



Adventure School

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Welcome to our new students. It's great to have you join our Adventure family!

Rm 7: Penelope Penno, Micah Treeby, Kyras Marunui, Laura Tan and Charlie Degerholm

Rm 9: CJ McKee, Emilie Monrad, Emilia Findlay, Zachary Senior, Chelsea Chhim

Rm 10: Rorie Bishop, Kaulamusu Finau, Aagas Virk, Charlotte Fraser, Asher Anderson, Summer Connor, Florence Cross, Keisha Gounder

Rm 13: Jessica Harrauld

Rm 14: Addison Parish

Rm 17: Yula van Eck

Rm 20: Takaetali Finau

Rm 21: Zarna Parish & Hailen Tauroa

Rm 24: Benjamin Hooker

Rm 25: Bertie van Eck

Rm 26: Tomiteau Finau

From our Principal



Kia ora koutou e te whānau
Whakataka te hau ki te uru,
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga.
Kia mākinakina ki uta,
Kia mātaratara ki tai.
E hī ake ana te atākura
He tio, he huka, he hauhu
Tihei mauri ora

Welcome back for the year A.D. 2021. A year we hope will be unadulterated by Covid 19 restrictions or building projects. I have to say it's great to be back and there is a sense of excitement around the school. At this time of year there is always talk of the holidays being too long, or that the length of holidays doesn't reflect modern society, with both parents working and teachers have easy and so it goes. I know those are not the thoughts of this community LOL. I'll leave that debate to others Anyway, we have had a great break, and are certainly ready to get into the teaching year with a high degree of excitement and purpose.

Relationships

On one of our teacher's only days, I briefly shared some thoughts on the influence our teachers have on students every day. Interactions - not just through delivering the curriculum - but through discussion on norms, values, beliefs or just chit chat, in the class and in the social environment, have a huge impact on tamariki.

As teachers and wider staff members, we all know that it isn't just what we say that is important; it is what we do. A teacher's influence and credibility is defined by the way they "Walk the Talk."

Children want to know that their teacher cares for them, values them and really wants to get to know them. We want our children coming to school knowing how much they are cared for. The Adventure Way underpins our values and beliefs and is the language of our school.

Our staff are aware of the awe-inspiring responsibility of helping to shape young lives. It is a privilege. We care deeply about our children and the building of relationships that engender the trust, engagement, belief that leads to quality learning and the exposing of passion.

E.R.O.

Adventure School is due for its first interaction with the Education Review Office since 2016. With a new approach from ERO in place, we can expect future reviews to be far more positive, cooperative, co-constructed experiences.

We are part of a trial 75-school review process and we will work with one "Evaluation Partner", over a yet to be determined period of time.

This new process is in the formative stages and is still evolving. We will begin work with our "Evaluation Partner", early in Term One.

2020 Year Eight School Leavers

It is a tradition that, at the final assembly of each school year, all the families whose association with the school is ending, have the family name read out. This occurred as usual last year, except that the year eight families were not read out.

This was an internal error, for which I accept full responsibility and I apologise to the families affected.

I would like to acknowledge those families in this newsletter and thank them for their contribution to the school.

Families-

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|-------------|--|---------------------------|----------------------------|------------|
| ■ Ammundsen | ■ Begg-Smith (Julie - PTNi / Julian - BOT) | | | |
| ■ Ashton | ■ Churchill (Amy - Staff) | ■ Freeman (Karen - Staff) | | |
| ■ Healy | ■ Justice | ■ Jiang | ■ Liu | ■ Medeiros |
| ■ Middleton | ■ Noon | ■ Ohlson | ■ Robertson (Leigh - PTNi) | |
| ■ Walker | ■ Trudgeon-Collins | | | |

SOME REMINDERS

Parents / Students Before School

These before school protocols are consistent throughout our Kahui Ako-

- School gates will not open until 8.30am
- Students and parents should not enter the school before 8.30am
- Students should not be arriving before 8.30am

We have Before School Care for children who need to supervision before 8.30am. Students not at before school care they should not be arriving before 8.30am.

