



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

Friday 6 September	Sausage Sizzle Year 2 swimming
Sunday 8 September	3pm: Netball Prizegiving
Wednesday 11 September	<b>Fantasia:</b> Dress Rehearsal - 11am <b>Fantasia:</b> Ticket payments deadline <i>(unsold tickets offered to other families)</i>
Friday 13 September	Year 2 swimming
Tuesday 17 September	<b>Fantasia:</b> Technical Rehearsal
Wednesday 18 September	<b>Fantasia Performances: 11am + 7pm</b>
Thursday 19 September	<b>Fantasia Performance: 7pm</b>
<b>FANTASIA PERFORMANCES</b>	
<b>Wednesday 18 September: 11am 7pm</b>	
<b>Thursday 19 September: 7pm</b>	

## Featuring in this Issue –

- **Production...** the countdown is on!
- **Rimu Syndicate Page**
- **In the Spotlight...**

*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:** Aziz Alasqah, Ra'id Gallant, Jai Tailor, Teddy Hailwood, Ekamjit Singh & Elijah Kurta

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

The countdown is on! The excitement is building! In just under two weeks, you'll get to watch your incredible children perform on stage!

Thank you to those who offered to help or have helped with costumes and props. We are really grateful to you for putting yourself forward but found ourselves with more helpers than actually needed.

As tickets are limited, we have only offered them to families who have children in the show initially (Yrs 3-8), and information has already been sent out earlier this week. The Yr 1 & 2 children will get to see the Dress Rehearsal next Wednesday, so they won't miss out!

### Photographer Needed

We need a photographer to take photos of the children getting ready and performing. If you are able to help, I'd be grateful if you could contact me as soon as possible ([principal@adventure.school.nz](mailto:principal@adventure.school.nz)).

Here's a glimpse of behind the scenes...



*Ngā mihi nui*  
Tania Cox  
Principal – Tumuaki



# SPOTLIGHT on RIMU

What a finale for Team Rimu and their space adventures! This term we ended our unit with a trip to Carter Observatory (Space Place). This was an opportunity for our students to pull all their learning together and to gain some very real hands-on experiences.



A big thank you to all of our Rimu whānau for supporting this learning. An extra special thank you to the parents that accompanied the classes on their trips.

## The Planetarium - by Nikau Anderson

The planetarium was a fun experience to be part of. They played 2 different videos called 'We are Astronomers' and then they showed us the universe through a star show. The universe is bigger than I thought. There are millions of galaxies. Also, they were rotating the dome roof! We got to see some cool constellations in the sky. The video clip talked about a big observatory in Chile, South America. It has 4 big cameras and there's a satellite in space. Well, I had never gone to Space Place before this, so it was exciting for me and I enjoyed it. The recliner chairs were comfy, but they kept moving. Overall, it was a really fun experience.



## Space Place - By Sam McKee, Bella Coffey and Annabella Rigarslford

As we leant back in the planetarium chairs, we were transported into what felt like Space, you really felt like you were physically there! We worked hard to identify the different galaxies and recall the order of the planets from the sun.



In the workshops we also learnt about the different sizes of the planets to scale. Holding and seeing the different sized balls really put the planets in perspective. It was a fantastic and very valuable experience!



It was also a real treat to explore the new playground at the Botanical Gardens. Racing on the flying foxes, sliding down the vibrant yellow slides and eating lunch alongside some baby birds were just a few of the highlights. It was disappointing that not all classes were able to visit this thanks to the rain.



### Our Visit to Space Place - By Hugo Banner

When we visited Space Place, we went first into their education room. In there we got to compare planets by distance and in size. First, we got to see the size of Earth compared to the sun. There was an Earth as big as 2cm and we guessed how many Earths that size could fit inside the sun. Then we did an Earth the size of small basketball and then a tennis ball size.



Then we got all the planets, but they were just balls that looked like the planets. The ball sizes were the same as the planets sizes, like Jupiter was a gym ball and Mercury was a small bouncy ball. And all the planets/ balls were all on a chair. We were all on a rug and the educator, Libby, called us up and she said it was like Mercury and the person would pick a ball the size of Mercury. We did that with all the planets.



Then we held name tags that had the names of the planets attached to bits of string, but they were all different lengths. The lengths depended on how far the planets were away from the sun, Mercury was 4cm long, Venus was 7cm long, Earth was a little longer and Mars was also a little longer. But Jupiter was really far away and then Saturn was even further. But then Neptune went across the room and there was string left sitting on the floor still! Wow!

