



Adventure School

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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 8: Graham Hope

Room 15: Caleb Madzvimbo

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

This is the first newsletter after sixteen days away from school; certainly, a somewhat shorter lockdown period than the one we experienced in 2020 but no less irksome. We are genuinely delighted to be back at school, albeit with the annoying Level Two restrictions that we have to live with, hopefully, not for too much longer.

I think there was a different public attitude to lockdown this year. In central Wellington - where I live - during the 2020 lockdown I could walk down the middle of Customhouse Quay and Willis St with complete abandon, oblivious to cars, buses and large articulated lorries. This time, however, I could not sashay lazily across roads and major highways, I had to use conventional road crossing protocols like using the lights and cross now symbols, designed to keep me safe in normal times. Also, this time I didn't have time to grow a moustache. What does this all mean!!!

We had 10 - 12 students at school during the Level Three and virtually a full complement on the first day back last Wednesday. This is quite different from our return after the 2020 lockdown where we had over a hundred students away for quite some time. I think the very quick return to, almost normal, is a very good thing and perhaps suggests a lower level of community anxiety. This is understandable considering we don't have any community transfer in Wellington.

We have opted for a return to school that emphasises wellbeing. The focus / foci is on re-connection, re-engagement and nurture. It is important that we recognise and respond to any residual anxiety that presents among our students and not implement practices at school that may exacerbate stresses. To this end we won't be accelerating learning in an attempt to try and make up for lost time as this would be counterproductive. It is a steady as she goes model, picking up the learning from where we were, through to the end of term.

I do want to thank parents for managing their lives through lockdown as well as trying to keep children engaged in distance learning. I want to add my thanks for your patience and compliance in adhering to the logistics around school entry and exit that we are obliged to maintain during Level Two.

Some Pithy Thoughts

"Keep your words soft and sweet just in case you have to eat them."

"Children have more need of models than critics."

"Life's uncertain; eat dessert first."

Whakahari

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

John Wootton
(Principal)

Cancelled/ Postponed Events (due to Covid restrictions)

- Disco - **Postponed until Term 4 (tba)**
- Yr3-4 Sports Festival- **Cancelled**
- Parent Information Evening - "Teaching Literacy in the Junior School" (**Now online - 23 Sept. For further details, see flyer in this newsletter.**)
- Yrs 5-8 Swimming Sports - **Cancelled**
- Parumoana Swimming Sports - **Now Wk 1 Term 4** (Our swimmers will be selected from past results and Club swimmers)
- Whanau Hui - **Postponed until Term 4 (tba)**
- ArtSplash - **Cancelled**
- Yr 7-8 Stall Day - **Postponed until Term 4 (tba)**
- PTNi Working Bee - **Postponed until Term 4 (tba)**
- Sausage Sizzle - **Cancelled**

REMINDER

Covid Alert Level 2

NEW ENTRANT CHILDREN ONLY

Drop-off:

- From 8.30am
- **Please scan the Covid Tracer**
- One adult can accompany their child to the classroom door
(Please remain outside the room)



Pick-up:

- From 2.45pm
- **Please scan the Covid Tracer**
- One adult can wait outside the classroom



YEARS 1-8

Drop-off:

Please scan one of the Covid Tracer QR codes if you come up the driveway

- From 8.30am
- Please say goodbye to your child(ren) at the gate



Pick-up:

Please scan one of the Covid Tracer QR codes if you come up the driveway

Year 1's: Children will be dismissed from the vehicle gate inside the Staff carpark.

Years 3-6: Children will leave via the small gates off the staff car park.

Years 7-8: Children will leave via the small gate on the bottom playground.



