



Adventure School

Adventure School Newsletter No 1 – 4 February

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

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Welcome Back To School

Kia ora, Namaste, Talofa, Guten Tag, Giddyay, Vannakkam, ni Hao, Bula, Malo e lelei, Kia orana, Mālo ni, Hola, Goeie Dag, Bonjour, Καλημέρα, Sat Shri Akal, Shalom, привет, Assalaam alaikum, Hello!

Kia ora koutou

A very warm welcome to the start of 2025! What a delight to see your children eagerly streaming through the gates this morning!

I know that for many of you, the holiday season was a special time spent with family and friends.

However, I'm aware that this time has not been as joyful for everyone, and our thoughts are with the families who have faced loss, challenge or hardship during the break.

This newsletter is relatively brief, but I wanted to share some important reminders and highlight a few upcoming events with you.



Mihi Whakatau

Today, we welcomed our new staff, children, and their families with a mihi whakatau. This special ceremony brings people together and marks the beginning of their journey as valued members of our school community.



Ngā mihi nui
Tania Cox
Principal – Tumuaki

Welcome to our new students-

KŌWHAI: Jack Humphries-Priestman, Meera Nair, Ethan Ashton, Aniyah Ashfaq, Noah Garbutt, Sofia Johnson, Holly Growden, Maeve Doherty-Jones, Sapphire Stead, Archie Perrin, Kora Tupufia, Kayden Kun, Alexander Lemmon, Jayden Harding, Japnaaz Brar

NĪKAU: Xavier du Plessis, Thivein Suhasvin, Israel Ta'anoa, Esabel Rinu, Rhodes Alexander, Dian Lemmon, Forbes Alexander, Lucia Brown

RIMU: Sloan Alexander, Aldoné Moller, Hans Gumen

TŌTARA: Dyllan Harding, Bilwa Toleti, Ameliah Barker, Clara Dolan, William Mackay, Maryam O'Shaughnessy, Pavitra Toleti



2025 STAFF

Management	
Tania Cox	Principal
Diane Pepperell	Deputy Principal - SENCO for ORS + Yrs 1-4 Learning Support - Oversees Years 0-4
Erica Leggett	Deputy Principal - Rimu Team Leader - SENCO: Yrs 5-8 Learning Support - Oversees Years 5-8

Kōwhai Syndicate (Yrs 1-2)		
Teacher	Yr	Rm
Rebecca St Clair (Team Leader)	NE/Yr 1	10
Nadine Amorangi	Yr 1	9
Tania Sibley	Yr 1	8
Amanda-Lee Lemmon	Yr 2	13
Cathy Murray	Yr 2	15

Nikau Syndicate		
Teacher	Yr	Rm
Toni Bennett (Team Leader)	3/4	1
Richard McQueen	3/4	2
Solé du Plessis	3/4	3
Alesha Wilson	3/4	4
Amy Churchill	3/4	5

Rimu Syndicate		
Teacher	Yr	Rm
Erica Leggett (Team Leader)	-	-
Keegan Martin	5/6	16
Emma Harris	5/6	17
Alisa Schilder	5/6	18
Carla Nickson (Bianca van Berkel Tues)	5/6	20
Andrea Nichols	5/6	21

Totara Syndicate		
Teacher	Yr	Rm
Mark Hughes (Team Leader)	7/8	24
Jen Squire	7/8	25
John Kelleher	7/8	26
Shane Dalton	7/8	27

Teacher Aides	
Andrea Matheson	Catherine Ballin
Fiona Albiston	Joyce Goggin
Taria Kie Tonga	Jasmine Nichols

Part-time Teachers
Bianca Van Berkel (Tues: Rm 20 - Wed: Totara Team Leader + CRT)
Natasha Carrol (Tōtara / Rimu CRT)
Tania Bourke (Nikau Team Leader + Nikau CRT)
Vanessa Clark (Kōwhai Team Leader release + Kōwhai CRT)
Carly St Laurent (ORS / ESOL Teacher)
Laura Treeby (ORS Teacher)
Clare Spencer (Structure Literacy Support Teacher)

Support Staff	
Jean Hutchinson:	Business Manager
Sharon Arrell:	Office Manager
Sharyn Woodmass:	Office Assistant (temporary)
Wilmeri Olivier	Library Assistant
Mikaele Pule	Caretaker/Cleaner

Start of the Year Reminders

Our School Day

The gates are **open from 8.30am** to allow time for teachers to prepare for the day.

