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Our children will discover who they can be

**THE ADVENTURE WAY**

**We learn ... We care... We act...**

Curious

Creative

Collaborative

Self-directed

Self-aware

Seek your own path...Whāia te ara tika



Welcome to our new students. It's great to have you join our Adventure family!

**Rm 9:** Madeline McKee, Jarvis Dowd

**Rm 7:** Billie Chalmers

**Rm 1:** Isabel Dowd

### From our Principal



Kia ora koutou e te whānau

Whakataka te hau ki te uru,  
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga.  
Kia mākinakina ki uta,  
Kia mātaratara ki tai.  
E hī ake ana te atākura  
He tio, he huka, he hauhu  
Tihei mauri ora

We start this week with the formation of the first government since the inception of MMP able to govern with an absolute majority in Parliament. Let's hope this manifests in real action and the implementation of positive social and fiscal policy uninhibited by coalition politics. Glad to see Chris Hipkins has retained the education portfolio.

We are moving into the busiest time of the school year. Hats off then to Toni Bennett and her team who still found the energy to spend a couple of nights on sleepovers at Wellington Zoo. This syndicate (Nikau) has done exceptionally well, having only just moved out of the hall and into their newly upgraded teaching spaces.

I am currently working through the year eight end of year interviews. This is a lengthy but rewarding and enjoyable process. Our year eight school leavers get the opportunity to share with me a reflection of their time at Adventure School and their hopes and aspirations for the future. I'm always struck by the maturity, honesty and intellect of these young people, most of whom I can still remember from when they were year one pupils. It's great to be able to infuse some personal voice into the end of year Principal's comment.

## Being Kind

*"True Friends  
Are the ones who  
Have nice things  
To say about you  
Behind your  
Back..."*



Although "Kindness," was a strong Labour Party election slogan during lockdown and during the election campaign, it's not particularly new. Kindness and inclusion are now and always have been, at the centre of what we believe as a school community, manifest in "The Adventure Way," and in the way our teachers interact with students and each other, on a daily basis. The words may have been different but the ethic the same.

We are however, not a utopia and sometimes children do things that are contrary to school values and the home values they have been brought up with. On occasions children fall out with their friends, they can be unkind. They - like adults - get things wrong occasionally; they are kids! This is not a new phenomenon, nor is it common to Adventure School alone. Neither does it suggest that the schools values and management structures or the home environment are at fault. We, like all schools, put a lot of time into appropriate behaviour management, as I am sure parents do at home, when children need our respective counsel. There are no excuses for errant bad behaviour or bullying and we do not shy away from confronting these issues.

These behaviours can be more evident in our adolescent students as they deal with pubertal change and the fact that next year they start a challenging new chapter in their lives and they do experience a little end of year anxiety. The effect of Covid 19 cannot be understated. Dealing with Covid related issues is the prevalent challenge for whanau of this generation.

I'll stick my neck out, however, and say that the kindness and good behaviour quotient in NZ primary schools and in particular, Adventure School, is exceptionally high and our parent community can take a bow for that.

### Being Kind

Very occasionally, we do get reports from parents about negative interaction on various social media platforms. We don't allow our students access to their phone once they get to school. Online conversations happen after school and we have limited control over these. Our message is continue to be vigilant and recognise what is nasty and inappropriate as opposed to what is acceptable chat.

*Nō reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.*

**John Wootton**  
(Principal)

## REMINDERS

**TEACHER ONLY DAY**

**FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER**



Please note, school will not be open for instruction on that day.

### Keeping Our Kids Safe

#### Sun Hats

The wearing of school sun hats is now compulsory.  
Hats are available for purchase at the school office.



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**ADVENTURE SCHOOL**



### 2020 Board of Trustees Election

#### Declaration of Parent Election Results

At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was fewer than the number of vacancies required to be filled; I hereby declare the following duly elected:

**Mark Frew**

**Emma Gibbins**

#### Declaration of Parent Bi Election Results

At the close of nominations, the number of valid nominations received was equal to the number of vacancies required to be filled, I hereby declare **Alicia McKay** duly elected.

**Sharyn Woodmass**  
Returning Officer



# Little Garden Adventurers...



## 🌻 Thank You Whitby New World 🌻

Thank you to **Whitby New World** for generously donating a Little Garden kitset vegie garden.

Our Year 2's took great delight in receiving-

- 🌱 1 wooden kitset garden (approx. 1350mm x 1350mm x 200mm when assembled).
- 🌱 400L of Tui Vege Mix
- 🌱 Little Garden seedling kits
- 🌱 A wooden plaque signage (200mm high x 115mm wide)



## The Spotlight

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Congratulations!



