



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 29 November	Parumoana Speech Competition Yrs 2-4 Athletics
Monday 2 December	Tōtara Financial Literacy
Tuesday 3 December	Yrs 2-4 Athletics postponement date
Wednesday 4 December	Yrs 0-1 Wheels morning
Thursday 5 December	PTNi Outdoor Movie Night Aotea College Yr 9 Orientation Day LIBRARY NOW CLOSED <i>Please return all books before this day</i>
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Sunday 8 December	PTNi Working Bee
Monday 9 December	Nikau Aotea Lagoon Day Yr 0-1 Skating Trip
Tuesday 10 December	Yr 2 Ngā Manu Trip
Wednesday 11 December	Kōwhai Tree Trimming
Thursday 12 December	Year 0/1 Carol Singing Yr 8 Leavers' Dinner

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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: Kian Donaldson

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

The countdown is on!

With just a few weeks to go, we're keeping our fingers crossed for great weather to make the most of the exciting EOTC activities planned. It's a great opportunity for our kids to experience something new, build resilience, and, most importantly, have fun!

Congratulations to our Kapa Haka and Pasifika Group for their outstanding performance at Summerfest last week! Their passion and confidence were truly inspiring, and they delivered a performance we can all be incredibly proud of. A heartfelt thank you to Shane, working with Breed Music and Jen for their tremendous support in preparing our tamariki for this event.

Parent Class Placement Considerations

Thank you to those who filled in a google form with information to consider in 2025 class placement. Please rest assured that we have carefully considered all information in accordance with the outlined guidelines. However, there were instances where preferences from one parent conflicted with those of others, the needs of other students, or the professional insights of our teachers. We genuinely believe that we have made every effort to cater to the individual needs of each child.

Our Amazing Staff

What wonderful, thoughtful and compassionate staff we have! Last Friday, the male staff donned waistcoats and hosted a fantastic morning tea for the female staff, all in support of raising funds for prostate cancer.



**THANK
YOU**

Ngā mihi nui
Tania Cox
Principal – Tumuaki

REMINDER

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.

SUMMERFEST 2024

While the weather affected some of the plans for this year's Summerfest, the event was in many ways even more successful than last year! Both our Kapa Haka Performance Group and Pasifika Group performed at their best in front of a large, energetic crowd, peaking at the right time of the year! This year felt extra special with some performances from alumni of Rangikura School, including a powerful performance from the Aotea College Kapa Haka group, showing our students what opportunities lie before them.



Pasifika Tamaiti Group & Rangatahi Roopu

Leaders in the school cultural groups have been joining like-minded leaders from schools across the Kahui Ako at Aotea College. For the first time, this included a group specifically for Pasifika leaders, with our students learning a new sāsā and other games. It was exciting to see some previous Adventure School students leading the way in their Aotea College uniform! The Rangatahi Roopu was a very special event, as some of the original Aotea College leaders are finishing this year after many years in the group. Our students have thoroughly enjoyed being part of these events and growing their skills with their peers across schools.



Tōtara Nutrition Unit - Trip to New World

Recently, Tōtara students have been learning about nutrition and making good choices at the supermarket. The students found the lessons very interesting, especially learning about the incredible amounts of sugar in energy drinks (no more Prime!). The unit culminated in a trip to New World Whitby where students compared the dietary information of different brands, as well as filling their fruit and vegetable colour wheels.





VISITING NZ AUTHOR VISIT

Kate De Goldi



Kate De Goldi is a highly regarded New Zealand author known for her insightful and thought-provoking children's and young adult literature. Her works often explore complex themes such as family dynamics and emotional resilience, presented with humour and compassion. Kate De Goldi's storytelling is celebrated for its richly drawn characters and the ability to resonate with readers of all ages.



Kate De Goldi - student workshop experience

In the morning, she told us a bit about herself and her inspiration. A bit later, around 14 people were chosen for a writers workshop; I was one of them. We started talking about writing and figuring out what to write. All of the people there said that writer's block is super annoying. Kate got us to do an exercise - don't think, just write! She gave us a sentence starter and told us to write for two minutes. The only rule was, don't stop moving your pencil! I personally wrote one of the most random things I've ever written. It also wasn't my usual style of writing. Another exercise she did was an interesting one: she gave us 2 minutes to look around and jot down everything we saw that was rectangular. We did about 4, getting gradually harder until we were writing about senses. Then the hardest one. An ear. What it looked like. I only got 4 things. We then started working on poems. She read us 'My Memories of the Nicaraguan Revolution'. Poems were not my specialty, but I liked mine. Overall, it was a great experience and I think I'm speaking on behalf of everyone in Rimu and Tōtara.

