



# Tokomaru School Newsletter

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2025



## Principal's Pen

Kia Ora,

We welcome you all back to Term 3 - it's been great to see our students and whānau getting into the rhythm of the new term. The holidays have clearly provided that much-needed circuit breaker after the various bugs that went through school last term. Attendance has been excellent so far this week, and we're looking forward to a positive and productive term ahead.

A huge Tokomaru School welcome to our newest students and their whānau! This week we're excited to welcome Nyla and Izaac, who both turned 5 over the holidays and have started their school journey with us. We also extend a warm welcome to Tye, who has recently moved into Tokomaru with his whānau and is joining Ruma Rima. It's wonderful to have you all as part of our school community!

As always, there's plenty happening this term for our tamariki to get involved in: we've got a full calendar of exciting events including a 2-day Ki o Rahi tournament, Books Alive event, Mathex, a Ceilidh dance evening, movie night, ICAS assessments, our PTP conferences, Cluster Speech competition, a visit from the Life Education bus, book character dress-up day, and of course - our school production of 'The Addams Family!'

It's shaping up to be a busy and fun-filled term, so make sure to keep an eye on Hero, Facebook, and the school newsletter for all the dates and details.

**Mel Ryan - Principal.**



## Term Dates

Term 3

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September

## Upcoming Dates

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

- Books Alive Event

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

- Manawatu Ki o Rahi Tournament

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July

- Manawatu Ki o Rahi Tournament

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July

- Ceilidh Dancing Fundraiser 6-8pm

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July

- ICAS Entries Close

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> &

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July

- Parent Teacher Pupil Conferences from 3:15pm

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August

- Cluster Speech Competition

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August

- Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August

- Movie Night Camp Fundraiser





# Sports

*Welcome Back for Term 3! We're excited to kick off another action-packed term full of sports here at Tokomaru School!*

*This term, our tamariki can look forward to playing in the Manawatu Kelly Sports Ki-o-Rahi tournament, competing in a dodgeball tournament, hitting the court for badminton and navigating their way through orienteering challenges.*

*We're also heading into the final games of our basketball and hockey seasons—keep up the fantastic effort and strong Tokomaru School spirit. Let's make Term 3 another great one!*

**Miss T & Matua Murray**

# Home & School

*Next Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July, Home & School are hosting a traditional Irish dancing fundraiser called Ceilidh (pronounced KAY-lee).*

*Ceilidh is a traditional Scottish and Irish social gathering with music and dancing. The event will run from 6pm - 8pm at the Tokomaru Hall. Hot dogs, chocolates and drinks available for purchase.*

*Adult entry \$10.*

*Children 5-15yrs \$5*

*Under 5's enter free.*

*Contact the office to purchase tickets 06 329 8780 or [officemanager@tokomaru.school.nz](mailto:officemanager@tokomaru.school.nz) or pay at the door.*

*Bring along your friends and family for a fun evening.*



TOKOMARU SCHOOL  
PROUDLY PRESENTS

## Your Midwinter Local Family Friendly Cèilidh - A Fundraiser

FT: A LIVE BAND plus CALLER

**Tokomaru Public Hall**

761 Makarua Road, Tokomaru

**FRIDAY 25 JULY**

**6PM - 8PM**

Adults \$10

12 & under \$5

Under 5's free

Family (2 adults + 2 kids) \$25

Snacks, food, and beverages available

For enquiries and bookings:

Email: [officemanager@tokomaru.school.nz](mailto:officemanager@tokomaru.school.nz)

Phone: 06 329 8780

So, what's a Cèilidh?

A Cèilidh (pronounced kay-lee) is a social gathering where people come together to dance and have a good time. No experience needed! Follow the QR code below for more information:





# Student Stars

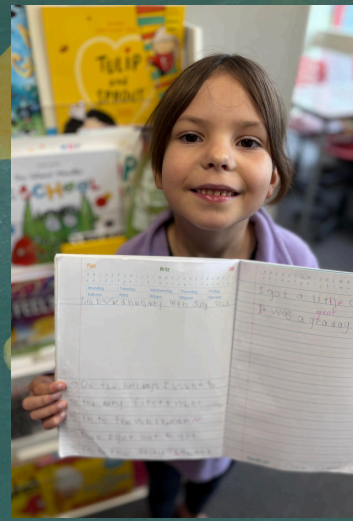
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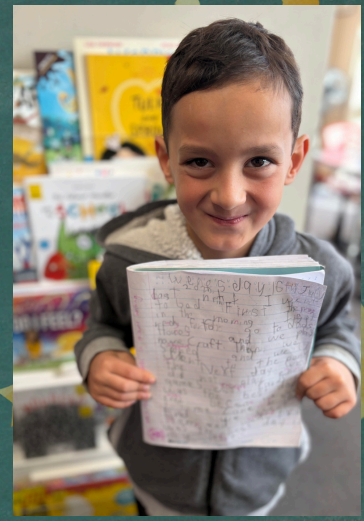
Ephram's Luck  
Library Ticket!



Jax's Lucky  
Library Ticket!



Everleigh-Rose used  
some impressive  
conjunctions!



Carter used lots  
of conjunctions  
in his writing!

## SCHOOL FUN RUN

Our kids all had an incredible time at the School Fun Run fundraiser on the last day of Term 2. We would like to thank everyone who supported this event, together we raised just over \$3,050 for our students. Prizes have arrived and will be sent home tomorrow.





# Board of Trustees Update

This September we are running our Triennial Board Elections. If you are eligible to vote, you will receive an email from 'Schooled' tomorrow, who are facilitating our election this year. This email will advise you how to nominate yourself, or someone else, for one of our 3 places as parent representative on the Tokomaru School Board.

If you are interested in finding out more, check out our Facebook page or Hero app for details on an online info session being held 22<sup>nd</sup> July @ 7pm.

You can also reach out to Mel or any of our current Board members if you have queries.

**Nominations close at 12noon on  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August.**

## Curious about joining a school board?

Join our online info  
session on 22 July @  
7pm



  
**SCHOOL BOARD  
ELECTIONS**



Te Whakarōpūtanga  
Kaitiaki Kura o Aotearoa  
New Zealand School Boards Association  
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## Thanks to our supporters!



## WEIRD, BUT TRUE!



Cats can't taste sweets!

## Attendance

At Tokomaru School, arriving on time helps set our tamariki up for a great day of learning. Being here at the start of the day means they can settle in calmly, connect with their peers, and take part in important instructions and morning activities that shape the tone for the rest of the day.

When students arrive late, it can be unsettling - not just for them, but for the rest of the class as well. They may feel rushed, find it harder to focus, and miss out on valuable opportunities to grow socially and academically.

By supporting your child to be on time, you're helping them build positive habits that will support their learning, now and into the future.

If mornings are a challenge at your place, please don't hesitate to reach out. We're here to work with you - as a team - to support your child's attendance and make sure every learner gets the best start to their day!



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**Caretaker**

## Home & School

Chairperson: Ronnie Parsons  
Secretary: Karen Lister  
Treasurer: Roxanne Eastham  
School Reps: Mel Ryan & Torah Toney  
Grants Officer: Adele Coles  
Parents: Chante Lennon, Kylie Winiata,  
Katrina Lawton.

## Bank Account Info

**Tokomaru School**  
**12-3143-0428358-00**

**Home & School**  
**12-3143-0428358-01**

## Board of Trustees

Presiding Member: Dave Lawton  
Principal: Mel Ryan  
Secretary: Rachel Wilson  
Minute Secretary: Roxanne Eastham  
Treasurer: Haley Dell  
Staff Rep: Renee Cameron