



Adventure School

Adventure School Newsletter

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WHĀIA TE ARA TIKA
Seek your own path

THE ADVENTURE WAY

Our children will discover who they can be...

Curious

Creative

Collaborative

Self-directed

Self-aware

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Friday 26 July	Year 1-2 100 Days at School
Monday 29 July	Rm 20 Space Place Trip
Tuesday 30 July	7.00: PTNi Meeting
Wednesday 31 July	Rimu - Wellington Cricket
Thursday 1 August	Learning Conversations <i>(Please pick children up at 12.30 if you can)</i>
Friday 2 August	Year 2 Swimming begins
Monday 5 August	Rm 21 Space Place Trip 5.30: BOT Meeting
Tuesday 6 August	Rm 20 Learning Conversations
Thursday 8 August	Rm 18 Space Place Trip Learning Conversations

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Kia ora, Namaste, Talofa, Guten Tag, Gidday, Vannakkam, ni Hao, Bula, Malo e lelei, Kia orana, Mālo ni, Hola, Goeie Dag, Bonjour, Καλημέρα, Sat Shri Akal, Shalom, привет, Hello!

Welcome to our new students-

KŌWHAI: Abigail Tausilia, Zara Pancha

It's great to have you join our Adventure whānau!

A very warm welcome back! I hope you had an enjoyable and restful holiday break. It was wonderful to see so many children coming through the gates on Monday, full of enthusiasm and ready to start a new term. We are optimistic that all the illnesses and bugs that affected us last term have now passed.

The School Production has certainly generated a lot of excitement around the school. All Yr 3-8 children have a part and will be performing on stage. Rehearsals are well underway, and the children are enthusiastically learning their lines and dances moves. We are very much looking forward to the performances in the second to last week of term. If you have a child in Years 3-8, you should have received a Hero communication as well as a paper notice earlier this week with important information.



We are looking forward to seeing you all at Learning Conversations over the next two Thursdays. I will be available in my office both evenings from 4pm if you'd like to pop in and see me.

Just a few reminders...

Reporting Your Child's Absence

It is important you notify the school of your child's absence so we can account for their absence and also save the office staff time from having to contact you.

Please use the **HERO** App to notify absences.



Getting to School on Time

Just a reminder our school day starts at **8.55am**. There are a number of children who arrive late most days. It's really important for children to arrive at school in plenty of time so they can connect with their teacher and friends, as well as get themselves organised for the start of the day.

If your child is arriving 30 minutes late every day, they will have missed half a day's learning each week.

It's important we work together to set them up for success, so please reach out if it is a challenge to get your children to school on time.

Importance of Regular Attendance

You may be aware of the government strategy to improve student attendance.

If a child misses school for one week every term, by the time they are 16 they will have missed one year of schooling.

Regular school attendance makes a big difference. Everyday counts, and research shows that missing too many days leads to

- lost opportunities to learn, resulting in lower achievement
- poorer well-being and increased anxiety
- a decreased sense of belonging and social connection with peers

Family holidays taken during term time must be communicated to the Principal and under Ministry direction, the absence will need to be marked as "unjustified".

Patterns of attendance start early and carry through for a learner's time at school. If your child is struggling to get to school for reasons other than being unwell, please reach out and talk to their teacher, a team leader, Deputy Principal, or myself so we can work together to get them to class.

Thanks for your wonderful support - have a great weekend!

Ngā mihi nui

Tania Cox

Principal – Tumuaki

Coming Up

Learning Conversations

Week 2 - Thursday 1 August (1.15-7pm) **

Week 3 - Thursday 8 August (3.15 – 6.30pm)

Please note: Room 20's Learning Conversations will be held on 1 & 6 August.

**In order to fit all the appointments in, on Thursday 1 August, the first appointment will be at 1.15pm. Therefore, we are asking for parents to pick their child(ren) up early at 12.30pm if they can that day. We will have a small number of staff available on site to provide supervision for those children who can't be picked up early.