School starts at 8.55am. It is important for children to be at school in plenty of time to allow them to organise their belongings and connect with their teacher and friends before the 8.55am bell.

Children arriving **after 8.55am** need to sign in at the office.

			<u>Bell Times</u>	
Gates Open	➔	8.30		
Block 1	➔	8.55 – 10.30	(1 hr 35 mins)	
Morning Tea	➔	10.25 – 10.50	(25 mins)	
Block 2	➔	10.50 – 11.50	(1 hr)	
Brain Break	➔	11.50 – 12.00	(10 mins)	
Block 3	➔	12.00 – 1.00	(1 hr)	
Lunch	➔	1.00 – 1.55	(55 mins)	
Block 4	➔	1.55 – 3.00	(1 hr 5 mins)	

In line with Ministry of Education mandates, attendance and lateness are being tracked and attendance will now be uploaded to the Ministry daily. Please ensure your child(ren) arrive on time and attend regularly to support their learning and success.

If you're struggling at home with getting your child(ren) to school, please talk to us! We're here to support and work together to help your children have a positive start to the day.

Reporting Your Child's Absence

Please notify the school of your child's absence through






Our School Uniform

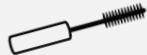


We take great pride in how well our students wear their uniforms and have received plenty of positive feedback from the community. If your child encounters any issues with wearing a part of the uniform, please don't hesitate to reach out to their teacher so we can work together to find a solution.

Our uniform includes the following items-

Tops <i>any combination of the following</i>	Bottoms	Other
Adventure School: -Red zip-up hoodie -Red polar fleece -Red with white polo shirt -Black with white polo shirt <hr/> Year 7/8 - Adventure School Black zip-up hoodie <hr/> Sports hoodies are not part of our school uniform.	- Any plain black bottoms EXCEPT NOT: -denim clothing -logos (eg Nike, Adidas, etc) -patterned, sparkly, studded clothing <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	Hats Adventure School: -School bucket hat -Black or red beanie

Make-up & Jewellery



Please support the school by making sure your children don't wear makeup or unnecessary jewellery to school.

For safety, please do not wear dangling earrings.



Student Cell phones & Smart Watches with Communication Capabilities

- Students are not permitted to use cell phones or smartwatches with communication capabilities at any time while on school grounds. (i.e. As soon as they pass through the school gates.)
- All devices need to be turned off and handed to the class teacher upon arrival at school. They will be kept in the school office and returned at 3pm.
- These devices are not allowed on class trips, camps, sports events, or any other school activities.
- Please note, the school will not be held responsible for any lost or damaged devices.
- If a student uses a personal digital device inappropriately, it will be placed in the office for collection at the end of the day. Repeat incidents result in the device being held by the Principal until a parent or caregiver collects it.
- Parents and students are still able to communicate with each other, when necessary, through the school office.
- Please see our policy on our website.



Food/ Drinks

We encourage healthy eating and drinking of water.



We have a 10 minute "Brain Break" at 11.50am and during this time, children are able to snack on a piece of fresh vegetable or fruit.

Please support our request that children **do not bring** the following items to school:

- Nuts and foods containing nuts
- Chewing gum
- Sweets/ chocolate
- Fizzy drinks
- Birthday celebration cakes / treats



*As we have many children with severe allergies and special dietary requirements, as well as some families who not able to supply such treats to the entire class, **please don't send class***

Toys, Trading Cards & Personal Items

We ask that children don't bring toys or special items to school. These items often cause conflict or distress if they get lost or damaged.

Please note that the school cannot take responsibility for any such items that are lost, damaged, or misplaced.



Please Don't Bring Dogs onto School Grounds

We kindly remind everyone that dogs are not permitted on school grounds at any time, including weekends and outside of school hours, unless they are part of a pre-approved, specialised programme.

This policy helps us maintain a clean and safe environment for our students. Unfortunately, we have encountered issues with messes being left in play areas and on the field, which poses health and safety concerns for our children.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in helping us keep our school grounds clean and enjoyable for everyone.



