

Newsletter No 6 – 13 May 2021

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: Jake Johnson & Ari Bowring-Kuil

Room 10: Zara Mclsaac

Room 12: Gia Pos, Eamon Faith, Louie Zhang & Fern Bailey

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

We are nearly two full weeks back at school and as usual we have hit the ground running. This term has the usual positive business about it, with plenty of activity on offer. Netball has started, Basketball and Choir were already underway last term and they have resumed, the Cross Country season is upon us so tamariki are training for our school events with the hope of progressing to Parumoana and then regional events. There is also the RIPPA Rugby tournament and the Tough Guy / Gal event ahead of us in week four.

I want to thank all our staff members, parents and other helpers who donate time and energy to make sure these things happen for our children.

Mr Hughes and sundry year seven and eight devotees have constructed an outdoor chess board. We expect interest in this cerebral activity to proliferate with fine examples of the Sicilian, French and Caro-Kann defence employed and let us not forget The Queens Gambit.

We have a break in week six of this term because Queens Birthday is on Monday 7th June and on Tuesday 8th June school is closed for a Teachers Only Day. This is one of the entitlement days awarded by the M.O.E. and the N.Z.E.I. In week six school will resume on Wednesday 9th June.

He Māori Ahau

We are delighted to have Matua Whaitiri working with our Māori tamariki this term, delivering the He Māori Ahau programme. He Māori Ahau provides an authentic opportunity for Māori to succeed as Māori with an emphasis on wellbeing and Tū Pono (identity and knowing oneself).

The programme is targeted at young Māori to connect with their Māoritanga and form positive self-identity as Māori within their kura and their challenging world.

He Māori Ahau is delivered through a series of wananga involving discussion topics, activities, kapa haka, tikanga and mentoring. The programme includes a whānau sharing evening that serves to strengthen the whānau relationship with the school.

School Policies

All school policies are reviewed on a three-year cycle, with some policies reviewed each term. Policies are reviewed by the BOT, some are reviewed by the BOT and staff and some are reviewed by the BOT, staff and parents. This terms reviews are:

- Protected Disclosures (Board and Staff)
- Visitors (Board and Staff)
- Reporting to parents on Student Achievement (Board, Staff and Parents)

If parents wish to participate in this review (Reporting) it can be done through the school website, following the process indicated.

- Search Adventure School website
- Go to "Our School."
- Scroll down to **Policy Documents** and follow the instructions
- Search for "your school," top right and type in **Adventure**
- Click on the **Policy Reviews** link and scroll down to find **Reporting to Parents** link
- If you wish to place feedback, click on the **green comment icon**
- Complete a feedback form (Once submitted, the form will be sent to the Principal)

Innovative Use of a school Physical Environment



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

John Wootton
(Principal)

KOWHAI SPOT

Year One Athletics

The weather tried hard to stop our Year One Athletics Day but we were determined to have it. On the last Tuesday of Term 1 we managed to dodge the rain and have a super morning. Our wonderful Student Leaders and Room 25 were there to help out and make sure it was successful.



The children took part in games and an obstacle course that encouraged the development of the skills needed for athletics such as: stopping and starting, jumping, running and hopping, as well as team work.



REMINDERS

TEACHER ONLY DAY

Tuesday 8 June (Day after Queens Birthday Monday)



Please note, school will not be open for instruction on that day.

PTNi SCHOOL DISCO



In The Spotlight


Congratulations!

Brody Burrows

Brody (Yr 2), competed in the Karapoti Kids 5k mountain bike race in the last weekend of the holidays.

Brody rode his heart out, won the 6-year-old boys race, and in the process broke the all-time race record for this age group.



A great effort Brody!



National Childrens Lantern Competition



 Voting for the National Children's Lantern Competition is now officially open!

 Voting is open from the 15th of April till the 1st of June.

The top 3 finalists of the Lantern Competition, decided by online public vote, will receive a VIP trip to Wellington from wherever they are in the country to attend the official prize giving at the festival.

<https://www.wellingtonlanternfestival.co.nz/national-competition>

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 must be handed to the class teacher at the start of the day.
- Children with Smart watches **are not allowed** to use these as a form of communication during the school day.

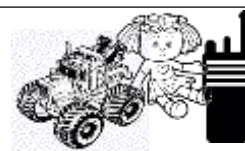
Toys & Personal Items

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.

