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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:** Ayla Edmonds

### 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

"This is not the year  
To get everything you want  
This is the year  
To appreciate  
Everything you have."

### A Triad of Pithy Quotes for 2020

"Anybody can become angry — that is easy, but to be angry with the right person and to the right degree and at the right time and for the right purpose, and in the right way — that is not within everybody's power and is not easy."

"You can't change the past  
You can't predict the future  
But you can ruin the present  
By worrying about both."

We have but three weeks of the year to go, as such this is the penultimate newsletter of the year. The last one will go before the end of the year. The year culminates with the final assembly on the Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December, with the school closing at 12p.m. Prior to this we enjoy the usual array of end of year festivities; the Kindy Concert, Tree Trimming, Prize Giving and the Leavers Dinner to name but a few.



## Senior Ball



We held the fourth Adventure School Senior Ball last Wednesday night. This is usually a mid-winter event but the impact of lockdown and the unavailability of the hall until this term, pushed it out to become an end of year experience.

The Ball was everything we had hoped for. A great night of fun, positive interaction, propriety and physical exertion through the medium of old time dancing.

The senior syndicate did a fantastic job in transforming the hall into a Medieval, chivalric themed environment, adorned with heraldry, castle walls and a drawbridge.

My thanks goes to the senior students for tolerating, then gradually embracing and ultimately enjoying the learning process and then seeing it all flourish on the night. Thanks to the Totara staff and all those who helped at the ball. Thanks to Tania Cox who taught the one dance that spoke of an era beyond the Crimean War. The Cha - Cha was a fun way to finish the evening.





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

**John Wootton**  
(Principal)

## 2021 Staff

### Management

John Wootton  
Tania Cox  
Diane Pepperell

Principal  
Deputy Principal - SENCO Yrs 3-8  
Assistant Principal - SENCO Yrs 1-2

### Kowhai Syndicate

Teacher	Yr	Rm
Rebecca St Clair (Yr 1 Lead Teacher)	1	8
Nadine Amorangi	1	7
Alesha Wilson	1	9
Cathy Murray	1	10
Tania Bailey	1	11
Vanessa Burn (Yr 2 Lead Teacher)	2	13
Kim Swettenham	2	14
Rachel Grant	2	15

### Nikau Syndicate

Teacher	Yr	Rm
Toni Bennett (Syndicate Leader)	3/4	2
Skye Kim	3/4	1
Julian Keller	3/4	3
Richard McQueen	3/4	4
Amy Churchill	3/4	5

### Rimu Syndicate

Teacher	Yr	Rm
Donna Miles (Syndicate Leader)	5/6	20
Andrea Nichols	5/6	17
Daniel Wright	5/6	18
Carla Nickson	5/6	19
Carl McManaway	5/6	21

### Totara Syndicate

Teacher	Yr	Rm
Mark Hughes (Syndicate Leader)	7/8	24
Jen Squire	7/8	25
John Kelleher	7/8	26

### Additional Teachers

Vanessa Clarke (part-time)
Anna Bullock (part-time)
Natalie Heather (part-time)
Karen Freeman (part-time)

### Support Staff

Jean Hutchinson	Finance Manager
Sharon Arrell	Office Manager
Nikki Holbrook	Office Assistant
Gerna Kotze	Library Assistant
Mikaele Pule	Caretaker/ Cleaner

### Teacher Aides

Sharyn Woodmass	Andrea Matheson
Catherine Ballin	Emma Smith
Elle Pigou-Williams	Paula Hall
Shiela Cinco	Fiona Albiston
Jackie Johnston	Marzena Scapczyk
Joyce Goggin	



## Rimu Speech Competition Winners



Rimu classes have been busy writing and practising speeches for the annual speech competition. Two year 5's and two year 6's were chosen to represent each class at the syndicate finals held on Monday 23 November. The quality of the speeches was very high making it really challenging for the judges to choose the top three.

### Year 5 Results:

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	Kaylee Burrows	<b>Topic:</b> "Mooncakes"
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Macy Chambers	<b>Topic:</b> "World War I"
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Alex Griffiths	<b>Topic:</b> "Avocados"

### Year 6 Results:

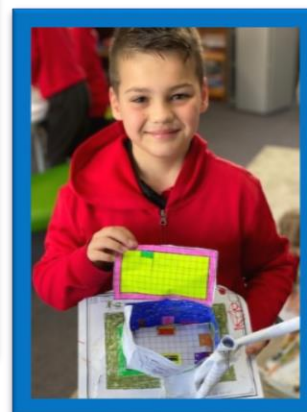
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	Sadie Baker	<b>Topic:</b> "Anxiety and Depression"
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Henu van der Merve	<b>Topic:</b> "My Crazy Tortoise"
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Lucy Wray	<b>Topic:</b> "Lockdown"

Kaylee Burrows was selected to go through to the Parumoana Finals.

## Buddy Class



## Room 17s Tiny Houses





Every year, Adventure puts on a concert for children attending local preschools and kindergartens as a way of contributing to the community. Students from across the school are invited to audition and many create their own items. Senior students take responsibility for the organisation, the hosting of the concert and managing the sound system. We are proud of all who contributed - they are great examples of self-directed, collaborative Adventurers.





In the Spotlight

Congratulations!

To...

