



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

Friday 1 November	10.00: Road Patrol Training Y3-6 Parumoana Girls Cricket 2.00: Assembly: Rms 5 & 26 Item
Monday 4 November	5.30: BOT Meeting
Tuesday 5 November	Nīkau Zoo Sleepover (Rm 2)
Wednesday 6 November	9-12: Rangatahi Hui (Aotea College) Nīkau Zoo Sleepover (Rms 3 & 5) Y7-8 Parumoana Girls Cricket
Thursday 7 November	Nīkau Zoo Sleepover (Rms 4 & 19) 9-12: Pasifika Tamaiti Group (Aotea Coll.)
Friday 8 November	Tōtara class visits to New World 2pm: Woman's Phoenix visit (Yrs 5-8)
Tuesday 12 November	Parumoana Athletics Author visit: Kate de Goldi (Y5-8)

Featuring in this Issue –

- Our Teachers are Learners Too
- Principal Awards
- Spotlight on Kōwhai
- In the Spotlight
- Sports Spot: Senior Athletics

(Athletics certificates will be presented at assembly this Friday)

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!

Welcome to our new students-

KŌWHAI: Emily Huang, Nikita Belling

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

Teachers are Learners Too!

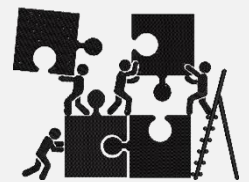
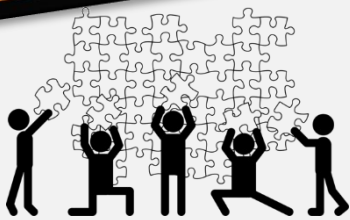
Last week our Teacher Only Day put our perseverance, courage, and resilience to the test as we started the day with balance boarding! It was a fun and challenging way to embody the same growth mindset we encourage in our students, and also a reminder that learning involves stepping out of comfort zones, no matter your age.

The day's particular focus was on unpacking the refreshed Mathematics curriculum, led by Julie Roberts, a highly regarded maths and assessment facilitator. Julie's expertise includes being part of the Ministry of Education's Mathematics and Statistics writing group. The session was rich with collaboration, allowing us to connect new ideas with our existing practices and explore opportunities to enrich our students' learning experiences. We also investigated the new Ministry-funded resources available in preparation for implementing the new curriculum from the start of 2025.

Balance Boarding



Maths... no problem!



We greatly appreciated the dedicated time to focus on growing our knowledge and skills, so we are able to provide our children with the very best of teaching and learning. We will continue this work at our final Teacher Only Day, Friday 6 December.

Principal's Awhi Award

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to these wonderful Adventurers who were presented with a Principal's Awhi Award at our recent school assembly for naturally showing the values within the Adventure Way Traits.

Finn Sutton, Ash Lavery-Coulson, Dermott Davidson, Belle Amorangi, Hugo Banner, Abigail Senior, MacKenzie Crockford, Sophie Brouard, Willow George, Archie Fisher, Olivia Coburn



WHITBY WISHING WELL



A huge thank you to Whitby New World and everyone who supported us with their tokens.

We are very grateful for the amazing \$1107 donation which will be put to good use on sports equipment.

Ngā mihi nui
Tania Cox
Principal – Tumuaki

Keeping Our Kids Safe

Sun Hats

Wearing school bucket hats are now compulsory. These are available for purchase at the school office. (Please order online or contact the office directly.)