Traffic on Longitude Place

Like many schools, we have congestion and parking issues before and after school. We accept that the lack of parking and pick-up space on Longitude Place is a frustration but we also need to accept that the safety of our children is paramount. It is therefore important that, as a matter of safety, I remind parents of our expectations in relation to pick up, drop off and parking behaviour.

- The school drive is closed so cars should not come into the staff car park to drop off, pick up or park.
- The school drive is closed between 3pm and 3.15pm for all staff and service vehicles (unless there is an emergency)
- Parking is restricted on Longitude Place so please observe the 2min parking signs and please do not park over driveways or on the grass / concrete verge at the top of the cul-de-sac.

Parking on Discovery Drive and walking up the hill to school will help keep our children safe and it has many health benefits. Even if it is raining, it's only water.

Children Crossing Longitude Place

Between 3pm and 3.20 pm the traffic density on Longitude Place and The Mainsail is very heavy. For the safety of our children, we ask that:

- ➡ Parents do not let children cross to the angle parks in Longitude Place unsupervised.
- ➡ Children walk around the cul-de-sac to get to the parallel parks opposite the angle parks.
- ➡ If children are turning right on to Discovery Drive, they should be walking around the cul-de-sac then down the right-hand side, not crossing by way of the angle parks.
- ➡ If children are turning left on to Discovery, they walk down to Mainsail where the crossing is monitored
- ➡ Parents should not be crossing Longitude Place with their children, please walk around the cul-de-sac.

Parking - Lakeside Shops

Please be aware of the needs of local businesses around customer parking.

We have had a complaint that some of our parents are parking down at Lakeside Shops to wait for their children after school, and consequently this has had an impact on their customers.

Nō reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.

John Wootton
(Principal)

2021 Student Leadership Team

Congratulations to our 2021 Student Leadership Team, elected by their peers and the staff at the end of last year.

HEAD BOY

Darius Alefosio



HEAD GIRL

Ashleigh Neal



HOUSE CAPTAINS

Crowsnest

Izzy Vaughan-Wilde



Longitude

Daniella Star



Latitude

Gal Becher



Mainsail

Waylon Jones



Open Evening

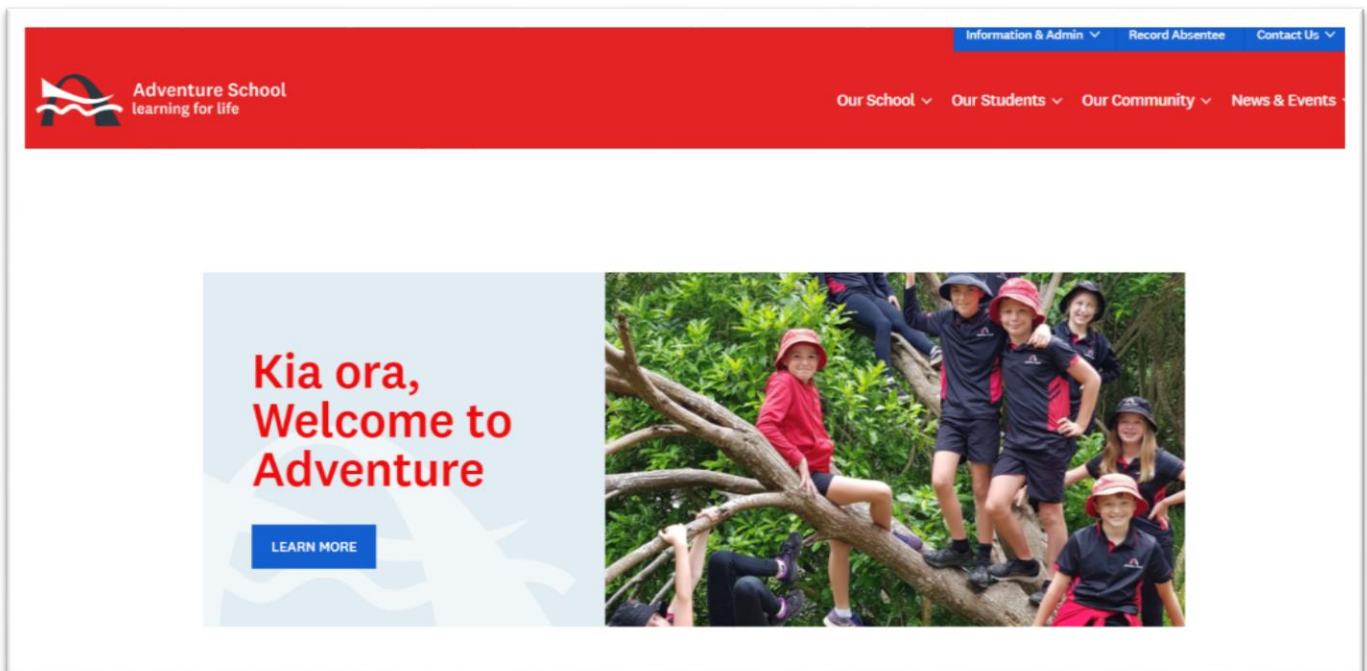
We are looking forward to meeting you with your children at our Open Evening next week.

