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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: Rurik Nel **Room 5:** Maya O'Malley

Room 18: Keagan Strydom

Room 19: Reuben O'Malley

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

The first five weeks of term have disappeared into the ether and we now have just under four weeks of the year left. So much of our time has been spent discussing Ministry directives and trying to implement the litany of confusing and contradictory Ministry guidelines and PHO's, that I have endeavoured to make the focus of this, penultimate newsletter, non-Covid.

Respect for Students

We have a great staff at Adventure School. People who understand that respect is a two-way street and that respect has to be earned not expected. Perhaps the most powerful attribute a teacher can exhibit, is respect for students. This is a little different from aspiring to be respected oneself. Often people who seek respect don't quite get it. As a teacher, I can think of none, however, who have worked consistently to be respectful of students, who did not ultimately gain reciprocal respect and also the respect of parents and colleagues.

Respecting students' means respecting them with special attention, to honouring them, showing consideration toward them, being concerned about them, appreciating them, relating to them, admiring their strengths, and caring for them and at the same time maintaining boundaries and providing appropriate guidance in a variety of contexts. Young people are dignified and strengthened by adult respect. The absence of such respect is corrosive. Respect for students is rooted in teachers' beliefs and manifest in words and actions.

Staff who respect students understand the power of beliefs in shaping their practice and purging any persuasion they may have that kids who are like them in race, economic status, language, beliefs, or motivation are somehow better or smarter than those who are unlike them. They believe their work can make previously struggling students shine—and can raise the ceilings of possibility for all students regardless of economic status or cultural background. They teach students how to grow academically and personally and they enlist students' partnership in creating a classroom that dignifies each person. I believe sincerely that these are the people we have at Adventure School.

Great Teachers

It would be easy for teachers to wilt under the burden of planning, teaching, behaviour management, compliance, analysis, review and reporting. At Adventure School we try to maintain a sensible, realistic and sustainable workload - with a minimum of unnecessary naval gazing experiences - that recognises the importance of work / life balance.

I want to acknowledge our staff for putting time into the "fun stuff" and staying true to our vision of "The Adventure Way", and of the holistic education that does create extra work but is so important in providing challenging and exciting experiences, in and out of the classroom for our children.

Support Staff

How lucky are we to have the quality of professionals we do, that manage our business and administration and Teacher Aide areas. The hard work that goes on in these areas can sometimes fly under the radar. The expert management of finances and office administration and the excellence and empathy our teacher aides devote to our students and teaching staff is such a critical factor in making our school work. The reality is, without this work the jobs of school leaders and teachers would be unmanageable.

Mikaele

Mikaele our wonderful caretaker, handyman, fixit man. Mikaele is another staff member who will go over and above the call of duty to help staff. He will often drop what he is doing to help teachers with things like constructing furniture or moving stuff.

Mikaele has had a tough time emotionally in the last few weeks. He has lost two family members recently so our thoughts are very much with him and his extended family.



Pithy Quotes

"The best way to make a million out of a Restaurant is to start off with 5 million."
Mark Hughes

"Prosperity discovers vice Adversity discovers virtue."
Francis Bacon

Whakahari

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

John Wootton
(Principal)

2021 Staffing

Sadly, we farewell three of our staff members at the end of the year. After teaching at Adventure for 4 years, Carla Nickson has made the decision to retire from fulltime teaching. Carla will be hugely missed but are fortunate to have her return next year in a relieving capacity. Part-time teacher, Natalie Heather, is relocating to the South Island and Teacher Aide, Katie Arathimos, is taking up another job outside education.

We thank them all for their wonderful care and support of our tamariki and wish them well in their new ventures.

We are delighted to have Tessa Willis joining the Rimu Syndicate next year as a year 5/6 teacher. Tessa joins us after having taught for a number of years at Ngaio School.

We are now fully staffed to start 2022.

