



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 7:** Brooklyn Po & Theodore Goddard

**Room 8:** Leo Kurta **Room 9:** Mila Thompson

**Room 11:** Steven Harrauld & Aanya Tailor

**Room 12:** Tristan Davidson

**Room 4:** Siddharthan Theva Kumar

**Room 24:** Ashley Ackerman

**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 certainly living in challenging times. The traffic light system announced by the government last week will kick in when all of New Zealand's DHB's reach the ninety percent double vaccination target. This means that for Wellington - barring the spread of delta within our community - the level two restrictions are likely to be with us for the whole of this term.

The implications for all of our end of year events are that we have to plan for these to be held without parental assistance. This impacts on:

- All E.O.T.C. activities; these must be held within the school grounds
- Sporting activities such as the athletic sports must be held at school instead of at Adventure Park
- Tree Trimming can be held but without parents
- Prize giving assembly can be held but without parents
- Final assembly can be held but without parents
- Leavers dinner can go ahead but without parents

We understand many of you will be disappointed and we will look at live streaming Tree Trimming, Prize Giving, the Final Assembly and the Leavers Dinner.

### Covid-19 Vaccinations

All teachers, teacher aides, in fact anyone working on the front line with our tamariki for educational purposes, must have their first vaccination by the 15th November and be fully vaccinated by the 1st of January 2022 and provide proof of such, to be held at the school.

### IMPORTANT! Covid-19 Level 2 Protocols – Some Changes

In line with Covid-19 protocols, we are making some changes to increase our safety.

**! From next week, no parent/ caregiver** will be permitted to come into the school – including for drop-off or pick-up.

**! All New Entrant children** will be greeted at the small gate by a teacher from 8.30am.

At 3.00pm, they will be walked to the vehicle gate inside the staff car park to be picked up.

#### Reminder:

- If you are collecting your children for an appointment or if your child is sick, **please do not come through the small gate.**
- Contact the office when you arrive and your children will be brought to the gate.
- Uniform orders can only be made online or by emailing the office.

***Thank you for your understanding and support around these protocols***

### Sick Children

This is a plea to remind parents not to send children to school if they are unwell. On the odd occasion a child can become sick at school but more often than not a student will tell us they were unwell before coming to school. Unfortunately, school does not seem to provide the curative panacea that we would like.

### Class Placements for 2022

We will soon begin work on our classes for 2022. Senior Managers, Syndicate Leaders and teachers triangulate information to try to ensure the best fit for all of our students in the coming year.



Most children will have a different teacher next year. All of our syndicate classes have close contact during syndicate activities, lesson rotations and sharing experiences. Existing friendships are able to be sustained during these times, but more importantly new relationships will be forged as our children move through the school. Sustaining existing relationships and building new ones is an important life skill.

We do not accept parental requests for specific class placements. In relation to fairness, equity and practicality, if we accede to the wishes of one, we set a precedent that we cannot possibly sustain.

Teaching and learning, student engagement and maintaining a positive class/school culture and environment are the most important factors that underpin our processes regarding placements.

It is important to bear in mind that it is always in our best interests to ensure the conditions for positive learning and growth exist in all of our classrooms (social, emotional, physical and academic). To that end we ask you to respect our professional judgement in relation to placements and support our decisions.

*Whakahari*

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

**John Wootton  
(Principal)**



# Climate Change



Carla Bruwer



Luke Zhang



Sebastian Smit

## Looking After Nature

Our planet is important and if we don't have trees we won't have oxygen. We all need to look after nature. If we don't keep our planet safe, we wouldn't have a home.

The first thing we should do is keep our nature healthy. We can look after our plants and water them and keep nature safe. We can plant more trees and flowers. Plants and trees are important because they give us oxygen.

We need to look after our sea because if we get rubbish in the sea turtles might die. We need to recycle glass and plastic. We all need to put our rubbish in the bin. If we don't put our rubbish in the bin, sea birds and fish might eat it and die.

If we don't use petrol cars, we won't have any pollution. Pollution makes the air dirty. We can breathe in the dirty air and get sick. We all need to use our legs and bikes and our scooters, because it doesn't make pollution and we don't get sick.

I hope we all look after our environment. What do you think you could do to help the planet?

*By TJ Kie Tonga*



Cole Bailey



Rocco de Graaff



Lavinia Scobie



## Looking after the World

We need trees to breathe. Our planet is our home. If people don't look after the world, everything could be brown and we wouldn't get good water to drink.

We should not put rubbish in the toilet, because it will clog up your toilet. It takes more water away. When you're brushing your teeth, you should turn off the tap, because it takes lots of water. Don't have a bath, but have a shower, because baths take more water away.

