



Adventure School

Adventure School Newsletter

No 21 – 12 December 2024



IMPORTANT INFORMATION



Please return school Library Books asap – we are missing over 200!

Thursday 12 December	5.45: Year 8 Leavers' Dinner
Friday 13 December	1.45: PRIZEGIVING (all welcome)
Monday 16 December	2.15pm: Children visit their 2025 classes
	Reports go home
Tuesday 17 December	Fun Day
Wednesday 18 December	Final Day of School 11.00: Final Assembly (all welcome) 12.00: SCHOOL ENDS

Featuring in this Issue –

- Teacher Only Day
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Our School Production LINK is Ready

**Limited
time only**

See Page 3 for details →



This will be our final newsletter for 2024. As the year comes to an end, I want to take a moment to thank everyone who makes our school such a special place.

To our fabulous staff—teachers, leaders, Teacher Aides, Office Staff, Caretaker — your dedication and passion are the heart of all we've accomplished together. The care and nurturing you show for our tamariki is truly inspiring, and it's a real privilege to work alongside you.

To our wonderfully committed Board of Trustees and PTNi — thank for your unwavering support and contributions behind the scenes. Your efforts are key to helping us shape the success of our school.

To the children and families moving on to new chapters, we send our best wishes and hope the next stage of your journey brings growth, fulfilment, and new opportunities.

Finally, thank you to our families for your ongoing support throughout the year. Whether attending events, lending a hand or offering feedback, your support has helped build a stronger, more connected partnership. We're excited for the adventures 2025 will bring!

During the break, I hope you have the chance to relax, recharge, and spend some valuable time with family and friends. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday break!

Noho ora mai - Stay well

Ngā mihi o te wā Kirihimete me te Tau Hou - Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Ngā mihi nui

Tania Cox

Principal – Tumuaiki

Teachers as Learners

Thank you for keeping your children at home for our Teacher Only Day last Friday. We really appreciated the uninterrupted time to work together exploring the new Mathematics Curriculum, as well as dedicated time to pass on important, helpful information about your child(ren) to their 2025 teacher.



Principal's Awhi Awards



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



Tal Wrighton



Ben Jenkins



Indigo Eastham



Ella Gibbons



Ashley Gibbons



Charlotte McKee



Addison Golder



Cadie Schilder



Angus Presling



Karter Gribben



David Willis



Charlie Marsh



Makaia Anderson



Charlie Tanner



Poppy Dickson



Fun Day

Tuesday 17 December

11.00am -1.00pm



- This is a "non-uniform" day
- Please bring to school:
 - a change of clothes
 - towel
 - sunhat and sun block



- **OPTIONAL** (for personal use only)
-roller-skates / rollerblades / skateboards scooters + a helmet (mandatory for all wheels)

Our School Production Link

**Limited Offer
-available until**

5pm

**Friday 20
December**

2024



- Click <https://sowl.co/p/kVHNx> to open the secure Stripe checkout page.
- Enter your full name and email address accurately, ensuring the information matches what you want included on your receipt.
- Input your payment details into the encrypted Stripe payment form.
- Double-check all information, then select "Pay" to finalise the transaction.
- Once complete, you will receive a confirmation email with a receipt and personalised TOKEN for access.

Our Strategic Plan – How Are We Tracking?