## Water Rockets Take Flight!

Houston, we have lift off! Rimu also launched their water rockets this term. After their initial launches, many alterations were made to the design of their rockets. Adding fins, checking the size and angle to alter the aerodynamics of their rockets were all carefully throughout and considered steps taken. Students stepped into the role of Mission Command whilst also learning about Newton's laws, the engineering design process, and working as a rōpū. Our Adventure Way traits were truly put to the test! Our learners have really taken off!



## In the Spotlight

**2024 Porirua Youth Award WINNER!**

**Sumvidh Bharadwaj (Y8)**

Sumvidh has received this award for his achievement and dedication to his education.

*These awards are to recognise young people who are outstanding and excellent in both attainment and attitude. After written applications are received, a panel of independent judges select the award recipients. An annual Youth Awards function is held with whanau and community supporters where the mayor presents the awards.*



**An outstanding achievement!**

## SPORTS SPOT

The Wellington Weetbix Kids Tryathlon will be run again in 2025! The event will run on Sunday 16 March 2025 at Kilbirnie Park for pupils aged 6-15. Families interested in participating can access the registration form via the following link: <https://tryathlon.co.nz/locations/wellington/>



## SCHOOL POLICIES

Adventure School uses SchoolDocs to maintain a comprehensive, up-to-date set of policies and procedures.

Our SchoolDocs policies can be accessed through the school website under the "Our School" tab.

### Reviews

- All school policies are reviewed on a three-year cycle, with some policies reviewed each term.
- Reviews are open to board, staff, and the school community.

### 2024 Reviews

- All schools will review the Legislation and Administration section and the Curriculum and Student Achievement throughout the year.
- Anyone in our school community can review any policy/procedure that has a red, review flag. (The board has some policies they must focus on.)
- If you would like to give feedback on the following policies, log in to SchoolDocs and follow the review instructions.

#### TERM THREE

- Media
- Professional Development
- Staff Conduct
- Staff Leave



## REMINDER

# 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 24<sup>th</sup> September**  
**7pm - 8:30pm**  
**Te Manawa, Aotea College**



Kathryn is a mother of two adolescents, with a Master of Educational Psychology. Kathryn teaches trauma-informed practice and has trained national and international audiences for over twenty years; working with groups such as Police, Teachers, Parents, Social Workers, NZL Rugby and many more. She also has a TEDx talk online, "Neuroscience of Device Zombies."

**RSVP:** [Click Here](#)

**There is no cost to attend this event.**



# NORTH PORIRUA KĀHUI AKO PRESENTS

## KATHRYN BERKETT PARENT EVENING FOR AGES 11 -18 YEARS

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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## Event Calendar - Important Dates



Please be aware some details may change.

### TERM THREE

Week 7	Friday 6 September	Year 2 swimming Sausage Sizzle Lucky Book Club Issue 6 orders close
	Sunday 8 September	3pm: Netball prizegiving in the Hall
Week 8	Wednesday 11 September	Production Full Dress rehearsal – Yrs 0-2 to watch
	Friday 13 September	Year 2 swimming
Week 9	Tuesday 17 September	Production Technical rehearsal
	Wednesday 18 September	11am: Production performance 7pm: Production performance
	Thursday 19 September	7pm: Production performance
	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

<b>Term One:</b>	Thursday 1 February – Friday 12 April
<b>Term Two:</b>	Monday 29 April – Friday 5 July
<b>Term Three:</b>	Monday 22 July – Friday 27 September
<b>Term Four:</b>	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

### Marching Wellington

After the success of the Marching Wellington give-it-a-go programme, a new marching team has been formed. This is a social team for primary aged children and we are looking for more to join this squad.

Would your child benefit from:

- Learning a team sport?
- Being coordinated and musically inclined?
- Making new friends and having fun?

Trainings are on Thursday afternoons, 4.00pm – 5.00pm at Tairangi School, Waitangirua, Porirua.

This is another opportunity for tamariki to have fun, stay fit and make friends. It also means an intro to the Marching world, including performing at local competitions.

If you or your child are interested, please come along to training and for more information, get in touch with us via social media or email us [wellington@marching.co.nz](mailto:wellington@marching.co.nz)

### Handprints at Paremata Kindergarten

You may have noticed the hand prints in the tunnel on your journey to and from Kindergarten. With the amazing help from some wonderful helpers, we have been busy gathering hand prints of our current tamariki. Our aim is to hang these in the tunnel so they can be visited for years to come.

