



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 12: Austin Li

Room 7: Eden Sullivan

Room 10: Oscar White

Room 9: Ayah Najjarine

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 now half way through what has been a very strange term. We can only imagine what life has been like for Aucklanders, especially the school teachers, children and parents in Tamaki Makaurau as they move inexorably to 100 days of lockdown. Level Two is a world away from what Aucklanders are experiencing, but even so, we have been negatively impacted by the Level Two restrictions that require us to keep parents out of school during the school day.

We enjoy contact with our parent community and we regret the fact that all the really enjoyable school / community activities that are part and parcel of the festive season have to be done without our parents. The bottom line is that everything we are doing, we are doing to keep our children safe and I know we have your total support in that.

Vaccination D day

It is D Day next Monday 15th for vaccinations. All frontline staff in New Zealand schools are required to have had their first vaccination in order to be able to continue working in schools. We have no work / tasks that we can deploy non-vaccinated staff to, so we are lucky that no staff have indicated that they will not have their first dose by next Monday. Most staff are, in fact already double vaxed.

Vaccination



Students who are 12 years and over are now eligible to receive Covid vaccinations. While this is not yet mandatory, if a student is vaccinated, the school is required to keep a record. All students twelve years or over who are vaccinated, should provide the school with a record of the official vaccination certificate, once you have received it. The best way to do this is to email a copy to the school office.

P.E. / Health Survey

Once every two years New Zealand primary and intermediate schools are required to survey their parent communities on the content of the Health and P.E. curriculum. The Link below will take you to the survey. The Board and staff do use these surveys to guide their thinking around aspects of this curriculum.



Survey Link: <https://forms.gle/nYfTuq8Em1ktGU8u9>

Completion Date: Friday 26 November



Pithy Quotes

‘It is never too late to be what you might have been.’
‘Blessed is the one who, having nothing to say, abstains from giving us wordy evidence of the fact.’
George Elliot

Whakahari

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

John Wootton
(Principal)



Rimu Bake Sale



On Wednesday 27 October Rimu syndicate held a bake sale to raise money for Rimu Syndicate education outside the classroom activities. Lots of yummy baking was brought to school to sell to our lucky students.



We had a wonderful committee of students from Rimu Syndicate who did all the organising, and by the looks on the faces of our customers, they did a fantastic job.

A huge thank you to all the families who helped out by providing something for us to sell. You really did go over and above with the effort you put in.

We raised:

\$1,577



Thank you so much!!!





This year Adventure School had 5 netball teams. We had 2 senior teams, the Diamonds and the Rubies, and 3 teams in the Future Ferns competition, Emeralds, Sapphires and Opals.



A huge thank you must go out to our wonderful coaches and managers:

Diamonds – Nic Neal and Melody Knox

Rubies – Alycia Capes-Parr and Shirley Buchanan

Emeralds – Liz McIlraith and Larissa Day

Sapphires – Jacqueline Manley, Kim Warbrick and Melanie Jackson

Opals – Lynaire Parish and Mel Knox



Without you our tamariki would not be able to play. Your care and commitment is much appreciated.

Congratulations to all our players. It was fantastic to see them playing with such enthusiasm and good sportsmanship. The Adventure way values surely came to the fore when on the court!

Congratulations also to the following students for being chosen by their coaches and managers as the player who stood out as:

The Most Valuable Player – someone who showed true teamwork, sportsmanship, commitment to the game and practises and overall great attitude both on and off the court.

The Most Improved Player – someone who has grown significantly in confidence and skill.

Emeralds



MIP – Sophie McIlraith
MVP – Mia Anderson

Sapphires



MIP – Ashley Jackson
MVP – Tayla Strickland

Opals



MIP – Kaitlyn Foley
MVP – Moana Kie Tonga

Diamonds



MIP – Emma Bruwer
MVP – Matilda Po

Rubies



MIP – Caitlin Davidson
MVP – Corri Katene

On the last Wednesday of term 3 we had a fun prizegiving where the netball players all got to celebrate a great season by having a shared pizza lunch. They also got a certificate and medal, and trophies were given out.

As you can see we had a lot of fun!!!!



Mark this date on your calendar - it's going to be a fantastic event!

WHEELS AT *Whitby*

SAT 5 MARCH 2022

11 AM - 3 PM

ADVENTURE SCHOOL, WHITBY

STALLS, FOOD, PRIZES & MORE. FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!



ADULTS \$5
CHILDREN \$2 (U5 FREE)
FAMILY (2+2) \$12

CLASSIC, CUSTOM, EXOTIC
IMPORT CARS & MOTORBIKES.
JUDGED AWARDS WITH PRIZES.

Find out more at www.facebook.com/WheelsAtWhitby





Adventure School is set to rock with a family-friendly car show on Saturday, 5 March 2022! Inspired by the many great car events held around the country, Adventure School PTNi has launched Wheels at Whitby to raise funds for our school.