Classrooms will be open between 6.00 and 7.30pm. It will be a great opportunity to have a look around classrooms, introduce yourself to your child's teacher and other syndicate teachers, as well as meet and mix with other parents.



New School Website

We are very proud of our new website... check it out! <https://www.adventure.school.nz/>



Just a Reminder ... Rules around School

Student Cellphones

Cellphones are not to be used once students have entered the school grounds in the morning or before 3pm. They must also be turned off during this time. The school will not take responsibility for lost or damaged phones.

Cellphones are not permitted on class trips, camps or sporting events.

Years Three to Six Students:

- Cellphones must be handed to the class teacher at the start of the day.
- They will be kept in the school office and returned at 3pm.

Year Seven and Eight Students

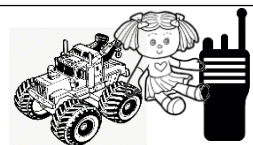
- Cellphones may either - be left in school bags, turned off or handed to the class teacher to lock away.
- Phones in schoolbags must not be accessed during the day.



Toys & Personal Items

We ask that children do not bring toys and precious items to school.

The school can take no responsibility for any such items if they go missing or are damaged.



Dogs

Dogs are not permitted on school grounds. The only time dogs may be allowed at school is as part of a specialised, pre-arranged programme.



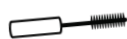
Scooters & Skateboards

Children are welcome to bring scooters and skateboards to school. This does not include roller-skates or shoes with built-in wheels. For safety, they are not permitted to ride them on the school driveway.

- The wearing of helmets are compulsory. (No helmet, no scootering/ skateboarding)
- Children must use their own gear.
- Where: The sealed area from the top field steps and behind Rimu block.
- When: Morning tea & lunch breaks only
- Storage: The bike racks by the gate or behind the hall.



Make-up & Jewellery



Please support the school by ensuring your children do not wear makeup or unnecessary jewellery to school. For safety, please only wear studs as earrings.



Clothing & Footwear



We have a school uniform that our children wear with pride. Please check our Uniform page on the website for details.

It is important children wear suitable footwear for playing and physical activities. For safety please follow these guidelines –

- no jandals, slides or “wheelie” shoes
- Year 7 & 8 children attending Technicraft must have enclosed footwear.

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:

- Chewing gum
- Sweets/ chocolate
- Carbonated drinks
- Birthday celebration cakes / treats



As we have many children with severe allergies and special dietary requirements, as well as some families not able to supply such treats to the entire class, please do not send class birthday cakes or treats to school.

