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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 10: Aira Patel & Taylor Booth

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

I hope you all had an enjoyable and restful Easter. When we are back on the 7th April the clocks will have gone forward so we can start getting used to the concept of darkness and winter. We have eight days of the school term left before heading into the April holidays. It is unusual, these days, for Easter to fall outside of the holiday period so you can be excused for feeling as if school has been an irritating necessity between holiday breaks over the last couple of weeks.

As this is the last newsletter of the term, I wish you all a happy and restful holiday in much the same vein as I did at the start of this paragraph.

Tania Cox

Last week we celebrated our wonderful D.P. Tania Cox's birthday. Nothing special about that in as much that we acknowledge all our staff birthdays. What was special was that it provided us with an opportunity to recognise what an exceptional person Tania is, how much she loves this school and how she goes well over and above the call of duty for this school community.

An Abridged Version of our Dedication to Tania

This day provides us with an opportunity to acknowledge Tania as a person, as a professional of the absolute highest order and, as such, someone whose personal attributes of care, empathy and professional capability set her apart. Every school needs a Tania, but not every school has a Tania. Plenty of schools have good, capable DP's but few are blessed in the way we are.

Tania will do everything she can to develop not only a professionally outstanding environment but also a culture where people enjoy working and being together.

Tania will say privately that she does everything she does because she loves teaching, she loves her job and she loves this school. She doesn't articulate that to all and sundry and it's not written on her forehead and she doesn't wear a badge but it is manifest in everything that she does, her actions speak for her and that is why we have grasped this opportunity today.

The greatest accolade I - as the school Principal - can give, is that it is through Tania's wholesale commitment and dedication that I am able to do the things around the school that I want to do and the things beyond the school that I have to do.

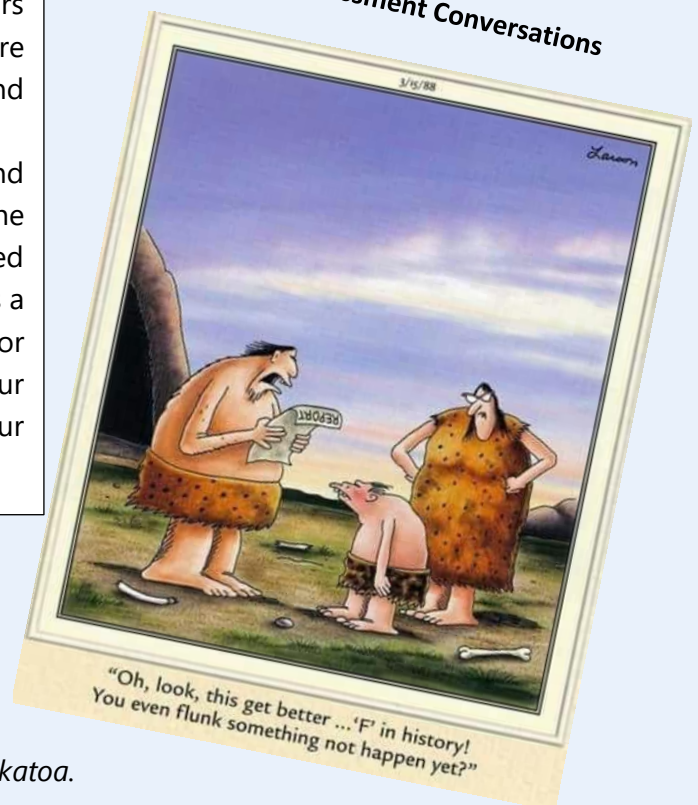


Learning Conversations

We conducted our "Learning Conversations" over two days last week. Although our teachers arrived at school pretty tired last Thursday, there was a palpable air of satisfaction and affirmation.

I spent a lot of time last Tuesday and Wednesday evenings just walking around the school talking to families who had completed interviews or were waiting for them and it was a really pleasant experience. So I thank you all for your attendance and engagement in our conversations and for the way you make our teachers feel about the job they are doing.

Early Assessment Conversations



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

John Wootton
(Principal)



Rubbish Clean-up



On Thursday Room 15 and Room 26 went and picked up rubbish around the school. We wore some cool gloves that said, "We keep the sea rubbish free". We picked up four BIG bags of litter with food wrappers, plastic, paper and lots more. We were all disappointed to see how much rubbish was left around the school. Let's keep Adventure rubbish free!

Check out our cool photos!

Lexi Knox





This week we would like to give you a glimpse at some of the other things that Totara students participate in and help with at Adventure School. Many of these activities sit beyond the core areas of reading, writing and maths, but they are still invaluable learning experiences that help to create well-rounded and responsible young adults.

Mr Wootton's Senior Ukulele Group

The Senior Ukulele Group has grown to such a size that we have felt the need to host practices outside of lunchtimes. This is so that they don't draw students away from other extra-curricular offerings such as choir and basketball. Mr Wootton will soon be making them a regular feature of our school assemblies.