**Kaylee Burrows** for representing Adventure in the Year 5/6 category & **Layne Trudgeon-Collins**, the Year 7/8 category at the Parumoana Speech competition. Both gave impressive performances and did Adventure proud!

Well done to Layne for coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Year 7/8 section with his speech on "Why We'd be Better Living in the 80s".





## Important Dates for Your Calendar

*Please be aware some details may change*



TERM FOUR		
Week 8	Friday 4 December	9.00: Kowhai Tree Trimming 1.45: Prize-giving
Week 9	Monday 7 December	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	Nikau swimming Year 8 Leaver's Dinner
	Wednesday 16 December	Nikau swimming
	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

## School Holiday activities

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

Trip to Somes Island, Fun Challenges, Roller Skating, Movies and more.

You can view and book online: [www.asfc.co.nz](http://www.asfc.co.nz)

### **Summer Holiday Programme @ Adventure School, 18 Jan - 4 Feb 2021**

**BOOKINGS OPEN NOW!** 3 weeks of popular and exciting activities await your child (e.g. Trip to Brookfield Outdoor Education Centre, Awesome Bounce, Laserforce, Marine Education Centre, Day trip to Eastbourne, Movies @ Lighthouse Cinema and much 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.

AFTER SCHOOL

### **FUN CLUB Holiday Programme @ Adventure School**

### **Porirua City Libraries Summer Festival – IMAGINE THIS!**

18 December – 15 January

Go to <https://porirualibrary.org.nz/whats-on/>

### **Christmas Funday - Monday 21 December 2020**

For Primary School Children

Christmas Crafts, lego, games, dvd and stories

Time: 10a.m. – 2.00p.m.

Cost: \$15

Where: Tawa Anglican Church (St Christopher's)

Booking is essential as numbers are limited

Contact Hayley.Balmer@xtra.co.nz - 027-232 9433

### **KELLY SPORTS PRE-XMAS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME:**

Ngati Toa Domain, Pascoe Ave, Mana, Porirua – 16 Dec – 23 Dec 2020

Kelly Sports Holiday Programmes focus on giving children aged between 5 and 13 the opportunity to do sports they enjoy in a safe, supportive and encouraging environment.

We have some exciting Pre Christmas fun planned: *Rippa & Touch Rugby, Rad Rackets Day, Ki-O-Rahi, Kelly Sports Arena where we play Football and Volleyball, Christmas Eve Eve Party plus a Trip to Laserforce and lots more!*

### **KELLY SPORTS JAN 2021 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

Ngati Toa Domain, Pascoe Ave, Mana, Porirua – 11 Jan – 29 Jan 2021

*H2GO Day, Sports Mash Up Day, USA Sports, Hoops Day, World Sports, Archer & Nerf Day, Golf Day plus the Bouncy Castle & the Football Arena are coming and lots more!!*

*Trips to: Wellington Zoo, Staglands, Porirua Aquatic Centre plus the Cure Kids Fun Day!*

To enrol [www.kellyclub.co.nz](http://www.kellyclub.co.nz) email [adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz) or call [04 972 7201](tel:049727201)

### **Big Air Gym**

**Children LOVE learning how to Cartwheel, Round-off, Handspring and Flip at BIGAIR GYMs Classes!** Children develop strength, flexibility, balance, proprioception, plus determination and self-confidence as they achieve new skills! **BIGAIR's GYMNASTICS, TUMBLING, FREE RUNNING & TRAMPOLINE** classes are excellent for fun and fitness! We focus on safety, technique, fundamental skills, right through to more advanced skills, such as summersaults and twisting. Bigair Gym is a clean, pristine, exciting, kid friendly, state of the art gym facility! Our experienced coaches run structured & fun gym classes. **Book now for Bigair's popular January School Holiday Programme!** Full day or half day sessions. Keep your kids active these holidays, while they also practice and learn new skills! **Holiday Programme & Term 1 Class BOOKINGS ARE OPEN NOW** at [www.bigairgym.co.nz](http://www.bigairgym.co.nz), or contact Bigair Gym Owhiro Bay 383 8779 [wqtn@bigairgym.co.nz](mailto:wqtn@bigairgym.co.nz), or Bigair Gym Tawa 232 3508 [office@bigairgym.co.nz](mailto:office@bigairgym.co.nz).

### **Fergs Adventure Club: Summer Holiday Programme 2021**

Here at Fergs' Kayaks our Adventure Club Summer Holiday Programme offers a number of different experiences in one fun package, from Rock Climbing to Kayaking and Stand up Paddleboarding! The Adventure Club Summer Holiday Programme runs weekly from Monday-Friday, January 11th- 29th. The programme is for ages 8-17 and is designed to be multifaceted in Rock Climbing, Kayaking and Stand-up Paddleboarding. The programme will be inclusive for all activities, or you may choose the activity that suits your child best. Prices start at \$200. For more information or to register interest, please email Hope at [Saleswn@fergskayaks.co.nz](mailto:Saleswn@fergskayaks.co.nz).

## **Community Notices**

### **Spotlight Performing Arts**

Does your child like to sing, dance, act and perform?

Would you like your child to build more confidence and make more friends?

Performing arts classes led by a London West End performer!

After school and weekend classes in Aotea, Johnsonville, Karori and Lower Hutt.

Two week trials available.

For more information visit – [www.spotlightperformingarts.co.nz](http://www.spotlightperformingarts.co.nz)