EARLY PICK-UPS DELIVERING ITEMS TO YOUR CHILD

- Please phone the school office so they can
 - ➡ make arrangements for your child to be brought to you.
 - ➡ meet you to retrieve items

UNIFORM PURCHASES

- Visit the website [Uniform Order Form \(pdf\)](#) to check sizes/ prices
- Please email the office with your order
- Make payment online
- Uniform will be given to your child to bring home

IF YOU NEED TO TALK TO A TEACHER

Please

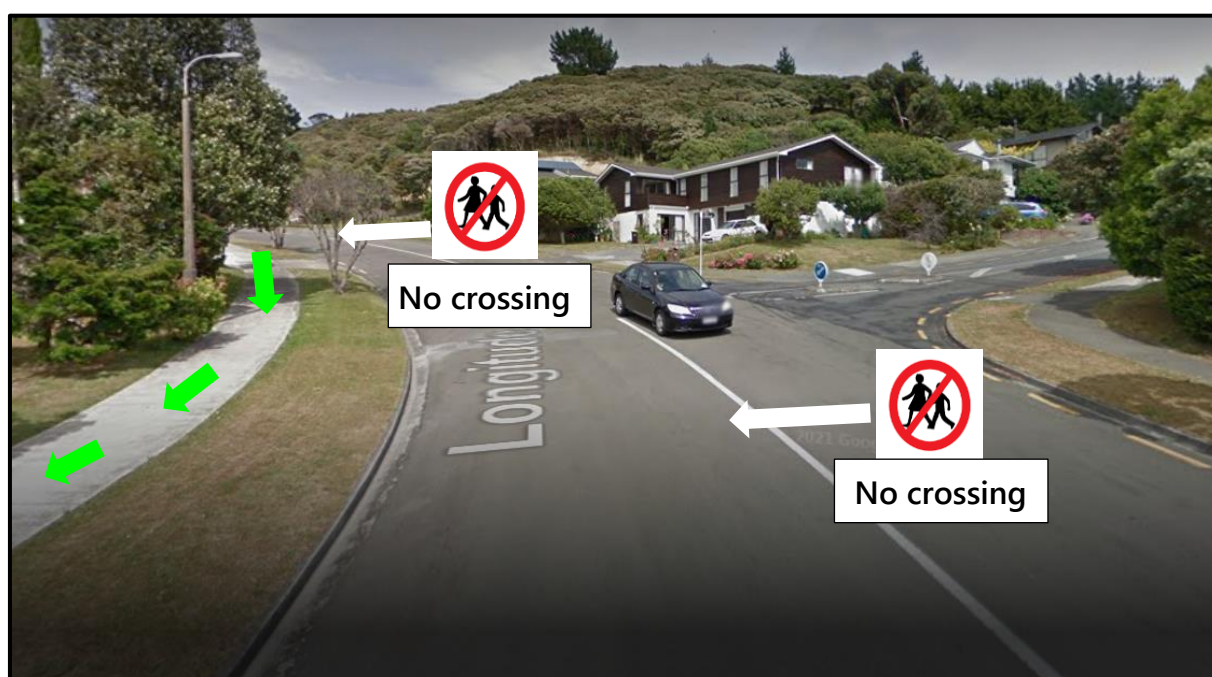
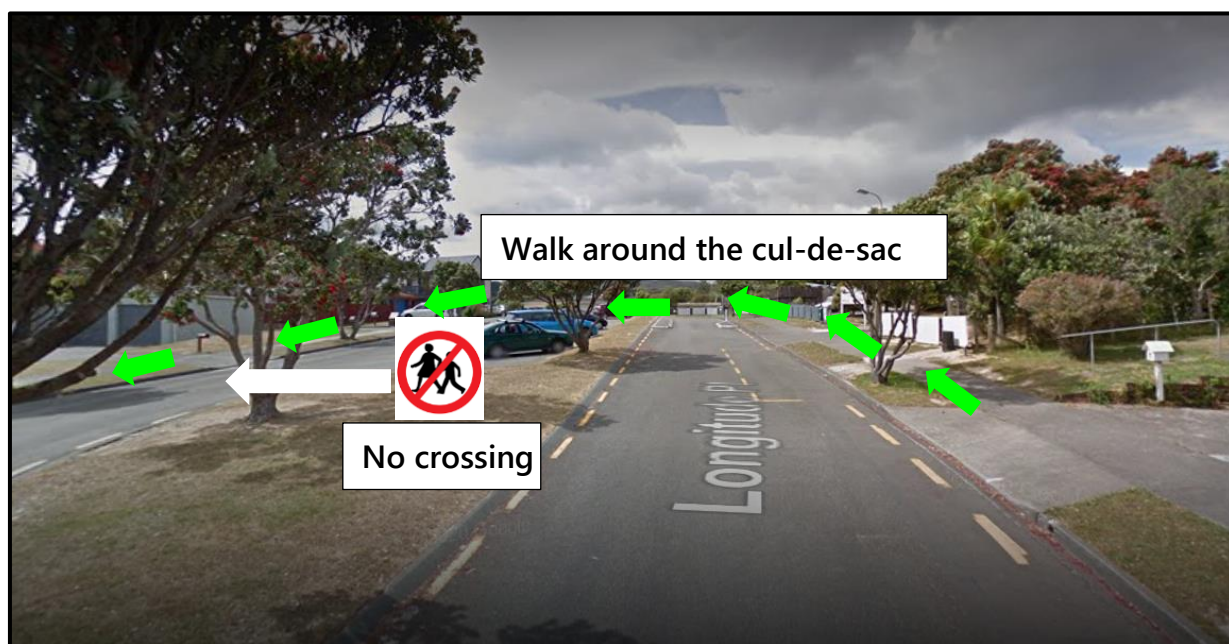
- contact the teacher via email
- leave a message at the office for the teacher to phone you