Also, we are currently having ongoing issues with the latest craze of "Fidget Bubble Poppers". We are asking that children **do not bring these to school**. For children who benefit from a fidget toy, the class teacher will arrange for a suitable option.

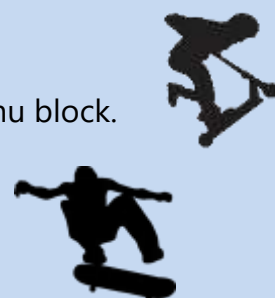
We really appreciate your anticipated support in this.



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, children are not to ride them on the school driveway.

- The wearing of helmets is compulsory. (No helmet, no scooting/ 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 in front of the staffroom.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

Sports Hoodies - Reminder

Sports Team Hoodies are not part of our formal school uniform and are not to be worn to school as such. We have an established school uniform and all students will be expected to wear it.

Sports hoodies can certainly be worn on days when team members are representing the school playing their sport, but they cannot be a replacement for our school uniform.



School Uniform



As a school, we have always felt proud of the way our students wear their uniform and we have had much positive feedback from the community.

Please do talk to your child's teacher if a problem arises where your child is unable to wear a piece of the uniform so we can find a way to help.

Our uniform consists of the following:

Tops <i>any combination of the following</i>	Bottoms	Other
<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Red zip-up hoodie-Red polar fleece-Red with white polo shirt-Black with white polo shirt	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Any plain black bottoms <p>NB: This does not include jeans, or items with patterns, sparkles, studs or logos- (eg Nike, Adidas, etc)</p>	Hats <ul style="list-style-type: none">-School bucket hat with toggle-Black or red beanie
<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Black zip-up hoodie (Yr7-8)		

Footwear

- suitable for playing and taking part in physical activity.
- Socks: plain black or white socks/tights
- Year 7&8 children attending Technicraft: feet must be covered for safety.

Additional Warmth

- plain **black** or **white** polyprop top/skivvy under their uniform top.

[All uniform tops and hats can be purchased from the school office.](#)

Some Changes to Following up Absences

From Monday 17 May our school office will be using a new system for following up student absences. If you have not contacted us, you will receive an automated text message which you can reply to with details of your child's absence.

Thank you



KiVa Anti-Bullying

This is our third year as a KiVa school.

KiVa is an evidence-based program designed to prevent bullying and to tackle cases of bullying effectively.

As a KiVa school, we are committed to actively following the KiVa programme and promoting anti-bullying.



BULLYING...

Harmful behaviour/degrading treatment which is –

- **deliberate**
- **repeated**
- **targeted at a relatively defenceless or a less powerful person**

Our classroom lessons focus on-

- ➔ changing attitudes and behaviours
- ➔ increasing student empathy and understanding
- ➔ developing strategies and confidence to move from being a bystander to a defender



Our teachers have engaged in KiVa professional development and we have a trained KiVa team (Tania Cox, Diane Pepperell, Mark Hughes, Toni Matthews and Jen Squire) who follow a proven process when bullying incidents are identified. The process is targeted specifically to the children who have been involved in bullying as bullies or victims, as well as several classmates who are challenged to support the victim.

Parents' Guide is available on the KiVa website:

<https://newzealand.kivaprogram.net/parents-guide/>

Please do talk come and talk to us if you think your child is being a bullied.

PINK SHIRT DAY Friday 21 May



Pink Shirt Day is a national bullying prevention campaign run by the Mental Health Foundation of New Zealand. Pink Shirt Day began in Canada in 2007 when two students took a stand against homophobic bullying at their school after a new student was bullied for wearing pink.

Help turn our school into a sea of pink to show our support for Pink Shirt Day!

Children are invited to wear **PINK** to school.

Voluntary Gold coin donations will be collected for the Mental Health Foundation.

Coming up...

SPORTS SPOT

Tough Guy and Gal - Thursday 27 May

This year we have 120 students registered to compete in this fun event. If your child is interested, you need to register and pay online.



<https://eventdesq.sportstg.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=RegisterAdd1&EventDesqID=36907&OrgID=20511>

Adventure has a School Team entered on Thursday 27th May. Be quick as this event will sell out - we have already over-filled the spaces booked for our School.

School Cross Country



This will be held on and around the school grounds on **Friday 28th May** starting at 11am. A detailed notice will be coming out soon.