Keeping Our Kids Safe

Severe Nut Allergy

Just a reminder, Adventure is a "Nut Free" school as we have a number of children with severe and life threatening allergies to nuts. For some of these children, coming into contact with nuts or nut products, even by touching nut residue left on surfaces, can trigger a life threatening allergic reaction.

We take every practical precaution to keep these children safe and we really appreciate your understanding in this matter. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us.



Keeping Our Kids Safe



Sun 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.



Civil Defence Food Supplies

Important!

Emergency Food Supplies

As a school, we are well prepared for a Civil Defence emergency. To replenish our stock of emergency food we would really appreciate your support in sending the following to school with your child-

WHAT: 2 tins of food per child (any sweet or savoury)

Please Note: Tinned food only (**non-perishable only**)

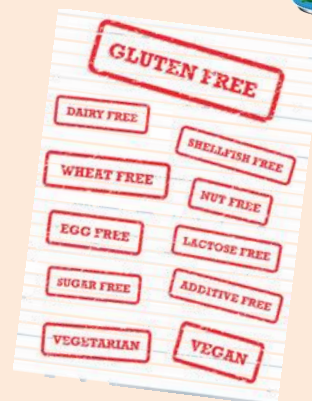
Please don't personally name these as they will go into the school communal pool of emergency food.

For Special Dietary Requirements only

Please write child's name on tinned food and send in a separate bag, clearly named, with dietary requirement or condition stated.

WHEN: before Friday 26 February please

WHERE: your child's classroom



Sports Spot - Up-coming Events

Weet-Bix Tryathlon – Wednesday 17 March



Adventure School has a team organised for the WeetBix Tryathlon in Hutt City on Wednesday 17th March. If you want to be part of this team please enter and pay online using this link. <https://tryathlon.co.nz/locations/hutt-city/>

After choosing one of the entry options, you will have the opportunity to search for and join your SCHOOL GROUP: Adventure School.

Tough Guy and Gal - Thursday 27 May

Entries are now open for the Annual Junior Tough Guy and Gal event held at Camp Wainui in Wainuiomata. We have a School Team booked for Thursday 27th May. A permission slip for this event will be sent out towards the end of the term - but get your entries in now before it fills up!



Junior Sports League Porirua

Term 1

Volleyball: Monday @ Te Rauparaha Arena

Registration closes 17th February

Game dates: 22nd February - 5th April

The games are 4 vs 4 - with a skill session held before each match. Minimum of 4 and maximum of 8



Ki-o-rahi: Tuesday @ Cannons Creek Park or Wednesday @ Onepoto Park

Registration closes 17th February

Games dates 23rd & 24th February – 1st April.

The games are played for 2 10 minute halves with 8 players per side. Minimum of 8 and maximum of 10

If you are interested in organising a team of students to compete in either of these sports please email me tbennett@adventure.school.nz and I will give you more information and I will register the teams. The fee for each team is between \$60 and \$120 and this would need to be collated and paid by those involved in the sport. The students play in their year groups; Year 1&2, Year 3&4, Year 5&6 and Year 7&8. Each team will need to have parent that is willing to manage/coach.



Important Dates for Your Calendar

Please be aware some details may change



TERM ONE		
Week 3	Monday 15 February	6.30pm: BOT Meeting (Staffroom)
	Wednesday 17 February	6.00-7.30pm: Open Evening
Week 4	Monday 22 February	Year 8 – Gardasil vaccinations Rimu Syndicate EOTC week
	Wednesday 23 February	9.15: Mihi Whakatau
	Thursday 24 February	Rimu Syndicate Sleepover at school
Week 5		
Week 6	Friday 12 March	School Photos 5.00pm: School Duathlon
	Wednesday 17 March	Weet-bix Tryathlon
	Friday 19 March	Yr 2-4 Athletics
Week 8	Tuesday 23 March	Yr 2-4 Athletics pp
Week 9	Monday 29 March	Yr 1 Athletics
	Tuesday 30 March	Learning Conversations
	Wednesday 31 March	Learning Conversations
	Friday 2 April	Good Friday (School closed)
Week 10	Monday 5	Easter Break (school closed)
	Tuesday 6 April	
Week 11	Friday 16 April	Last day of Term One

