



Adventure School

# Adventure School Newsletter

No 16 – 26 September 2024

**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

Monday 14 October	First day of Term 4
Tuesday 15 October	Nikau Touch Rugby
Wednesday 16 October	Nikau Touch Rugby
Friday 18 October	Mihi Whakatau
Monday 21 October	Yrs 5-8 Athletics
Tuesday 22 October	Author Visit – Julia McIver (Yrs 0-4) PTNi meeting
Thursday 24 October	Yr 7/8 Tiaki Ariki Tournament
Friday 25 October	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED: Teacher Only Day</b>
Monday 26 October	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED: Labour Day</b>

## Featuring in this Issue –

- In the Spotlight
- Sports Spot
- Kapa Haka & Te wiki o te reo Māori

*For a full list of Term 4 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!***

This term has been an incredible journey as we've worked together on our school production. Your children were outstanding! The commitment, creativity, and teamwork from everyone involved have been truly inspiring. From the hours spent rehearsing to the wonderful energy and enthusiasm of both children and staff, every moment has helped turn our production into something truly special. From the very first rehearsal to the final performance, it's been amazing to see the growth in our children as they persevered to master dance moves, learn their lines, step into their characters, and challenge themselves out of their comfort zones. It's been a privilege to see such talent and confidence emerge, especially in those who were initially hesitant. Non-dancers discovered their rhythm, and the once reticent found the courage to shine in the spotlight. I've seen resilience grow in leaps and bounds!

I'd like to extend a huge thank you for your continued support and the wonderful feedback I've received. This has been an unforgettable experience, and I couldn't be prouder of what we've achieved together!

Information about ordering photos and the filmed performance will be shared early next term. In the meantime, we are in the process of packing away costumes, and we would greatly appreciate these being return by tomorrow.

I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable time with family during the holiday break. I look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready for Term 4.

*Ngā mihi nui*

Tania Cox

*Principal – Tumuaiki*



## In the Spotlight

### Wellington Junior Swimming Champs

#### Indigo Eastham & Julia Wang

##### Indi-

**Bronze** 🏅 - Girls 9& under 100m freestyle

**Bronze** 🏅 - Girls 9& under 100m

Breaststroke.

+ Top10 for 50 freestyle, 100 backstroke & 50 breaststroke

##### Julia-

**Gold** 🏆 - Girls 9& under 50m freestyle

**Gold** 🏆 - Girls 9& under 100m Backstroke

**Silver** 🥈 - Girls 9& under 100m freestyle

**Silver** 🥈 - Girls 9& under 100m IM

**Bronze** 🏅 - Girls 9& under 50m Backstroke



#### Paremata-Plimmerton Rugby Football Club



Sebastian and Tayne are with Mayor Anita Baker who officiated our prize draws for fund raising to participate in the NZ Junior Rugby Tournament held in Taupō over 4 days.



4 of the 5 boys from the Yr 7 team that played and were unbeaten in all 5 games recently. (Sebastian, Cam, Tayne and Aiden. Hieu Tran was unfortunately not present for the photo.)

**Impressive achievements!**

## SPORT SPOT

### Adventure School Netballers Finish Season on a High!

On Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September two year ono (6) Adventure School Netball Teams, the 'Rubies' and 'Diamonds', along with the senior Mystics team, competed in the annual Levin Springtime Netball tournament, a total of 24 kids participated.

The tournament was a nice way for the teams to round out their netball season, with the excitement of the 2025 senior netball calendar ever-present.

### Bronze for the Year 5/6 Adventure Diamonds

The Diamonds topped their pool going through undefeated, playing teams from Wellington, Porirua, and Levin.

In the second round, the Diamonds drew with Taihape and beat Paremata. Then in the always hotly contested matchup, the Diamonds came up against the Rubies, which is always fun to watch, but on this occasion, the Rubies were too strong, and they came out on top with a 3-point win. This meant the Diamonds progressed to the Bronze Medal match.