PIZZA AND PJ DAY

This Friday !!!



Adventure School are hosting a whole school Pizza and PJ Day as a fundraiser for Senior Camp. So there's no need to pack a lunch on Friday.

There will be a variety of pizzas available to buy: pepperoni, ham and cheese, cheesy garlic and vegetarian. Gluten Free and vegan pizzas will also be available.

Pizzas are all \$1.50 a slice or \$2.50 for two slices. There is no need to pre order, just have your child turn up with some money on the day.

A gold coin donation is also requested if you child would like to wear their favourite onesie or pyjamas.



Important Dates for Your Calendar

Please be aware some details may change



TERM TWO		
Week 3	Tuesday 18 May	Pareplim Rippa Tournament (Y5/6 & 7/8) 7.30: PTNi Meeting. All welcome
	Thursday 20 May	Pareplim Rippa Tournament (Y5/6 & 7/8) pp
	Friday 21 May	Scholastic Book Club Issue 3 orders close Pink Shirt Day
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
	Friday 25-Sunday 27 June	40 Hour Famine
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

Kids Safety on the Internet by Nigel Latta

The North Porirua Care Centre is hosting a 90 minute talk by Nigel Latta on safety for our children on the internet. Tickets can be purchased through Eventfinder on the link below that has some more information on the

event. <https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2021/kids-safety-on-the-internet-and-beyond-with-nigel-latta/porirua-mana>

We operate under a Charitable Trust and provide free Social Work services and discretionary subsidies Counselling Services for people who are not able to access these services through other means. The Trust raises its own funds to provide these services. Our website for our services is: <http://www.northporiruacarecentre.co.nz/>

Community Badminton Sessions Term 2/3 2021

Come along and play badminton, get active, get involved and have fun!

Sessions are open to all ages, stages and abilities and are free of charge.

- Aotea College Mondays 4-5.15pm
- Bishop Viard College Wednesdays 4-5.30pm

KELLY SPORTS WINTER WARM UP SPORTS (Yrs. 0-4) – Wednesdays 3:05-4:05pm

Come and try **Football, Basketball, Netball and Ripa 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!

Sessions start Wednesday 12 May 2021, Cost is \$96 for 8 weeks

For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit www.kellysports.co.nz email adminwgt@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201

Yoga in Adventure School Hall

Did you know on Wednesday nights at 7.15pm there is a small, but dedicated group of yogis who practice together in the school hall in the search for self awareness and just plain enjoyment of exercise? Whether you're a yogi newbie, or a seasoned regular, these hour-long community classes are for you. Yoga instructor Amanda Sive has fourteen years of experience and loves sharing that with others. Yoga is great for fitness, flexibility and balance. Bring your own yoga mat, if you have one - there are a couple of spare mats if you don't. Classes are \$10, in Adventure School Hall, for those aged ten and over. Join us online on Facebook in the Whitby Community Yoga group

[\[https://www.facebook.com/groups/1402622139855671\]](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1402622139855671) or get in touch with Amanda on 021 668 011

or amandamettayoga@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Pauatahanui Karate Club

We have found a new venue! We will train in term 2 at Anchor Church Whitby

4pm Mondays, starting on Monday 3 May

For more information email pauatahanuikarate@gmail.com

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.

Whitby Collegiate Open Day

Whitby Collegiate is the first co-educational, independent college in the Wellington region, giving us a rare ability to create a place where all students are happy, generous achievers. We believe in small classes, big thinking, individual attention and collective responsibility - all focused on helping children be the very best that they can be, in every aspect of their lives.

Our Open Day on Sunday 16 May from 11am - 1pm is an opportunity for you to come along and enjoy a tour of our campus and meet our friendly staff and students.

Register online at whitbycollegiate.school.nz or call us on 04 234 1070.

Arty Farty Kids Ltd Term 2 Art Classes

Monday Drawing class: 5.00 – 6.30pm. Starting 17 May

Thursday Adult Drawing Class: 7.00 – 9.00pm. Starting 20 May.

Mark Making & Collage: Saturdays 10.30am – 2.00pm. Tawa Community Centre.

Please contact: office.artyfartykids@gmail.com or 022 174 8558

Markets at Paremata School

Paremata School Community Market in our school hall

Local Stallholders / Fresh Produce / Foods, Arts & Crafts / Kids Market

Second Saturday of every month 10am – 2pm.