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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 7:** Isla Ritchie

### 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

As we move inexorably towards the end of the year, a few major events loom ahead of our next newsletter. The Senior Ball takes place next Wednesday evening, we have an assembly this Friday, the Kindy Concert, regional athletics and Kowhai skating taking place on the 1st and 2nd of December respectively.

### Senior Ball



The Senior Ball, which takes place every even year, is traditionally a mid-winter event held in July. Lockdown and levels three and two put paid to that. We could have just cancelled, but buoyed by the urgings of some teachers, we decided to postpone the Ball until the end of the year. As we had classes operating out of the hall and in the hub for much of the year, we had to practise in the Totara classrooms, with each class, one at a time. The hall became available earlier than expected this term and this has helped.





Under the circumstances, our senior pupils have done exceptionally well to learn all the dances. To date they have almost complete mastery of The Traditional Gay Gordons, The Rock and Roll Gay Gordons, Patty Cake Polka, Ballin th' Jack, Circle Waltz, St Bernards Waltz, Maxina, Hinky Dinky, Virginia Reel, Durham Reel, Dashing White Sergeant and The Cha-cha.

A heady list of twelve dances - punctuated by supper - that should see us comfortably through the evening.



### Some Changes Regarding School Camps, School Trips & Swimming

The impact of Covid 19, in a fiscal sense, has brought us to consider the financial burden that is placed on parents, in regard to school camps and indeed, all out of school excursions that require donations.

There is also a financial impact on the school if whānau - for whatever reason - are unable to make donations for trips, camps, swimming etc. Any money required for these activities, comes out of the schools operating budget if it is not covered by donations. Each year this accounts for many thousands of unbudgeted dollars.

For the reasons expressed above, we have made the following decisions.

- **We will be discontinuing the year 5/6 camp**
- **For all planned school trips:**
  - Parents have to be informed that all costs are a donation and payment is not compulsory.
  - Students cannot be stood down from an out of school outing if a donation is not paid.
  - Syndicate leaders have to request information from parents on their ability / desire to pay the donation by a defined date (responses are confidential).
  - A non-response to the above request will be regarded as a no.
  - Syndicate leaders can then decide if the planned excursion is financially viable.

We are among a number of full primary schools who have decided to remove the year 5/6 camp. The senior school pupils will still go on camp in either year 7 or year 8.

### Activities That Will Remain Part of the School Programme

#### E.O.T.C. (Education Outside the Classroom)

EOTC can include organised activities from out of school facilitators, such as kayaking, sailing, paddle boarding, rock wall climbing, skating, bush walks, etc.

**Kowhai:** E.O.T.C. activities (Term 4)

**Nikau:** Zoo sleepover (even years) - EOTC activities (odd years)

**Rimu:** School-based overnight camp (odd years) - EOTC activities (even years)

**Totara:** Out of school Camp (even years) - EOTC activities (odd years)

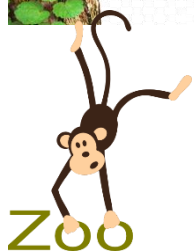
*Nō reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.*

**John Wootton**  
(Principal)



# NIKAU ZOO SLEEPOVER

October 2020



I really liked the otters, the meerkats, kangaroos, and the giraffes. I liked all of the animals. My favourite part was the cheetahs and when my group got to go into the puzzle area and go in the crates. My other favourite part was the sleeping part! *Addison Ibell*

I liked seeing the lions roaring at each other. I also liked seeing the cheetahs. *Scarlett Boyd*

I really liked the zoo a lot. My favourite animal was the scorpion because when they put the light on the scorpion it glowed! *Leo Brell*



My favourite part about the Zoo was the servals and caracals because they were really cool. I had fun! *Jonty McMullan*

I liked the Zoo a lot. My favourite animals were the meerkats, the giraffes and the otters. I liked the giraffes because they were big. I liked the meerkats and the otters because they were cute. *Aaron Webb*