The Diamonds beat Northland 5-2 to take home the Bronze Medal, so congratulations to the kids. This is a big turnaround from last year when the Diamonds finished 12<sup>th</sup>, so their mahi has seen them make big strides in their netball development over the past 12 months.



*Diamonds with red cheeks and cheeky smiles after seven games of netball*

Left to right; Addison Parish, Annie van Son, Riley Johnco, Kaden Moore, Keelan Manley, Jacob Penno

### Silver for the Year 5/6 Adventure Rubies

The Levin Netball Tournament was a fantastic day for the 'Rubies.' Unlike last year's stormy weather, the sun was shining. We won all three games in the first round, followed by victories against a Taihape School and Paremata in the next round. Our toughest game was against Adventure Diamonds, a team we'd lost to weeks earlier, but we managed to win by 3 points.

In the finals against Rangikura, it was a tight match. Despite injuries and setbacks, we held on until a tie forced extra time. Unfortunately, extra time was called when the ball was in Rangikura's third, so they managed to score and won by 1 point. Still, we were very proud of our team placing second out of sixteen teams.



Back row from left, Mikayla Dwen, Scarlet Gibbons, Jayden Treeby, TJ Kie Tonga, Rocco de Graaff, Ava Thomas, Annabella Rigarlsford, Bronagh Davidson, Peyton Amorangi. Front row Gabi Pos

## Year 7/8 Adventure Mystics

Against the odds, our netball team finished an impressive 6th out of 21 teams while competing in a higher grade! Facing formidable opponents, we demonstrated resilience and skill at every turn. Each match was a test of our teamwork and determination, and our players rose to the challenge with incredible heart. From intense defence to dynamic plays, we proved that we could hold our own against tougher competition. Both Krystle and I are incredibly proud of how the team played!



Left to right; Krystle (team manager), Ashlyn, Mireya, Belle, Krystal, Indy, Skye, Milla, Scarlett, Connell McIntosh, Stacey (coach)

## Farewells

We farewell two of our outstanding Teacher Aides this term, Rania Davids and Jann Brouard. We thank them both for all the wonderful care they have shown to our tamariki throughout the year.

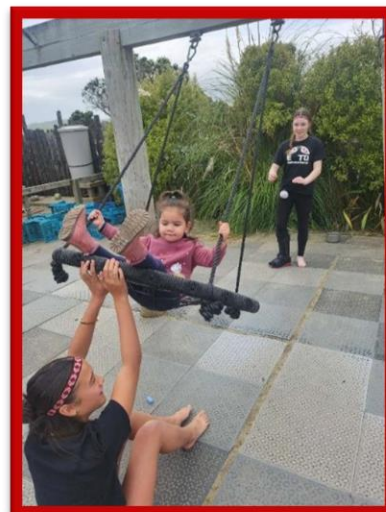
We wish Jann all the best in her new position. As Rania begins Maternity Leave, we wish her well and look forward to seeing her back with us next year!

## Te wiki o te reo Māori

As part of our Te wiki o te reo Māori week, our Kura stepped up the use of te reo Māori and te ao Māori in classes. We also had some fun with teaching our younger classes cultural games and waiata.

Our amazing Kapa Haka Rōpu cultural leaders displayed much mana and whaka-whanaungatanga throughout a very busy week, performing for classes and putting into action tuakana-teina when teaching Poi, Haka, Karakia and Waiata.

Our Kapa Haka Rōpu also found the time to visit Adventure Kindy and treat them to a mini performance and some games. This is a great opportunity for our leaders to pass on some knowledge and develop leadership. Lots of fun was had by all!



## Inquiry learning: Virtual Tour of Te Papa

Tōtara syndicate had a fantastic trip this week, without even leaving our Kura! This term, Tōtara have been integrating Aotearoa histories with literacy and the impacts of the past on Māori culture. There was a virtual tour of Te Papa encouraging our students to delve into Aotearoa Histories and to get creative with their displays for our History Fair in Term 4.