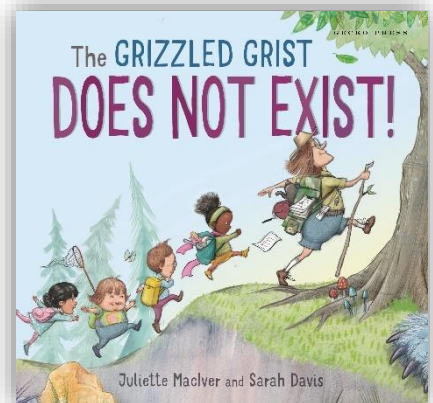
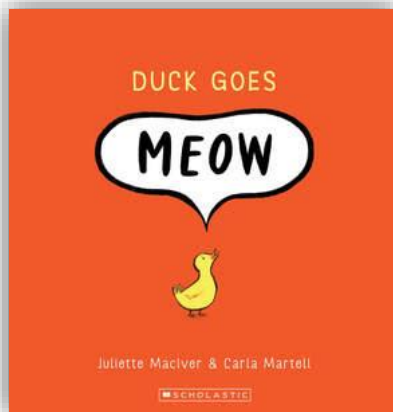
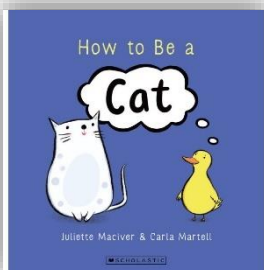
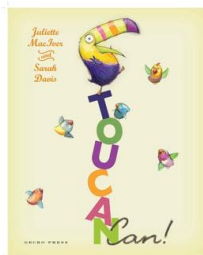
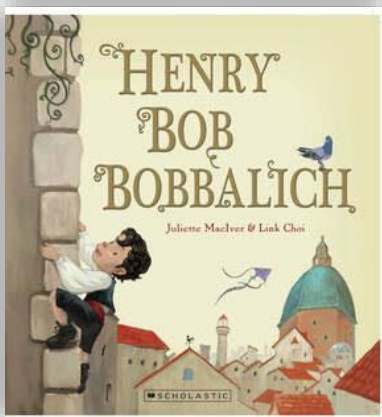
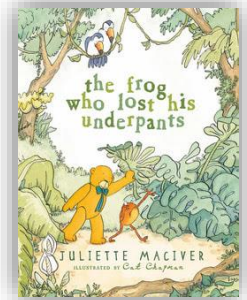
**KŌWHAI
SPOT**

NZ AUTHOR VISIT



Last week, Kowhai students had the privilege of welcoming Juliette MacIver, an award-winning New Zealand children's picture book author.

During her visit, Juliette delighted us by reading some of her wonderful stories. We also had fun singing and dancing along with her and, to top it off, she even signed some of our Adventure School library books for us.



In the Spotlight

Basketball Achievement

Jacob Penno

Recently Jacob played a 4-day basketball tournament for the Porirua reps U14 Blazers team, made up of mostly already 13-year-olds, (2 years his senior).

Teams came from all over the Hurricanes region, from Taranaki across to Hawkes Bay, all the way down to Wellington. They just lost to Levin A by an agonising 2 points in the semi but beat Hutt Valley by 2 points in a thriller to win bronze.



Great work Jacob!

National Shake Out!



New Zealand's national earthquake and tsunami drill took place on 24 October at 9.30am. As part of the drill, workplaces, schools, and households all over the country were encouraged to DROP, COVER and HOLD as you would in a real emergency.

We were impressed with how confidently our children knew exactly how to respond to an earthquake in their classrooms.

ME TAKATŪ MŌ TE





What fantastic weather we enjoyed for our Senior Athletics Day last week! A huge thank you to John Kelleher for organising the event, as well as to the team of teachers and the wonderful parents who came along to help out on events and support their children.

Tu meke to all the children who took part and showed great determination and resilience when athletics wasn't something they find easy.



Certificates will be presented this Friday at assembly.



Results

Congratulations to the following children who gained a 1st, 2nd or 3rd placing overall in their year groups.

Year 5	Girls: 1 st Maisie Forsyth 2 nd Chun Liu 3 rd Heidi Lunn	Boys: 1 st Oliver Griffiths 2 nd = Charlie Marsh & James Glass
Year 6	Girls: 1 st Annie van Son 2 nd Jordan Elimelech 3 rd = Kelsey Cotter & Scarlett Gibbons	Boys: 1 st Jacob Penno 2 nd TJ Kie Tonga 3 rd Rocco de Graaf
Year 7	Girls: 1 st Ashlyn van Niekerk 2 nd = Layla Starr & Mireya Roche	Boys: 1 st Sebastian Smit 2 nd Lennox Manase 3 rd Aidan van Niekerk
Year 8	Girls: 1 st Chloe Po 2 nd Anushka van Niekerk 3 rd Poppy Dickson	Boys: 1 st Charlie Scott 2 nd Lucas McKee 3 rd Kody Cotter





Event Calendar - Important Dates



Please be aware some details may change.

TERM FOUR		
Week 3	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
	Friday 8 November	2pm Yr7-8 Woman's Phoenix visiting
Week 5	Tuesday 12 November	Parumoana Athletics (14 & pp 19 November)
	Friday 15 November	9.15am: Tōtara Cricket "Big Smash" competition 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 Nikau 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 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