Don't put rubbish on the ground because you can make the ground dirty. It can hurt the rivers and oceans. It can hurt sharks, turtles, fish and birds. It gets in their throat. It can cause them to die. Put your rubbish in the rubbish bin. Put your plastic in your recycling.

You should drive electric cars, because it doesn't make any pollution. Don't have petrol or diesel cars because you get more Co2 up into the air. Co2 can break the atmosphere. Use trains and buses and walk to school and ride your bike.

Our planet is our home. We should keep our world safe by not putting rubbish around the world or in the water. I hope you can clean all the rubbish from the world.

***Jordan Campbell Allison***





# Pre-loved Goods



**Do you have toys, books, games, cuddly bears or dolls cluttering up your home?  
If you do, we may be able to take them off your hands.**

Totara Syndicate Stall Day is set for **Wednesday 10 November**. Proceeds from Stall Day will be used to offset some of the costs of Senior Camp next year.

In the past, one of our more popular stalls at Stall Day has been Pre-loved Goods. We are presently looking for donations of child friendly items that are in good working order (no jigsaws with pieces missing), age appropriate (no old Rambo DVDs) and clean. No clothes please, although we do have a use for dress up costumes, fairy wings and frilly tutus.

So, if you are looking to have a bit of a clean out or tidy up, please bear us in mind.

Senior students will be standing at the main and bottom gates at 8.30am every morning to collect any items you or your child brings to school.

Thanks in advance for your support.

**Totara Syndicate**



## Keeping Our Kids Safe

### Sun Hats

The wearing of school sun hats is now compulsory.  
Hats are available for purchase at the school office.  
(Please order online or contact the office directly.)



## Dental Check



If your child did not get seen last term, parents are welcome to call 0800 TALKTEETH (0800 825 583) to make an appointment to go to the dental hub at Brandon Intermediate.

## 2022 Hutt City Weet-bix Kids TRYathlon

Hutt Recreation Ground, Lower Hutt Thursday, 24 March 2022



Click link to join the school team-

<https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=44543&G=138139>



## Important Dates for Your Calendar



*Please be aware many previously scheduled events have now been cancelled due to Covid-19 alert level restrictions.*

TERM FOUR		
Week 3	Monday 1 November	6.30: BOT Meeting
	Tuesday 2 November	7.30: PTNi Meeting
	Friday 5 November	Senior Athletics (Yrs 5-8) – now an in-school event Scholastic Book Club Issue 7 orders close
Week 4	Tuesday 9 November	Senior Athletics pp (Yrs 5-8)
	Wednesday 10 November	Totara Stall Day
	Friday 12 November	Adventures Got Talent final
Week 5	<b>Friday 19 November</b>	<b>Teacher Only Day - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Week 6	<b>Monday 22 November</b>	<b>Teacher Only Day - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Week 8	Friday 10 December	1.45: Prizegiving - tba
Week 9	Monday 13 December	Kowhai Year 2 Graduation
	Tuesday 14 December	Year 7 & 8 immunisations Year 8 Leaver's Dinner
	Wednesday 15 December	Reports sent home
	Thursday 16 December	Final Day of School 11.00: Final Assembly - tba 12.00: School finishes for 2021

### 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

Paremata School are holding a "**Mega Garage Sale**" this Saturday 30th October from 11:00am - 3:00pm. 2<sup>nd</sup> hand items, food and more!

### **SUPER SUMMER SPORTS! – TERM 4 (Yrs. 0-4) – Wednesday's 3.05pm-4.05pm**

Kelly Sports will be back in Term 4 for 8 weeks. Starting *Wednesday 20 October* with their fun and exciting classes.

This term we will focus on the following sports: ***Football, Turbo Touch, Athletics and Cricket!***

This weekly programme gives children the skills and confidence in a fun and enjoyable environment.

It encourages their enthusiasm for sport and the life skills that such involvement brings – giving them confidence to join sports clubs and teams in the future.

It's a great way to try new sports, learn new skills and improve ability!

For full details and to enrol into our programmes

visit [www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz) email [adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz) or call 04 972 7201

### **Queen Margaret College Open Day – 29 October**

Come along and join us to experience life at QMC. Meet our passionate teachers, hear from our students, visit our classrooms, and experience all we have to offer. Take a guided tour from our student ambassadors' to discover our heritage site, education opportunities and facilities. With over 100 years of progressive education for girls, we are passionate about creating amazing futures and seeing every student thrive.

Register at <https://www.qmc.school.nz/>

### **ARTY FARTY KIDS - Term 4 Art Classes**

Do you have a creative & artistic child who might be interested in coming along to my Term 4 sessions?

Classes are held locally, in a warm & friendly environment!

I'm offering a discount for friends and also a sibling discount

Please get in touch for more information:

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