



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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Friday 30 August	Year 2 swimming Nīkau Touch Rugby

FANTASIA PERFORMANCES

Wednesday 18 September: 11am 7pm

Thursday 19 September: 7pm

Featuring in this Issue –

- Kathryn Berkett – free Parent Workshops
- Before/ Afterschool Care – Farewell Freda & Gerhard
- Student Leadership Awards & Kapa Haka
- Tōtara Syndicate Page

For a full list of Term 3 event dates, please refer to the EVENT CALENDAR towards the end of this newsletter.



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, Assalaam alaikum, Hello!

Welcome to our new students-

KŌWHAI: Peter van Niekerk

RIMU: Mila Steyn & Mia Petzer

TŌTARA: Luka Steyn

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

We've had a very busy couple of weeks with Rimu Syndicate Space Trips, Tōtara Science Fair, Year 2 Swimming, Nīkau Move n' Groove, Years 5-8 Mathswell Inter-school Competition and of course, full on Production Rehearsals! A Production update notice was sent via HERO to families of Yrs 3-8 children earlier this week outlining timelines, etc. Please contact the office you haven't seen it.

We are extremely proud of our head students who graciously received their leadership awards last week. We are also just as proud of our Year 7 and 8 Kapa Haka performers, who had the honour of opening the celebration. A big thank you to Jen Squire for her outstanding leadership of this talented group. (See photos on page 3)

Kathryn Burkett Parent Workshops (Aotea College)

■ 24 September 7-8.30pm (5-11yrs)

■ 25 September 7-8.30pm (11-18yrs)

We are fortunate to have the opportunity to attend free workshops with the highly regarded Kathryn Burkett, focused on helping parents build resilience in their children. These sessions have been organised and funded by our Kahui Ako. (Please see flyers further into newsletter for more information)

Kathryn Berkett is a mother of two adolescents, with a Masters in Educational Psychology. She has been learning and working in this area for over twenty years, training national and international audiences, including Police, Teachers, Parents, and Social Workers.

Kathryn brings real world knowledge to her presentations. Kathryn has a unique ability to convey complex information in an easy-to-listen to, easy-to-understand way. What you learn will be instantly applicable to practice.

Don't miss your opportunity to benefit from the knowledge that Kathryn can impart.

Farewell Gerhard and Freda Mayer (Afterschool Fun Club)

I'd like to extend my best wishes to Gerhard and Freda as they leave our school to begin new adventures in retirement. Since 2007, they have been dedicated to running our Before and After School Care, as well as the Holiday Programme at Adventure. We know this decision wasn't easy, given their deep passion and love for their work, and we sincerely thank them for the wonderful service they've provided over the years.

While Fun Club will now be under the management of the highly experienced Rachel McNabb from Kids Domain Ltd, we are fortunate that our existing team of carers will continue to be with

A huge thank you to the PTNi for their incredible dedication and hard work in making last Sunday's Clothing Grab such a success. This team tirelessly invests countless hours into fundraising for our school, and we are deeply grateful for their ongoing commitment and efforts!

Ngā mihi nui

Tania Cox

Principal – Tumuaki

Thanks for your wonderful support - have a great weekend!

2025 ENROLMENTS



To help with forward-planning for 2025 classes, we would greatly appreciate you letting the office know, **before 1 September**, 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.

Student Leadership

Our Head Leaders, Takaetali Finau and Payton Bradley, were celebrated at the Rotary Club Plimmerton, Porirua Student Leadership Awards last week. Our Kura was also asked (for the first time ever) to put forward a performance for these Awards. Eighteen of our Kapa Haka Roopu performed.



Tōtara Spot

Tōtara Senior Ball

After ten weeks of dedicated instruction and practice, afternoons painting decorations and the odd tune up on formal dance etiquette, students of Tōtara donned their best clothes and attended the biennial senior ball. Held at the end of last term, students enjoyed a series of mixer dances, partner dances and reels. They even had parents join in on some Gay Gordons and Patty Cake Polkas at the end of the evening.

Thank you to everyone who made the evening a great success - Teachers who filled the big shoes of our usual dance instructor, Mr Wootton. Those who helped tirelessly with decorations and parents who supplied a wonderful supper on the night.

Mark Hughes



Science Roadshow

Out of the gate and off for a walk went the Tōtara students and the syndicate teachers, down to Whitby Collegiate to attend The Science Roadshow.

Awaiting us were many fun experiments involving sustainability, and the hidden inner workings of the human body. The scientists performed an amazing show about chemical and physical changes. We watched intently as they showed us the difference between chemical (where you add two different products to make a new product, and it can't be reversed) and physical changes (where you can add products to make a final product that can be reversed). After the presentation we explored and interacted with the experiments around the gym. Most of the Tōtara students' favourite exhibit was George the 'poopin' human!

Cara Johnstone and Lucas McKee (Yr 8)



NORTH PORIRUA KĀHUI AKO PRESENTS

KATHRYN BERKETT PARENT EVENING FOR AGES 5 - 11 YEARS

What can we do – as parents and community – to help our children?