2021 Term Dates

Term One:	Friday 5 February - Friday 16 April
Term Two:	Monday 3 May - Friday 9 July
Term Three:	Monday 26 July - Friday 1 October
Term Four:	Monday 18 October to Thursday 16 December

School will be closed on the following days:

Waitangi Day:	Monday 8 February
Easter:	Friday 2, Monday 5 & Tuesday 6 April
Queen's Birthday:	Monday 7 June
Labour Day:	Monday 25 October
Teacher Only Day	Friday 17 December

Community Notices

Goodtime Music Academy

Goodtime Music Academy is taking enrolments for 2021 in-school music lessons now. If you want your child to be a part of these award winning music lessons, and may not want to commit to taking your child anywhere after school, then in-school lessons may be the solution for you. Learn in a group setting, and choose between Drums, Guitar, Keyboard, Ukulele. Or try their 'Intro to Music' course. Please visit www.goodtimemusicacademy.co.nz/learn-at-school to enrol and enquire. You can also call them on 04 568 2237. Spaces are limited so get in quick!

BigAir Gymsports

Children LOVE learning how to Cartwheel, Round-off, Handspring and Flip at BIGAIR GYMs Classes! Children develop strength, flexibility, balance, proprioception, plus determination and self-confidence as they achieve new skills! BIGAIR's GYMNASTICS, TUMBLING, FREE RUNNING & TRAMPOLINE classes are excellent for fun and fitness! We focus on safety, technique, fundamental skills, right through to more advanced skills, such as summersaults and twisting. Bigair Gym is a clean, pristine, exciting, kid friendly, state of the art gym facility! Our experienced coaches run structured & fun gym classes. Children learn amazing life skills through these classes, including self-confidence, achievement, determination, persistence, pride and how to respond proactively to feedback. Classes start on 1st FEB, so don't miss out! Book for Term 1 NOW at www.bigairgym.co.nz, or contact Bigair Gym Owhiro Bay 383 8779 wgt@bigairgym.co.nz, or Bigair Gym Tawa 232 3508 office@bigairgym.co.nz.

ARTY FARTY KIDS LTD - are running these classes in Term 1

Come along and join us for some creative fun!

For further information please contact Sara Rich -

office.artyfartkids@gmail.com

Message me directly on my Arty Farty Kids FB page or text 022 174 8558.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

KELLY SPORTS TERM 1

Kelly Sports will be back in Term 1 with their fun and exciting classes. Kelly Sports encourages children to have fun, build confidence and to give sport a go. We believe that sport and physical activity has so much to offer young people; it improves fitness, develops communication skills, team work and gives them a place to channel their energy.

Super Summer Sports! (Years 0-4) – Wednesday's 3.05pm-4.05pm - Come and try the following sports: **Tball, Dodgeball, Handball, Touch Rugby and Athletics!**

It's a great way to try new sports, learn new skills and improve ability. We use games & drills to teach game sense and team play. Your child will learn the fundamental skills for all sports – throwing, running, jumping, striking, balance and many more – all while having a great time!

For full details and to enrol into our programmes

visit www.kellysports.co.nz email adminwgt@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201.

The Academy Dance and Stage School is opening in 2021 based in Porirua.

This new and exciting school offers a variety of classes for anyone aged 3 years old and up – including ADULT DANCE CLASSES!!

With 20 years' experience in the DANCE world, Emily & Jo (The Directors) are fully qualified and recognised internationally, as well as here in NZ.

BALLET-TAP-JAZZ-CONTEMPORARY-COMPETITION WORK-SINGING-ACTING-HIP HOP

Head to www.theacademy.dance to see full details & enrol TODAY!!

WE CAN'T WAIT TO MEET YOU !!!!!!!