Management

John Wootton
Tania Cox
Diane Pepperell

Principal
Deputy Principal - SENCO Yrs 4-8
Assistant Principal - SENCO Yrs 1-3

Kowhai Syndicate

Teacher	Yr	Rm
Rebecca St Clair (Yr 1 Lead Tchr)	1	12
Tania Bailey	1	8
Nadine Amorangi	1	9
Vanessa Burn (Yr 2 Lead Tchr)	2	13
Karen Freeman	2	11
Alesha Wilson	2	14
Cathy Murray	2	15

Nikau Syndicate

Teacher	Yr	Rm
Toni Bennett (Syndicate Ldr)	3/4	2
Skye Kim	3/4	1
Julian Keller	3/4	3
Rachel Grant	3/4	4
Amy Churchill	3/4	5
Richard McQueen	3/4	19

Rimu Syndicate

Teacher	Yr	Rm
Donna Miles (Syndicate Ldr)	5/6	20
Carl McManaway	5/6	16
Tessa Willis	5/6	17
Daniel Wright	5/6	18
Andrea Nichols	5/6	21

Totara Syndicate

Teacher	Yr	Rm
Mark Hughes (Syndicate Ldr)	7/8	24
Jen Squire	7/8	25
John Kelleher	7/8	26
Kim Swettenham	7/8	27

Part-time Teachers

Vanessa Clarke Carly St Laurent
Georgia Vaughan Tania Bourke
Anna Bullock Paula Hall

Teacher Aides

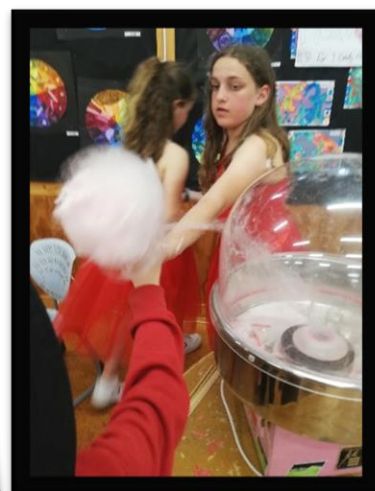
Sharyn Woodmass Andrea Matheson
Catherine Ballin Emma Smith
Elle Pigou-Williams Paula Hall
Fiona Albiston Marzena Scapczyk
Joyce Goggin Laura Treeby

Support Staff

Jean Hutchinson Business Manager
Sharon Arrell Office Manager
Nikki Holbrook Office Assistant
Gerna Kotze Library Assistant
Mikaele Pule Caretaker/ Cleaner



Tōtara Syndicate has had a very busy time of it over the last few weeks. On Tuesday of Week Four we had our Senior School Athletics day with all students competing in a series of running, throwing and jumping events. The next day, Tōtara finally got to host Stall Day. This is an event that everyone looks forward to hosting and participating in, but it was cancelled last year due to Covid lockdowns and restrictions. So, this year both our Year 7's and 8's were experiencing organising and hosting the day for the first time. They all worked hard to make it a memorable and profitable experience. At the end of week a few select acts took part in Adventure's Got Talent.



Totara Stall Day raised...

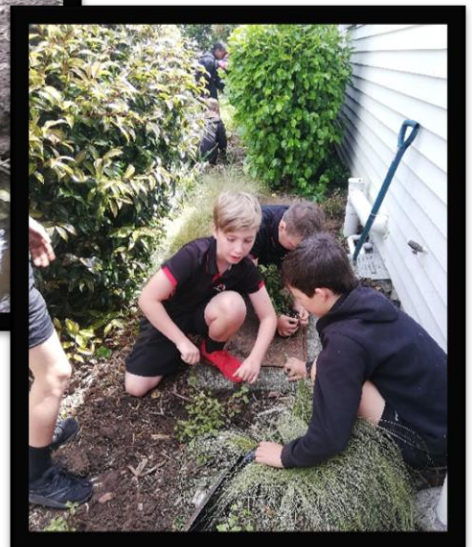
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**Thank you – we really appreciated
your great support!**

Week Five saw two teams head to the ePro8 semi-finals in Titahi Bay and Paraparaumu Beach. Tōtara students also participated in a slightly amended EOTC week. Over the course of three days the students helped spread a mountain of bark onto both adventure playgrounds, planted trees and shrubs around the school, went on a Science field trip to test the water quality of a local stream and participated in a fun water activity afternoon.

It is fair to say, after such a busy two weeks, everyone was looking forward to a long weekend.

