



Adventure School

**An Invitation to Adventure School's Mihi Whakatau for
New Students and their Whānau
Nau mai, haere mai**

Thursday 18 February 2021

Dear families,

Adventure School warmly invites you and your whānau to our mihi whakatau on **Wednesday 24 February**. It is an opportunity for the whole school to formally welcome you and your child(ren). Due to CoVid 19 we have been unable to hold a welcome since February of 2020 and a lot of pupils have joined our ever-growing kura since then!

An Outline of the Process:

- Children go to class as usual
- 8:45am – Briefing for adults under the shade cloth in Kōwhai Syndicate's courtyard.
- 9:00am – New students rejoin adults under the shade cloth
- 9:10am approx- Staff and senior students will lead the karanga and the haka 'Te Waka' as new families walk down the centre aisle of the hall.
- New students and whānau will sit on mats at the front of the hall.
- Principal, John Wootton, will speak, formally welcoming you to Adventure School, followed by the school waiata, 'You Can Count on Me'.
- Someone will speak on behalf of new families (if you would like to do this please email Carl McManaway cmcmanaway@adventure.school.nz). New families will echo the waiata 'E Toru Ngā Mea', led by staff and senior girls.
- Our Head Boy and Head Girl will speak, supported by the waiata, 'Ma te Mahi Ka Ora'.
- At this point formalities will be over and following a short address by Principal, John Wootton, new families will be individually greeted by staff and Board of Trustees representatives (a handshake rather than a hongī in these CoVid times).
- Refreshments will be served in the hall for all new students and their whānau. At approximately 10am, students will return to their classes.

For catering purposes, **please RSVP** to the school office by this Monday 22 February indicating the number of adults attending.

Phone: 04 234 7220

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Ngā mihi,
John Wootton
Principal