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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 8: Asees Kaur Sandhu

Rm 9: Leo Arbidans **Rm 10:** Xara Adip

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 the final newsletter of a year that I think we will be glad to put behind us. The rise of Covid 19 and the memories of lockdown are still fresh. You don't have to look far to see its impact and our significantly changing world. Throughout history, different generations have had to face challenges such as world wars, contagion, major natural disasters, famine. Well, we are facing our own challenge! This year COVID 19 has thrown a real test at us all, and like generations of people before us, the world will overcome this latest challenge. To date though, New Zealand has come through COVID very well. Our leaders remain calm, worked as a team and encouraged us to be kind.

We are at our best when we work together and when we look after one another. That's what we did when we locked ourselves up in our homes, didn't visit our friends, didn't go to see our grandparents or enjoy our favourite sports. That's what we did when we sacrificed our freedom of movement and choice and put on hold our plans for the year. We did that and we saved our country from the distress and disaster that has befallen much of the world.

Students and teachers at Adventure School have had to be particularly resilient this year. Building projects that lasted the whole year restricted our freedom of movement and denied us of a school hall for all but the last few weeks of the year. With all we have faced this year, I think we can look back with a great deal of pride on how we stayed strong and just carried on. In 2021, we will enjoy having no building projects and hopefully no Covid restrictions.

The Board and PTNi are our cornerstones, their support in governance and fundraising respectively and their constant efforts and hard work on behalf of the children in our school is something we as a staff never take for granted.

Our B.O.T. farewells Vanya Pyne, Harriet Shelton and Mike Walls and we welcome new members Alicia McKay and Emma Gibbins. It has been wonderful working with Vanya, Harriet and Mike and now we look forward to the contributions of Alicia and Emma. I am delighted to announce that Mark Frew has been re-elected as Board Chair.

We say goodbye to three staff members. The long serving Keren Matthews, Laura Ahern, and Gemma Bryant. These are all very fine people who we are sad to lose but their lives are taking them to other parts of New Zealand. We wish them every success. A new chapter begins though, with Donna Miles, Tania Bailey and Skye Kim joining us for 2021. Isabel Mahoney begins her maternity leave in February and we look forward to her return later in the year.

There are many components to our staff; office staff, teacher aides, teachers, caretaker and management. Each is as important as the other for the smooth running of the school. I want to acknowledge everyone for their energy, expertise and empathy. It's not an easy job trying to meet the myriad of compliance, academic and emotional needs within a school but it's still a great, satisfying and rewarding profession and you all do a fantastic job.

To our parent community. I want to thank you for the support you have given us throughout a year that has thrown some difficult challenges at the family unit. You continue to support us whether it has been through parent help with classes and syndicates, or through the messages of thanks and the occasional kind email. Mostly it is the positive attitudes you instil in your children that permeate through the school.

Best wishes to our year eights, for a successful and rewarding college career. I wish everyone a happy and safe holiday and look forward to seeing you at the start of school next year.

A Triad of funny grumpy quotes to finish 2020

"I wish more people
were fluent in silence"

"If only closed minds came
with closed mouths"

"Oh I'm sorry did the middle
of my sentence interrupt the
beginning of yours"

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

John Wootton
(Principal)

STAFFING UPDATE

New Appointment

We are delighted to announce Mrs Donna Miles will now join Rimu Syndicate as Syndicate Leader. We are now fully staffed to start 2021.

Last Sunday morning the school hall was filled with beautiful music as 18 talented Adventure Students from all 4 syndicates played solos and duets at the

♪♪ End of Year Piano Concert ♪♪

Congratulations for working so hard both in your piano lessons and at home, you all performed with such confidence - well done!!

Kowhai:

Gabi Pos, Harry Squire

Nikau:

Pearl Albiston, Carmelle Cohen-Ronen, Dermott Davidson, Kaitlyn Foley, Connell McIntosh, Saskia Mitchell, Theo Pilcher, Issy Squire



Rimu:

Caitlin Davidson (pictured), Noah Haran, Angus McIntosh, Charlie Murray, Lucy Wray (pictured)

Totora:

Medeah Karashvilli, Holly Samu and Prashvi Shankar.

Catherine McCulloch Piano Tuition email: nzmccullochs@xtra.co.nz

Regional Athletics



Congratulations to our Athletes for their superb efforts at the Regional Athletics Day .

All students came home happy and proud of their accomplishments - there were many 5th and 6th places which are great results in a tough field as well as many personal bests.

Outstanding Performances

Daniel de Swardt - 1st 80m, 2nd 150m & 2nd Long Jump (Y6 Boys)

Macy Chambers - 3rd 80m (Y5 Girls)