SERIOUS SAFETY CONCERN

There have been a number of serious near misses caused by children and adults crossing the road in Longitude Place.

Please support the school community to keep all of our children safe by-

- ➡ reminding your children to **walk around the cul-de-sac** to get to the other side of the road
- ➡ being a good role model



Turning Five?

Is your child turning 5 in the not so distant future? If yes, please call the office to let us know as soon as possible. We are beginning to forward plan student placements and teachers for 2022 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.



RIMU SPOT

Rimu Arts Exhibition

On Thursday 5th August, Rimu syndicate showed a stunning performance of the arts, starring percussion, drama, visual, dance, and stop motion. A true night to remember, parents see another side to their kids, and definitely a good one.

A lot of practice had gone into this spectacle, almost a whole term! However, on the night, nervous jitters and exciting adrenaline filled the hall. A great bit of MCing by Takaetali Finau and Alissa Kay introduced the start of a fun, happy night.

Percussion, led by Mr Mac, 'swept' the audience off their feet, with household appliances making an amazing noise that no one expected. Later that night, a crazy round of beatboxing was made, with Ethan Tricker really spicing it up.

The dance was split with Bollywood style, Western American, Pacific, and Irish. It was great seeing some people step out of their comfort zone and onto the dance floor.

Beautiful artwork made by the next Picasso's were shown in all their glory to the eyes that gazed, transfixed. (I like that sentence).

Drama was based on Maori myths and legends, with how kiwi lost his wings, how Maui slowed the sun, and also found the secret of fire.

Stop motion brought helpless laughter to the audience, but don't be fooled, boy, it was hard! So, as this helpful equation shows, (All the arts x kids + teacher help = AWESOME!!) It really was a brilliant night.

See you next time!

Matthew Gardiner (Yr 6)

NOW SHOWING...

**Rimu Arts
Exhibition**





ADVENTURE ART GALLERY



Thank you to everyone who came to the Art Gallery earlier this Term.

It was wonderful to see our students sharing their art pieces with their families as well as admiring the art created by the rest of the school. The evening concluded with a wonderful performance from our School choir.



UPCOMING PARENT EVENT



COME AND HEAR ABOUT:

Changes to the way we teach literacy.

Why we made the changes.

