



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

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Featuring in this Issue –

- Staffing Update
- Teachers are Learners Too!
- In the Spotlight
- Parking Update
- Coming Up

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, Giday, 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: Jean-Louis Erasmus, Zidaan Pathan, Keira Spencer & Leo Martin

NĪKAU: Linden du Plessis

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

Welcome to Term 4! I hope the break was relaxing and you were able to enjoy some quality time with your children. It's wonderful to see everyone back this week, full of energy and excitement for what promises to be a fun and engaging final term.

This term is packed with lots of opportunities for our tamariki, including sporting events and enriching EOTC (Education Outside the Classroom) activities.

We are really looking forward to coming together for our many end-of-year celebrations. For a full list of events, please check The Event Calendar towards the back of this newsletter. Syndicate Newsletters, with information specific to your child, were sent out today.

As we move into Term 4, we often observe that children become more tired and find it harder to manage their emotions. If you notice your child is struggling or have any concerns, please reach out so we can work together to support them.

STAFFING UPDATE

We are delighted to welcome Nicola Swain, Taria Kie Tonga, and Delita Otto to our fantastic Teacher Aide support team. Their skills and passion for supporting our students will be a wonderful addition to our school community, and we are excited to have them on board.



Sadly, we will be farewelling our exceptional part-time Office Assistant, Nikki Holbrook, at the end of Week 3. Nikki has been with us for the past five years and has made the difficult decision to take up a full-time position outside the education sector. We will certainly miss her warm, caring presence and her great work in the school. We wish Nikki all the very best for her future.

Our Teachers Are Learners Too!



After 20 weeks of attending after-school lessons and two weekend Wānanga, many of our committed staff have successfully achieved Kāuru Te Reo Māori Level One.

Congratulations to our wonderful team for their hard work and accomplishment!

Although not everyone could attend, the holiday break started with our Graduation at Te Rauparaha Arena.



Ngā mihi nui
Tania Cox
Principal – Tumuaki

In the Spotlight

Inter-Regional Cross-Country

Brody Burrows

Having achieved well at the Paramoana and Regional Cross Country events, Brody went on to represent Wellington at the Primary School Inter-regional Cross Country. Competing against the top year 5 runners from all over the South Island and lower North Island, he came in amazing 19th in this highly competitive field!



A fantastic achievement Brody!

Ongoing Traffic and Parking Concerns



We are working closely with the Porirua City Council to address the ongoing issues with congestion and frustrating parking around drop-off and pick-up times. We are exploring ways to utilise the Bus Stop more practically as well as legally. Additionally, I have raised concerns about the safety of children crossing Exploration Way. I will keep you updated when I have more information.

Please prioritise the safety of all children. Parking on yellow lines, in the middle of the road, or on grass verges make it hard for children to be seen and creates an unsafe environment for them. It's incredibly frustrating when people are repeatedly asked to follow these rules, yet they continue to disregard them. Let's work together to ensure the safety of our kids by parking responsibly.



Picking up or dropping off kids at school?

Choose safe parking every time

Everyone's "only here for a minute or two" but where and how you park matters – our tamariki can't be seen if we park illegally



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Safer school runs

If you're stopping and parking near a school, choose safe parking every time

When children arrive at or leave school each day, how you park and drive can protect them or put them in danger.

Drivers and children need good visibility around schools to be able to see each other. Parking restrictions are in place near schools for a reason – to protect our tamariki.

If you choose to stop or park illegally you could get fined.

Stopped/parked:

- on broken yellow lines **\$60**
- within 6 metres of a pedestrian crossing **\$60**
- within 6 metres of an intersection **\$60**
- on the footpath **\$40**
- over or within 1 metre of a vehicle entrance **\$40**
- within 50cm of a fire hydrant with no one in a car legally capable of moving it **\$40**
- closer than 6 metres to a bus stop or on a marked bus stop **\$40**
- on roadside grass plot, shrubs or flower beds **\$40**
- in a way that's inconsiderate to other road users, including pedestrians **\$60**
- double parked **\$60**

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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

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

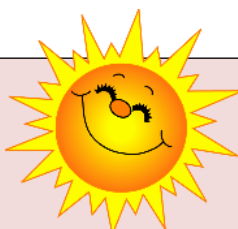
REMINDER

Keeping Our Kids Safe

Sun Hats

The wearing of school bucket hats is compulsory from Labour Weekend. Hats are available for purchase at the school office.

