



Tokomaru School Newsletter



Thursday 21st March 2024

Principal's Pen

Kia Ora, Kia Orana, Namaste, Hello and Welcome!

Over the last few weeks I have had a fortnightly meeting with our Student Leadership Team. The students have demonstrated their willingness and enthusiasm for setting goals for what they'd like to achieve this year, and representing our students. I'm very proud of their efforts, you can read a little about a couple of them in this newsletter

Our school's Strategic Plan is available on our website - you can check out our school vision, goals, and target areas for 2024. As part of our Writing Action Plan, we have been celebrating students' writing - pop into school to check out this week's Wow Writer - an impressive piece by Hayley this week about a mysterious well...

A huge congratulations to our students competing in various events last week and this week, and to our families for heading along to watch and support. We are looking forward to Kids Lit Quiz, Futsal Tournament, and Fun Run coming up!

**Mel Ryan,
Principal.**



Admin Announcements

Parking: Please remember that no parking is permitted in the bus stop zone out the front as this effects the Bus' ability to park at the bus stop for the drop off and pick up of our children.

Accounts: A friendly reminder to please check that you have both the Tokomaru School and Home & School accounts saved correctly for any payments throughout the year.

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Term Dates

Term One 2024

- Easter Weekend: Friday 29th March to Tuesday 2nd April
- Last Day Term One: Friday 12th April

Upcoming Dates

Thursday 21st March

- Senior Cluster Athletics at Massey

Friday 22nd March

- Epic Music Lessons

Monday 25th March

- Board of Trustees Meeting 6.30pm

Tuesday 26th March

- Kids' Lit Quiz Feilding Civic Centre

Wednesday 27th March

- Year 7 & 8 Technology

Thursday 28th March

- Girls Futsal Tournament 10am
- School Assembly 2.20pm

Friday 29th March

- Good Friday-School Closed

Monday 1st April

- Easter Monday-School Closed

Tuesday 2nd April

- Easter Tuesday-School Closed

Wednesday 3rd April

- Year 7 & 8 Technology
- Year 5 - 8 Food for Thought Programme Begins



Sports

The last two weeks have been so busy with sporting events! We had our very own School Triathlon and loved seeing every student participate and give it a go, even if it was a little cold. Staff were impressed with all the supporters who came and cheered everyone on, really helped the kids persevere and finish their race. We are already looking at ways to improve this event for next year.

On Monday we had our Swimming Sports, we have had great feedback about this event, thanks Miss T for all your organising for this!

Today our Seniors have been busy doing our school proud at Cluster Athletics, we can't wait to hear how everyone did!

Coming up...

- We have our Cluster Swimming for seniors - notices will be coming home soon.
- Girls Futsal Festival - we have two teams entered in this.
- Basketball - expressions of interest have been sent home.
- Hockey - expressions of interest have been sent home.
- FUN RUN! Make sure you create your child a profile and start fundraising!

Myself and Miss T are busy behind the scenes getting all our certificates completed for all of the past events this term. We aim to have these out by the end of the term!

Miss Gordon & Miss T

Library

We have a number of library books which have not yet been returned, please ensure any outstanding library books are returned as soon as possible. Check out our Lucky Library Ticket winner - Enjoy your prize, Jett!



School Triathlon 2024

Super proud of our students that participated in the School Triathlon today. We have seen many students after school training for this event over the last couple of weeks, riding their bikes and going for a run. Just goes to show that perseverance pays off!



Student Stars

Te Tutuki i te kairanga



Ruby made an impressive moving structure!



Adam achieved 100% in a maths challenge!



Marvellous Maths from Ava and Marley!

Meet our Lead Wahine!



Head: Hayley

Hi everyone! I'm Hayley, Head Girl of Tokomaru School 2024. I wanted to apply for head girl this year because I thought I would be good at it and overall, it seemed like a fun task. I get along with most people well and uphold all the school values. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.



Deputy: Emily

Kia Ora, My name is Emily and I am the Deputy Head Girl this year! I joined the leadership team to help others and to encourage others to also become a leader when they have the chance.

Keep an eye out for our next newsletter to meet our Lead Tāne!



Board of Trustees

Hopefully you have all seen our announcement sent out on March 12th regarding the appointment of our new Principal, Mel Ryan. As many of our community will already know, Mel has been a part of our school and greater community for the past 17 years and has been in an acting role as School Principal for the past 6 weeks. Mel will continue to bring her wealth of local connections and experience to this role and has been Tokomaru's WST mentor (Within School Teacher), SENCO (Special Education Needs Coordinator), and Board of Trustees Staff Rep for many years now. During her time at Tokomaru School as a much-loved New Entrant Teacher, Mel was also instrumental in the development and implementation of our Learner Pathway, Mana Rail, and school curriculum.

Whakamihi Nui ki a Koe, Mel, it is our pleasure to welcome you as Tumuaki and to have you lead our school through this next chapter.

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Secretary - Karen Lister

Treasurer - Roxanne Eastham

School Reps - Mel Ryan and Whaea Torah

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Chairperson - Dave Lawton

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School Rep - Simone Gordon

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Holiday Programmes April 2024

Belated Easter Day
Monday 22nd April
8.30am- 3.00pm (4pm for late collections for an extra \$10.00)

Netball Manawatu Mystery Day
Tuesday 23rd April
8.30am- 3.00pm (4pm for late collections for an extra \$10.00)

ANZAC Day Tournament
Wednesday 24th April 2024
8.30am- 3.00pm (4pm for late collections for an extra \$10.00)

Throughout the day these programmes will consist of:
NetballSmart activities
Development of Skills
Games
Lots of fun!



Easter Edition FOXTON

Thursday 28 March
5pm to 8pm
River Loop Reserve, Foxton

Food Trucks | Games & Activities
plus a Free Easter Egg Hunt organised in partnership with SORT

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