



Tokomaru School Newsletter

Thursday 11th August 2025



Principal's Pen

Kia ora koutou,

This week, we have had a very special visitor at our school - Harold the Giraffe! Alongside Jonny from Life Education, Harold brought smiles, laughter, and some incredibly important learning to our tamariki. Our students have loved the interactive sessions, which focus on making healthy choices, understanding emotions, and building positive relationships. Harold, as always, was a hit - helping to make important learning fun and memorable. A big thank you to Jonny and the Life Ed team for their ongoing support and the valuable messages they bring to our school.

Our upcoming 'Addams Family' school production is just around the corner, and the excitement is at its peak! After weeks of dedicated rehearsals, our students are ready to bring this spooky, fun-filled show to life. We can't wait for you to see their hard work and enthusiasm on stage.

As part of Blue September, we held a sausage sizzle to raise awareness and funds for Prostate Cancer Foundation NZ. It was great to see our school community come together in support, and the sausages were delish!

Thank you to everyone who came along - every sausage sold helps make a difference.

**Mel Ryan,
Principal.**



Term Dates

Term 4

Monday 6th October - Tuesday 9th December



Upcoming Dates

Friday 12th

September

- School Assembly and Kapa Haka Performance

Tuesday 16th

September

- School Production Rehearsal (whole school day trip)
- School Production Performance at PNBHS Speirs Centre, 6pm

Thursday 18th

September

- Cluster Ki-o-rahi and Kapa Haka Tournament

Friday 19th

September

- Last Day of Term 3

Monday 6th October

- First Day of Term 4

Friday 17th October

- Annual Auction Night



Sports

As we approach our last week of the term, there's lots happening in the sports space, and we're excited to keep the momentum going as we head toward the end of Term 3! Next Thursday, a group of our students will be representing our school at the Cluster Kapa Haka and Ki-o-Rahi Tournament. This is a fantastic opportunity for tamariki to showcase both their cultural knowledge and sporting skills. We're incredibly proud of their commitment to both the performance and the game, and we look forward to seeing them give it their all on the day. Whanaungatanga and teamwork will be on full display!

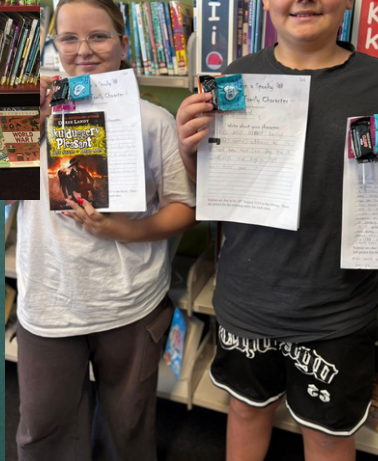
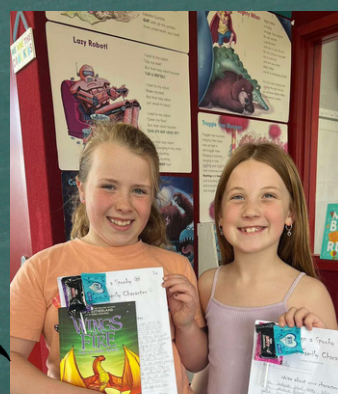
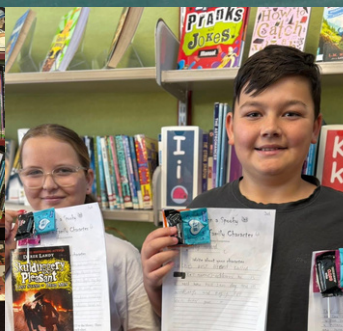
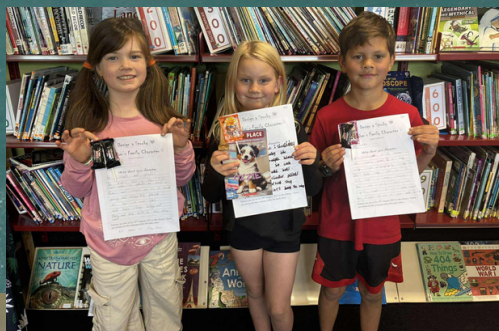
Looking ahead to Term 4, we're getting ready for an action-packed summer season. Permission slips for our Summer Sports Programme will be going home this Friday, and we're offering three awesome sports this year: Hockey, Soccer, and Touch Rugby. If your child is keen to participate, please make sure permission slips are signed and returned as soon as possible. As always these teams need to have parent help to supervise our teams on days! Matua Murray and Miss T cannot be in three places at once unfortunately 😊

A quick reminder to all our Badminton players and their whānau - there will be no Badminton next Tuesday due to our much-anticipated School Production. We encourage everyone to come along and support our performers - it promises to be an amazing night!