We got to hear the ferocious lions roar. They were my second favourite part. The scorpion was my favourite because we got to see the exoskeleton. *Luc Schwalger*

I liked the part of the Neighbours- the Australian animals. I liked the ostrich and the emus. *Charlie Scott*



I really liked the gibbon noise. I liked the servals and the tigers and all of the cats. *Alexis Gilbert*

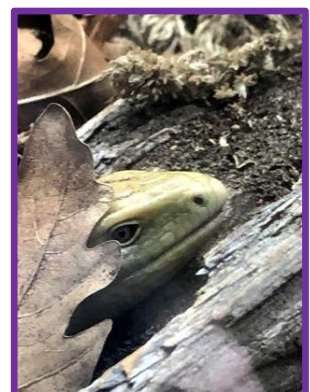
I really liked going to the Zoo. My favourite part was looking at the otters. I wish we had more time to look at each animal. *Aiden Lea*





On Wednesday, it was finally time for the Zoo Sleepover. Room 1, Room 3 and the Year 3's from Room 2 went together. We did the first tour with a Ranger. She was nice. The zoo animals were awesome. When the tour was over we went to bed. I snored. It was funny. In the morning, we ate breakfast then we had another tour. We saw the meerkats and the penguins. Then we went back to school and we ate hot chips. I felt happy after the Zoo Sleepover.

**Hayley Nickle**



I'm proud of going to the zoo trip and falling asleep while Mr McQueen was reading.

**Clarika de Swardt**

I am proud of the Zoo trip because I would never thought I would sleep.

**Jaxon Biswell**

I am proud of going to the zoo trip when I was nervous.

**Luke Zhang**



Thank  
you!

Congratulations!

A huge thank you to Chandra Yee for winning \$1000 from Nestle and New World for the purchase of sports equipment for our school!

Wow...look at all the new gear we were able to buy!



Congratulations!

### Room 27's epic journey into the WORLD finals of Word Mania

#### Maya Cook's summary

Hi, I'm Maya and I was part of a Word Mania competition with my class (Room 27). Word Mania is a worldwide competition on the internet. It's a game on a website called Literacy Planet. You get given 16 letters and you have to use them to make words. The bigger the word, the more points you get. It was a roller coaster of emotions for not only me, but the whole class. I loved the feeling of excitement when we found out we were on the world leader board. The Year 5s came 24th in the competition and the year 6s came 31st!



#### A congratulatory letter from Word Mania:

Normally, we run districts/countries and then the final is made up of winners from each district. This year we did a global competition and did away with the location data attached to each account.

Our developers did some digging and matching and found that only 4 schools from NZ made the Final Round:

Kaponga School, Adventure School, Elm Park School & Pasadena Intermediate.

Maya's score of **3904** was the highest for the school during the whole competition!





Unfortunately, due to poor weather we weren't able to hold our Senior Athletics Day in our traditional manner. We did, however, run a school-site competition and congratulate the following children on their achievements.

A huge thankyou to John Kelleher and Daniel Wright for organising this event.

### Results

Congratulations to the following children who gained 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placing overall in their year groups.



#### Year 5

**Girls:** 1<sup>st</sup> Macy Chambers  
2<sup>nd</sup>= Alissa Kay & Sophie Morris

**Boys:** 1<sup>st</sup> Malachai Blackshaw  
2<sup>nd</sup> Cooper Dwen  
3<sup>rd</sup> Taylor de Graaff

#### Year 6

**Girls:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sascha Bennett  
2<sup>nd</sup> Elliott Cox  
3<sup>rd</sup> Corri Katene

