



Adventure School

Adventure School Newsletter

No 19 – 14 November 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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Friday 15 Nov	Totara Cricket 'Big Smash' 2.00: Assembly: Rms 14 & 16
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- Spotlight on Tōtara
- Balance Boarding
- Sports Spot –
 Girl's Football
- PTNi Page



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: Josie Brown & Peter Talas

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

2025 Class Placements

Over the next few weeks our teachers will be gathering information to inform 2025 class placements. As you can imagine, this is not an easy task as we consider each child's academic, physical, social, cultural and emotional needs while also ensuring there is a balance across all classes.

Our teachers are professionals who know your child(ren) in their school environment, and management, team leaders and teachers work together to consciously choose the class that holistically best fits the needs of each child.

Tomorrow you will receive an email with important information around class placements.

I would like to give parents the opportunity to share specific, unique information they feel would impact classroom placement for their child, via a google form.

Please note, this is not an opportunity to choose a specific teacher, and all forms must be completed by **9am next Friday, 22 November** in order to be considered.

If you don't receive a notification or would like a paper copy, please contact the school office.

2025 Staffing

Sadly, Vanessa Burn, Kōwhai Team co-leader, is relocating to Christchurch at the end of the year. Over her five years with Adventure, Vanessa has been a highly regarded teacher whose commitment and dedication to making a positive impact on children has been very much appreciated.

We will miss her greatly and wish her all the best as she takes up a new teaching role at Kaiapoi Borough School.

Provisional 2025 School Organisation

KŌWHAI	NĪKAU	RIMU	TŌTARA
NE – Year 2	Years 3/4	Years 5/6	Years 7/8
Team Leader: Rebecca St. Clair	Team Leader: Toni Bennett	Team Leader: Erica Leggett	Team Leader: Mark Hughes
Rebecca St. Clair (NE/ Yr 1) Tania Sibley (Yr1) Nadine Amorangi (Yr 1) Amanda-Lee Lemmon (Yr 2) Cathy Murray (Yr 2)	Toni Bennett Solé du Plessis Alesha Wilson Amy Churchill Richard McQueen	Keegan Martin Emma Harris Alisa Schilder Carla Nickson Andrea Nichols	Mark Hughes Jen Squire John Kelleher Shane Dalton

Principal's Awhi Awards

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.

Mason Swain, Dayan Wickremasinghe & Mrs Holbrook!

CONGRATULATIONS




Ngā mihi nui
Tania Cox
Principal – Tumuaki



Production Photos Now Available

Over 500 photos

for a limited time only



Access to the Virtual Galleries:

[Fantasia, the Play](#) (password: 5A58F7)

[Behind the Scenes](#) (password: 3FFE83)

The galleries will be active for three weeks.

How to Create a Personal Gallery and Purchase Photos:

1. Create **your own personal gallery** by clicking the heart icon below each photo.
2. **To purchase digital photos**, click on the arrow icon located below the chosen photo.
3. For **printed photos**, select the shopping cart icon, also located below each photo.

Important Note: There are three print size options available. When selecting a print size, please check that the crop of the image matches your preference. The gallery preview will display the final format according to the size chosen. *All photos are in high resolution, and purchased images, both digital and printed, will not have watermarks.*

Pricing Campaign:

To ensure everyone has the opportunity to acquire at least one photo, Julia has offered special prices for the first days of the campaign:

- **Days 1 to 3:** Each download at \$10 (offer ends 5pm Monday 18 Nov)
- **Days 4 to 10:** Each download at \$15 (offer ends 5pm Monday 25 Nov)
- **Days 11 to 21:** Final price at \$35, standard rate for family campaigns.



COMING UP

TEACHER ONLY DAY

Friday 6 December



Please note, school will be CLOSED this day.

This will be a day when our teachers engage in professional development around the refreshed NZ curriculum, as well as share valuable student information with 2025 teachers.

RANGIKURA SCHOOL PRESENTS:

SummerFest

schedule

2024

Thursday 21 November

'PLANTATION STAGE'

Band Stage (follows the
Plantation Stage item)

10.00am

Intro & Rangikura Kapa Haka

Rangikura (middle Poly)

Plimmerton

Pukerua Bay Kapa Haka

Papakowhai

Postgate - Kapa & Poly

Discovery

11.05am

Adventure Kapa Haka

Corinna

Rangikura - Juniors

Rangikura - In Conclusion

Pauatahanui School

12.05pm

Papakowhai Poly

Postgate School

Discovery Kapa Haka

Paremata School

Rangikura Senior Poly

All Stars

1.05pm

Papakowhai Kapa Haka

Junior Dance Troupe

Rangikura - All Stars

Adventure Poly

Aotea All Stars

Rangikura (middle Kapa)

All Stars

Discovery Poly

Rangikura - Sweater Weather

2.15pm

Aotea Kapa Haka & closing address

SPOTLIGHT ON TŌTARA TEAM

Tōtara's Inaugural Aotearoa NZ History Fair

Tōtara students have spent the last couple of months researching many different aspects of Aotearoa New Zealand History. Students got to pick their subject area, and we certainly had a broad selection - the musket wars of the 19th century, Hone Heke, The Otago Gold Rush, Kate Sheppard, the sinking of the Rainbow Warrior, the Ballantynes Fire to name but a few. We brought all our learning together in the form of reports, interactive displays and historical artefacts, then presented it to the school and wider community through a History Fair held in Week 3 of this term. Everyone put in such a great effort to make it a successful day. We have no doubt it will become a fixture in our academic calendar for the future.