For all children, we ask that you submit a [google form](#) so we know the arrangements you will have for them on this day.

Please complete a form for each of your children.

Please Note: All bookings need to be made through the **HERO App**.

Severe Nut Allergy

We are a "Nut-free" School

Just a reminder, Adventure is a "Nut Free" school as we have several children with **severe and life-threatening allergies to nuts**. For some of these children, coming into contact with nuts or nut products, even by touching nut residue left on surfaces, can trigger a life-threatening allergic reaction.

We take every practical precaution to keep these children safe and we really appreciate your understanding in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office.



Please check packaging for "Nut products" or traces of nuts.



SPORTS SPORT

Parris Mason Imparting her Knowledge on Adventure's Budding Netballers

Ngā mihi to the 'Te Wānanga o Raukawa Pulse' star Parris Mason who ran two training sessions with the year 6 Adventure School Diamonds and Rubies teams.

Parris has been playing netball since a young age and was a member of the champion 2023 Central Manawa team, and now she is a pivotal player for the Pulse as their starting GD.

The sessions focused on body positioning, jumping, pivoting, general movement, and ball-handling skills, along with a cardio-centric warm-up.

Parris pushed the kids and set high standards, and the sessions were technical, competitive, and a lot of fun. The kids certainly put in the mahi.

The finale was an inter-school game between the two teams where Parris provided coaching tips and advice to the kids throughout, an invaluable experience.

The sessions were a great way to re-engage with netball after a month off. The Diamonds and Rubies have a tough schedule for the remainder of the season, and Parris's sessions will see them in good stead.

Steve Allerby



Thank you, Parris



Post game feedback

In the Spotlight

Outstanding Achievements

Siobhan Bexley

In regional comp Atti'TUDE Siobhan placed 2nd for her musical theatre number and 3rd for contemporary. She also won a special award for excellent stage presence.

At New Zealand Dance Awards national finals, she received 3 gold awards and her contemporary troupe placed 3rd.

Then at SMASH Dance Awards last week she placed 3rd for musical theatre and 5th for contemporary with silver awards, and 4th for lyrical with a gold award.

She also won three more firsts and a second last week at regional Smash Dance awards.



Keira Bexley

Keira qualified for and won regional championships for Atti'TUDE dance competition during the holidays.

She won multiple first and second places, including special awards for performance quality and "most versatile dancer", taking champs out with her lyrical solo.

Then at New Zealand Dance Awards national finals in Christchurch, she placed 3rd for musical theatre, 5th for lyrical, and she and her duo partner won the national championship title with jazz and came second in lyrical.

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We would love to celebrate and acknowledge special or personal achievements, so please do share these with us. (Email principal@adventure.school.nz)

PTNi Page



The Adventure School clothing grab fast approaching!

CLOTHING DONATIONS are now needed, please drop any donations to the box in the school office, or we have a collection point across the road at 19 Longitude Place

TICKETS: <https://events.humanitix.com/adventure-school-clothing-grab>





Event Calendar - Important Dates



Please be aware some details may change.