Hugo Hanify (Year 6)



NIKAU ZOO SLEEPOVER

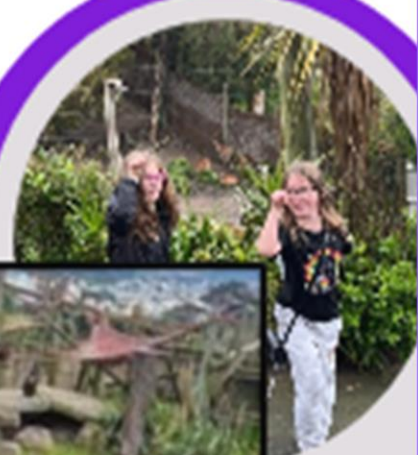


My Zoo Sleepover Experience

It was 5:40 and I was eating my dinner. My bag was already packed. I finished my dinner and my stomach filled with butterflies as the clock struck 6:00. An anxious feeling filled my veins, as I put my things where my car group was then said goodbye to my family. After that I picked up my stuff and went inside Jack.G's mum's car. The Jacks sat at the back and the girls sat in front. When we got to the zoo I felt so excited as we waited for the zookeeper. Finally, the zookeeper came and showed us where we were sleeping ... The Living Room . Inside our room was a tuatara, two geckos and some blind fish. The zookeeper explained the rules and we found out his name was Andy, then we went on the night tour. Our first two stops were the snow leopards and red pandas. We saw Andy feed the giraffes and heard the lemurs scream! We saw many animals at the Hero HQ three including the chameleon, the world's biggest lizard, and the weta. After dark we saw a Tasmanian devil and a wallaby. Then we returned to the Living Room, ate a biscuit, got ready for bed and slept with my friends. We woke up to the lemurs screeching. Everyone got dressed and started packing up. Then we ate breakfast - I had rice bubbles and hot chocolate. It was time for the morning tour; we put our stuff in a cupboard and went to the chimps (These are the same chimps in the movie Kingdom of the Apes). The youngest was swinging on a rope and hitting the window. We also saw keas, kororas ,gazelles, tigers and different types of monkeys. There were nyala (a type of deer) and ostriches. We got to feed sheep and also saw meerkats. We went back, ate morning tea and drove to school.

We had the best time!

By Arisha Syed



SPORTS SPOT



Parumoana Athletics Day



Once again, Adventure had outstanding results at the recent Parumoana Athletics competition last week and emerged as the overall Champs!

Adventure 295 points

Discovery 274 points

Postgate 184 points

Our students truly shined! They competed with heart, handled outcomes with maturity, and showed sincere gratitude to all the adults that helped on the day. A fantastic reflection of The Adventure Way!

Individual Results

Year 5	Maisie Forsyth	1 st Long Jump, 2 nd 150m, 2 nd 800m
	Julia Wang	Shot Put
	Oliver Griffiths	1 st Long Jump, 2 nd 80m, 2 nd 150m
	James Glass	3 rd 800m
	Jackson Paul	1 st Vortex
	Relay Teams:	
3 rd : Maisie Forsyth, Julia Wang, Jessica Harrald & Chun Liu		
1 st : James Glass, Charlie Marsh, Oliver Griffiths & Jackson Paul		
Year 6	Kelsey Cotter	3 rd 80m
	Jordan Elimelech	2 nd Quoits
	TJ Kie Tonga	3 rd High Jump, 3 rd Shot Put
	Jacob Penno	2 nd 80m, 3 rd 150m, 3 rd 800m, 1 st Quoits
	Annie van Son	1 st Long Jump, 3 rd Shot Put
	Scarlett Gibbons	1 st High Jump
Relay Teams:		
2 nd : Annie van Son, Kelsey Cotter, Scarlett Gibbons & Elsie Cassidy		
1 st : Alex Arbidans, Rocco de Graaff, Jacob Penno & TJ Kie Tonga		
Year 7	Sebastian Smit	1 st 200m, 2 nd 100m
	Relay Team:	
3 rd : Frank Lunn, Aidan van Niekerk, Sebastian Smit & Keanu Whiripo		
Year 8	Charlie Scott	1 st High Jump, 2 nd 200m
	Poppy Dickson	1 st 100m, 2 nd 200m, 1 st 1500m
	Maddie Hadfield	3 rd High Jump
	Chloe Po	2 nd Discus
	Takaetali Finau	3 rd Discus
	Relay Team:	
1 st : Poppy Dickson, Maddie Hadfield, Chloe Po & Anushka van Niekerk		



BASKETBALL 2024

Basketball is done and dusted for another year - a massive thank you to those that came and supported. The 5 teams definitely did Adventure proud, and it was pretty awesome to have three of our five teams in the grand finals this week with the Year 3's taking away a well-deserved win!

A huge thank you to Laura Treeby for her wonderful commitment in organising this event, as well as the great team of parent coaches and managers who supported the teams throughout the competition. You have all been amazing!



In the Spotlight

Congratulations... **Carmelle Cohen-Ronen**

Carmelle was the youngest writer to read on stage as part of an Open Mic event organised by the New Zealand Society of Authors (Wellington Branch) at The Undercurrent Book Store.

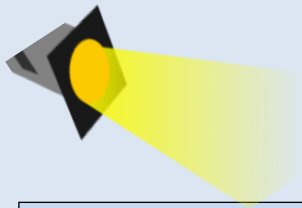
The key topic for reading was Courage Day (Day of the Imprisoned Writer), noted internationally on 15 November.

Carmelle shared her extended school assignment “My Story, My Journey”. She did an outstanding job and was welcomed with loud applauses and many compliments.