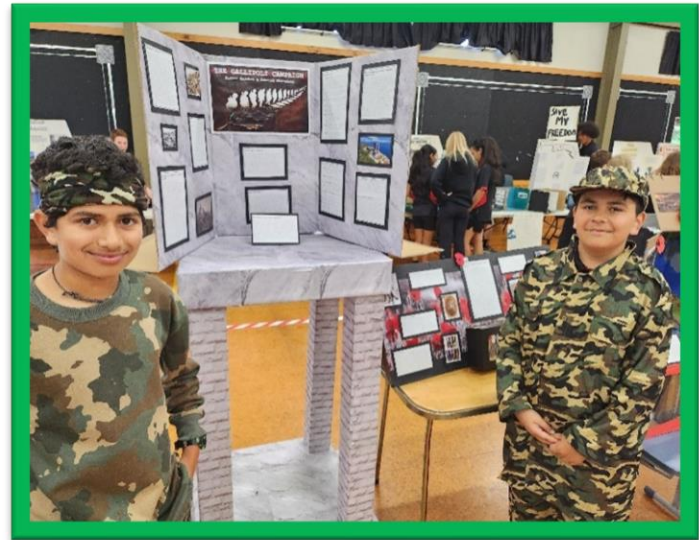
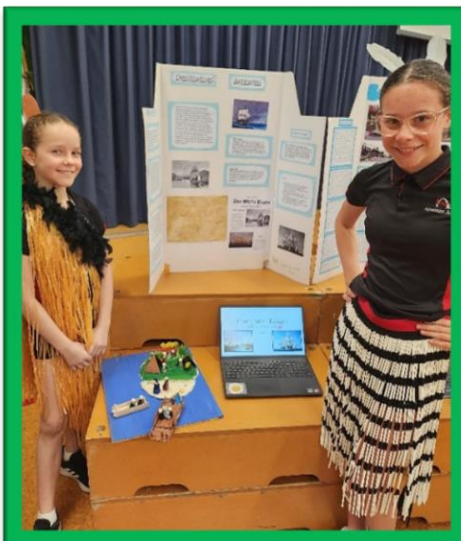
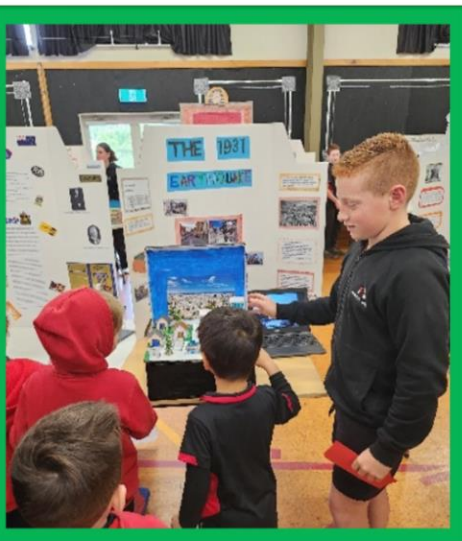
The History Fair - My Day

The day of the History Fair arrives, and I am a bundle of nerves and excitement. But I am also happy that we finished our project on Hone Heke in time and managed to get the flagpole artefact working properly.

Before morning tea it's mainly chaos as everyone in Tōtara tries to get their projects into the Hall while it is raining. When everything is set up, the first two classes come in. At first the children swarm all the places giving out sweets. Then when they get tired of those presentations, most of the boys in those classes (and some girls) come over to give the flagpole a whack. Sometimes some adults come over and ask us some questions, but mainly the whole day goes sweets, give the flagpole a whack, look at everything else, repeat.

The History Fair was probably one of the most fun, but also the most stressful things I've ever done. And it would never have happened without Mr Kelleher having the idea to have a History Fair in the first place.

Isabel Dowd (Yr 8)



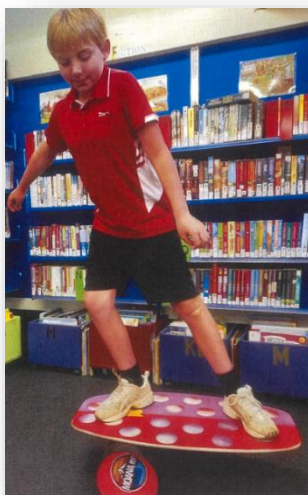
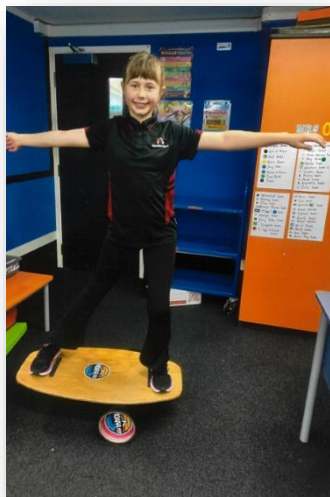
Balance Boarding

We have been fortunate to have a small group of students participating in weekly balance board sessions led by external facilitator, Dave Pepperell.