The impact on our learners.

INFORMATION EVENING

HOW WE TEACH LITERACY IN YEARS 0 – 2

HAVE YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED



**ONLINE
THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 23**

7.30 – 9.00 pm

Please register your interest [here](#) by 20 August

The North Porirua Kāhui Ako Presents:

A Parent Session with Shannon Hennig

Understanding and Supporting Young People with Diagnosed or suspected ADHD

Shannon is highly regarded by teachers and school leaders across the Wellington region. Her ability to explain how the world may be perceived by people with ADHD and how to best support them, is second to none. Shannon strives to make her sessions practical, informative, and grounded in her experiences working with students at both home and school.

RSVP and queries

Rachel Berney
Across School Teacher - North Porirua Kāhui Ako
rachel@papakowhai.school.nz

Wednesday September 22nd

7.30 - 9.30 pm

7.30 - 9.00 pm: Presentation by Shannon

9.00 - 9.30 pm: Shannon will answer any questions

A handout will be added to this document on the 22nd

You can download it if you wish and write your own notes

For more information about Shannon click here [About Us](#)

shannon@inclusive-communication.co.nz

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87004632362?pwd=cmh0WWNjZDR6di9ld1FiTlExZlFTdz09>

Meeting ID: 870 0463 2362

Passcode: 14360



Important Dates for Your Calendar

Please be aware some details may change



TERM THREE

Week 8	Monday 13 September	Year 2 Swimming Programme begins
Week 9	Monday 20 September	6.30: BOT meeting
	Wednesday 22 September	7.30: ADHD - online event
	Thursday 23 September	7.30: Literacy Information - online event
Week 10	Friday 1 October	Final day of Term 3

TERM FOUR

Week 1	Monday 18 October	First day of Term 4
	Friday 22 October	Parumoana Swimming Sports (Yrs 5-8)
Week 2	Monday 25 October	Labour Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
	Friday 29 October	School Disco (tbc)
Week 3	Monday 1 November	6.30: BOT Meeting
	Tuesday 2 November	7.30: PTNi Meeting
	Friday 5 November	Senior Athletics (Yrs 5-8)
Week 4	Monday 8 November	Adventure's Got Talent (tbc)
	Tuesday 9 November	Senior Athletics (Yrs 5-8) postponement Nikau EOTC: Queen Elizabeth Park (tbc)
	Wednesday 10 November	Totara Stall Day (tbc)
	Thursday 11 November	Nikau EOTC: Queen Elizabeth Park (tbc) pp
Week 5	Tuesday 16 November	Parumoana Athletics
	Friday 19 November	Teacher Only Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
Week 6	Monday 22 November	Teacher Only Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
	Friday 26 November	Sausage Sizzle
Week 7	Mon-Fri	Totara EOTC Week
	Monday 29 November	Kowhai Kindy Gift-Making (tbc)
	Tuesday 30 November	Kowhai EOTC: Maidstone Max/ Skating
	Friday 3 December	Kowhai Tree Trimming
Week 8	Tuesday 7 December	Kindy Concert
	Friday 10 December	1.45: Prizegiving
Week 9	Monday 13 December	Kowhai Christmas Carols Kowhai Yr 2 Graduation Nikau Fun Day (Adventure Park)
	Tuesday 14 December	Yr 8 Leaver's Dinner
	Wednesday 15 December	Reports sent home
	Thursday 16 December	Final Day of School 11.00: Final Assembly

2021 Term Dates

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:

Labour Day: Monday 25 October

Teacher Only Days: Friday 19 November & Monday 22 November (Term 4)

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Porirua City Junior Cricket Club - Girl's Cricket Have a Go Day

Saturday 18 September from 11am to 2pm

Mana Indoor Nets, Ngati Toa Domain

- Talk to our girl's who play cricket about why they love it and have so much fun
- Have a go yourself, bring a friend and try batting or bowling
- It's free and all gear is provided

For more information, email PCJCclub@gmail.com

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Spring Holiday Programme @ Adventure School, 4 – 15 October 2021

BOOKINGS ARE OPEN! 2 weeks of popular and exciting activities await your child (e.g. Trip to Staglands, Trampoline Park, Minion Theme, Laserforce, Roller Skating Rink, Garden Craft, Movies @ Lighthouse Cinema and much more). We follow strict Covid19 Health & Safety guidelines indoors and offsite.