Miss T & Matua Murray

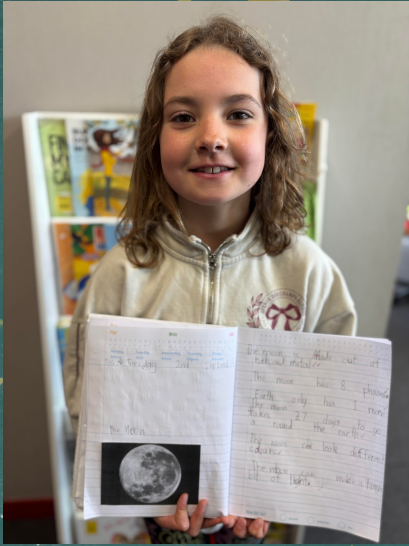
Library

Our tamariki submitted some amazing work for our latest Addams Family library competition. Congratulations to all of the participants and prizewinners and a big thank you to our librarian Katrina for running these competitions for us!

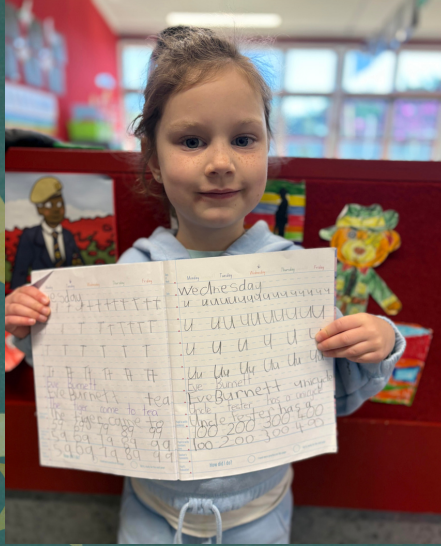


Student Stars

Te Tutuki i te kairanga



Addy F's magnificent moon writing!



Eve's wonderful handwriting!



Nyla's fun with transparent letters!

2025 Production

Production is next Tuesday, and there has been a bit coming home so here are some reminders:

- Return your production raffle tickets and donations to the office by this Friday 12th September
- Notices went home yesterday advising what students need to bring to contribute to their costume, please drop these items to the office by this Friday 12th September
- On Tuesday 16th September we will be taking a whole school trip to the Speirs Centre during the school day to do a production rehearsal, students will be back to school around 2:30pm and we will finish at 3pm as usual.
- Our Addams Family production show begins at 6pm. Students need to arrive to the Speirs Centre at PNBHS by 5pm to get ready for the show.

We look forward to seeing you all there next Tuesday!

Tokomaru School Production
2025

The Addams Family

6pm, Tuesday 16th September
Speirs Centre - Palmerston North Boys High School
Tickets on sale from Monday 1st September

Adults \$8
Children (5-12yrs) \$5
Under 5s Free

Contact 06 329 8780 or officemanager@tokomaru.school.nz
to secure your tickets.

Weird, but true...

About a million
earths could fit
inside the sun!



Thanks for supporting
Daffodil Day, we raised
\$162.70 for Cancer
Society NZ!

Support Prostate Cancer NZ

Next Friday Tokomaru School will be hosting a sausage sizzle,
all proceeds going to Prostate Cancer Foundation NZ.

All welcome at lunchtime from 1pm-2pm.

Friday 5th September

Sausage sizzle

\$2



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Thanks for supporting our Blue
September event, together we
raised \$75 for Prostate Cancer
Foundation NZ!

GLITZ, GLAM & GAVEL NIGHT

Auction Night!

No Quiz - Just a Good Time!

Get glammed up and join us for a fun-filled evening of bidding,
drinks, food, and live music!

Bring your friends and enjoy a night out - no trivia, just vibes!

TIME
6.30 PM - 8.30 PM

FRI 17 OCTOBER

Tickets
\$15

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CONTACT US NOW TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS

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18+

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