



Tokomaru School Newsletter



Principal's Pen

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

It has been an absolute pleasure to release some of our teachers over the last few weeks - the students are all able to tell me about their learning and their goals so I'm sure there will be some great conversations at next week's Parent/Teacher/Pupil Conferences.

What a delight to walk into school this morning to see the fun that some students were having on the newly painted Snakes and Ladders and Hopscotch. The giant dice was a big hit! Jump on the Home and School Association and support our kura to fundraise for more things like this.

Find what you're looking for on our new school website: <https://www.tokomaru.school.nz/> Our Strategic Plan will be uploaded on there soon so you can see our school's goals for 2024.

Mel Ryan
Acting Principal



Admin Announcements

Tokomaru Cubs:

The Kaiarahi at Tokomaru Cubs have several kids moving up to Scouts this year, and are on the lookout for more Cubs to join our pack. Cubs is all about cool adventures, teamwork, and loads of fun. From camping to kayaking, we've got it all. Even though we're a small den, we're plugged into an active zone, rocking events all year round.

If any families in your school are keen to dive into the Cub life (ages 8-11), please email them at tokomaru@group.scouts.nz. Or, for the spontaneous types, just drop by the Tokomaru Scouts Hall on Wednesdays at 5:30pm. They are also keen to find someone to run Keas (ages 5-8) and have scouts group (ages 11-14) available on Mondays.

District Council:

The proposed date for the first Tokomaru/Opiki Community Meeting for this year is Tuesday, March 12th, however, this can be adjusted if necessary. Please register your interest to Emmam@horowhenua.govt.nz.

Term Dates

Term One 2024

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

Upcoming Dates

Monday 26th February

- Parent Teacher Pupil Conferences from 3:30pm

Tuesday 27th February

- Parent Teacher Pupil Conferences (School closes at 12:30)
- Boys in Netball Workshop

Wednesday 28th February

- Year 7 & 8 Technology

Friday 1st March

- School Athletics Day

Tuesday 5th March

- Boys in Netball

Wednesday 6th March

- Year 7&8 Technology

Thursday 7th March

- Junior Cluster Athletics
- Ballot Applications Close
- Yr 7 HPV & Boostrix vaccines

Tuesday 12th March

- Boys in Netball Workshop
- Horowhenua District Council Meeting 3:30pm @ School Library

Wednesday 13th March

- Year 7&8 Technology

Sports

Athletics day is coming around quickly and we are all ready! Tamariki are sharpening up their skills ready for Friday 1st March! Whānau you are more than welcome to come and support, events are kicking off at 9:30am. We will have a sausage sizzle and ice blocks to sell so bring your spare change. Remember to wear your house colours!

We are attempting to join forces with Linton Camp School to make a Year 3&4 Netball team, but have been unable to make a Year 1&2 team. We also have our Boys in Netball during school time. Keep checking those book bags for notices. So our girls don't miss out, we have organised Central Football to come out and hold a one off Football session to help encourage hine in this sport.

Keep enjoying that sunshine! Challenge for this fortnight - send a picture/video of your keeping active over the week. There may be prizes to be won.

Miss Gordon & Miss T

Library

Check out our Lucky Library Ticket winner!

Stacie - Swooping up prizes!



Jessica - She just loves to read!



Savanna - Brand new and enjoying our library!



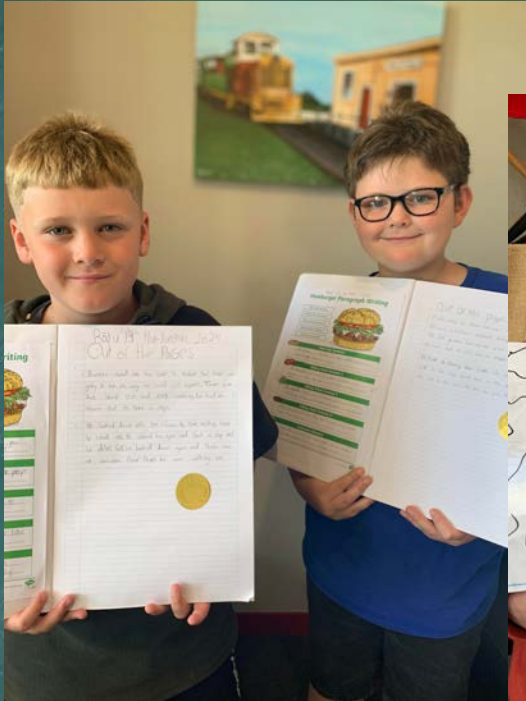
Vinnie - He picked a book for his friend!