Sun Safety



Hats

- For sun safety, all children are expected to wear school uniform bucket hats during Term 1 and from Labour Weekend Term 4.
- School bucket hats are available for purchase at the office.



Sunblock

- Although sunblock is available in every classroom, we encourage children to come to school already sun-blocked and then to reapply during the day.



Coming Up



Teacher Meet n' Greet

Thursday 13 February

6.pm-7pm:

Come along with your children to visit their classroom and meet their teacher.

Please be mindful: This is not intended as a time for individual meetings with teachers. Please arrange another time if needed.

I'll be in my office (located in the Nīkau block, opposite the main Office entrance) during this time. Please feel free to stop by to say hello or have a chat – I'd love to see you!



Teacher Only Curriculum Day

Monday 10 March

School will be CLOSED this day.

This is the one of two days allocated by the Government for schools to engage in professional development around the new Mathematics & Statistics curriculum.

Please Note: There will be a second Teacher only Maths Curriculum Day in Term 2 (Tuesday 3 June, the day after King's Birthday).

PARENT EVENING

Raising Resilient Children

Monday 17 March 7-8.30pm

(Adventure School Hall)

Presenter: Kathryn Berkett

Kathryn is a highly regarded national and International speaker and educator specialising in neuroscience, resilience, and mental well-being.

Please save the date!

This year we will be working to build children's resilience so they can face challenges with confidence, adapt to change, and bounce back from setbacks and friendship challenges.

2024 Prizegiving Recipients

Congratulations to our 2024 award recipients, presented at our December Prizegiving

All Round Adventurer Awards – Teacher Chosen

Kōwhai		
Room 8	Yunay Delwadia	Chari Sriram
Room 9	Findlay Boyd	Mackenzie Crockford
Room 10	Mason Swain	Zara Pancha
Room 13	Annebelle Olivier	Charlie Tanner
Room 14	Maddison Hamilton	Leané Fox
Room 15	Aston Spencer	Toby Hyde

Nīkau		
Room 2	Sirui Tran	Quinn Spalding
Room 3	Keisha Gounder	Charlotte McKee
Room 4	Kaulamusu Finau	Sam Allcock
Room 5	Harriet McKay	Ashton Coffey
Room 19	Cressida Timmins	Hunter Gadsby

Rimu		
Room 16	Ash Lavery-Coulson	Annie van Son
Room 17	Keano Moore	Angus Presling
Room 18	Julia Wang	Colton Thompson
Room 20	Jackson Lawrence	Olivia Harris
Room 21	Riley Johnco	Knox McPeake

Tōtara		
Room 24	Moana Kie Tonga	Leo Brell
Room 25	Amelia Clark	Lucas McKee
Room 26	Lily Cox	Anushka van Niekerk
Room 27	Mia Anderson	Layla Starr

All Round Adventurer Awards – Chosen by Class

Nīkau	
Room 2	Emilia Findlay
Room 3	Xara Adip
Room 4	Indigo Eastham
Room 5	Seamus Davidson
Room 19	Arisha Syed

Rimu	
Room 16	Riley Wallace
Room 17	Sienna Timmins
Room 18	Sammy Ourn
Room 20	Jackson Paul
Room 21	Chloe Lieu-Li

Tōtara	
Room 24	Hanley Gilbert
Room 25	Jonty McMullan
Room 26	Riddick Rautenbach
Room 27	Dermott Davidson

Cups & Trophies

Citizenship Awards

Kowhai Citizenship Cup	Cadie Schilder
Junior Citizenship Cup	Sasha Eastham
Nīkau Citizenship	Addison Golder Ruby Woodcock
Rimu Endeavour Cup	Sienna Timmins
Tōtara Citizenship Cup	Riddick Rautenbach

Sports Awards

Rimu Sports Person	Annie Van Son Maisie Forsyth
Tōtara Male Sports Person	Charlie Scott
Tōtara Female Sports Person	Poppy Dickson

Academic Awards

Year 6 Academic	Annabella Rigarlsford
Year 7 Academic	Isabel Dowd
Year 8 Academic	Sumvidh Bharadwaj

The Arts & Performance Awards

Nīkau Creativity Cup	Rosie Hunt
The Performing Arts Cup	Lucas McKee
Kapa Haka Trophy	Takaetali Finau

Resilience Awards

Kōwhai Resilience Cup	Niamh Scott
Junior Resilience Cup	Agustina Marquez
Kia Kaha Cup	Riley Johnco

Manaakitanga Awards

Rangatiratanga Cup	Takaetali Finau
Whanaungatanga Cup	Addison Ibell

Contribution to School Life	Cara Johnstone Dermott Davidson
Principal's Outstanding Adventurer	Ash Lavery-Coulson

2024 HOUSE SHIELD

Longitude – Jonty McMullan (House Captain)

Congratulations!