BOOK ONLINE: www.asfc.co.nz or for more information e-mail

holprog@asfc.co.nz or call 027-454-6975. Our opening times are 7.30

am – 5.00 / 5.30pm. We are approved for Oscar subsidies! Children

from all schools are welcome ☐

AFTER SCHOOL

Holiday Programme @ Adventure School



D Printing & CAD Software Holiday Programme

Whitby Collegiate will be hosting a 3 day introduction to 3D printing and CAD software holiday programme in October. Our IT experts will teach students how to design a 3D model using the modelling computer programme SketchUp and view, interact and evaluate their designs using Virtual Reality devices. Students will keep their printed 3D designs. No previous experience is necessary. Students must bring their own chromebooks/laptops. Limited spaces available.

Dates: Monday 4 - Wednesday 6 October 2021

Time: 9:00am - 3:00pm

Cost: \$270

Ages: 10+

Optional extra - \$10 per day for Domino's pizza or fish & chips lunch and drinks.

Register at: <https://form.jotform.com/whitbyenrol/3d-printing-cad-software>

CodeCamp

CodeCamp allows kids from the ages of 7-12 to develop 21st century skills in a fun and action packed environment. Develop confidence & initiative through design, creativity, solving problems, presenting & collaboration. Creating games, websites and apps as well as robotics.

4th - 8th & 12th - 15th October

Book Now at <https://codecamp.co.nz>

KELLY SPORTS OCTOBER 2021 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME – NGATITOA DOMAIN

Our hugely popular Kelly Sports Holiday Programme is back for the October 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: : **Team Challenges Day, Wheelie Fun Day, Tag World Cup Day, Softball World Cup Day, Winter Sports Day plus trips to Wellington Zoo and Mini Golf!**

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

To enrol got to https://kellysports.co.nz/kelly_events/view/13245

Or to find out more information email adminwqtn@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201

ARTRAGEOUS HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Artrageous October Holiday Extravaganza: 4-15 October 2021

Aimed at children aged 5-10 years. Our classes provide a space for all children to explore at their own pace; chaotic or careful, gingerly or with gusto, tiptoeing or tromping. Our aim is to draw out their creativity, not stuff things in! **Bookings essential.**

Venue: Poneke Dojo, Prince of Wales Park, Salisbury Tce, Mt Cook, Wellington

8.30am–3:00pm \$79 and after care 3:00pm-5.30pm \$15

Olderageous October Creative Exploration: 4-15 October 2021

Our BIG KIDS programme is aimed at children aged 10-14 years. Providing them with a space, focused adult attention and loads of resources. This programme is tailored to draw out older children's interest in creating and using their imagination and creativity in a hilariously fun atmosphere. **Bookings essential.**

Venue: Art rooms, Block D, Wellington High School, Taranaki St, Mt Cook, Wellington

8.30am–3:00pm \$79 and after care 3:00pm-5.30pm \$15

Champions 2021 Holiday Programme: 4 - 8/10

This will only go ahead if we are at Alert Level 1 but we need to plan for it now despite the uncertainty - so join us in hope and book your children in - **no payment** until we know we will be going ahead but your early booking will ensure we can prepare for your child's involvement.

Tawa Anglicans holiday programme for primary school aged children. Every morning from 9.30a.m. - 12.30p.m. there will be games, crafts and lots of fun. \$9 per day or \$35 for the week.

Book - <https://tawaanglican.infoodle.com/f/2021ChampionsHolidayProgrammeRegistration>