how the new gear has sparked their imaginations!

Mel Ryan - Principal.



Term Dates

Term 4

Monday 6th October - Tuesday 9th December



Upcoming Dates

Monday 3rd November

- Board of Trustees Meeting 6:30pm

Wednesday 5th November

- Year 7&8 Technology

Thursday 6th November

- Cluster Touch Tournament

Monday 10th November

- Ag & Market Day

Tuesday 11th November

- Dental Caravan Arrives

Wednesday 12th November

- Year 7&8 Technology

Wednesday 19th November

- Year 7&8 technology
- Home & School AGM 3:30pm

Thursday 20th November

- Senior Cluster Athletics

Friday 21st November

- School Assembly 2:20pm

Sports

It's been an incredibly windy start to term 4, and unfortunately, the weather hasn't been kind enough for us to make a splash in our pool for swimming. Fingers crossed the conditions settle soon so we can make the most of the warmer days ahead.

Despite the wild winds, our summer sports teams have been doing a fantastic job representing our school with pride. It's been awesome to see students showing great teamwork, sportsmanship, and determination across all games and practices. Keep it up, team!

Looking ahead, next Thursday we have our Cluster Touch Tournament. This is always a fun and competitive event where our students get to meet and play alongside others from the cluster schools. Please make sure you come prepared with a packed lunch, a full water bottle, sunscreen, and appropriate footwear for the day. We can't wait to see everyone out there giving it their best!

Miss T & Matua Murray

Play Week



Oral Health

The Mobile Dental Unit will be visiting Tokomaru School from Tuesday, 11 November 2025 and will be running 3 days a week to examine and provide preventative oral treatment (cleaning, fissure sealants, x-rays and fluoride treatment) where required for patients due for their annual check.

Students requiring further treatment, (fillings and extractions) will be sent an information pamphlet, medical history update form and consent form. These will need to be signed and returned to either the Mobile or the school office before any treatment is undertaken.



If parents have any concerns or wish to be present at their child's dental appointment please contact us on either of the numbers below. Regards from the Dental Team Telephone 027 616 6516 /0800 825 583

Ag & Market Day

Ag Day and Market Day will be held on the same day again this year on Monday 10th November.

Further information is coming home tomorrow for those students who wish to enter into any of the creative categories as well as a schedule for the day.

Thank you to those who have entered lambs, calves and domestic pets this year, we look forward to seeing all of your hard work!



Home & School

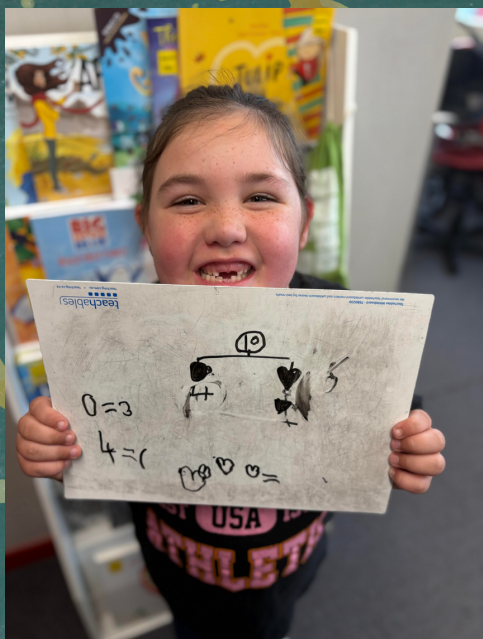
The Home & School Association run most of our fundraising events and help raise money for our school and tamariki.

We are in need of some new parents who are keen to dig in and help. If you are interested, please come along to our AGM on Wednesday 19th November or touch base with Mel or Roxanne on 06 329 8780.

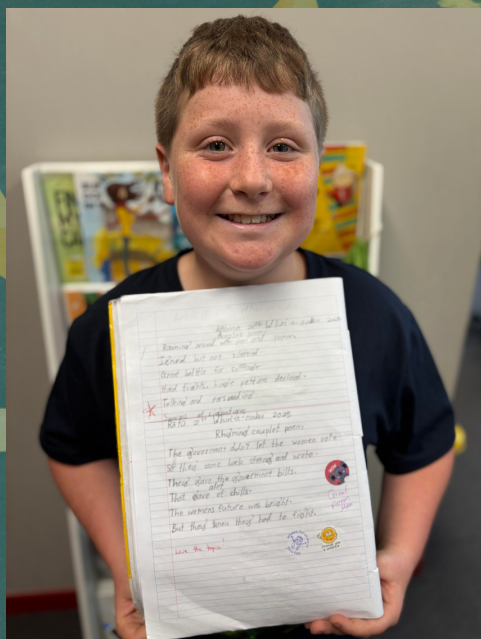


Student Stars

Te Tutuki i te kairanga



Sydney practising numbers and shapes in maths!



Max's rhyming couplet poem is super impressive!



Athea's Principal Award!



Self Agent Awards for Jax, Carter, Ephram, Hezekiah and Asgeirr!



Kindness Awards to Adaline, Sienna, Jadzia, Savanna and Ruby I!

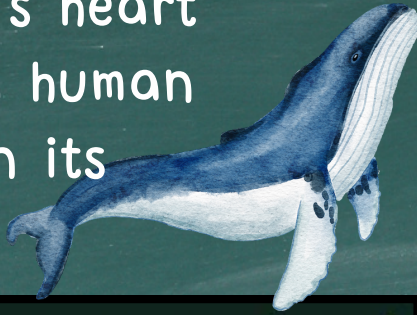
Values Awards for Rory, Sade, Ali, Athea, Carter, Dahlia, Hezekiah and Sydney!

Early Words Awards for Savanna, Octavia and Ruby B!



Weird, but true...

A blue whale's heart is so large a human could swim in its arteries!



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Halloween Party

Kids
TRICK OR TREAT
Starts @ 3PM

LIVE BAND

The **TOKO Band**
7.30PM - LATE
Friday
OCT 31st



Get Your Spook On at the Tokomaru RSA & Country Club!

It's that time of year again – the ghosts come out to play, the pumpkins start to glow, and we're throwing one hauntingly good Halloween party you won't want to miss!

Trick or Treat kicks off at 3pm! Bring the kids down in their best spooky costumes and join in the fun. There'll be plenty of treats, a few tricks, and lots of smiles as the little monsters make their way around for goodies and giggles. It's the perfect way to start your Halloween afternoon!

Then from 7:30pm, the real party begins! We're thrilled to have a live band performing for an epic night of music, dancing, and Halloween mayhem. Whether you're a vampire, witch, or zombie on the dance floor, you're in for a spooktacular night of entertainment.

So dust off those cobwebs, grab your costumes, and join us for a Halloween celebration like no other!

Fantastic music

Great company

Delicious drinks and food

And plenty of eerie fun for everyone!

Let's make this Halloween one to remember at the Tokomaru RSA & Country Club – where the good times never die!

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