From 11am to 3pm, you'll get to feast your eyes on an amazing display of cars and motorbikes of all varieties, plus there will be market stalls, food and beverages, activities for the kids and plenty of spot prizes. It'll be fun for the whole family!

There will also be judged awards – as well as the coveted People's Choice Award – complete with prizes up for grabs, so if you've got a custom, classic, import or exotic car or bike, make sure to bring it along.

WHAT ARE WE FUNDRAISING FOR?

Wheels at Whitby will be Adventure School's major fundraiser for 2022, with all money raised going towards improving the outdoor recreational areas around our school. Being a decile 10 school, we do not receive the same level of funding from the Government as lower decile schools and rely heavily on donations and fundraisers.

Previously, we have found it challenging to create an event that can involve the entire community, and which is different from what other local schools are offering. We believe Wheels at Whitby will fill this role and provide the community with an event it can be proud of.

SEEKING SPONSORS

We are currently seeking sponsors for Wheels at Whitby. If you or your business can donate financially or in-kind (i.e. goods or services for prizes, raffles or silent auctions), please get in touch by emailing wheelsatwhitby@gmail.com. Thanks in advance!

HELP NEEDED!

To help make Wheels at Whitby a success, we need your help too! There are several teams you can choose to be part of – and with it being a four-hour event, you don't need to lose your entire weekend to it.

Please let us know if you have interest in assisting in any of these areas: first aid, traffic management, finance, ticketing, baking, running or helping with stalls, drone operation, runners [between stations], awards and prize-giving co-ordination, health and safety, entertainment, or student engagement. Simply email wheelsatwhitby@gmail.com and let us know.

STAY UPDATED

In addition to regular updates in the school newsletter, we're also on Facebook and Instagram, so make sure you like and follow us to be one of the first to hear what's going on.



facebook.com/WheelsAtWhitby



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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 4	Friday 12 November	Adventures Got Talent final (students only)
Week 5	Friday 19 November	Teacher Only Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
Week 6	Monday 22 November	Teacher Only Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
Week 8	Friday 10 December	1.45: Prizegiving (students only)
Week 9	Monday 13 December	Kowhai Year 2 Graduation (students only)
	Tuesday 14 December	Year 7 & 8 immunisations Year 8 Leaver's Dinner (students only)
	Wednesday 15 December	Reports sent home
	Thursday 16 December	Final Day of School 11.00: Final Assembly (students only) 12.00: School finishes for 2021

2021 Term Dates

Term Four: Monday 18 October to Thursday 16 December

School will be closed on the following days:

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

TENTATIVE 2022 Term Dates

Term One: Tuesday 8 February – Thursday 14 April

Term Two: Monday 2 May – Friday 8 July

Term Three: Monday 25 July – Friday 30 September

Term Four: Monday 17 October – Tuesday 20 December

School will be closed on the following days:

Waitangi Day – observed Monday 7 February (during the holidays)

Easter – Friday 15 April – Tuesday 19 April (during the holidays)

Anzac Day – Monday 25 April (during the holidays)

Queen's Birthday – Monday 6 June

Matariki – Friday 24 June

Labour Day – Monday 24 October

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Does your child love to JUMP, DANCE, TUMBLE and PERFORM? Does your child love trying new challenging but rewarding skills? Then try out **CHEERLEADING at BIGAIR GYM!**

Cheerleading is a high energy sport that is quickly becoming more popular around the world! It is a unique sport, as it encourages individual development (eg. cartwheels, tumbling) as much as team development (eg. stunting, pyramids). Your child will gain confidence and pride as they learn new complex skills and achieve goals, they will also learn to be an essential part of a team as they gain a passion for this amazing sport of Cheerleading.

Contact Bigair Gym today to find out more!

Bigair Gymsports Kapiti ph. 04 297 0400 e. kapiti@bigairgym.co.nz @. 4 Manchester Street, Kapiti.

Bigair Gym Tawa ph. 04 232 3508 e. office@bigairgym.co.nz @. 10 Surrey Street, Tawa.

Discovery Kindergarten Teacher Retiring

Our wonderful Discovery Kindergarten teacher Wendy Whiteman is retiring at the end of the year.

We are collating a book of photos/messages/drawings of Wendy from past and present Discovery Kindy families and I was hoping to ask a huge favour.

Wendy has taught a number of the children enrolled at Adventure School over the past 18 years + and we were wondering if you might be able to ask those children who attended Discovery Kindy who are currently at your school to either write a message or draw a picture of Wendy we could include in her book?

If you would be happy to do so, we'd be so very grateful! We'd need them by the 3rd of December so we'd have enough time to put the book together, and could come and collect them from your school (if permitted under Level 2).