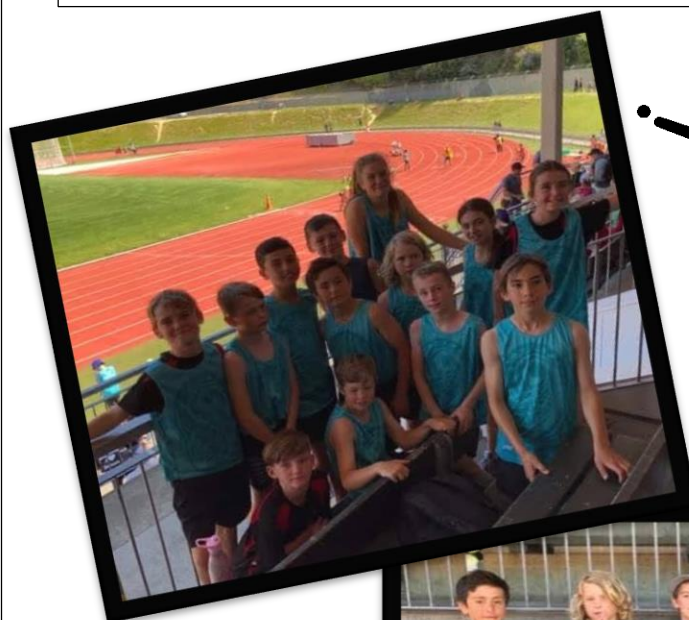
Kiharoa Landon-Lane - 2nd Vortex (Y6 Boys)

Year 6 Boys Relay - 1st (Daniel, Will, and Maddox)

Year 5 Girls Relay - 1st (Macy)

Year 5 Boys Relay - 3rd (Cooper)

Sascha Bennett and Sadie Baker were also in relay teams they placed 5th



OUT & ABOUT...

There's been a lot happening around the school and out & about the last couple of weeks. Let's take a peek...

Kapa Haka



KAPA HAKA performance group at Adventure Kindy



**KOWHAI
SPOT**



**Kowhai
Skating Trip**



Kowhai Tree Trimming





FORT BUILDING



We had to use 100 blankets to make the roof. Our fort looked like a circus tent and we played chess, snake and ladders and jengo inside our tent. **Molly**

Our tent looked like a wobbly castle. We used lots of pillows and we used sticks to make it stand up. We had our toys as well. We hid in hut. **Milla and Carla**

Swimming Fun



Goodbye to Miss Ahern

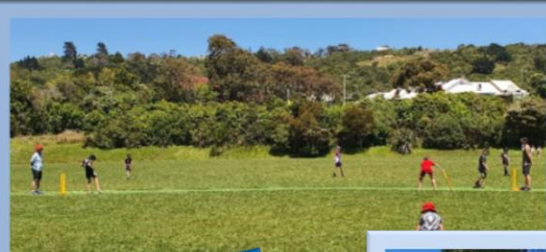
In Nikau we are very sad to be saying goodbye to the beautiful and hardworking Miss Ahern. She will be greatly missed by all the students in Nikau but especially the students in Room 1 who have worked closely with her over the year. The rest of the Nikau teachers are also very sad as she was an important part of this very special team. We wish her all the best!



RIMU SPOT

Thank you Adventure School PTNi for
the Bouncy Castles and Pizza

Rimu Fun Day at Adventure Park



TOTARA SPOT

Totara Syndicate's Year 8 Leavers' Dinner took place on Tuesday of the last week of term. The Dinner and Final Assembly are two key events that register the turning of a page for our Year 8s - finishing their journey at Adventure and taking a new path to College.

Students dress up in their fanciest clothes and enjoy a lovely two-course meal at the Lodge in Pauatahanui. Parents and caregivers were invited back after the tables were cleared away to enjoy an evening of speeches and performances by the students. A particular highlight was a solo performance by David Liu on his oboe, although it has to be said that Mr Wootton's Ukulele Group also held their own with their rendition of Closing Time.

Thanks to everyone for making this a great night.



School Website

We are very excited about our new website, which is ready to go live ...we are just waiting for the developer to launch it.

Thank you for your patience.



Important Dates for Your Calendar

Please be aware some details may change



TERM FOUR

Week 10	Thursday 17 December	11.00: Final Assembly 12.00: School closes
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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 Sommes Island, Fun Challenges, Roller Skating, Movies and more.

You can view and book online: 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 or for more information e-mail holprog@asfc.co.nz or call 027-454-6975.

AFTER SCHOOL

FUN CLUB Holiday Programme @ Adventure School

SPCA Reading Challenge

Read NZ Te Pou Muramura (formerly NZ Book Council) has joined forces with SPCA to get kids reading more books over the holidays.

The SPCA Reading Challenge is an interactive website. Children aged 5 and up are invited to register for free and choose an animal team to 'play' for. Players log the books they read over the summer, along with a star rating and short review. A leader board keeps track of the teams as they move up and down the rankings accordingly.

Launching on December 14, the SPCA Reading Challenge will run until January 22.

Paper Plus gift cards are up for grabs every day of the competition. There are lots of books to be won too, thanks to the support of Wellington publisher Gecko Press. To win a specially-curated bundle of books about animals, children can send in a picture of themselves reading to a pet, farm, or wildlife animal, or even a stuffed animal friend. The top readers in each team will also win Paper Plus gift cards at the end of the competition.

Sign up for the SPCA Reading Challenge by registering at reading-challenge.org.nz

Find out more about [summer reading](#).

Tawa Racketlon - January 2021

Back by popular demand!

Tawa Squash, Tawa Tennis and Wellington North Badminton joint holiday programme initiative. Players rotate around each sport spending 1.5 hours at each club. Qualified coaches will take each session. Please note, holiday programme is for age 6 years and older.

Dates: Wednesday 27 January, Friday 29 January and Monday 1 February,

Time: 9am - 3pm

Round 1: 9 - 10.30am

Round 2: 11 - 12.30pm

Round 3: 1.30 - 3pm

Cost per day: \$50 or sign up for three days \$135

Registration link and further details: <https://bit.ly/3qikaqr>