We use the word resilience all the time, we want it for ourselves and for our children. But what does it actually look like? And how do we develop it? Understanding the neuroscience of how resilience develops, will help us recognise what we can do in our everyday lives and interactions, to increase resilience in our communities. This session will help you understand, in a simple yet sufficient way, how we can build resilience.

The beauty of this session is that you can take the information and immediately apply it to your world. Reports of 'you have changed our household' and 'I get it now' is very common feedback from those who attend this session. Come along to this unique, local opportunity to hear what might be the most useful information of your life!

Tuesday 24th September
7pm - 8:30pm
Te Manawa, Aotea College



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RSVP: [Click here](#)

There is no cost to attend this event.

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The adolescent years are an incredible time for change. So much is going on for our youth as they transition from children to adults. This session will outline the main changes that are physically happening in their brains and in their bodies. You will be amazed at what is going on, and it will make so much sense!

Understanding the changes, and how they affect our adolescents, will give you an increased ability to deal with the behaviour that results from them. Adolescence is an important time for increasing resilience, so this information will help you support them in this area too. The beauty of this session is that you can take the information and immediately apply it to your world. Reports of 'you have changed our household' and 'I get it now' is very common feedback from those who attend this session. Come along to this unique, local opportunity to hear what might be the most useful information of your life!

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PTNi Page

THANK YOU to everyone who supported our Clothing Grab on Sunday! It was a great success with an excellent turn out and a lot of fun. **We raised just over \$1200** which will go towards the PTNi contribution of the senior playground cost.

Also, a big thank you to our sponsors - Fleur Craig from Harcourts Real Estate, Plimmerton Auto Services, Kapiti Chocolate Factory, and In House Catering - we couldn't do it without you!

The raffle winner of the Kapiti Chocolate hamper was D. Pincott.

We hope to see you at our next one!

The Adventure PTNi committee



ADVENTURE SCHOOL CLOTHING GRAB PTNi

Thank you so much to everyone who donated clothes, and/or came along to our Clothing Grab event.

We raised just over \$1200!

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

Kapiti Chocolate FACTORY

InHouse CATERING

PLIMMERTON AUTO SERVICES

Let me help establish what your home is worth

Fleur
Harcourts Team Group
Fleur Craig
021 244 6553

Shop with NEW WORLD WHITBY to SUPPORT our WISHING WELL

Adventure School is privileged to be one of the first selected to be part of the New World Whitby WISHING WELL.

- Don't forget to ask the Whitby New World team to give you a token.
- Adventure School Wishing Well is for Term 3 only! Let's make it grow....
- Any contribution received will go towards a much-needed upgrade of the School Sports Equipment
- Let friends and family know to support our school too





Event Calendar - Important Dates

Please be aware some details may change.



TERM THREE

Week 5	Friday 23 August	NE & Yr 7 Hearing & Vision testing Year 2 swimming
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Week 7	Monday 2 September	5.30pm: BOT Meeting
	Friday 6 September	Year 2 swimming Nikau Touch Rugby Sausage Sizzle Lucky Book Club Issue 6 orders close
	Sunday 8 September	3pm: Netball prizegiving in the Hall
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	2pm: Assembly 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 – Wednesday 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

“How lucky I am that makes saying good-bye so hard” - Winnie the Pooh

Dear Adventure School community

Gerhard & Freda Mayer would like to announce their retirement from providing Out-of-School care and Holiday Programme adventures. Thank you for having been given the opportunity to look after so many children, to work together with a fantastic team and to experience support in so many ways from the Adventure School community.

We will have so many wonderful memories to cherish. Our time at Adventure School will always hold a special place in our hearts. Our last day will be Friday, 23 August 2024. Introducing the new dynamic team taking over After School Fun Club, starting Monday, August 26 - Rachel and Tom! They are thrilled to continue the high level of service you have come to expect. Rachel has been in the Out-of-School Care sector for almost 23 years and is passionate about working with children. Together, they are also the chairperson and treasurer of Four Diamonds, a charitable trust that supports families of neurodiverse children.

Feel free to reach out to Rachel McNabb at office@asfc.co.nz if you have any questions or just want to say hi.

Warm regards,

Freda, Gerhard, Rachel, and Tom



Spaces available at Paremata Creche

At Paremata Creche we pride ourselves in being a great first start into Early Childhood and providing warm, friendly and fun relationships to foster young children's developing social skills. As a Whānau Manaaki Kindergarten we work for whānau, not for profit and we also offer:

- 100% Qualified ECE teachers
- Children welcome from 12 months - 3.5 years
- Te Tiriti o Waitangi led bicultural practices
- Celebration of all cultures at kindergarten
- Localised curriculum unique to your community
- A welcoming, caring & fun environment for tamariki and their whānau

We aim to empower and inspire children to lead their own learning with support from the teaching team, whānau and peers.

visit www.wmkindergartens.org.nz or pop in for a visit and find out more about our kindergarten community!

Paremata Creche, 69C Discovery Drive, Whitby

Ph: 04 234 7690

Dance Feat - Ballroom & Latin American Beginner Classes

starting 27th August. Suitable for ages 10 years and up

Tuesdays 7:30pm @ Kapiti College Hall

Wednesdays 7:30pm @ Papakowhai School Hall

\$100pp for the 5 week term

For more information, contact Tanya Scherzer, phone 027 480 7645

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