



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

COMING UP

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Sunday 11 August	2-4pm: PTNi Clothing Grab (In the hall)
Friday 16 August	Year 2 swimming
Monday 19 August	Mathswell (Yrs 5-8)
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Thursday 22 August	Junior School Information Evening

Featuring in this Issue –

- Parking Update
- Production Help
- Our Mid-Year Achievement Data
- 2025 Enrolments
 - in-zone/ out of zone
- Sports Spot
- Spotlight on Nīkau
- PTNi Clothing Grab



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: Darayuth Ly & Ivy Cross

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

A huge thank you to everyone who was able to pick up their children early for last week's Learning Conversations. The feedback from both teachers and parents has been very positive, highlighting the value of connecting and sharing children's progress and learning. We are looking forward to the second night of Learning Conversations today. I strongly encourage you to contact your child's class teacher if you have not yet made a time to meet.

From time to time, I get complaints from parents and the community about unsafe parking, particularly at the end of day during pick-up, but also drop off in the morning. This has been an issue for some years and is certainly not unique to Adventure! I am not unsympathetic to the challenges of dropping your children off at the school gate and picking them up again at 3pm; I have also been a parent in that very same position!

We are currently working with Porirua City Council (PCC) and NZ Police to find a solution to our parking situation. We have been invited to take part in a trial to gather information about these issues. You may have noticed a police officer observing the parking and talking to drivers last Friday morning. This is part of the information gathering.

I've been informed that parking on the bus stop is currently illegal. I know this is frustrating when parking is limited. I am exploring with PCC how we can utilise this space as a pull-in/pull-out area for pick-ups and drop-offs, as well as a bus parking area when needed for school trips and Thursday Technicraft. Your patience is appreciated as we work through this issue. I will keep you updated with more information from PCC as it becomes available.

If you do have a complaint about driver's parking that puts our children at risk, the NZ Police have provided a form that can be submitted to NZ Police. Please contact the school office if you would like access to this.

PRODUCTION

Thank you for the many wonderful offers for help with production costumes, props and set, etc. We are in the process of collating and assigning tasks and will contact you shortly. We are also very grateful for the generous donations of materials and other items – thank you!

Are you able source or help with:

- **Filming of the Performances** In the past, for high-quality recordings, two cameras were used to film both evening performances. The footage was then edited and compiled to create quality footage for families to purchase.

(Please contact me if you can help (principal@adventure.school.nz or pop in for a chat!)

MID-YEAR ACHIEVEMENT DATA

We are really pleased with our mid-year achievement data. Team Leaders shared this data at a recent board meeting. Below is a summary of achievement in relation to the NZ Curriculum levels.

Overall

- achievement in Reading, Writing and Mathematics has lifted and is now the strongest it has been for several years.
- Māori and Pasifika students are demonstrating strong achievement, performing at levels comparable to their peers.

READING ➔ **91% are achieving at or above mid-year expectations**

WRITING (Surface Features) ➔ **80% are achieving at or above mid-year expectations**

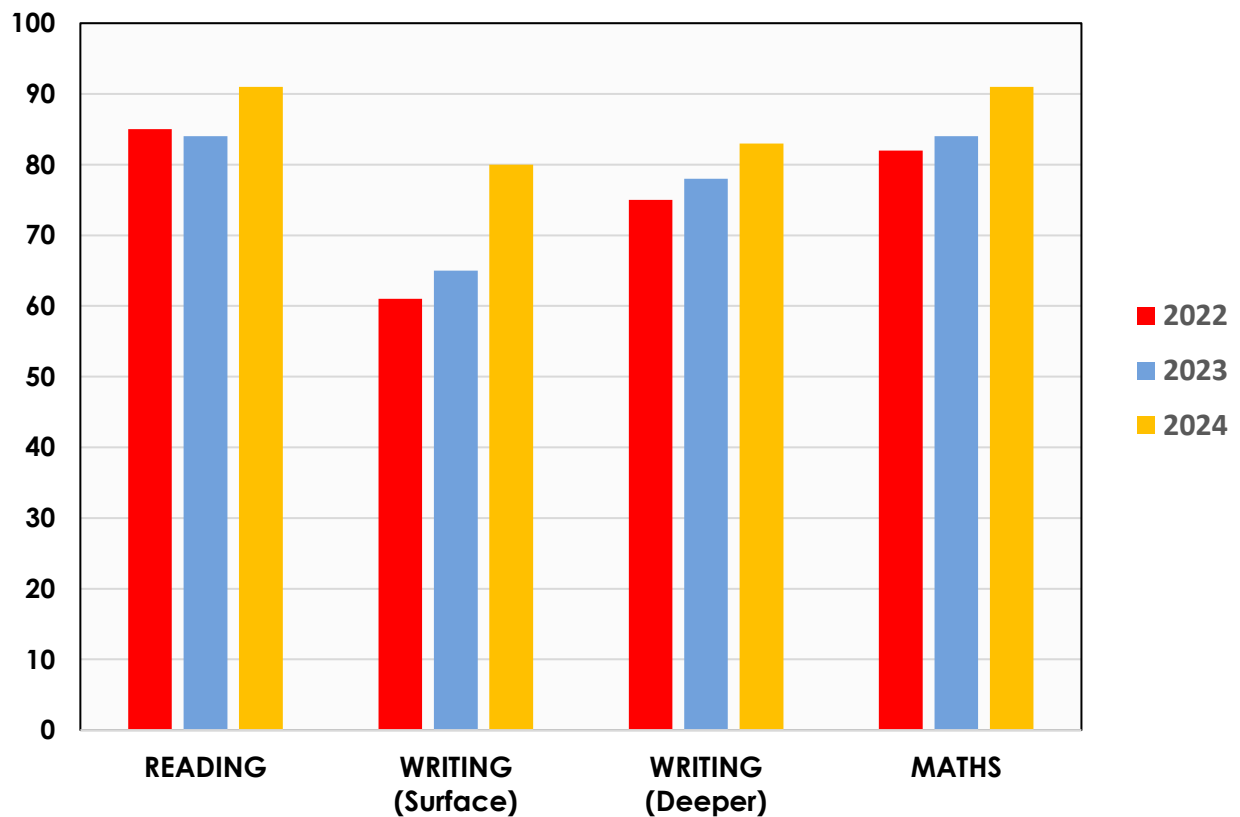
WRITING (Deeper Features) ➔ **83% are achieving at or above mid-year expectations**