STRATEGIC PLAN ROADMAPING

Actioned
In Progress

Strategic Initiatives	2024				2025				
	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	
Create fit for purpose learning environments	1i	Replace Senior Playground	Improve bush area to enhance self-directed creative play		Look at concepts and funding to develop the area in front of Rooms 20 and 21				
		Improve Playground markings	Plan syndicate gardens		Establish and maintain syndicate gardens				
	1ii	Begin to create a more culturally reflective environment				Continue to create an environment that is reflective of Aotearoa and our many cultures			
		Extend Chill Zone opportunities to enhance social connection, catering for a range of needs and interests.				Encourage and support student led projects that invite social connection.			
		Set up shared spaces as thriving learning hubs				Continue to improve furniture in learning spaces			
1iii	Re-establish a fully functioning well-resourced Library as a hub				Continue to richly resource the Library space				
Consistency in our approaches to Literacy teaching	2i	Establish Team goals				Support teachers to align literacy practices with MOE initiatives as they evolve			
		Provide opportunities to build knowledge and skills with PLD facilitators				Embed knowledge and skills with relevant support from PLD facilitators			
		Strengthen our coaching model to grow effective practice				Continue to strengthen coaching to further grow practice			
	2ii	Provide mentoring for implementation of Tier 2 strategies within the classroom				Continue to provide mentoring for implementation of Tier 2 strategies within the classroom			
		Knowledge and skill building workshops with PLD facilitators for Literacy Leaders				Continue to offer Literacy Leaders knowledge and skill building workshops with PLD facilitators			
	2iii	Workshops to further upskill Teacher Aides in structured literacy approaches				Continue to provide opportunities to further upskill Teacher Aides in structured literacy approaches			
Deepen our connection with te ao Māori	3i	Staff learn about our local area and stories from Ngāti Toa and begin to link into classroom programmes.				Continue to engage in professional development opportunities offered by Ngāti Toa iwi.			
		Continued attendance at Ūpane Breakfasts							
	3ii	Work with Whānau Māori to grow a stronger Whānau group				Continued focus to ensure our local curriculum is reflective of whānau aspirations for their tamariki.			
		Review our Mihi Whakatau practices to ensure they are culturally appropriate to the occasion				Mihi Whakatau practices strengthen and become a natural way of being			
		Provide Kapa Haka opportunities for all levels of the school and grow our Performance group				Continue to build Kapa Haka across the school and opportunities to perform			
	3iii	All teachers grow their te reo me ona tikanga Māori				All teachers actively growing and using their te reo me ona tikanga Māori in the school setting			
All teachers begin to build their pepeha				All Children and teachers are able to say their pepeha					



Thanks to all of you who were able to come along to support the Junior Athletics day. Many thanks to Toni-Marie Bennett and her team of helpers for making this a fun and successful event.

Congratulations to our 2024 Years 2-4 Athletics champions.

Results

YEAR 2	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Girls	Juliette Robinson	Wambui Mubea	Leané Fox
Boys	Archie Tovey	Henry von der Brellie	Erich Koekemoer
YEAR 3	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Girls	Amber Cassidy	Ashley Gibbons	Chloe Coburn
Boys	Hunter Penney	Brooklyn Po	Freddie Clark
YEAR 4	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Girls	Quinn Spalding	Ruby Woodcock Charlize von der Brellie	
Boys	Finn Sutton	Jake Johnson Lawrence Hanify	



Writer's Corner

A small group of Rimu students collaborated with our RTLB to explore writing techniques that inspire them and help them fully express their ideas. Below are some brief excerpts from their work.

In the deep, dark jungle, some of the trees were as green as the inside of a fresh avocado. The wind wooshed through the trees while the sun was rising across the gigantic jungle of South America.

"Crack!" the branches snapped while the animals were hunting for their prey.

Bella Coffey



There were long vines in the jungle. The jungle was huge with leaves on the floor, roots in the dirt and waterfalls. There was dirt that was stomped on and damped down. Dark moss was on the trees everywhere.

Ean de Wet

Go! He got a powerful start, running through the jungle head up, knees up but the jaguar and the puma were still in front of the black panther. He gave it everything he had and leaned into the line. He had just won the 100m dash!

The jungle Olympics had begun!

Jacob Penno



The vines covered the jungle as the South American sun shone. In the background the birds squawked. Moss scattered everywhere. Unknown sounds flowed throughout the jungle. Brownish twigs lay everywhere. Dead brown leaves were floating with the wind. Lush green plants were feeding life. Animals stared into the sunset.

David Willis

PTNi OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

It was lovely to see so many families join the fun movie night last week. A huge thanks to our PTNi for organising this fabulous family event and also James Abaniel, Speedy Signs, for providing the outdoor movie screen.





Our Amazing Working Bee...



A heartfelt thank you to our incredible PTNi, along with all the amazing parents, children, and teachers who joined us for the working bee.

Your collective efforts have made a visible difference across the school, and we are really appreciative of your commitment and hard work!





SPORTS SPOT

The Sport of Touch Rugby Continues to Grow at Adventure School

This term the school had a record three (3) teams (total of 26 kids) in local touch rugby competitions: one team at Alex Moore Park in Johnsonville, and two teams in the new Porirua competition at Onepoto Park in Titahi Bay.

Look out in term 1 2025 when registrations open for the new season.

Year 3/4 Grizzlies

The Adventure School Grizzlies are a very talented group of Year 4 students. They wrapped up their first, but incredible touch rugby season. The team demonstrated remarkable teamwork, perseverance, and sportsmanship.