FREE Dental Checks! Adventure School



The Bee Healthy Dental Mobile will be parked at your school in Term 1 from 3 March to 11 April 2025.

We want all children to have a positive experience when they have a dental check.

Please call us on 0800 825 583 to discuss any special considerations about your child that we need to be aware of. Special considerations may include ASD, sensory issues, developmental delay, anxiety or ADHD.

We would also like to know if your child has a medical condition or is taking medication, we may not be aware of.

Our privacy policy can be found on our website:

<https://www.beehealthy.org.nz/contact-us/privacy-policy/>

If your child is **not** enrolled in the service, please check their bag for an enrolment form. This is to be completed and returned to the school office so that we can see your child for their free annual checkup.

To update your contact details, please call **0800 TALK TEETH (825 583)**

Private Bag 31907 Lower Hutt
www.beehealthy.org.nz | 0800 TALK TEETH (825 583)



Event Calendar - Important Dates

Please be aware some details may change.



TERM ONE		
Week 1	Thursday 6 February	SCHOOL CLOSED – Waitangi Day
Week 2	Tuesday 11 February	7pm: PTNi Meeting in Staffroom – all welcome!
	Thursday 13 February	Yr 7 & 8 Tech begins 6pm-7pm: Whānau Meet & Greet
Week 3	Thursday 20 February	Rimu EOTC Camp Out at School
	Friday 21 February	2pm: Assembly
Week 4		
Week 5	Monday 3 March	5.30: BOT Meeting (Staffroom)
	Friday 7 March	2pm: Assembly
Week 6	Monday 10 March	SCHOOL CLOSED – Teacher Curriculum Day
Week 7	Monday 17 March	7.00 – 8.30pm: Parent Evening: Resilience
	Thursday 20 March	GRIP Leadership Conference (Student Leaders)
	Friday 21 March	School photos 2pm: Assembly
Week 8		
Week 9	Friday 4 April	Kōwhai Toy Sale 2pm: Assembly
Week 10	Friday 11 April	Final day of Term 1

2025 Term Dates

Term One:	Tuesday 4 February – Friday 11 April School Closed: Monday 10 March – Maths Curriculum Day
Term Two:	Monday 28 April – Friday 27 June School Closed: Tuesday 3 June – Maths Curriculum Day
Term Three:	Monday 14 July – Friday 19 September
Term Four:	Monday 6 October – Wednesday 17 December

School will be closed for the following Public Holidays-

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

TERM 1 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

KTVC VOLLEYBALL PROGRAMME TERM 1 2025, registrations open!

Yes! We super happy to announce that are coming back next year with variety of volleyball training offers starting with our regular 8 weeks volleyball programme for kids Y5-Y12.

Registrations open, save your spot nice and early by completing the form below:

<https://forms.office.com/r/jXV6pzM6iX>

Where: Kapiti College Gym

When: Saturdays

8 weeks - starting on 15th February

Sparks - 11am-12pm Y5-Y8 LEARNERS (Learn to play, no developed volleyball skills).

Lightnings - 12pm-1pm Y8-Y10 DEVELOPMENT (Basic understanding of the game and rules, some developed volleyball skills).

Thunders - 1-2.30pm Y9-Y12 ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT, introduction to club practice, adjusted to the age group 1h training/30min game.

Registration Fee:

Sparks - \$65 per programme Lightnings - \$65 per programme Thunders - \$90 per programme

Choose your THUNDER and join the amazing game of volleyball with us!

<https://forms.office.com/r/jXV6pzM6iX>

More information to be released soon, stay tuned.

Head coach - Tania Troian 022 187 1133

TERM 1 2025 ARTY FARTY KIDS

Welcome back everyone to a brand new year of Arty Farty Kids art classes.

Bookings are open for this Junior class!