MATHEMATICS ➔ **91% are achieving at or above mid-year expectations**

Many of you will be aware of the Government launch earlier this week, "Make It Count" – a maths action plan focused on key areas to turn around declining maths achievement across New Zealand.

Our current Standardised testing of Maths shows our children are performing well ahead of the National reference group, based on the current Maths curriculum.

Students Achieving At or Above Mid-Year Expectation



2025 ENROLMENTS

To help with forward-planning for 2025 classes, we would greatly appreciate you letting the office know, **as soon as possible**, if you have a child who-

- ➔ turns five during 2025 and you have not already given pre-enrolment details to the office
- ➔ is currently in Yrs 1-7 and **will not be returning** to Adventure in 2025

Out of Zone Enrolments

Throughout the year we receive enquiries about out of zone enrolments. The board have agreed to a limited number of out-of-zone placements for 2025. Most of these places are likely to be in Yr 1/2.

Please check our website for further information around the application process.

Thanks for your wonderful support – have a great weekend!

Ngā mihi nui
Tania Cox
Principal – Tumuaki

SPORTS SPORT



Regional Cross Country



We are very proud of our students who represented Parumoana at the recent Regional Cross Country competition.

20 Adventure students joined other local pupils in representing the 'Parumoana' team at Regional Cross Country, an event with over 1000 pupils from the Wairarapa, Kapiti, the Hutt, Wellington and Porirua.

Our students had a great day, and were a real credit to our school. Their efforts led to some excellent results with the following gaining top 20 finishes in their races:

Lawrence Hanify (Y4 Boys), Indigo Eastham, Eloise Chandler and Quinn Spalding (Y4 Girls), Brody Burrows (Y5 Boys), Maisie Forsyth (Y5 Girls) and Poppy Dickson (Y8 Girls). Congratulations to Brody Burrows who now goes on to represent the Lower North Island at the Inter-Regional Cross Country event for Yrs 5-8, later this term.



These Year 4 girls did a super effort.

Indigo Eastham (6th), Eloise Schofield (8th) and Quinn Spalding (9th) all finishing in the top 10 for Year 4 girls.

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

NĪKAU NEWSLETTER



MATARIKI EXPERIENCE

In the last week of term 2 we went to the Matariki Experience at Te Rauparaha Arena. We were so excited! When we first walked into the huge room we were shocked. It was so dark but luckily the roof was covered with hundreds of beautiful lights. Some of our shoes glowed in the dark. There was a massive screen that wrapped around the walls and a stage with tikis. In front of the stage there was a space set up like a picnic! It had blankets, pillows, bean bags and chairs. We chose our spaces and settled in for the show. We watched stories about Matariki on the screen, the animations were fascinating and the sound effects were so cool! After the videos we got to try out different activities. There were glow in the dark rākau, an interactive screen, a huge colouring sheet projecting things representing Matariki, a tree hut you could chill with your friends in, and stars that you could write your Matariki goal or wish on to pin on the wall. At the very end we all got given Matariki activity books to keep. We loved it all! A very big thank you to all the parents that helped us so we could go on this trip, you were amazing helpers.