Running Club

A number of students have enthusiastically embraced running club on a Thursday lunchtime. Run by our school leaders and supervised by Mrs Squire and Mr Wright, it should hopefully yield impressive results come the start of cross-country and athletics later in the year.



Technicraft at Brandon Intermediate

A highlight for many in Totara is the opportunity to go to Technicraft at Brandon on a Thursday. Students have already worked our way through their first set of rotations for the term and are now moving on to learn two different sets of practical skills. The picture to the right shows students about to work on their clay pots in Art.



Room 26's Terrible Techno Turnoff

A couple of weeks ago Room 26 were working their way through a school journal story called the Terrible Techno Turnoff. The students were intrigued with the idea of making forts out of boxes and blankets, then surviving for a couple of days without the usual bells and whistles of technology.



And finally.... Junior Athletics Day

A great swathe of year 7s and 8s were called on to help with Junior Athletics Day on Friday of Week 7. This was an opportunity for many of our senior students to take on a bit more responsibility, help the teachers and act as role models to their junior buddies. Thank you for all your efforts.





Kerry Irish Dancers



KERRY SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCING

Contact Sharon

kerrydancers@xtra.co.nz



Kowhai were very lucky to have some special visitors for St. Patrick's Day. Kerry School of Irish Dancing came to perform an outstanding array of dances for a very captivated audience. We were all very impressed with their skill level.





Congratulations to the following children who gained 1st, 2nd and 3rd placing overall in their year groups.

**Year 2**

Girls: 1st Maisie Forsyth
2nd Ava Salmon
3rd Jessica Harrald

Boys: 1st= Brody Burrows
2nd= Charlie Marsh & James Glass

Year 3

Girls: 1st Jordan Elimelech
2nd= Stella Biswell & Elsie Cassidy

Boys: 1st= Rocco de Graaff & TJ Kie-Tonga
3rd= Jacob Penno & Hunter Last

**Year 4**

Girls: 1st Kennedy Wylie
2nd Ciara Daly-Houghton
3rd Annabelle Grundy

Boys: 1st Sebastian Smit
2nd= Joshua Penno & Thomas Wrighton



Kowhai Toy Sale: Friday 9th April

*Thank you so much for your toy donations
and your ongoing support!*

Children can bring a gold coin on Friday
9th April in a named envelope. All toys
cost either \$1, \$2 or \$5.



Classes will be assigned a time to visit the
Toy Sale across the day.
All proceeds go towards Kowhai literacy
resources.



Important Dates for Your Calendar

Please be aware some details may change



TERM ONE		
Week 10	Friday 9 April	Kowhai Toy Sale Fundraiser
Week 11	Monday 12 April	6.30: BOT Meeting
	Tuesday 13 April	9.15: Yr 1 Athletics
	Friday 16 April	Sausage Sizzle Last day of Term One

TERM TWO		
Week 1	Monday 3 May	First day of Term 2
Week 2	Monday 10 May	6.30: BOT Meeting
Week 3	Tuesday 18 May	Pareplim Rippa Tournament (Yr 5/6 & 7/8)
	Thursday 20 May	Pareplim Rippa Tournament (Yr 5/6 & 7/8) pp
Week 4	Thursday 27 May	Junior Tough Guy and Gal
	Friday 28 May	School Cross Country 6-8pm: School Disco
Week 5	Friday 4 June	School Cross Country pp
Week 6	Monday 7 June	Queen's Birthday (School closed)
	Tuesday 8 June	Teacher Only Day (School closed for instruction)
Week 7	Monday 14 June	6.30: BOT Meeting
	Tuesday 15 June	Parumoana Cross Country
	Thursday 17 June	Parumoana Cross Country pp
Week 8	Tuesday 22 June	Parumoana Cross Country ppp
Week 9		
Week 10	Monday 5 July	6.30: BOT Meeting
	Tuesday 6 July	Regional Cross Country
	Wednesday 7 July	Dental Van on-site
	Thursday 8 July	Regional Cross Country pp
	Friday 9 July	Mid-year reports sent home Final day of Term 2

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
Teacher Only Day:	Tuesday 8 June (Term 2)
Labour Day:	Monday 25 October
Teacher Only Days:	Friday 19 November & Monday 22 November (Term 4)

Community Notices

KELLY SPORTS WINTER WARM UP SPORTS! – TERM 2 (Yrs. 0-4) – Wednesday's 3:05-4:05pm

Kelly Sports will be back in Term 2 with their fun and exciting classes. Come and try **Football, Basketball, Netball and Rippa Rugby!** 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. 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 adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201

Beginner Irish Dance Classes

Coming Term 2, 2021 to Adventure School

Saturday's, 10.45 - 11.30am

5 - 7 Year Olds

For more information contact Kristina

kerryschoolofirishdancing@gmail.com

Funsticks Hockey programme at Elson Park

Designed for children years 1-2, the programme offers a fun and interactive introduction to hockey and is a great opportunity for children looking at getting into the sport. Fun Sticks has a focus on developing fundamental skills and offers a positive and quality coaching environment for all. The programme will run for 8 weeks from Saturday the 8th of May and will cost \$60 for all sessions.