## Coming Up

### Mihi Whakatau

**Friday 18 October – 9am**

**A special welcome to our newest families**

*Invitations with details have been sent to new families.  
Please contact the Office if you have not received one.*

**TEACHER ONLY DAY**

**Friday 25 October**

*Please note, school will be CLOSED this day.*

*This is the one of the days allocated by the Government for schools to engage in professional development around the refreshed curriculum.*

*Please Note: There will be a second Teacher Only Day on Friday 6 December for curriculum development and planning for 2025.*



### Māori Whānau Hui

Wednesday 30 October

6pm - 7:00pm

Adventure School Staffroom

**Please RSVP to the office [office@adventure.school.nz](mailto:office@adventure.school.nz)**

### After School Fun Club Survey

As the new owners of After School Fun Club, we would love to hear your feedback in regard to school holidays so we can improve where possible. The survey is anonymous, and we would be grateful for your feedback

Survey Link: <https://www.jotform.com/form/242600822470852>

Kindest Regards

**AFTER SCHOOL FUN CLUB**

Rachel McNabb

**MANAGEMENT**

Website: [www.asfc.co.nz](http://www.asfc.co.nz)

Mobile: 0274749573



# MUSIC TUITION in SCHOOL



**TUTOR: Mark Hanify | One Man Band**

**Where: Adventure School**

**When: Wednesdays & Thursdays (during school hours)**



Mark Hanify | One Man Band is a professional musician and itinerant music teacher. He has taught music for more than 20 years in schools across Lower and Upper Hutt including Chilton St James School and Maidstone Intermediate where his band won first place in the 2023 Wellington Intermediate Battle of the Bands.

Mark specialises in guitar, drums, singing, piano and ukulele.

Now a Whitby local with children at Adventure School, Mark is offering individual or paired lessons for your child. He is available for tuition at school during school hours each Wednesday & Thursday.

Please get in touch with Mark if you're interested in lessons for your child.



**Mark Hanify - ONE MAN BAND**

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**www.markhanify.co.nz**



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/> x





www.lunchonline.co.nz

## Adventure School

# Sushi Lunches - Tuesdays

## Starts Tues 15<sup>th</sup> October

Orders close 8:30am on the sushi day

**Order now!!**

It's simple; all you need to do is register at

[www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz)

and follow 4 easy steps to get started

1. Register an account
2. Add member/s including your name and delivery location
3. Make a payment to have funds in your account before you order
4. Select your lunch and place an order

Phone 0800 LOL LOL

Phone 0800 565 565

info@lunchonline.co.nz





## Event Calendar - Important Dates



Please be aware some details may change.

### TERM THREE

Week 10	Friday 27 September	2pm: Assembly 3pm: Term 3 finishes
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### TERM FOUR

