



Kōwhai Newsletter

Term 1, 2025

Kia ora and welcome back to school!

We've had a great start to the first term! Our initial focus has been on settling into new classrooms, getting to know each other and establishing routines; the children have responded beautifully. **Twenty** new children will start in Kōwhai this term, and we extend a warm welcome to all of them and their families.

The first 3 blocks of our day focus on literacy and mathematics. Other curriculum areas such as science, the social sciences, technology, the arts, and physical education are explicitly taught in the afternoon and also woven into Student-Led Learning times (Learning Through Play). In Year 0/1, children have approx 1.5 hours of Student-Led Learning time, and in Year 2 children have approx 1 hour per day.

Our team is made up of:

Tania Sibley - Room 8, Year 1 - tsibley@adventure.school.nz

Nadine Amorangi - Room 9, Year 1 - namorangi@adventure.school.nz

Rebecca St.Clair - Room 10 / Syndicate Leader, Year 0-1 - rstclair@adventure.school.nz

Amanda-Lee Lemmon - Room 13, Year 2 - alemmon@adventure.school.nz

Cathy Murray - Room 15, Year 2 - cmurray@adventure.school.nz

Vanessa Clark - Kōwhai release teacher

Learning This Term:

Mathematics: Our first focus of the term is Statistics, which includes investigative questioning, data collection, data analysis, and sorting. The contexts for this learning will provide a fantastic opportunity for us to learn more about each other.

Literacy:

We aim to build strong foundations for reading and writing while in the first years. Teachers assess each child's knowledge and skills and then cater for individual needs in areas such as phonemic awareness, letter-to-sound knowledge, fluency, comprehension, handwriting, sentence structure, punctuation.

Physical Education: This term we will build gross motor skills through running, jumping, throwing, and catching games, all while promoting social skills like cooperation and communication. Each session is designed to boost confidence and physical development in a supportive and energetic environment, allowing the children to learn, grow, and enjoy the benefits of physical activity.



*L to R: Tania, Cathy, Rebecca, Amanda-Lee, Nadine.
Inserted: Vanessa Clark.*

Things to know:

- Shared Consumables:
Pencils, student whiteboard pens, hot glue sticks and glue sticks are shared in Kōwhai and we ask that each parent donate \$10 per term so classes can remain fully stocked with these everyday items. The office will send out information as to how you can make your donation.
- Box of Tissues:
If you have not already done so, can you please send a box of tissues to your child's class so we can cater for the winter months ahead. Thank you!
- Parent Helpers: We are on the lookout for parents to help with a number of things in Kōwhai. One of these things is testing children's spelling words (Friday 9-10am). If you are able to help, please let your child's teacher know.
- Toy Sale: On Friday, April 4, Kōwhai are planning a Toy Sale Fundraiser. Please start collecting up any items that you think are appropriate for selling to other school-aged children. You can bring donations in at any time to any Kōwhai teacher. Thanks very much for your support!



KŌWHAI TOY SALE



Friday 4th April



We are ready for your donations **now** so please bring donations to any Kōwhai teacher.

ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS KŌWHAI CURRICULUM RESOURCES.
THANKS SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT!