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Our children will discover who they can be

THE ADVENTURE WAY

We learn ... We care... We act...

Curious

Creative

Collaborative

Self-directed

Self-aware



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

Room 7 Maxwell Rigarlsford & Dhruv Jey

Room 10 Patrick Bexley

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

At the time of writing this newsletter, we were preparing for our Mihi Whakatau. Any images and comment on our mihi will appear in our next newsletter.

This is Rimu Syndicate's E.O.T.C. week. The planning for this week was compromised by our brief but disruptive foray into Alert Level 2. However Donna and the team have pulled together an exciting week with the Battle Hill tramp, and the sleepover culminating in the picnic morning tea at Adventure Park on Friday. Great bonding for Rimu.

The Hidden Curriculum

In the last newsletter, I spoke about relationships and alluded to the hidden curriculum.

The Hidden Curriculum refers to the unwritten, unofficial, and often unintended lessons, values, and perspectives that students derive, from their daily interactions with their teacher and other teachers they come into contact around the school. The academic, social, and behavioural expectations established by schools and educators that communicate messages to students. A teachers regard for respecting authority, respect for other pupils' opinions, ideals, punctuality, aspiring to achieve, having a 'work ethic', love of literature, music, dance are examples of how relationships through the hidden curriculum can have a huge impact on students

Teaching Dreams (A Poem By C.W.Morris)

Some Nights
Students Return to me
Like Salmon to their spawning bed
They shake my hand
And sit across from me
And tell me what they have done
And what they will soon be doing
I remember their names
And just where each one sat
In my classroom
Still, when they tell me
What they learned
It's not what I remember teaching

The poem captures the reality of the school day and how children take so much out of "The Hidden Curriculum". The interactions that happen every day, outside of the literacy, numeracy curriculum. A passion may be evoked in a child through a casual, interaction with a teacher they know cares for them.



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

John Wootton
(Principal)

Open Evening - new date

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

Classrooms will be open between **6.00 and 7.00pm**. 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.



Congratulations!



Congratulations to Isabelle and Pat on the birth of their gorgeous baby Louis Kai Mahoney, born on the 2nd of February, weighing 3.5 kgs (7pounds 11oz).

When asked what Louis's favourite toy was, Pat would say a "toy chainsaw"!

His favourite song would be - You are my Sunshine by Johnny Cash.

We are all very much looking forward to meeting Louis!



Thankyou!



We would like to thank Chris, Jane and Mark from Abstract Design for the generous donation of the stunning Korowai (cloak) in our reception area.

Abstract Design are a local company – all their products are designed and manufactured in New Zealand.

Their shop in Cuba Street, Wellington has some wonderful artistic and practical pieces to choose from.

<https://www.abstractdesign.co.nz>



Update from the PTNi

Kia ora Kotou and Greetings from the PTNi

Duathlon news: Unfortunately, we have decided to cancel the 2021 Duathlon that was due to be held on 12 March. A combination of lack of momentum from last year's lockdown and the recent changing Alert Levels meant we were concerned we wouldn't be able to hold a quality event. We apologise to those looking forward to it and ask them to hold onto that enthusiasm until the next Duathlon in March 2022. Thanks also to all those who let us know they would be able to help on the day.

Planning is underway for the return of the **Disco** and **Sausage Sizzles**. We are always keen to hear your feedback and welcome ideas about community and fundraising events.

Please contact us on ptni@adventure.school.nz

Our next meeting is 2 March, all are welcome.



Turning 5?

Is your child turning 5 in the not so distant future? If yes, please come in or call the office to let us know as soon as possible. We are beginning to forward plan student placements and teachers for 2021 and this information is crucial.

We accept enrolments from 4 years old so please, as soon as your child turns 4, let the office know.

Movin' March

Movin' March is almost here!



What is it? An initiative to promote being active by walking, biking and scooting to school.

When is it? 1st – 31st March.

What do I do?

Every child will be given a Movin' March Wow Passport Challenge card (similar to the one shown) at the gate when they walk or wheel to school. Children need to keep it safe and every time they arrive at school the card will be clicked by a Rimu helper at the gate. Once the card is complete, return to Mrs St. Clair in Room 8 for your prize – make sure it has your name and details on the back!



Want to know about other ways you can get your children involved in Movin' March or other competitions?

<https://www.facebook.com/movinmarch>



REMINDER : Emergency Food Supplies

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

KOWHAI SPOT

Kowhai - Learning Through Play

The **Adventure Way** is woven through all aspects of our day to ensure our students develop the skills needed in the changing workforce of the 21st Century. Every day students are supported to further develop their creativity, curiosity, collaborative skills, self-awareness and ability to be self-directed. Here are some photos of children practicing **Collaboration**.



