



Adventure School

Adventure School Newsletter

No 2 – 20 February 2025

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 DATES

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Friday 21 February	2pm: Assembly
Monday 3 March	Dental Van onsite (until 11 April) 5.30: BOT Meeting
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Wednesday 5 March	9-10.30: NE Open Morning

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- “Raising Resilient Children”
- 2025 Student Leaders
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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: Ellie Giles

Nikau: Indi Lagah

Rimu: Aylah Deo

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

We are so impressed at how quickly our children have adjusted to a new school year and settled into their classes; it's hard to believe we're already at the end of week 3.

Our teachers enjoyed touching base with families at last week's Meet n' Greet. Children thrive academically and emotionally when they feel supported and connected.

We're looking forward to building our partnership with you and are excited about the positive difference we can make together in your child's learning journey.

Please, if you have any concerns whether it be around learning, social, anxiety, bullying or other, reach out to us so we can work together and address issues quickly.

In most instances, your first point of contact the class teacher before the team leader, or Deputy Principal (Diane Pepperell – Yrs 1-4 or Erica Leggett – Yrs 5-8) or Principal.

Our Teachers as Adventurers!

Our teachers had a fantastic two days together before the start of school. With a focus on fostering resilience in our children this year, we stepped out of comfort zones and immersed ourselves in the world of Makahika Outdoor Pursuit Centre.

I'm really proud of what we achieved, both as individuals and as an adventurous crew! Just as we encourage our children to embrace new experiences, we each faced challenges in our own way—whether it was sleeping in cabins and tents, scaling 14-metre-high poles, or tackling team challenges. We certainly pushed our limits, grew together, and did it all while enduring two days of relentless rain!

It wasn't just about the physical challenges—our two days also included invaluable professional development and wellness workshops with world renown and highly sought-after speaker Sally Duxfield, setting us up for a great year ahead.

Here are some snapshots of our experience-

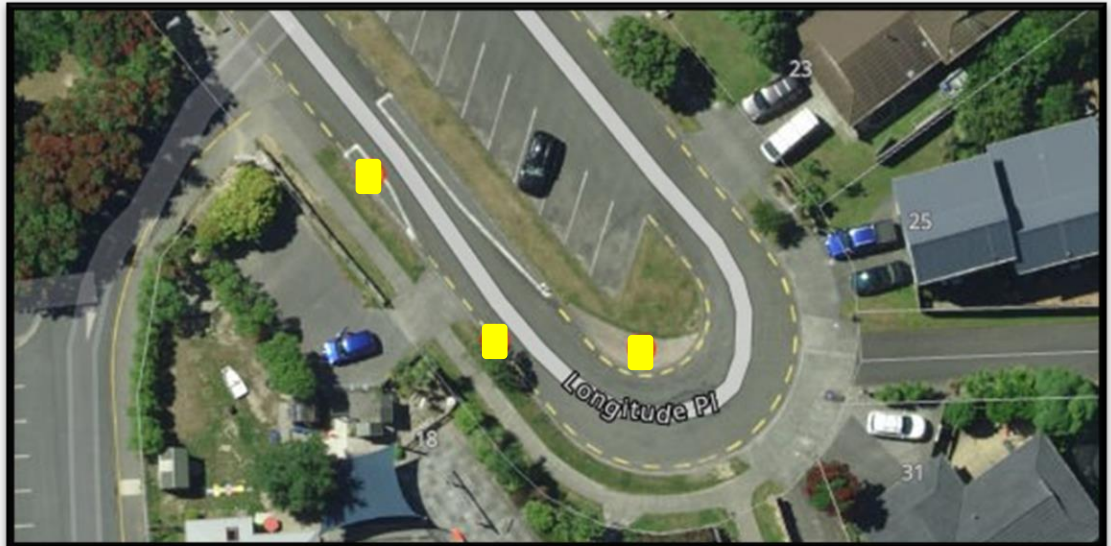




New Porirua Council Parking Safety Trial

During Term 1, Porirua City Council will be funding parking signs for a pilot project over three months to help five trial schools who are having ongoing issues with potentially dangerous parking choices around their schools. Adventure has been selected to take part in this trial which will begin on Monday 24 March.