(Please email your order to the office and pay online or contact the office directly.)





Event Calendar - Important Dates

Please be aware some details may change.



TERM FOUR

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| Week 1 | Friday 18 October | 9am: Mihi Whakatau 2pm: Assembly |
| Week 2 | Monday 21 October | Yr 5-8 Athletics (pp 4 Nov) |
| | Tuesday 22 October | Yr 0-4 Julia McIver (author visit) 7pm: PTNi meeting. All welcome |
| | Wednesday 23 October | Lucky Book Club Issue 7 orders close |
| | Thursday 24 October | National Shakeout Day Yr 7-8 Tiaki Ariki Competition |
| | Friday 25 October | SCHOOL CLOSED. TEACHER ONLY DAY |
| Week 3 | Monday 28 October | SCHOOL CLOSED. LABOUR DAY |
| | 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 | Nīkau Zoo Sleepovers |
| | Wednesday 6 November | Yr 7-8 Parumoana Girls Cricket |
| | 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 |
| | FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER | SCHOOL CLOSED. TEACHER ONLY DAY |
| Week 9 | Monday 9 December | Yr 0-1 Skating trip Nīkau to Aotea Lagoon (pp 11 Dec) |
| | 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 |
| | Friday 13 December | 1.45pm: Prizegiving Assembly |
| Week 10 | Monday 16 December | Reports go home |
| | Tuesday 17 December | FUN DAY |
| | Wednesday 18 December | 11am: Leavers Assembly 12pm: School finishes for 2024 |

2024 Term Dates

Term Four: Monday 14 October –18 December

School will be closed on the following days:

Teacher Only Day – Friday 25 October

Labour Day – Monday 28 October

Teacher Only Day – Friday 6 December

** 2025 Term Dates **

Term One: Tuesday 4 February – Friday 11 April

Term Two: Monday 28 April – Friday 27 June

Term Three: Monday 14 July – Friday 19 September

Term Four: Monday 6 October – Friday 19 December (tbc)

School will be closed on the following days:

Waitangi Day –Thursday 6 February

Easter – Friday 18 April – Tuesday 22 April (during holidays)

Anzac Day – Friday 25 April (during holidays)

King's Birthday – Monday 2 June

Matariki – Friday 20 June

Labour Day – Monday 27 October

Community Notices

Atareira – Mental Health & Addiction Support for whānau

Free Mental Health and Addictions Workshop

Date: Thursday 14 November 2024, Time: 9.45 am – 3.15 pm

No cost (Lunch included)

Venue: Boulcott Farms Conference Centre, 33 Military Road, Lower Hutt (parking on site)

Topics and Speakers:

- Neurodiversity in Women and Girls: What Does It Look Like and How Can It Be Supported?
- The Secret Keeper – Embracing Uncomfortable Spaces

Contact Josh Brown. Email: officeadmin@atareira.org.nz PH: (04) 499 1049

for more information.

KELLY SPORTS TERM 4 – SCORCHING SUMMER SPORTS!!

Wednesday's 3.05pm-4.05pm

Kelly Sports is back in Term 4 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: *Football, T-Ball, Rippa Rugby and Athletics.*

Sessions start on Weds 23 Oct 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.

Porirua City Junior Cricket Club

Open Day at Mana Indoor Nets, Saturday 19 October, 11am – 2pm

New entrants to Year 8, Girls up to Year 11

Soft & hard ball grades

Have fun, develop skills, love cricket

More information via <https://www.facebook.com/pcjcc>

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

Is your child keen to learn cartwheels, handstands, flips, trampolining tricks, or parkour? Bigair Gym is the ultimate place to explore these skills and more! Classes combine fun, focus, and fitness in a supportive environment where kids can build confidence and master new techniques. Catering to all levels, from beginners to advanced, with safety and technique prioritized.

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!

Join Bigair Gym and watch your child thrive! Term 4 Class Bookings are open online now at www.bigairgym.co.nz

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