The Grizzlies' hard work and dedication paid off as they secured an impressive five wins out of six games. Their improvement and growth as a team was evident in every match.

Thank you to coach Suz Pyke for giving up her time each week, being patient with the tamariki, and encouraging them throughout the season.

Look forward to seeing all the Grizzlies back next year where they will move up to the year 5/6 grade.



L2R Back: Makayla Smit, Ashton Coffey, Frankie Pyke, Casen Jones, Micah Treeby. L2R Middle: Harper Wilderink, Dylan Rowe. Front: Austin Harris

Year 5/6 Cubs

The Adventure School Cubs won their year 5/6 division 1 grade for the fourth term in a row (the trophies are proudly displayed in the office). The team faced strong competition from local kura's, including Pauhatanui and Paremata.

The Cubs' had a strong season on the back of their stellar defence, something the team has worked hard on, conceding very few tries during the season. The team continued to develop their range (toolbox) of touch moves, such as 'The Pineapple', Dump & Split, and the 3-Person Drive, all part of their progression as touch players.

The Cubs' best game was the final against old foes Paremata where they stifled the Paremata attack with clinical defence, while scoring some excellent team tries of their own. The Cubs' won the final 6-1.

The Cubs now progress to senior touch next year, and this is a challenge the team is ready for.

Mahi tika ana Cubs. Steven Allerby (Coach)



L2R: Jayden Treeby, TJ Kie Tonga (team MVP), Rocco de Graaff, Tayne Bishop, Keelan Manley (Most Impressive Player), Annie van Son, Liam Duckett (absent)

Year 7/8 Bears

Congratulations to the Adventure School Bears mixed year 7/8 team who won their division in the Johnsonville league at Alex Moore Park (more silverware for the office).

Each player had stand-out moments throughout the season, and it was magic to watch them work hard as a team to get the ball over the line. Lots to be proud of team.

Ka tino pai Bears. Kirsten Thomlinson (Coach)



L2R: Charlie Scott, Connell McIntosh, Huntley Pyke, Poppy Dickson, Skye Ashby, Frank Lunn, Carter Strickland, Kirsten Thomlinson (Coach), Jake Ford (absent), Jorja King (absent)

For 2025 ...



After 5 years of fixed prices, we unfortunately have to increase the prices of our school lunches by 50 cents to reflect our increasing food and labour costs.

We have gone to some length to keep the price increases to the absolute minimum.

From 2025 the prices will be: -

4 inch will move from \$6.50 to \$7.00

6 inch will move from \$7.50 to \$8.00

12 inch will move from \$10.50 to \$11.00

The app will be updated during the holidays and will have the new prices for the start of Term 1 2025. **Please note that from 2025 we will no longer be accepting cash orders using the envelopes.** Please download our app using [this link](#) .

If you need further instructions, please contact the school office.

Thank you again for your continued support this year and we wish you all a Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2025.



Event Calendar - Important Dates



Please be aware some details may change.

TERM FOUR		
Week 9	Thursday 12 December	5.45pm: Year 8 Leavers Dinner
	Friday 13 December	1.45pm: Prizegiving Assembly
Week 10	Monday 16 December	2.15pm: 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

Porirua City Council is proud to present our upcoming Christmas event this Sunday (15th).

With craft stalls and food trucks on Te Rauparaha Park and Pataka from 3.30pm, then we head into the main event – Christmas Carols with Nick Tansley and his band! We will have carol activities on stage from 5.00pm, as well as face painting and activities in Santa's grotto, then from 5.30-7.00pm Nick and his band will get us into the full swing of Christmas with singing and dancing, plus a visit from Santa himself!

If the weather is not on our side, we will bring it all inside Te Rauparaha Arena – so we share the festive cheer whatever the weather!

🌟 Countdown to Christmas with Kai Tahu Porirua! 🌟🎄

- **Dates:** December 13th to December 24th
- **Location:** 20 Parumoana Street, Porirua
- **Cost:** FREE

This event is a celebration of community and the holiday spirit, offering a lineup of **family-friendly activities** including:

- Festive crafts and games
- Live performances
- Delicious treats
- And much more!

It's a wonderful opportunity to bring joy and togetherness to our community. Additionally, this year's festivities will provide a sneak peek into the exciting events planned for 2025!