By reminding everyone about making good parking choices, we hope to increase the safety of our children. We would like to thank Porirua City Council for leading and funding this initiative.



PARENT EVENING

Please don't miss this opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of how we can support the next generation in building strength, adaptability, and emotional well-being. Make sure to set aside the time - you won't regret it!

**Please save
this date!**

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.

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.

Ngā mihi nui
Tania Cox
Principal – Tumuaki

2025 Student Leadership Team

Congratulations to our 2025 Student Leadership Team, elected by their peers and the staff at the end of last year.

HEAD STUDENTS



Lars Fenemor



Scarlett Boyd

HOUSE CAPTAINS

Crowsnest



Lennox Manase

Longitude



Aidan van Niekerk

Latitude



Kayden Chetty

Mainsail



Lavinia Scobie





In the Spotlight

Congratulations

Sebastian Smit

Sebastian competed in the Lower Hutt Athletics Day on the 2nd of February and achieved some great results!

 400m – 2nd Place

 200m – 3rd Place

Then, on 6th February 2025, at the Paraparaumu Athletics Day, he achieved:

 Long Jump – 3rd Place



We would love to celebrate and acknowledge special or personal achievements, so please do share these with us. (Email principal@adventure.school.nz)



Skateboard & Scooter Rules



- Where?:** The marked driveway behind Rooms 18 & 19
Remember to keep to the left and **STOP** at the crossings for pedestrians.
- What?:** Skateboards & Scooters (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday)
NEW Roller Skates & Roller Blades (Wednesdays only)
- When?:** Before school, morning tea & lunch breaks
- Who?:** Anyone, but you must use **your own** skateboard, scooter or roller-skates
- Where do I Store My Wheels?:** In or beside the bike racks.



Let's Be Safe Out There!



Helmets are compulsory. (No helmet... no wheels!)



Please don't go on your wheels around the buildings, on ramps, or up and down the driveway because it makes it unsafe for everyone.

After-school Fun Club may use their wheels from 3.15.

Let's respect the rules so we can keep the privilege and have lots of fun!

Upcoming Events



We are only 5 weeks away (16 March) from the Wellington Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon™, we hope your students are getting excited to give

<http://raceroster.com/events/2025/93893/wellington-weet-bix-kids-tryathlon>

Entries will continue to remain open but participants who enter after this date will need to collect their TRYathlete pack at our Early Pack Pick Up or on the event day

Tough Guy and Gal (Yrs 3-8 only)

Entries are now open for the Annual Junior Tough Guy and Gal event held at Camp Wainui in Wainuiomata. We have a School Team of 125 booked for Wednesday 21 May.

- Parents/Caregivers enter and pay for children online.
- It is VERY IMPORTANT the correct entry/day and venue is selected - Adventure School is booked in to compete on Wednesday 21 May.
- Please select **THE TEACHER WILL PICK UP THE RACE NUMBER** when they come to the bib collection question and write our school's name in FULL - **Adventure School**.
- If these steps are followed every Adventure student that enters will be linked together and everything will be waiting for John Kelleher to pick up from the event registration.
- Please use this link to enter: <https://eventpromotions.co.nz/junior-tough-guy-and-gal-challenge/#top>
- All the information about the event is on this website. Please read all details carefully before entering your child/ren.



Transport

It is the responsibility of the parents/caregivers to organise transport. I suggest you work with other families as there is limited car parking space and this is only made worse by wet conditions.

John Kelleher (Sporting Event Coordinator)

jkelleher@adventure.school.nz

Let's Get Movin' in March!



We're a Movin'March school and counting down to Monday the 3rd of March when we'll start stamping WoW passports at the gate as part of the Walk or Wheel Passport Challenge all through March. Walking or wheeling to school is a great way to get active, know your neighbourhood, kick start learning for the day AND take care of the environment.



Park & Stride

If you live 'too far away' why not try a Park and Stride? You can still get your passport stamped at the gate! It helps reduce congestion around the school gate, gives tamariki exercise and whānau get to share precious moments on the way to or from school.



Kōwhai Toy Sale!

Friday 4 April



Kōwhai teachers are now accepting donations of old toys
All proceeds go towards Kōwhai curriculum resources.



Thanks so much for your support!



icy Friday
ADVENTURE PTNI



**Come and get an ice block
after school on Fridays!**

Icy Friday is run outside the Nikau block every Friday
(weather permitting) in terms 1 & 4.

Ice blocks and icecreams are all \$2 or \$3 each.
You can pay by cash or with a PTNi card purchased
on Kindo.

SAUSAGE sizzle *** COMMITTEE

We need
You!
2025

Friday
28 MAR



We currently have **no people** to run or help with the much loved sausage sizzles!

This means we may not be able run sausage sizzles at all this year.

We really need one (or two?!) people who want to take ownership and run the sausage sizzles **once per term** - you'll need to do things like track orders on Kindo, ordering the food items ahead of the day, and organising the parent helpers to help out on the actual day.

We have all information on how these have been run so it should be fairly straight forward to take over, if you have your own ideas or would like to run things a bit differently then that's ok too!

You **do not** have to be on the PTNi committee to run the sausage sizzles either, so you are not committing to more than sausage sizzles.

If you think this could be something you could help with, please get in touch via email: ptni@adventure.school.nz



MUSIC TUITION in SCHOOL



TUTOR: Mark Hanify | One Man Band

Where: Adventure School

**When: Wednesdays & Thursdays
(during the school day)**



Mark Hanify | One Man Band is a professional musician and itinerant music teacher. He has taught music for more than 20 years in schools across Lower and Upper Hutt including Chilton St James School and Maidstone Intermediate where his band won first place in the 2023 Wellington Intermediate Battle of the Bands.

Mark specialises in guitar, drums, singing, piano and ukulele. Now a Whitby local with children at Adventure School, Mark is offering individual or paired lessons for your child. He is available for tuition at school during school hours each Wednesday and Thursday.

Please get in touch with him if you're interested in lessons for your child.



Mark Hanify - ONE MAN BAND

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www.markhanify.co.nz



SCHOOL POLICIES

Adventure School uses SchoolDocs to maintain a comprehensive, up-to-date set of policies and procedures.

Our SchoolDocs policies can be accessed through the school website under the "Our School" tab.

Reviews

- All school policies are reviewed on a three-year cycle, with some policies reviewed each term.
- Reviews are open to board, staff, and the school community.

2025 Reviews

- All schools will review the Legislation and Administration section and the Curriculum and Student Achievement throughout the year.
- Anyone in our school community can review any policy/procedure that has a red, review flag. (The board has some policies they must focus on.)
- If you would like to give feedback on the following policies, log in to SchoolDocs and follow the review instructions.

TERM ONE

- Health, Safety, and Welfare Policy
- Safety Management System
- Risk Management
- Healthcare
- Worker Engagement, Participation, and Representation
- Recording and Reporting Accidents, Injuries, and Illness



Event Calendar - Important Dates

Please be aware some details may change.



TERM ONE

Week 3	Thursday 20 February	Rimu EOTC Camp Out at School
	Friday 21 February	Lucky Book Club orders close 2pm: Assembly
Week 4		
Week 5	Monday 3 March	Dental van onsite for remainder of term 5.30: BOT Meeting (Staffroom)
	Tuesday 4 March	NE & Yr7 hearing and vision testing
	Wednesday 5 March	9-10.30am NE Open Morning
	Friday 7 March	Yr 7 immunisations 2pm: Assembly
Week 6	Monday 10 March	SCHOOL CLOSED – Teacher Curriculum Day
Week 7	Monday 17 March	7.00 – 8.30pm: Parent Evening: Resilience
	Wednesday 19 March	9-10.30am NE Open Morning
	Thursday 20 March	GRIP Leadership Conference (Student Leaders)
	Friday 21 March	School photos 2pm: Assembly
Week 8	Tuesday 25 March	7pm: PTNI AGM. All welcome.
	Friday 28 March	Sausage Sizzle tbc
Week 9	Monday 31 March	Tōtara - Blake NZ VR visit
	Wednesday 2 April	Tōtara – ASB Sports
	Wednesday 2-Thursday 4 April	Learning Conversations
	Friday 4 April	Kōwhai Toy Sale 2pm: Assembly 6pm: PTNi Colour Run
Week 10	Monday 7 April	5.30pm: BoT meeting
	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

St Patricks College, Silverstream – Year 9, 2026

Try boarding – Year 8 boys register now for one night. 24, 25, 26 February or 10, 11, 13 March.