This program has offered numerous benefits, including:

- ➔ Increased confidence and self-efficacy as students work to master a new skill
- ➔ Strengthened physical abilities, such as core strength and balance, which support classroom learning and all sporting activities
- ➔ Opportunities for social connection in a small group setting

The joy and pride that come from participating are clearly visible in the photos. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Dave for his dedication. At the core of these sessions was his ability to connect with the students and his genuine enthusiasm for every small step of progress they made. We look forward to offering this valuable opportunity to more children in 2025.



In the Spotlight

Juliette Robinson (Yr 2)

Juliette is a member of Twisters Tawa Gymnastics and recently finished competing in Step 1. She had a fantastic season, attending seven competitions and winning 27 medals for placing within the top three all-around individuals or top three on an apparatus.

Juliette's proudest moments are coming 1st on floor at six competitions and 1st all-around at four competitions. Her favourite apparatus are floor and uneven bars.

At the Twisters end of year prizegiving, Juliette received the award for 1st Step 1, and a trophy for the highest score on uneven bars across Steps 1-3. She was the runner up for the highest score on floor and beam (by 0.1 and 0.05).

Juliette has just moved up to Step 2 and is excited about the new season.



A wonderful achievement!

Sports Spot



Girls Only Football



Girls Only football is taking over and is providing Adventure girls access to some awesome football opportunities. Jess Harrald, Hannah McMaster, Indigo Eastham, Lily Clark and Addison Parish finished their football season representing Western Suburbs. Competing at a representative level has seen the girls grow in both skill and confidence, not to mention tenacity and resilience.

They competed at the Wellington United tournament, coming 1st equal with Onslow. At the Western Suburbs Graded Champs, they won the plate final in their division against an all-boys team. The rep season finished with the Taupo McCartney Invitational tournament where the girls finished a respectable 6th in the U10 girls grade. They are all looking forward to making their mark again next year!

Lynaire Parish





Our Visit from the Women's Phoenix Team



Last week, Adventure School welcomed players from the Wellington Phoenix Women's team. Girls in Years 5-8 participated in drills and football games led by the players as they shared tips throughout. The visit ended with an opportunity for us to meet the players, hear about their lives and get their autographs. It was awesome to have them visit us and we wish them well for the rest of the season!

Layla Jones (Rm 20)



SAUSAGE sizzle *** COMMITTEE

We need
You!
2025

Join the
TEAM



Can you help out next year?

The Sausage Sizzle Committee NEEDS YOU!

Chandra and the rest of the current committee are sadly moving on next year. We would love to keep providing our kids with sausage sizzle lunches once per term, but **in order for them to continue next year we need some new people to take over and replace the current committee members!**

We will need one (or two) leads who manage the behind the scenes tasks with looking after the orders on kindo, order and collect all supplies, set up and manage helpers on the day, and then it's great to have some other regular members who help out on the day.

If this sounds like something you would be interested in, please email ptni@adventure.school.nz for more info.

Thank you so much to our AMAZING committee for all of your hard work and support with the sausage sizzles over the years. They have been so loved by the school and your help is very much appreciated.



Event Calendar - Important Dates



Please be aware some details may change.

TERM FOUR		
Week 5	Friday 15 November	Tōtara Cricket "Big Smash" 2pm: Assembly
Week 6	Monday 18 November	5pm: Production photo order (\$10 offer last day)
	Wednesday 20 November	9-10.15am: New Entrant Open Morning
	Thursday 21 November	Summerfest at Rangikura
	Friday 22 November	9am: Class Placement information deadline Sausage Sizzle Lucky Book Club Issue 8 orders close
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	Wednesday 27 November	9-10.15am: New Entrant Open Morning
	Thursday 28 November	9-12pm: Pasifika Tamaiti Group to Aotea College
	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 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

Community Notices

Porirua Junior Cricket Club is seeking players for our year 7 cricket teams this Summer.

If any kids would like to cricket play this season we would love to have them.

To find out more please get in touch with Ainsley on 0224179378 or ainsleysmith@yahoo.com.

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/poriruacricquet>

Expired Car Seats

Porirua Annual Collection – all of November

Please hand in your damaged or expired car seats and booster seats for FREE at:

TRASH PALACE, 20 Broken Hill Road, Kenepuru, Porirua.

Drop off at reception, Monday to Friday 8.30am – 5pm and Sunday 9am – 5pm.

For more information call 04 978 8355 or email paulette.pavelich@poriruacity.govt.nz