Starting Saturday 8th February @10.00am - 11.30am

This class caters for 5 - 10 years and through these sessions your child will learn -

- drawing skills
- sketching techniques
- how to use mixed media
- colour theory knowledge

Spaces are limited so please get in touch asap if you would like more info or for your child to join us!

office.artyfartykids@gmail.com

PAUATAHANUI KARATE CLUB

Anchor Church, 1 Joseph Banks Drive Whitby

Monday and Thursday: 4pm-5pm

Ages: 5+

Price: \$50/term

Contact: Sensei Wil: 022 033 5994

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pauatahanuikarate>

A fun, environment for kids to expend energy while learning self-defence and respect for one another.

In these lessons, you will learn basic techniques, punches, kicks and core values of respect and self-discipline that karate teachers while having fun!

Wellington Regional Sailing Champs

Please find details on the web page below for the Wellington Regional Schools Champs, that are to be held at Paremata Boating Club, on Wednesday the 12th Feb, Reserve day is Thursday 13th Feb. (The web page includes the 'Notice of Race' with further details, and the Entry form)

<https://www.paremataboatingclub.org.nz/club-sailing/wellington-schools-regatta-2025>

WORD MTB Youth Adventures

WORD After-School Programmes are starting on 10 Feb! We are a non-for-profit organisation running after-school mountain biking skills sessions and holiday camps! We operate in Central Wellington (Mt Vic and Makara Peak) and Porirua (Rangituhi/Colonial Knob). We have a team of highly trained and first aid certified coaches stoked to take young on the hills and teach them the fundamentals and progression of mountain biking whilst having a ton of fun!

7-17 year olds. Visit www.word.org.nz

BIGAIR GYM

If you haven't booked your child's spot in for Term 1 Gym Classes at Bigair Gym yet, then now's the time! Classes are filling up fast, and some classes are already fully booked. Booking now ensures you get the best price and guarantees a spot in the class! It's super easy – just head to www.bigairgym.co.nz, click on "Book A Class," and secure your enrolment today!

These classes are highly beneficial in building key life skills like resilience, confidence, determination, achievement and the ability to receive and apply feedback – all of which are super valuable for both school and beyond! Here are some of the exciting options to consider:

- **Pocket Rockets Preschool Gym Classes** (3-4 years)
- **Gravity Busters Gym Classes** (5+ years)
- **Team Extreme Gym Classes** (Advanced Gym Classes)
- **Free Running** which is parkour with flips (5+ years)
- **Trampoline** (5+ years)
- **Recreational Cheerleading** (5+ years)
- **Tumbling** (5+ years)

If you have any questions, then we would love to hear from you. Please contact us on:

- **Bigair Gym Tawa:** ph.232 3508, e.office@bigairgym.co.nz at 10b Surrey Street, Tawa.

KELLY SPORTS - SUMMER SPORTS SPECTACULAR – WEDS 3.05PM-4.05PM

For years 0-4, starts Weds 12 Feb 2025

This weekly programme gives children skills and confidence in a fun and enjoyable environment. It also encourages their enthusiasm for sport and the life skills that such involvement brings – giving them confidence to join sports clubs and teams.

This term will focus on 2 week of each of the following sports:

Cricket, Football, Dodgeball, Ultimate Frisbee

To enrol go to www.kellysports.co.nz or for more information email adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz

WIN A NEW BIKE! Porirua the cycling capital of Aotearoa competition

We want you to show/tell us why you think Porirua is the cycling capital of Aotearoa. Be creative and submit your piece using the link below. The winner will win a new bike!

The competition is open now and **closes 24 February**. This competition is for Intermediate and Secondary School Students.

All forms of art are welcome e.g. poems, short stories, pictures, drawings.

[**Enter the competition here.**](#)

All guidelines and T&C's can be found in the link.

LINK to Competition below if you want to add the specific link to any notices

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/bike2025>

Porirua Judo Academy.

Junior Judo. 6-13 years: Mon, Wed, Fri. 5.00 – 6.30pm.

First 4 Lessons Free.

Website: www.porirujudo.org.nz

Email: info@porirujudo.org.nz

Phone: 021 081 983 40

Dojo: Level 1, 11 Cobham Court, Porirua. On top of RMC Steakhouse.