Molly Presling won her first Pony Mini Prix (the second highest height a pony can jump in competition) last weekend at the Wairarapa Labour Weekend Show.

Molly is progressing towards the top level of jumping very confidently and is hoping to compete in her first Grand Prix before the end of the season. Huge achievement when her competitors are 5-8 years older than her.







## Green Thumbs

*Room 26 and 15 have been planting lots of vegetables in the school garden for the past few weeks. We have also been weeding and watering the plants.*

*Some of these plants are parsley, radish, chives, lemon thyme, lettuce, mint, curry plant, silverbeet, spinach, celery and spring onion.*

*The plants are thriving and the school gardens are looking great. We are also looking at starting a gardening group for Year sevens and we already have lots of students interested in joining up.*

*We have been raising little gardens from New World. We will be planting them in the gardens when the seedlings are big enough for us to do that.*

*Emma Bruwer and Abbey McIlraith*



## Fundraising Efforts

Abbey McIlraith and Chloe Waitai showed great enterprise last term baking and selling cookies around their neighbourhood.

The \$80 dollars they raised came in very useful as a "seed fund" for the school garden.

Great work girls!

Thank you.



## From the PTNi

Did you know that you are already a member of the Adventure School PTNi?

Crazy, eh! Under the Rules, all parents, caregivers, teachers and members of staff automatically become members on registration of a pupil in their care or when accepted onto the School payroll.

So now that I know, what can I do to help, we hear you ask!

Well, after a bit of a fizzer of a year (thanks COVID!), we're starting to plan for a bigger and better 2021, and are going to need all the help we can get to make it a real cracker for the Adventure School community.



### Here's what we need right now:

#### Committee Members

We need some more bodies, please! Our committee is very small at present and we need some more members to stay within the Rules; we generally meet once a term on a Tuesday at 7.30pm in the staffroom, and welcome anyone that would like to pop in and see what we're all about. We promise we don't bite!

#### Icy Friday



Gail Eastwood is very kindly running our popular Icy Fridays this term, but we will need some new blood from Term 1 next year. Icy Fridays run every Friday during Terms 1 & 4, and could easily be run by a group of parents/caregivers each week, eg. one person buys the iceblocks and puts them in the PTNi freezer in the hall kitchen, and another one or two sell the iceblocks. Easy peasy!

#### Sausage Sizzle

Another popular one with the kids, that requires many hands to really make it work! We need people that are able to help coordinate the orders (much easier now we have Kindo), purchase the food and cook/sort/distribute the food on the day. Traditionally this has fallen to a single PTNi committee member to arrange, but the expanding school roll now requires more people getting involved and sharing the jobs.



#### Duathlon



Friday 12 March 2021 - this is The Big'un. Every two years the PTNi runs a Duathlon which all students can enter, where the kids run and bike a set course (year-specific), seek sponsors and win points for their House. This is a huge event for the school and is very much enjoyed by students and families alike - we wish we could run it every year! Again, to make this event work we need around 50 people to help out - even 15-30 minutes of your time on the day could be the difference between a fabulous event and us having to pull the pin. A sub-committee will be kicking off shortly, so we'll be needing some keen participants to work through the myriad of pre-event work, eg. organising sponsors, arranging race bibs/medals/prize packs, coordinating volunteers on the day, etc.

So, what are you waiting for? If you think you can help with any of the above, or are just happy to help if we're running a disco, etc, please email us on [ptni@adventure.school.nz](mailto:ptni@adventure.school.nz) - we'd love to hear from you!

Have a great week,

The (hopeful) Adventure School PTNi Committee [ptni@adventure.school.nz](mailto:ptni@adventure.school.nz)



## Important Dates for Your Calendar

*Please be aware some details may change*



TERM FOUR		
<b>Week 5</b>	Tuesday 10 November	Parumoana Athletics
	Thursday 12 November	Parumoana Athletics (pp)
	Friday 13 November	<b>TEACHER ONLY DAY</b>
<b>Week 6</b>	Tuesday 17 November	Parumoana Athletics (ppp)
	Friday 20 November	Scholastic Book Club Issue 7 orders close
<b>Week 7</b>	Wednesday 25 November	Final preschool session for the year 6.30: Senior Ball
	Friday 27 November	9.30: Parumoana Speech Comp.
<b>Week 8</b>	Tuesday 1 December	Regional Athletics
	Wednesday 2 December	Kowhai Skating
	Thursday 3 December	Aotea College Orientation Day
	Friday 4 December	9.00: Kowhai Tree Trimming 1.45: Prize-giving
<b>Week 9</b>	Monday 7 December	6.30: BOT Meeting
	Tuesday 8 December	Year 2 Camborne Walkway trip
	Thursday 10 December	Year 2 Camborne Walkway trip pp
<b>Week 10</b>	Monday 14 December	Kowhai Graduation
	Tuesday 15 December	Year 8 Leaver's Dinner
	Wednesday 16 December	Reports sent home
	Thursday 17 December	11.00: Final Assembly 12.00: School closes