The AA Big Little Sponsorship are calling for nominations for two deserving primary schools to each win a \$10,000 sports grant. Sporting teaches fair play, teamwork, builds confidence and keeps tamariki active. Nominate Tokomaru School at aainsurance.co.nz/big-little

Student Stars

Te Tutuki i te kairanga



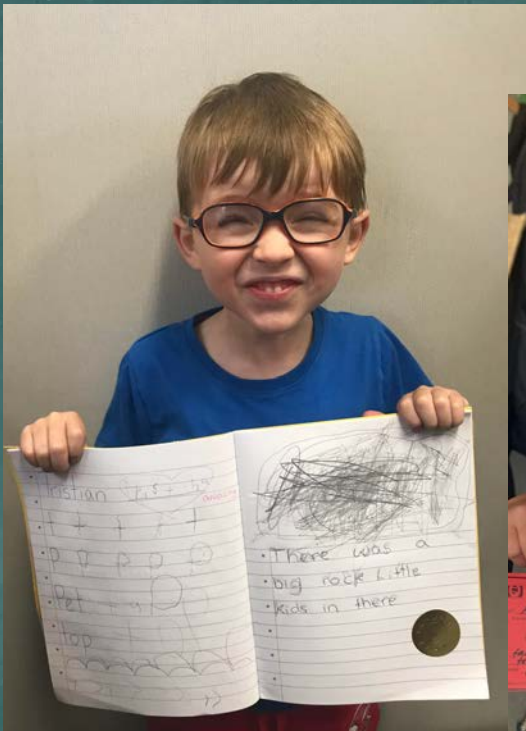
Sade & Isaac -
Powerful Writing
Paragraphs!



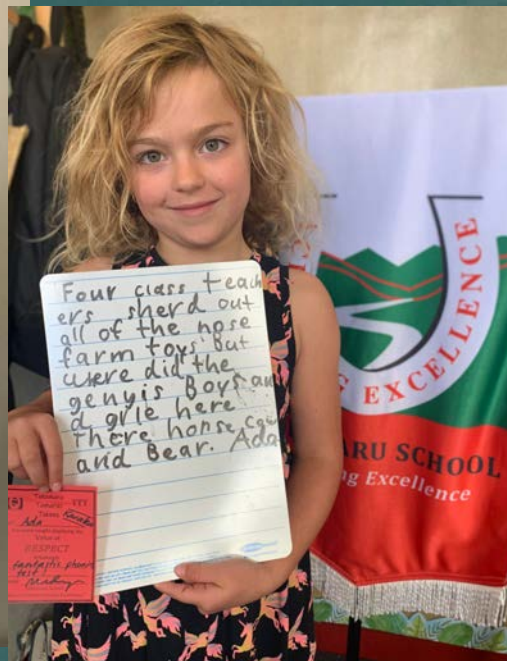
Soren - Fabulous
Phonics!



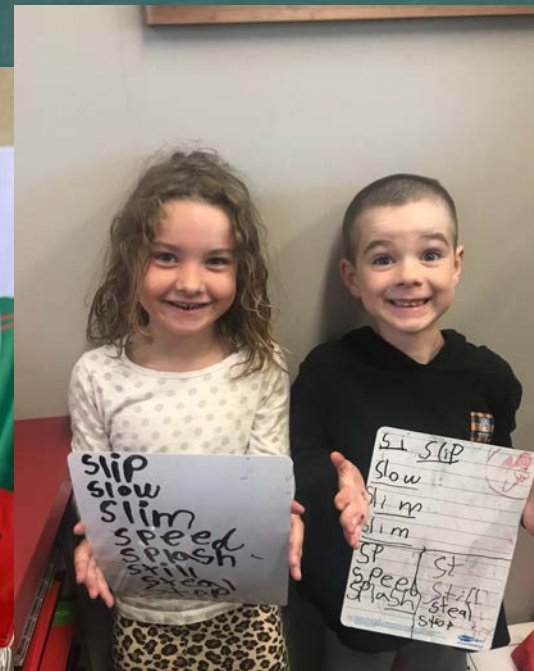
Shay - Amazing
Handwriting!



Tristan - Great
Handwriting!



Ada - Fantastic
Phonics!



Addy F and Deaglan
- Awesome Phonics!



Home & School

Snakes and Ladders and Hopscotch appeared overnight at Tokomaru School! It was just gorgeous to see the reaction of the students turning up this morning.

Thank you Home & School for contributing the funds, and to All Linemarking for their Mahi!

Thank you to all who attended our Welcome Back BBQ, we had a great turnout this year! Thanks again to Home & School for the sausage sizzle and ice blocks. 😊



On School Athletics Day, March 1st, Home & School will be running another sausage sizzle to fundraise for our cubby house! We will also be selling ice blocks and home made apple turnovers - come along to cheer our kids on and help us fundraise!



The Kindness Corner

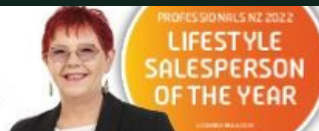
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Home & School

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Secretary - Karen Lister

Treasurer - Roxanne Eastham

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Parents - Ronnie Parsons and Katrina Lawton

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