BY ROOM FIVE



In term 2, Nikau syndicate went swimming at Cannons Creek pool. It was so much fun. It was exciting because we learnt how to do freestyle, backstroke, manta ray and breaststroke kick. The best part of swimming for me was the last day because it was water safety. We got to put on the life jackets and got in the pool together. Knowing how to help yourself if you are lost in the ocean is important. The most exciting part of water safety was when the boys played games against the girls, even though the girls won, it was still pretty fun.

Patrick Bexley

SWIMMING



Coming Up

EMPOWERING ADVENTURE STUDENTS FOR SUCCESS

Come and hear how our forward-thinking junior school ensures children thrive academically while developing key skills for ongoing success.



Adventure School
Longitude Place
Whitby

RSVP to
Diane Pepperell,
our Junior School DP

dpepperell@adventure.school.nz

Thursday
August 22
7.00 - 8.00 pm

Open to all who are
curious and want to
know more.

We anticipate some out
of zone places will be
available next year.

Don't just wonder; come
and find out what
happens in a typical day
and why

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PTNi

The Adventure School Clothing Grab is 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 3	Thursday 8 August	3.15pm: Learning Conversations
	Friday 9 August	R17 – Rimu Space Place trip Year 2 swimming
	Sunday 11 August	2-4pm: PTNi Clothing Grab
Week 4	Friday 16 August	Year 2 swimming
Week 5	Monday 19 August	Rimu & Tōtara teams to Mathswell
	Tuesday 20 August	Tōtara to Science Roadshow Nīkau to Move n' Grove SportsFest
	Thursday 22 August	7-8pm: Junior School Information evening
	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 Sausage Sizzle
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	Monday 23 September	Group, Team & R10 photos
	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

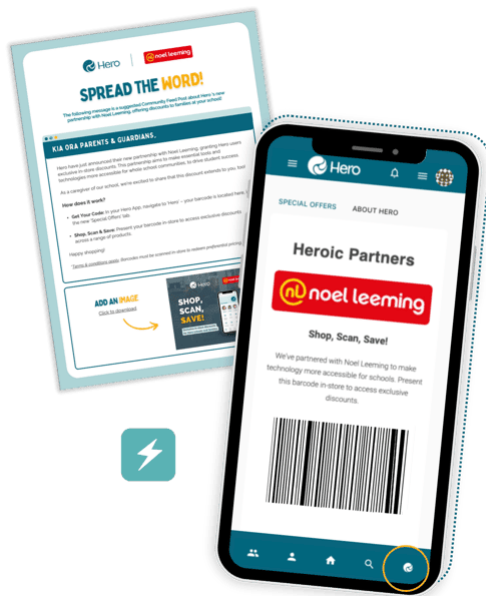
Hero x Noel Leeming: Shop, Scan, Save!

Last year, we announced our partnership with the Warehouse Group, teaming up with Warehouse Stationery for an heroic #backtoschool offer (relaunching for the 2025 school year soon!).

Now, our new partnership with Noel Leeming builds upon our continued mission to support equitable access to tools and technology for whole school communities.

How Does it Work?

1. **Get Your Code:** In your Hero App, navigate to 'About Hero' – your barcode is located here, in the new 'Special Offers' tab.
2. **Shop, Scan & Save:** Present your barcode in-store to access exclusive discounts across a range of products.
3. **Spread the Word:** Hero caregivers can also access discounts! Copy the wording from [this Community Notice template](#) to share the love via your Community Feed.



**Terms & conditions apply. Barcodes must be scanned in-store to redeem preferential pricing.*

Community Notices

Spring Flower Show, Sunday 25 August 12.30pm

Pātaka Performing Arts Studio

One of the aims of Titahi Bay Horticultural Society is to encourage children and families to take an interest in gardening, particularly vegetables. We support a number of enviro programmes in schools and other community groups around Porirua for this reason.

Our upcoming Spring Flower Show is another excellent opportunity to do this. There are lots of ways for families and schools to be involved. This can be through entering exhibits, coming along to see other exhibits, taking part in Children's activities on the day, attending free workshops or entering the Children's Garden Theme Fashion Parade. Plus see the displays from the 13 schools who have entered the 'Spring into Spring' competition.

Youth Cycling

Ages 7 and up. All abilities welcome. Bikes to borrow. Free taster sessions.

Learn skills

Get Fit

Safe Fun

Join PNP Cycling Club for \$40 and get all this:

Discounted bike hire: kids under 19 - \$35/season

Free access to training sessions October to March on Tuesdays

Reduced race fees – weekend racing all summer: kids under 19: \$25/season

Contact us to get started – facebook.com/wellington.velodrome

track@pnp.org.nz

Roller Disco – Saturday 10 August - 6.30-8.30pm

Heroes & Villans – or any other character you want

A private fundraising Roller Disco to support Kaylah in representing NZ at the 2024 World Figure Cup in Italy.

Venue: Upper Hutt Roller Skating Rink, 4a Railway Avenue

No concession cards, free entry or other deals accepted.