



Tokomaru School Newsletter

Thursday 22nd May 2025



Principal's Pen

We're looking forward to a busy and exciting few weeks ahead filled with movement, teamwork, and plenty of colour! Our annual School Cross Country is just around the corner - a great chance for students to challenge themselves, cheer on their peers, and enjoy being active outdoors. From this, students will be chosen to represent our school at the Cluster Cross Country event - an excellent opportunity to connect with other local schools and show off their perseverance! And to end the term, we'll be hosting our much-loved Colour Fun Run!

This colourful event brings our school community together in a vibrant celebration of fun and fitness. Make sure to sign your child/ren up - first class to have all students signed up gets to choose which staff member to slime on the day! As always, thank you for your support with fundraising - we look forward to seeing you at as many events as you can make.

We're also excited to share some upcoming improvements to our learning environment. In the coming weeks, new carpet tiles will be installed throughout four of our classrooms, helping to create quieter, more comfortable spaces for our students and staff. And you may have noticed that drainage work has started at the front of the school, which upon completion will be one step closer to achieving our goal of putting an all-weather turf in the fenced court area.

Alongside this, work will continue with 'Phase 2' of the sensory space - designed to support student wellbeing and provide a calming area for regulation reflection, and exploration through the senses. These updates are part of our ongoing commitment to creating inclusive, welcoming spaces that support every learner. We can't wait to see the positive impact these changes will bring to our school and community.

Mel Ryan - Principal.



Term Dates

Term 2

Monday 28th April - Friday 27th June

Upcoming Dates

Thursday 22nd May

- Pink Ribbon Breakfast
- Rm 5 - St John Whātua te Waiora (Weaving Wellbeing)

Monday 26th May

- School Cross Country

Wednesday 28th May

- Year 7&8 Technology

Thursday 29th May

- School Cross Country Postponement Day
- Rm 5 - St John Whātua te Waiora (Weaving Wellbeing)

Monday 2nd June

- King's Birthday Public Holiday

Wednesday 4th June

- Year 7&8 Technology
- Rippa Rugby

Thursday 5th June

- Rm 5 - St John Whātua te Waiora (Weaving Wellbeing)

Friday 6th June

- School Assembly

Sports

Our school cross country is coming closer and closer! The date is booked for next Monday 26th June, events starting from 2pm. We'd love parent help for this, as we need some marshalls out around the track. If you are available to help out please let us know.

Our basketball and Hockey teams have had a great start to the season, attending weekly practices and improving at each game. It is lovely to see our tamariki with great attitudes and determination during their sports games.

Our school Colour Fun Run will be held on Friday 27th June in week 9 on the last day of term. We have a little healthy competition between our classes this week, where the first class to have students with their profiles created by this Friday gets to choose which teacher they want to slime! If you have not got the information letter, please see the below directions to create your child's profile:

- Create a Profile: Visit schoolfunrun.co.nz and set up a student profile. This page will be the hub for all fundraising activities.
- Share Your Link: Encourage donations by sharing your child's fundraising page with family and friends via email, SMS, or social media.

Miss T & Matua Murray

Bus Safety Reminder

Reminders for parents and caregivers of students who travel to and from school on the bus from the Transport Delivery Advisor (School Transport) from the Ministry of Education:

- Caregivers are responsible for safely transporting their children to and from their school bus stop and as such are best placed to decide the safest way to do this.
- Stick to the speed limit: it's 20kph when passing a stopped school bus (on either side of the road).
- Drop your children/tamariki off on the same side of the road as the bus stop.
- Teach your children/tamariki to always get out of the car on the side closest to the curb.
- Always take your children/tamariki to and from the bus-stop.
- Teach your children/tamariki not to run across the road.
- Remind your children/tamariki on how to keep safe boarding and disembarking the bus:

1. While waiting at the bus stop, keep well back from the road.
2. Wait until the bus has completely stopped and the door opens before getting on.
3. After getting off the bus, stand well back from the road and wait until the bus has gone and you can see clearly before moving.



Board of Trustees

The Tokomaru School Board is pleased to advise that we are now working with SchoolDocs to provide a website for maintaining, updating, and reviewing our school policies. SchoolDocs updates policies in response to changes in legislation and Ministry guidelines, reviews/requests from schools, and regular research from the SchoolDocs team.

Our school board has the opportunity to view changes/additions and comment on them before they are implemented. We will advise you when policies are up for review and how you can take part in the review.

This information and the link below is also available on our website and can be used to access and review Tokomaru School policies and procedures.

<https://tokomaru.schooldocs.co.nz>

Username: tokomaru

Password: excellence

Student Stars

Te Tutuki i te kairanga

Together we raised over \$300 from Pink Shirt Day and the Pink Ribbon Breakfast we hosted this morning. Thank you all for supporting Mental Health Foundation NZ and Breast Cancer Foundation NZ.

Congrats to Max from room 3 who won the Principal's Award at our week three assembly. Ka Pai Max!



NYLD 2025

The theme of the 25th NYLD was 'Stronger Together' and this was evident with the 10 members of our Student Council learning about how to develop their leadership and their potential, together. There was a range of speakers and two of our students got the opportunity to ask questions of a couple of the speakers. The Student Council thoroughly enjoyed the day and we thank our Home and School Association for their support of our attendance at the event, and Damian, Inez, and Roxanne for transport.



Cluster Chess

Congrats to our chess team for their participation in the Cluster Chess Tournament!



Weird, but true.

Dragonflies can see in all directions at once!

Thanks to our supporters!

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Wood Raffle



Support Tokomaru School and Tokomaru Community Hall in this joint fundraiser for a trailer of firewood and be set for this winter!

\$2 per ticket.

Raffle will be drawn once all 500 tickets are sold.

Get your tickets by:

- Popping into the school office
- Call the office on 06 329 8780
- Email officemanager@tokomaru.school.nz
- Send us a Facebook message

Numbers will be assigned randomly.

Payment can be made in cash to the school office or online to:

Tokomaru Home & School
12-3143-0428358-01
Reference 'Wood'

After School Programme
Monday - Friday
3pm-5.30pm

STARTING MONDAY 10TH FEBRUARY

aPlus
out of school

- Homework support
- Recreation & activities
- Afternoon snack

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