Week 1	Monday 14 October	8.55am Term 4 commences
	Friday 18 October	9am: Mihi Whakatau
	Tuesday 15 October	Nikau Touch Rugby
Week 2	Wednesday 16 October	Nikau Touch Rugby
	Monday 21 October	Yr 5-8 Athletics (pp 4 & 6 November)
	Tuesday 22 October	7pm: PTNi meeting. All welcome
	Thursday 24 October	Yr 7-8 Tiaki Ariki Competition
Week 3	<b>Friday 25 October</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED. TEACHER ONLY DAY</b>
	<b>Monday 28 October</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED. LABOUR DAY</b>
	Wednesday 30 October	9-10.15am: New Entrant Open Morning Tōtara History Fair Yr 5-6 Rippa Rugby tourn (pp 31 October) 6-7pm: Whānau Māori Hui
	Friday 1 November	Yr 5-6 Parumoana Girls Cricket 2pm: Assembly
Week 4	Monday 4 November	5.30pm: BoT meeting
	Tues 5-Thurs 7 November	Nikau Zoo Sleepovers
	Wednesday 6 November	Yr 7-8 Parumoana Girls Cricket 2pm: Yr 0-1 Athletics (pp 13 November)
	Friday 8 November	9.15am: Tōtara Cricket "Big Smash" competition
Week 5	Tuesday 12 November	Parumoana Athletics (pp 14 & 19 November)
	Friday 15 November	2pm: Assembly
Week 6	Wednesday 20 November	9-10.15am: New Entrant Open Morning
	Thursday 21 November	Summerfest at Rangikura
Week 7	Tuesday 26 November	Yr 5-8 Regional Athletics (pp 28 November)
	Friday 29 November	Yr 2-4 Athletics (pp 3 & 4 December) Parumoana Speech Competition 2pm: Assembly
Week 8	Monday 2 December	5.30pm: BoT meeting
	Wednesday 4 December	11am-1pm: Yr 0-1 Wheels Day
	Thursday 5 December	PTNi Outdoor Movie Night
Week 9	<b>FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED. TEACHER ONLY DAY</b>
	Monday 9 December	Yr 0-1 Skating trip
	Wednesday 11 December	Kōwhai Tree Trimming
	Thursday 12 December	Yr 0-1 Carol Singing Yr 2 Ngā Manu trip tbc 5.45pm: Year 8 Leavers Dinner
Week 10	Friday 13 December	1.45pm: Prizegiving Assembly
	Monday 16 December	Reports go home
	Tuesday 17 December	FUN DAY
Week 10	Wednesday 18 December	11am: Leavers Assembly 12pm: School finishes for 2024

## Community Notices

### Get Kids Moving, Learning, and Thriving at Bigair Gym!

At Bigair Gym, kids participate in structured classes with a 1-10 level program, designed to encourage progress, celebrate milestones, and promote achievement. A variety of classes are offered, including **Gymnastics, Trampolining, Tumbling, Free Running** (parkour with flips and tricks!), and **Cheerleading**. Weekend **Birthday Parties** are also available and highly popular! Bookings are now open for **Bigair Gym's popular Holiday Programme**, with both full and half-day sessions available. Spaces are limited, so book online today to secure a spot. It's the perfect opportunity for children to stay active and have fun during the holiday break.

Join Bigair Gym and watch your child thrive!

Booking online for Term 4 & the Holiday Programme is quick and easy at [www.bigairgym.co.nz](http://www.bigairgym.co.nz)

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

### Junior Tennis at Ngāti Toa Tennis Club

Come on down to the Ngāti Toa Tennis Club and get your child/children loving the beautiful game of tennis! We offer Friday Whanau Club Nights - a rotation of tennis skills and fun games for your new, budding tennis player aged 5 - 12. This is an evening run by the club with a magic sprinkling of parent help. The BBQ will be running and the first sausage is free! 5-6pm beginning the first Friday of term 4 for 8 weeks, and continuing for 8 weeks in term 1. Older and experienced juniors are able to join our Wednesday evening coaching. Please e-mail Andrea at [juniors@ngatitoatennis.org.nz](mailto:juniors@ngatitoatennis.org.nz) for enquiries, or register on our website [ngatitoatennis.org.nz](http://ngatitoatennis.org.nz) We'd love to see you there!

JOIN AN ATHLETIC COMMUNITY THAT'S SUPPORTIVE, FUN, AND FOCUSES ON DEVELOPMENT!

Mana Athletics registrations for 2024/25 are now open! 🎉

We cater for everyone from 5 years and up - whether they're interested in fitness, fun or competition. All NEW members will receive a FREE T-shirt or singlet! Just click on the link below to register.

The 2024-25 season will run from 15 October (meet and greet evening) to 1 April (prize-giving and AGM), with a short break for Christmas. **Tuesday club nights** offer a mixture of competition and coaching to enable children to gain the necessary skills to participate in a variety of running, jumping and throwing events. For the more serious athletes, we also offer specialist training sessions.

We'll be sharing lots of info over the next few weeks about the meet-and-greet session, have-a-go night, and season start. It's going to be a great year, we can just feel it!