### 2021 Term Dates

<b>Term One:</b>	Friday 5 February - Friday 16 April
<b>Term Two:</b>	Monday 3 May - Friday 9 July
<b>Term Three:</b>	Monday 26 July - Friday 1 October
<b>Term Four:</b>	Monday 18 October to Thursday 16 December

School will be closed on the following days:

<b>Waitangi Day:</b>	Monday 8 February
<b>Easter:</b>	Friday 2, Monday 5 & Tuesday 6 April
<b>Queen's Birthday:</b>	Monday 7 June
<b>Labour Day:</b>	Monday 25 October
<b>Teacher Only Day</b>	Friday 18 December

## Community Notices

### WDC turns 30 – Star Wars meets springboard diving at Kilbirnie Pool

Wellington Diving Club is turning 30 and to celebrate we're putting on a spectacular display & show that will be hugely entertaining!

**Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> November – 11.00am**

Free entry **plus** vouchers for all spectators for a free Sunday have-a-go session.

Trial Lessons also available throughout Term4 – Tues, Wed, Thurs (4pm) or Saturday 10.15am. T&C's apply.

For more information please call Barbara on 027 485 8888 or <https://wellingtondiving.org.nz/contact>

### BigAir Cheer 2021

Join one of New Zealand's top cheerleading programmes.

No experience necessary.

We have gyms in Tawa, Kapiti & Owhiro Bay.

To find out more, email [william@bigairgym.co.nz](mailto:william@bigairgym.co.nz)

### Pauatahanui Inlet Cleanup 2020

Sunday 22 November, wet or dry.

Register at Browns Bay car park 10.30am.

- Wear warm clothes and strong shoes or boots
- Gloves, hi-viz vests and rubbish bags are supplied
- There is a collection of rubbish on the roadside
- Free family sausage sizzle at Browns Bay Park, 12 noon
- Participants will be in the draw for a lucky prize

### Waste Free Living and Waste Free Parenting Workshops

Kate Meads is a waste educator and inspirational speaker who is coming to the Wellington Region this November to present her Waste Free Living and Waste Free Parenting Workshops. These workshops are supported by your local council, and is a great opportunity for locals to become educated and activated on reducing waste. With the Parenting workshop having a focus on waste reduction with babies and toddlers in the home, and the Waste Free Living workshop touches on waste reduction from all angles - perfect for those from all households.

Attendees get a gift pack with their ticket, that is worth \$100 (\$60 at the Kapiti event with cheaper tickets) and is full of waste minimisation products like cloth nappies, food pouches and wraps, and more (contents based on the workshop type). Tickets to the workshops are \$25, and only \$15 for the Kapiti workshop.

Below are the details on the event, including links to promotional materials and booking links

Workshop details:

Kapiti - Tuesday 17th November, 6pm @ Kapiti Community Centre

Wellington - Wednesday 18th November, 6pm @ ASB Sports Centre, Kilbirnie

Upper Hutt - Thursday 19th November, 6pm @ Expressions Whirinaki Arts & Entertainment Centre

Porirua - Friday 20th November, 6pm @ Te Rauparaha Arena

Lower Hutt - Saturday 21st November, 10am @ Avalon Pavillion

### Booking pages:

Kapiti: <https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2020/waste-free-living-workshop-with-kate-meads/paraparaumu>

Wellington: <https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2020/wellington-city-waste-free-living-workshop/wellington>

Upper Hutt: <https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2020/waste-free-living-workshop-with-kate-meads/upper-hutt>

Porirua: <https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2020/porirua-waste-free-parenting-workshop/porirua-mana>

Lower Hutt: <https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2020/waste-free-parenting-workshop-with-kate-meads2/lower-hutt>

### Facebook Events:

Kapiti: <https://www.facebook.com/events/480389239269454>

Wellington: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2947976865284957>

Upper Hutt: <https://www.facebook.com/events/575275336625748>

Porirua: <https://www.facebook.com/events/725927814648142>

Lower Hutt: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1227459994309243>