**Boys:** 1<sup>st</sup> Daniel de Swardt  
2<sup>nd</sup> William Caldwell  
3<sup>rd</sup> Maddox Whiripo



#### Year 7

**Girls:** 1<sup>st</sup> Zameena Isaako  
2<sup>nd</sup> Matilda Po  
3<sup>rd</sup> Mia McFadyen

**Boys:** 1<sup>st</sup> Darius Alefosio  
2<sup>nd</sup> Gal Becher  
3<sup>rd</sup> Cameron Bradley



#### Year 8

**Girls:** 1<sup>st</sup> Oceana Lealamisa  
2<sup>nd</sup> Owhiti Kanavatoa  
3<sup>rd</sup>= Sadie Gilbert & Izzy Blackshaw

**Boys:** 1<sup>st</sup> Marcos Medeiros  
2<sup>nd</sup> Jordan Robben  
3<sup>rd</sup> Shaun Robertson

### Parumoana Athletics



**Congratulations to our Yrs 5-8 Athletes for coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Parumoana Athletics Competition.**

**A huge thank you also to Toni-Marie Bennett for her superb organisation of this event.**

**A great effort everyone!**

### The 2020 Team

Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
Macy Chambers Pearl Penno Alissa Kay Sophie Morris Cooper Dwen Taylor de Graff Malachi Blackshaw Grayson Courmane	Sascha Bennett Corri Katene Elliot Cox Daniel de Swardt Will Caldwell Maddox Whiripo Kiharoa Landon-Lane	Matilda Po Daniella Starr Zameena Isaako Mia McFadyen Darius Alefosio Gal Becher	Sadie Gilbert Oceana Lealamisa Izzy Blackshaw Owhiti Kanavatoa Jordan Robben Alexander Justice Marcos Medeiros Shaun Robertson

### RESULTS

#### Year 5

**Cooper Dwen:** 3<sup>rd</sup> 80m, 1<sup>st</sup> 150m, 3<sup>rd</sup> Long Jump,  
**Taylor de Graff:** 3<sup>rd</sup> 150m, 2<sup>nd</sup> High Jump  
**Malachi Blackshaw:** 1<sup>st</sup> High Jump, 1<sup>st</sup> Quoits, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vortex  
**Macy Chambers:** 3<sup>rd</sup> 80m



#### Year 6

**Daniel de Swardt:** 1<sup>st</sup> 80m, 1<sup>st</sup> 150m, 2<sup>nd</sup> Long Jump, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quoits, 1<sup>st</sup> Shot Put  
**William Caldwell:** 2<sup>nd</sup> 80m, 2<sup>nd</sup> 150m, 1<sup>st</sup> 800m  
**Maddox Whiripo:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Long Jump, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vortex  
**Kiharoa Landon-Lane:** 1<sup>st</sup> Vortex  
**Sascha Bennett:** 2<sup>nd</sup> High Jump  
**Elliot Cox:** 1<sup>st</sup> Vortex



#### Year 7

**Darius Alefosio:** 3<sup>rd</sup> High Jump  
**Daniella Starr:** 1<sup>st</sup> 1500m  
**Matilda Po:** 2<sup>nd</sup> 1500m

#### Year 8

**Sadie Gilbert:** 3<sup>rd</sup> 100m



### Uniform Update

We now have a limited number of size 6 **red hoodies** in stock.  
Sales limited to one per family.



### Important Dates for Your Calendar

*Please be aware some details may change*



TERM FOUR		
Week 7	Tuesday 24 November	10.10: Parent Helpers morning tea
	Wednesday 25 November	Senior Ball
	Friday 27 November	9.30: Parumoana Speech Competition Scholastic Book Club Issue 8 orders close
Week 8	Monday 30 November	Skipping Day
	Tuesday 1 December	Regional Athletics Kowhai Kindy concert
	Wednesday 2 December	Kowhai Skating
	Thursday 3 December	Aotea College Orientation Day
	Friday 4 December	9.00: Kowhai Tree Trimming 1.45: Prize-giving
Week 9	Monday 7 December	Kowhai carol singing at Retirement Village 6.30: BOT Meeting
	Tuesday 8 December	Year 2 Camborne Walkway trip
	Thursday 10 December	Year 2 Camborne Walkway trip pp
Week 10	Monday 14 December	2.00 Kowhai Graduation
	Tuesday 15 December	Year 8 Leaver's Dinner
	Thursday 17 December	11.00: Final Assembly 12.00: School closes