<https://www.manaathletics.co.nz/registrations>

<https://www.facebook.com/mana.athletics>

### Paekakariki Surf Club Nippers Open Day – Sunday 20 October 1.45pm

Come along and take part in a fun nippers session at Paekakariki Beach to kick off the junior surf season. It's a great opportunity for kids to join a surf club and learn beach safety while having lots of fun with other kids. 7-13 years old all welcome.

For more information contact [pslnippers@gmail.com](mailto:pslnippers@gmail.com)

### Spotlight Performing Arts School

Dance, Drama and Singing for students aged 4-15 yrs old.

Led by a London West End performer!

AOTEA-JOHNSONVILLE-KARORI-LOWER HUTT-NEWTOWN-UPPER HUTT

Book your child's two-week trial for next term NOW!

[www.spotlightperformingarts.co.nz](http://www.spotlightperformingarts.co.nz)

## School Holiday Activities

### Porirua Library

Calling all creative kids! We are excited to offer an inspiring series of experiences in our wonderful *Music and Words* holiday programme. All events are free of charge. The programme details will also be online here <https://porirualibrary.org.nz/whats-on/> Keep up to date with daily news and photos of the action here <https://www.facebook.com/groups/PoriruaLibraryChildrensChat>

### ARTY FARTY KIDS

Due to popular demand, we are running a one day Mini Holiday Sessions on Friday 4th October in Whitby.

Morning 10.00 - 12.00pm ages 5-10 years 'Weird Birds'

Afternoon 2.00pm - 4.00pm ages 10 - 15 years 'Spring Flowers'

Please contact [office.artyfartykids@gmail.com](mailto:office.artyfartykids@gmail.com) to book your child's place!

### Ngā Manu Nature Reserve

#### Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September - Toy & Book Swap

Get the kids to bring their gently used toys and books, exchange them for tokens, and pick out 'new' treasures. Celebrate Sustainable September, learn about eco-friendly fun.

Time: 11am – 1pm | Free (Register your interest [HERE](#))

#### Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October – Zappo The Magician

Don't miss Zappo the Magician's 45-minute interactive fun-filled show! Enjoy magical wonders with a green twist, highlighting conservation and eco-friendly themes. Great for all ages!

Time: 11am – 11:45am | \$5 per child ([BOOK HERE](#))

#### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October – Sarah The Scientist

Join Sarah the Scientist for a hands-on, interactive and educational show! Kids get to dive into experiments like Wonder Whizzers and Mini Rockets. Dress up in lab coats and explore science in style! Time: Various – [BOOK HERE](#) | \$7 per child.

#### Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October - Wild Words: Discover Ngā Manu's Magic Forest Through Creative Writing

With Cloe from EQ Storytelling. Children will explore the nature reserve, use their imagination and write magical stories inspired by native flora, fauna, and Māori legends.

Time: 9:30am for Half a Day | \$25 per child (ages 8yrs +) [BOOK HERE](#)

### AKOTECH CodeCamps

Our holiday camp allows children from the ages of 7-12 to develop 21st century skills in a fun and action packed environment. Learn AI, make games, code robots & go to work for a simulated Tech Gaming Studio to build games and apps for a big client.

Develop confidence & initiative through design, creativity, solving problems, presenting & collaboration. Create your own games, worlds and apps to make our world a better place.

Queen Margaret College, Thorndon: 30th Sept - 3rd Oct & 7th - 10th Oct

Programs: 2 & 4 Day Programs

Book Now at [www.akotech.nz](http://www.akotech.nz)

### Staglands - The Early Bird Catches the Worm...

Be the early bird that gets the worm, or in this case, a **FREE ADULT TICKET** to visit again! Just purchase your entry tickets at our Ticket Office by 10am, and voila!

**Don't hit the snooze button, it's time to rise and shine!**

Offer runs from 28th September - 13th October 2024. [Conditions apply.](#)