For Fun Sticks registrations and more info click here:

https://wellingtonhockey.org.nz/content_page/10069834/

Spotlight Performing Arts

Does your child like to sing, dance, act and perform?

Would you like your child to build more confidence and make more friends?

Performing arts classes led by a London West End performer!

After school and weekend classes in Aotea, Johnsonville, Karori and Lower Hutt.

Limited spaces so book your place now!

www.spotlightperformingarts.co.nz

School Holiday Activities



Holiday Programme @ Adventure School

Autumn Holiday Programme @ Adventure School, 19 - 30 Apr 2021

BOOKINGS OPEN from Monday, 22 March! 2 weeks of popular and exciting activities await your child (e.g. Trip to Southward Car Museum, Awesome Bounce, Laserforce, NZ Police Museum, Roller Skating Rink, Movies @ Lighthouse Cinema and much more).

BOOK ONLINE: www.asfc.co.nz or for more information email holprog@asfc.co.nz or call 027-454-6975. Our opening times are 7.30 am - 5.00 / 5.30pm. Children from all schools are welcome ☺

Porirua Library "Read Around the World" Holiday Programme 20 – 30 April.

See the link for details

<https://porirualibrary.org.nz/whats-on/school-holiday-programme/>

WHITBY COLLEGIATE APRIL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Keen to develop your own game? Join Whitby Collegiate's three day April holiday programme where you'll learn to programme using Python, build in advanced concepts and complete your own arcade style game. Bring along your own laptop or use the school's desktop computers.

To register, visit www.whitbycollegiate.school.nz/holiday-programmes

For further information about the programmes please contact sally.rose@whitbycollegiate.school.nz

Limited spaces available so get in quick!

KELLY SPORTS APRIL 2021 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME – NGATITOA DOMAIN

Our hugely popular Kelly Sports Holiday Programme is back for the April Holidays for children 5-13 years. Come and join the Kelly Sports coaches for the best in sports!

We have created an Action Packed Programme including: ***Ultimate Frisbee Day, Nets Day, Ripa/Touch Rugby Day, Ball Blast Day, Anzac Kelly Sports Day, Target Day and lots more! Plus trips to Frosty Spot Ice Rink and Strike – Ten Pin Bowling!***

Click on the following link to see the activity planner - Kelly Sports October Holiday Programme Activity Planner

To enrol go to www.kellysports.co.nz/events/3073-Ngatittoa-Domain-Hall

Wellington Phoenix Holiday Programme

3 fun filled days of football with coaching from Welling Phoenix Academy players.

For students aged 7-12 years.

Monday 19, Tuesday 20, Wednesday 21 April at Martin Luckie Park, Wellington

Wednesday 28, Thursday 29, Friday 30 April at Fraser Park, Lower Hutt

9am to 3pm. Sign up using the link below:

<https://form.jotform.com/210817308819863>

Code Camp

We are excited to open bookings for our Term 1 Holiday Programme!

Our core programme covers 4 days, 9am - 3pm and is \$395. Additional options are available, such as late pickup and Friday is an optional extra for Week One.

Note that for Week Two, our core programme runs Tuesday - Friday as standard, as Monday is ANZAC Day.

If you are new to CodeCamp, here are some quick facts:

- ✓ Online curriculum you can work through anywhere, anytime
- ✓ Both block and text-based coding
- ✓ We play with robots, drones, Lego Mindstorm & much more!
- ✓ We build apps, websites, stories, games
- ✓ Entrepreneurial skills!

We run the programme as a mini-agency. The kids will learn about Scrum/Agile, Kanban, and gain confidence speaking in front of their peers.

Book now at www.codecamp.co.nz

THE ACADEMY Dance & Stage School

Holiday programme – Wednesday & Thursday 21 & 22 April at Papakowhai School

For ages 5-12 years. No experience necessary

8.30am – 12.30pm \$40

12.30pm – 4.30pm \$40

Full day \$65

Sing – Dance – Act – Games – Acro – Arts – Funtimes

Book now – admin@theacademy.dance

Circus School Holiday Programme

The Circus Hub in Wellington offer circus classes that are fun, exciting and challenging. Skills taught include aerial silks, trapeze, acrobatic, juggling and more! A great activity to develop co-ordination, perseverance, creativity and confidence. For ages 5-15 years.

We also run classes for all ages – preschool to adults.

Bookings essential, book online today at www.circus.org.nz