



Tokomaru School Newsletter

Thursday 31st July 2025



Principal's Pen

Kia ora koutou,

Thank you so much to everyone who joined us for our Midwinter Ceilidh last week - lively dancing, toe-tapping music, laughter and community spirit - an evening full of energy and joy! Whether you were giving it a go on your first reel or just enjoying the atmosphere, your enthusiasm was great to see, as was all those who travelled especially for the event! Special thanks to our talented band, dance caller, and Home and School who helped bring it all together.

We were thrilled with the high levels of engagement at our parent-teacher-student conferences. It was fantastic to see so many parents and caregivers taking the time to connect with our teaching staff and discuss student progress, learning goals, and recent transitions to school. These conversations play a huge role in supporting our learners' growth and success. Thank you for your involvement, your questions and insights, and your continued partnership in your child's education.

Just a reminder that nominations for our Board of Trustees close on the 6th of August - if you're interested or have any questions about what being a board member entails, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me or any of our current board members.

**Mel Ryan,
Principal.**



Term Dates

Term 3

Monday 14th July - Friday 19th September



Upcoming Dates

Friday 1st August

- Cluster Speech Competition
- School Assembly 2:20pm

Monday 4th August

- Board of Trustees Meeting
- ICAS Writing Assessments this week

Wednesday 6th August

- Year 7&8 Technology Movie Night Camp Fundraiser

Thursday 7th August

- Cuba St Pie Orders Close

Friday 8th August

- Mathex 2025

Monday 11th August

- ICAS English Assessments Week

Tuesday 12th August

- Boys in Netball

Wednesday 13th August

- Year 7&8 Technology

Sports

Well done to all the students who competed in the Kelly Sports Kī-o-Rahi Tournament last week - you all represented our school with great teamwork and energy! Can't wait for our Cluster Kī-o-Rahi tournament at the end of this term held at Linton Camp School.

This Sunday is our last hockey game! Ka pai to all students who have been getting involved in hockey each week. Our basketball team has their last game next Thursday. A special thanks to the people who have been coaching and helping out each week! Our Badminton team have started off their season with a bang, keep practicing and persevering.

Looking ahead, we wish the best of luck to the students heading to the Orienteering Competition next Friday. Go well and enjoy the challenge!

Miss T & Matua Murray

Home & School

The Midwinter Ceilidh was a great success. Huge thanks to our Home and School members - Roxanne and Ronnie - for the food preparation and cooking; and to Adele for her organisation of advertising the event, the band, and the raffles.

We'd also like to thank the band, with many travelling from out of the region to perform for us, and to all the amazing people who came along on the night and gave the dancing a go! We are so glad you all had a fab time!



Get your pie orders in!

Our Cuba Street Pie fundraising forms were sent home last week. Order forms are due back at the school office before 3pm next Thursday 7th August. Orders will be delivered to Tokomaru School on Friday 22nd August.



2025 Tokomaru School Pie Fundraiser

with Cuba St Bakehouse




Student Name: _____

Order forms due by **Thursday 7th August**. Orders are to be picked up on **Friday 22nd August** from Tokomaru School.

Customer Details	Family Pies					Fruit Pies		Lamingtons		Savouries		Total Items per order	Total Cost			
	Mince	Meat & Cheese	Steak	Steak & Cheese	Steak & Mutton	Steak with Apple	Sutton Ridge	Steak Bacon & Cheese	Butter Chicken	Apple Crumble	Apricot Crumble			Raspberry Lamingtons	Chocolate Lamingtons	Savoury Pie
Price per Item	\$8.50	\$8.50	\$8.50	\$8.50	\$8.50	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$9.00	\$9.00	\$9.50	\$9.50	\$9.50	\$9.50	\$9.50	\$9.50
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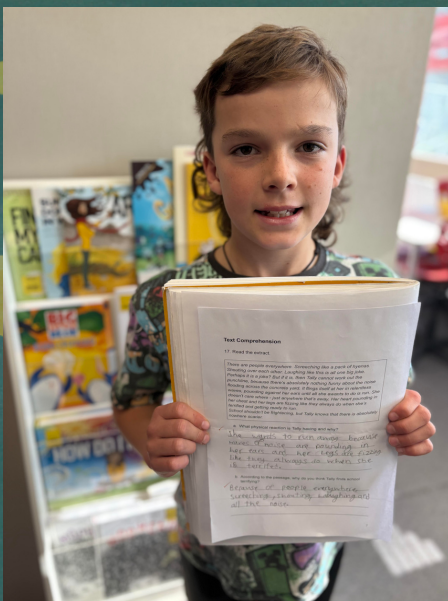
Please process payment online to Tokomaru School 12-3143-0428358-01 and use your child's name and 'Cuba' as a reference. Thank you for your support all monies raised will be going towards an all-weather turf for our bottom court.

Student Stars

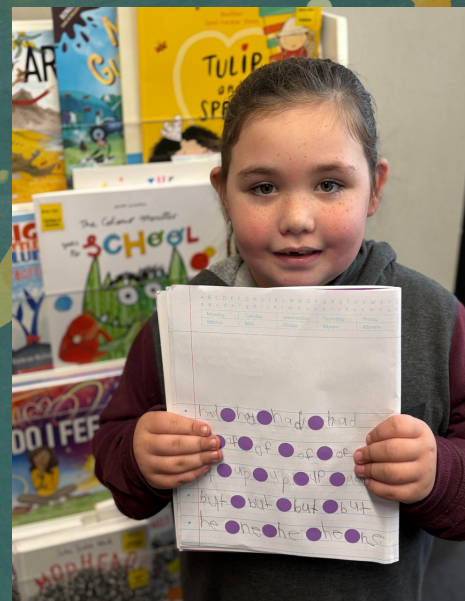
Te Tutuki i te kairanga



Dahlia's baaarilliant writing about Billy the lamb!



Andrew demonstrated excellent reading comprehension!



Sydney's super spelling!

SCHOOL FUN RUN

Our amazing students raised just over \$3050 in our Colour Fun Run! They were super happy with their prizes!

Thank you to our superstar students and supporters for their participation and fundraising efforts!

All proceeds from our current fundraising events and activities are to work toward an all-weather turf on our fenced court area.



Library



TOKOMARU SCHOOL
PROUDLY PRESENTS

Swimming Lessons Raffle

3 Months of group lessons at
Hilton Brown Swimming

\$2 per ticket

Raffle to be drawn on
1st August at the School Assembly with winners
to be notified afterwards.

Voucher can be sent by email.

Thank you to all
who supported
our Book Fair
this week during
PTP's!

WEIRD, BUT TRUE!

Bats are the only
mammals that fly!



Ag Day

Thanks to our supporters!

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It's time to start preparing for Ag Day 2025! Tomorrow, expressions of interest forms are coming home to all students. Please ensure these are completed and returned to the office if your child is interested in entering Ag Day this year.

We encourage our pupils to rear a calf, lamb or kid for Ag Day. Flower and Vegetable gardens, as well as the Domestic Pets category is recommended to all students who are not able to rear a calf, lamb or kid.

The children who get involved in Ag Day have a wonderful time caring for their pets and gardens. Ag Day promotes the education of children in the responsibility of caring for animals and plants. We love doing all we can to keep this great tradition alive!

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Home & School

Chairperson: Ronnie Parsons
Secretary: Karen Lister
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School Reps: Mel Ryan & Torah Toney
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