Spotlight Performing Arts - Your local 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

RĀROA MUSIC CENTRE REGISTRATION FOR 2025

Rāroa Music Centre offers Saturday morning group music lessons for primary and intermediate school children at low cost (\$70 per year + \$40 koha or parent volunteering). We offer music basics, cello, clarinet, drums & percussion, flute, guitar, keyboard, orchestra, recorder, saxophone, ukulele, and violin. You are welcome to come along to see what it's all about. We have our end of year concert on 7th December 2024 at 10:00am.

To register for 2025 visit our website and enrol online. Registrations close 22nd February 2025.

www.raroamusic.org.nz

School Holiday Activities

Xmas 2024 2025 Holiday Programme @ Adventure School

BOOKINGS OPEN Now!!!

17 days of popular and exciting activities await your child (e.g. Trip to Movies, Outdoor Parade, Kapiti Trams, Army Museum plus lots more).

BOOK ONLINE: www.asfc.co.nz or for more information e-mail office@asfc.co.nz

Half day session: 8.30am – 3.30pm, Full Day session 7.30am – 5.30pm

Children from all schools are welcome Holiday Programme @ Adventure School



Porirua City Libraries - Imagine This! Summer Festival, 6-31 January 2025

We are super-excited to announce the *Imagine This!* 2025 festival programme release, packed with bookish, crafty, interactive, musical, dance-happy experiences.

The centrepiece of the programme will be *Imagine a Multicultural Playdate!* on January 22, with multilingual story and song sessions for little ones of all sizes, multisensory craft zones, Scottish harp with a view of the harbour, community-building services and cultural experiences, all in the welcoming environs of our newest and friendliest neighbours, Kai Tahu (just across the road from the library).

Follow behind-the-scenes news and keep up with any updates by joining the Porirua Libraries Facebook page Children's Chat Group

here <https://www.facebook.com/groups/PoriruaLibraryChildrensChat>, or check out the *What's Happening* section of the Porirua Libraries web page here <https://porirualibrary.org.nz/whats-on/>

KELLY SPORTS PRE-XMAS AND JAN HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

PRE-XMAS HP runs from 19-20 December 2024

January HP runs from 13 January -31 January 2025.

We have some exciting days planned including: *Bat & Ball Day, H2O Let's Go!, Dodgeball Mania, Ball Blast, Basketball Stars, Super Summer Sports, Kids Choice, Its all about the Splash, Kiwi Sports Day plus trips to Ice Skating, Ten Pin Bowling and Te Papa, Wgtn Zoo, Awesome Bounce plus Zappo is coming to Kelly Sports and lots more..*

This sports based holiday programme will give your children the opportunity to try different sports, learn new skills, build their self-confidence, and most importantly have a huge amount of FUN.

To enrol www.kellysports.co.nz email adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz or call 021 972 728

BIGAIR GYMSPORTS January Holiday Fun

Kids will enjoy gym circuits, challenges, competitions, free play, structured games, and talent quests.

Contact Info & January Holiday Programme Dates:

- **Bigair Gym Owhiro Bay & Tawa:** 13th – 31st January (3 weeks)
ph. 383 8779, e. wgtn@bigairgym.co.nz at 14 Landfill Road, Owhiro Bay.
- **Bigair Gym Tawa:** 13th – 31st January (3 weeks)
ph. 232 3508, e. office@bigairgym.co.nz at 10b Surrey Street, Tawa.
- **Bigair Gym Kapiti:** 21st – 31st January (2 weeks)
ph. 297 0400, e. kapiti@bigairgym.co.nz at 4 Manchester Street, Kapiti.

Morning, Afternoon and Full Day Sessions available.

Spaces are limited and are already filling up, so we recommend securing your spot early.

Book now at www.bigairgym.co.nz.

KAPITI THUNDER VOLLEYBALL CLUB SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

We are running an exciting THREE days VOLLEYBALL programme here on the Coast on the 15th-17th January 2025.

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

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! 🏐👉👍🥳

Sign up today.

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

AKOTECH CodeCamps Summer Holidays

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: 6th-9th Jan, 13th - 16th Jan

Programs: 4 Day AI & Code Camp Programs

Book Now at www.akotech.nz

Coding NZ

Learn coding languages online with help from expert live tutors

Ages 9-10, 11&12, 13-15, 16+.

1 hour online at either 4pm, 5pm or 6pm. Sessions available between Jan 6 & Feb 9 2025.

Sign up for free at codingnz.com/freeactivity