TERM THREE		
Week 1	Friday 26 July	Years 1-2, 100 Days at School
Week 2	Monday 29 July	R20 – Rimu Space Place trip
	Tuesday 30 July	7pm: PTNi meeting. All welcome
	Wednesday 31 July	Rimu with Wellington Cricket
	Thursday 1 August	12.30pm: EARLY FINISH 1.15pm: Learning Conversations
	Friday 2 August	Year 2 swimming Lucky Book Club Issue 5 orders close
Week 3	Monday 5 August	R21 – Rimu Space Place trip 5.30pm: BOT Meeting
	Tuesday 6 August	R20 Learning Conversations (not 8 August)
	Thursday 8 August	R18 – Rimu Space Place trip 3.15pm: Learning Conversations
	Friday 9 August	R17 – Rimu Space Place trip Year 2 swimming
	Sunday 11 August	2-4pm: PTNi Clothing Grab tbc
Week 4	Friday 16 August	Year 2 swimming
Week 5	Friday 23 August	NE & Yr 7 Hearing & Vision testing Year 2 swimming
Week 6	Monday 26 August	R16 – Rimu Space Place trip Yr 7&8 vaccinations
	Tuesday 27 August	Yr 5&6 Parumoana Swimming
	Wednesday 28 August	Yr 7&8 Parumoana Swimming
	Friday 30 August	Year 2 swimming Nīkau Touch Rugby
Week 7	Monday 2 September	5.30pm: BOT Meeting
	Friday 6 September	Year 2 swimming Nīkau Touch Rugby
Week 8	Friday 13 September	Year 2 swimming
Week 9	Mon 16–Thurs 19 September	SCHOOL PRODUCTION
	Friday 20 September	Year 2 swimming
Week 10	Friday 27 September	3pm: Term 3 finishes

2024 Term Dates

Term One:	Thursday 1 February – Friday 12 April
Term Two:	Monday 29 April – Friday 5 July
Term Three:	Monday 22 July – Friday 27 September
Term Four:	Monday 14 October – 18 December

School will be closed on the following days:

Waitangi Day – Tuesday 6 February
Easter – Friday 29 March – Tuesday 2 April
Anzac Day – Tuesday 25 April (during holidays)
Teacher Only Day – Friday 31 May
King's Birthday – Monday 3 June
Matariki – Friday 28 June
Teacher Only Day – Friday 25 October
Labour Day – Monday 28 October
Teacher Only Day – Friday 6 December

Community Notices

Wonderplay Drama

Join the cast of A Midsummer Night's Dream! Wonderplay has places in its award-winning drama classes on Tuesdays at Churton Park Community Centre; 4pm (7-14 year olds). Join now to take part in our annual show First class free to try. Also ask about our teen acting programme. Contact Debs debs@wonderplay.co.nz www.wonderplay.co.nz

KELLY SPORTS TERM 3 – GO FOR GOLD!! – Wednesday's 3.05pm-4.05pm

Kelly Sports is back in Term 3 with our fun and exciting classes! Kelly Sports encourages children to have fun, build confidence and to give sport a go. Our classes improve fitness, children will try new sports and learn new skills and it gives them a place to channel their energy. We use games & drills to teach game sense and team play. Your child will learn the basic fundamental skills for all sports – throwing, running, jumping, striking, balance and many more – all while having a great time!

The sports we will focus on this term are: *Hockey, Football, Dodgeball and Mini Ball*. Sessions start on Weds 31 July 2024 and run for 8 weeks.

For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit www.kellysports.co.nz email adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz.

BIGAIR Gym Sports

Let's get our kids involved, learning and thriving at Bigair Gym! Would your child enjoy learning how to do cartwheels, handstands, trampolining tricks, flips, dancing, or even parkour? If so, then Bigair Gym is their perfect playground! Our classes blend fun, focus, and fitness, offering a dynamic environment where kids can learn new skills and build confidence. Each session emphasizes safety and proper technique, accommodating everyone from novices to advanced enthusiasts.

At Bigair Gym, children engage in structured learning that promotes progress and a sense of achievement. Our diverse range of classes includes Gymnastics, Trampolining, Tumbling, Free Running (yes, parkour with flips!), and Cheerleading. Don't forget to ask about our Bigair Birthday Parties too! Join us at Bigair Gym and let your child's gym journey begin!

Booking online is quick and easy at www.bigairgym.co.nz

Bigair Gym Tawa: ph. 232 3508, e. office@bigairgym.co.nz at 10b Surrey Street, Tawa.

Arty Farty Kids – Term 2 Art Sessions

Junior sessions – Whitby – Saturdays @9.30am – 10.45am – “Sweet Treats”

Senior sessions – Whitby – Saturdays @ 11am – 12.30pm – “Express Yourself”

To book email office.artyfartykids@gmail.com