Well done – we are very proud of you Carmelle!



In the Spotlight Congratulations...



Julia Wang

Julia Wang represented Adventure School as part of Parumoana inter zone swimming and achieved some great results :

- 1st Year 5 girls 25 metres butterfly
- 2nd Year 5 girls 25 metres freestyle
- 2nd Year 5 girls 25 metres breaststroke

Great results, Julia!



In the Spotlight Congratulations...



Moana & TJ Kie Tonga

Moana made Wellington u17 softball and is off to Christchurch in January!

TJ played Māori Basketball for Ngati wai in Rotorua earlier in the year for u13s as well as u11 Samoans in Auckland and came second. He was also awarded Most Valuable Player!



**Well done –
both great
achievements!**



ADVENTURE SCHOOL

**OUTDOOR
MOVIE NIGHT!
THURSDAY
5 DEC**

5:30pm

**BYO PICNIC DINNER
(BRING BLANKETS,
LOW CHAIRS/BEAN
BAGS TO SIT ON)**

**THE PTNI WILL
BE RUNNING A
SAUSAGE SIZZLE &
SHACK TABLE WITH
POPCORN & DRINKS ETC**

**FREE
EVENT!**



Movie screen sponsored by
Speedy Signs



PTNi Page

Please come lend a hand at our working bee on-
Sunday 8 December: 9am - 12:30pm

- Weeding and general tidying of the schools gardens is what we are focusing on.
- BYO gardening tools and please bring a wheelbarrow if you're able to.

Drinks and refreshments will be provided.

Please come along to our

WORKING BEE

Sunday 8 December

9 - 12:30 | BYO gardening tools





Event Calendar - Important Dates



Please be aware some details may change.

TERM FOUR		
Week 7	Friday 29 November	Yr 2-4 Athletics (pp 3 & 4 December) Parumoana Speech Competition
Week 8	Monday 2 December	Tōtara Financial Literacy 5.30pm: BoT meeting
	Wednesday 4 December	11am-1pm: Yr 0-1 Wheels Day
	Thursday 5 December	Aotea College Yr 9 Orientation Day Library Closed. Please return all books. PTNi Outdoor Movie Night
	FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER	SCHOOL CLOSED. TEACHER ONLY DAY
	Sunday 8 December	9-12.30: PTNi Working Bee
Week 9	Monday 9 December	Yr 0-1 Skating trip Nīkau to Aotea Lagoon (pp 11 Dec)
	Tuesday 10 December	Yr 2 Ngā Manu trip (NOTE date change)
	Wednesday 11 December	Kōwhai Tree Trimming
	Thursday 12 December	Yr 0-1 Carol Singing 5.45pm: Year 8 Leavers Dinner
	Friday 13 December	1.45pm: Prizegiving Assembly
Week 10	Monday 16 December	2pm: Students visit 2025 class Reports go home
	Tuesday 17 December	FUN DAY
	Wednesday 18 December	11am: Leavers Assembly 12pm: School finishes for 2024

**** 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

Mana Athletics

Calling those who are interested in Athletics! Now that your school athletics day is done, both regional athletics champs and Wellington champs are here. Perhaps you might like to join up for the season? We cater for everyone from 5 years and up - whether they're interested in fitness, fun or competition. Just turn up at Adventure Park on Tuesday night's from 5.45-7/7.30 and we'll look after you. Come for a night and try it out!

If you want to join, but you're unsure about a whole season, we also offer quarter-season registrations for October to December.

More information here:

[Mana Athletics Facebook Page](#)

[Mana Athletics Registration Link](#)

Aotea (Aotea College Association) Quiz Night

3 December, at the Supply Room. 6pm onwards for registration for a 7pm start.

\$20 per person with raffles and spot prizes.

Grab a team and test your knowledge, enter the raffle for some great prizes too, all while supporting Aotea college! Register here: <https://forms.gle/dSA9vKbzNSDWxMJY8>

School Holiday Activities

Kapiti Volleyball Club is running Holiday Programme for kids early next year.

SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME Registration Now Open!

15th-17th January - dates to lock in your calendar

Limited spots available, register today to be part of an exciting volleyball action this summer!

<https://forms.office.com/r/ZZ4Z9VYptB>

Where: Paraparaumu College

When: Wednesday, 15th January - Friday, 17th January

9.00am - 3.00pm

Age: Y7-Y10 (if you do not fit age brackets, but would like to attend, please reach us out!)

Join our fun, action and learning packed programme this summer. We are offering great learning environment, quality coaching, attention to each player's personal goals, and lots of fun along the way. Three busy days of volleyball skills, drills, activities and games. Great content is on us, great attitude is on you!

Fees:

\$60 per player per 1 day

\$100 per player for 2 days

\$150 per player per 3 days

Any questions - please get in touch!

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[AkoTech Summer Holiday Programs](#)

[At Queen Margaret College, 9am – 3pm](#)

[Code Camps run Monday to Thursday: 6-9 January, 13-16 January & 20-23 January](#)

Students learn coding, AI safety, game design, App/Web development and more!

<https://akotech.nz>