We welcome past whānau of Paremata Kindergarten the opportunity to come and have their hand print added to our tunnel. Please chat to kaiako to make a time to have these hand prints done.

If you know past pupils of Paremata Kindergarten who didn't have a chance to make a handprint over the last few years, please get them to contact the kindergarten to make this happen.

This is a fundraiser and will go toward a mud kitchen and other outdoor resources/spaces if possible.

Prices for handprints:

- \$10 for a single hand print.
- \$15 for two tamariki (each will get their own block)
- \$20 for a whānau/family

Please contact the Paremata Kaiako for more information or email [paremata@wmkindergartens.org.nz](mailto:paremata@wmkindergartens.org.nz)

### Porirua Judo Academy

Very soon, Porirua Judo Academy will be opening its doors in central Porirua. This club is being run as a non-profit organisation by a highly experienced team of dedicated coaches with many years on the mat among them.

Judo is a martial art and Olympic sport which uses specialised throwing and grappling techniques to control an opponent. Judo training emphasises fitness, resilience and respect for others.

Judo has a global following. UNESCO has identified Judo as the best starting sport for people over 4 years old. It can be learned for people keen to compete, for self defence, or just to make a few friends and get some exercise.

6-13 Year Olds Holiday Programme.

Monday 7 – Friday 11 October 2024: 9am -3pm.

Starting Monday, 14 October 2024:

Junior Judo Classes.

Monday and Wednesday 5.00 – 6.30pm. First four lessons free.

Dojo: Level 1, 11 Serlby Place, Porirua.

For further information Email: [info@porirujudo.org.nz](mailto:info@porirujudo.org.nz) Phone: 021 081 983 40

## School Holiday Activities

### Girls Only Football Experience

Due to high demand we are hosting another Girls only Experience camp. This will take place on the 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> of October between 9am-3pm for players born between 2010 and 2015 at Fraser Park.

Our Experience Camps provide a unique opportunity for us to engage with young football enthusiasts from diverse communities across New Zealand. It serves as a platform for local talents to interact with Wellington Phoenix staff, offering them a glimpse into the life of New Zealand's sole professional football academy. Moreover, it marks the initial step in our talent identification process. Promising players identified during these camps may be invited to join a Discovery Camp later in the year. Additionally, we'll be conducting coaching and parent workshops aimed at fostering growth within football communities and bridging the gap between grassroots and academy-level football.

These camps are open to all young football enthusiasts born between 2010-2015 eager to enhance their skills and passion for the game. The team at Wellington Phoenix is eagerly looking forward to meeting the talented young players for two days filled with fun and learning.

Registration Link: <https://wellingtonphoenixacademy.com/experience-camps/>

### Choir School

Love to sing? The RSCM and Wellington Cathedral of St Paul is offering a two-day holiday programme just for you!

Make new friends, learn new music, and improve your singing skills with one of New Zealand's foremost choral directors.

The 2024 RSCM Two-Day Choir School offers two days of singing and fun, culminating in a service featuring the premiere performance of a brand new piece of music specially composed by the Cathedral's Director of Music Michael Stewart.

**WHERE:** The Wellington Cathedral of St Paul, 2 Hill Street, Wellington.

**Wednesday, October 9, 2024**

**Drop Off:** 09:00am

**Pick Up:** Between 04:30pm - 05:30pm

**Thursday, October 10, 2024**

**Drop Off:** 09:00am

**Choral Evensong:** 05.30pm

**Pick Up:** 06.00pm

**COST:** \$140 for both days including lunch and snacks (there are a limited number of scholarships available - contact [dom@wellingtoncathedral.org.nz](mailto:dom@wellingtoncathedral.org.nz))

The link to the website is: <https://www.wellingtoncathedral.org.nz/choir-school> and tickets - payment is via Humanitix: <https://events.humanitix.com/choir-school>

### KELLY SPORTS OCTOBER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

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

The programme is packed with activities to entertain and inspire children.

We have some exciting days planned including: World Series of Sports, Survival of the Fittest, Bounce and Shoot Day, Rippa World Cup Day, Simply the Best Day, The Final Countdown Day plus trips to Space Place, the Movie "The Wild Robot", Hutt Valley Gymnastics and the Kelly Sports Inflatable will be coming to Kelly Sports *plus lots more!*

To enrol [www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz) email [adminwqtn@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:adminwqtn@kellysports.co.nz) or call 021 972 728