Discover who you can be... COLLABORATIVE ADVENTURERS



Work as a team in
learning and play

We:

- have respectful conversations
- contribute ideas
- listen to others
- understand others may see things differently
- are tolerant and empathetic
- negotiate and compromise

listen
contribute
whanaungatanga
compromise
manaaki
envision

Seek your own path... Whāia te ara tika



Kowhai 2nd Hand Toy Sale



Do you have toys that no-one
plays with anymore?

Kowhai wants them!!



Kowhai is having a Second Hand Toy Sale
Please start gathering up unwanted toys that you would like
to donate for literacy resources.



Any toys you would like to donate can be given to a
Kowhai teacher between the 22nd March and 1st April

When: Friday 9th April

Where: The School Hall



Important Dates for Your Calendar

Please be aware some details may change



TERM ONE		
Week 6	Thursday 25 February	Rimu Syndicate Sleepover at school
	Friday 26 February	Rimu Syndicate – Adventure Park morning tea
Week 5	Tuesday 2 March	9.00: NE /Y7 hearing & vision test 7.30pm: PTNi meeting. All welcome
Week 6	Monday 8 March	6.30: BOT Meeting
	Wednesday 10 March	6.00-7.00pm: Open Evening
	Thursday 11 March	Girls Futsal Tournament (Y3-8)
	Friday 12 March	School Photos
Week 7	Wednesday 17 March	Weet-bix Tryathlon
	Friday 19 March	Yr 2-4 Athletics (Adventure Park)
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

Porirua City Football Club is taking registrations for all age groups for mixed boys and girls for season 2021. First Kicks programme for 5 & 6 years starts on Sunday 2nd May at 9.30am on Postgate School sports field. First Kicks cost \$60.00 (includes Reg \$20 + Club shirt \$40.00) Teams from 7th grade and above start on 10th April, costs depends on grade, POA. If your son/daughter is keen to join or you know of anyone who is keen, email Steve at poriruacityfootballclub@gmail.com to register your interest. We will be having a registration night later in February, to be confirmed. You can also visit our website www.poriruacityafc.co.nz

PAREMATA-PLIMMERTON JUNIOR RUGBY REGISTRATIONS 2021

We would like to invite all returning and new players to now register for the 2021 junior rugby season! Starting from our awesome nursery grade to U13's, we also have rippa rugby available in all grades so if you love the game but aren't sure about playing tackle rugby, sign up to one of the rippa rugby teams! A great way to stay in the game.

Registrations are now open online!! GO TO: www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/142956

Once you have registered online, come to one of our rego days to collect your playing top and weigh-in if playing tackle rugby in U8's and up!

REGO DAYS @ our clubrooms at Ngati Toa Domain

Tues 9th March 5.00 – 7.00 pm

Sat 13th March 9.00 – 11.00 am

Wed 17th March 5.00 – 7.00 pm

Come and be part of one of the best clubs in town! Follow us on Facebook and add yourself to the PPRFC Group page for more updates and if you have any queries, email: juniorconvener@pareplimrugby.co.nz

Summer Smash

Summer Smash is on in Porirua and we would love for your school to get involved! Summer Smash is quick, fun 6-a-side cricket games for girls only and every participant receives a free t-shirt!

No prior experience necessary and all equipment and coaching is provided.

Days: Wednesdays, March 10, 17, 24, 31

Times: 4-4.45pm. Registration and warm up activities available from 3.20pm

Location: Bernie Wood Turf, Ascot Park

Cost: FREE!

Teams: Enter in school teams of 6

Age: School Years 3-6

To register email frances@cricketwellington.co.nz

A parents and siblings zone will be set up to keep adults comfortable and offer activities for non-participating children.

Helen O'Grady Drama Academy Drama Classes. For over 40 years. Our international curriculum will help explore performance skills and creativity, overcome shyness, develop positive self esteem, grow imagination, , make new friends and have lots of fun. Fun after-school classes for 5 – 17 year olds held in Khandallah, Tawa, Whitby, Lower Hutt,. To enroll or for more information please phone 0800 161 131 or visit www.helenogradynz.co.nz.

Upper Hutt Roller Skating Club are having a Beach theme roller disco 13 March 2021

6.30 – 8.30pm. Cool music, cold drinks, pizza snacks.

Skaters entry - \$10, members \$6, free skate hire.

Upper Hutt Roller Skating Club, 4a Railway Road, Upper Hutt.

½ Price Kids Entry at Staglands on Children's Day

Staglands Wildlife Reserve will be celebrating Children's Day on Sunday 7th March by offering ½ PRICE ENTRY into The Reserve for ALL CHILDREN.

In addition to their usual attractions visitors can enjoy free off-road tractor-trailer rides. So if you are looking for a fun Children's day outing for the whole family; meet at Staglands and Connect with Nature on Sunday 7th March.

*Offer is not available with any other offer. Children (0-16 years) must be accompanied by paying adult.

For more information visit www.staglands.co.nz