### 2021 Term Dates

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

School will be closed on the following days:

Waitangi Day:	Monday 8 February
Easter:	Friday 2, Monday 5 & Tuesday 6 April
Queen's Birthday:	Monday 7 June
Labour Day:	Monday 25 October
Teacher Only Day:	Friday 17 December

## Community Notices

### **Plimmerton School Monster Garage Sale - Saturday 21st November. 10am - 3pm.**

White Elephants, Books, Toys, Adult and Children's Clothes and Plants

Coffee, Drinks, Snacks, Ice Blocks and Sausage Sizzle

The Garage Sale will be able to run under Covid Alert Level 2 with number restrictions and sanitisation controls in place. Weather permitting parking available on the School Field for a going coin donation.

Proudly supported by AM Janssen of Harcourts.

### **Part-time Admin position available**

Mana Music Centre, a local music centre providing affordable lessons to primary and intermediate students in the Porirua basin for over 40 years, requires an Admin Superstar! Do you have a few hours a week up your sleeve? You would work closely with the centre coordinator and tutors, and liaise with parents/caregivers and school staff. This could suit someone who is retired, or a stay-at-home parent/individual. The role does require some out of hours administration carried out from your home.

Mana Music Centre is a non-profit, out of hours music centre partially funded by the Ministry of Education. This position is based at our Discovery School site on Saturday mornings during term time, and ideally is available to support packing up after our Wed afternoon lessons, also in term time (this is negotiable).

We are looking for someone local who could take on the varied administrative tasks. The position would begin in February 2021, with hand over prior to that. Please register your interest via email to: Marilyn,

[themanamusiccentre@gmail.com](mailto:themanamusiccentre@gmail.com).

More information on the centre can be found at <http://manamusiccentre.org.nz/#!/main> or our Facebook page.

### **Whitby Cycle Repairs**

I have started a small bicycle workshop from home to service the local Whitby community. On offer is Cycle Repairs, Servicing and Bike Fitting. I am by open by appointment for now.

I am an experienced Cycle Mechanic with over 25 years in the trade so there is not much I have not seen. If you have a bike that needs servicing or would just like a quote on repair, please call or text on **021 956 512**.

**Special Adventure School offer** - I'm offering a service that is normally priced at \$80 for \$60. The service involves a safety check, gear and brake adjustment, checking and adjusting of the bottom bracket, headset and hubs and a quick true of the wheels to ensure the bike is functional and safe to ride.

Brendan Ashton (school parent)

### **The Voice of Christmas**

Win a Smart Bedroom!

From 6am this Christmas morning on Newstalk ZB – it's "The Voice of Christmas" singing competition... on the "Crazy Kiwi Christmas Show" .....

If you're under 13 and can sing, simply call

0800 THE VOICE

and sing a Christmas Carol as your audition.

That's 0800 843 864

Grand prize: Smart Bedroom Bundle – Amazon Echo Plus smart speaker and Alexa-enabled smart coloured light bulbs!

Then tune in on Christmas morning to Newstalk ZB (or Radio Sport) from 6am, to see if you've won!

## School Holiday Activities

### **Christmas Holiday Programme @ Adventure School, 18 - 23 Dec 2020**

**BOOKINGS OPEN NOW!** Exciting activities await your child - trip to Somes Island, Fun Challenges, Roller Skating and Movies and more.

**BOOK ONLINE NOW:** [www.asfc.co.nz](http://www.asfc.co.nz) or for more information e-mail [holprog@asfc.co.nz](mailto:holprog@asfc.co.nz) or call 027-454-6975.