Registration required: www.stream.school.nz/boarding/try-boarding

Boarding enrolments open 3 March 2025. Day Boy enrolments open 23 May 2025.

Open Day Thursday 22 May 2025. 9-10.30am or 1-2.30pm. For Year 8 boys and their caregivers/parents.

Meet at the School Chapel. No registration is required.

207 Fergusson Drive, Silverstream, Upper Hutt.

Phone 04 939 4224.

Enrolments@stream.school.nz

www.stream.school.nz

Encore Drama Academy (*previously known as Helen O'Grady Drama Academy*)

Encore Drama Academy based in Wellington is all about giving children self confidence to succeed in life. Our classes help build creative thinking and literacy skills while also teaching children positive social skills including effective team interaction, leadership, confidence and public speaking. Our programme also helps every child to develop performance skills, overcome shyness, develop positive self esteem, grow imagination, and make new friends in a fun filled learning environment. After-school classes for 5 – 17 year olds are held in Khandallah, Tawa, Whitby, and Lower Hutt. If you wish to enroll or require more information please visit our website www.encoredramaacademy.co.nz .

Whitby Collegiate Open Day

Sunday 16 March, 11am-1pm

Register online at whitbycollegiate.school.nz

Immediately following our Open Day, our Application and Scholarship Application process will open.

Ko Bu Kan Karate School

Traditional Okinawan Karate

Ko Bu Kan Karate School offers a welcoming and ego-free environment where individuals and families can train together, growing in both physical strength and deeper understanding of traditional Okinawan karate.

Our structured yet engaging approach blends discipline with fun, incorporating games, drills, and katas to make learning both effective and enjoyable. With a strong focus on real-world self-defence rather than competition, we teach students not just how to defend themselves but also how to avoid conflict altogether.

Our classes cater to all skill levels, ensuring that each student progresses at their own pace while benefiting from a supportive community. Beyond physical fitness and coordination, our training fosters confidence, leadership, and teamwork—essential life skills that extend far beyond the dojo.

Whitby Dojo: Anchor Church, 1 James Cook Drive

School Term Thursdays: 6pm early class, 7 pm later class

Contact: Adam Lang, 021 499 587, adamlang@ryukyu.nz

Children's Day in Porirua celebrating all things heroic

Heroes can be found in the most unlikely places, and on Sunday 2 March you'll be able to find loads of them at Porirua City Council's free Te Rā o Ngā Tamariki/Children's Day event.

Celebrations of the annual day recognising our tamariki will run from 11am-3pm at Ngāti Toa Domain. The theme for the day is 'Celebrating Our Heroes' – this could be everyday heroes, superheroes or community heroes, and hopefully the event will inspire some heroes of tomorrow.

Visitors of all ages are encouraged to dress up as their favourite type of hero, with lots of cool prizes to be won.

"Children are such an important part of our city, and as about 40 per cent of Porirua's population is younger than 25, it's only fair that we use this day to put them first," says Porirua Mayor Anita Baker.

"Celebrating all things heroic will give tamariki the chance to meet everyday heroes from our community, such as those who work hard for our emergency and health services, and our environmental heroes too."

Attendees can meet and chat with representatives from local emergency services, Plunket, Bee Healthy, Ora Toa, surf lifesavers, Predator Free, and Nonstop Solutions.

There will also be loads of opportunities for tākaro/play activities for all ages – from a preschool area to giant games, a colouring station, free face painting, and many, many inflatables. We will also have an exciting stage line up with performances from local dance schools.

More info: poriruacity.govt.nz/childrensday

SWPT Acro dance

SWPT is a locally owned and operated Acrobatic arts and dance studio, which caters for ages from 2.5-adults

Please go to www.swpt.co.nz for more information