Mark Hughes (Totara Team Leader)





Unfortunately, due Covid restrictions we weren't able to hold our Senior Athletics Day in our traditional manner. We did, however, run a successful and fun school-site competition.

A huge thankyou to Daniel Wright for organising this event.

Results

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

Year 5

Girls: 1st Zarna Parish
2nd= Madison Hadfield
Chloe Po

Boys: 1st Carter Lawrence
2nd Leo Stylianidis
3rd= Xander Last
Stefan Cloete

Year 6

Girls: 1st= Macy Chambers
Alissa Kay
3rd Valu Aliva

Boys: 1st Cooper Dwen
2nd Malachai Blackshaw
3rd Ngatoa Mullane-Ronaki

Year 7

Girls: 1st Elliot Cox
2nd Corri Katene
3rd= Mikayla Jansen
Amelia Tricker

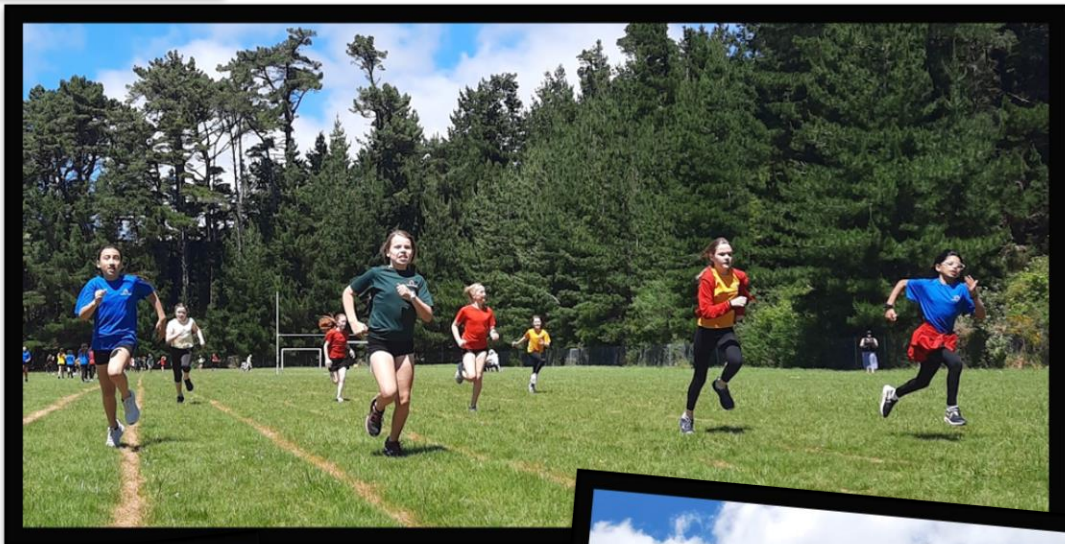
Boys: 1st Kiharoa Landon-Lane
2nd William Caldwell
3rd Luke van Son

Year 8

Girls: 1st Zameena Isaako
2nd Millicent Fenemor
3rd Daniella Starr

Boys: 1st Cameron Bradley
2nd Darius Alefosio
3rd Gal Becher







Reminder *Please return all school Library books*

Please help us be ready for our stocktake by ensuring your children's School Library books are returned by **next MONDAY** at the very latest.

Thanks for your support!

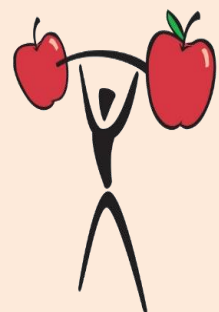


REMINDER **P.E. / Health Survey**

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**





Adventure's Got Talent 2021

FINALISTS

Kowhai	Nikau	Rimu	Tōtara
Grace Li Riaan Boja Subramani Mikayla Smit	Connell McIntosh Sienna Timmins Kiera Bexley Bhagat Singh Sandhu	Malachi Blackshaw Carmelle Cohen-Ronen Macy Chambers Kaylee Burrows	Ashlee Baker-Kingsbeer Ava-Rose Scott Millie Fenemor Zameena Isaako Sam Hunt

Adventure's Got Talent Junior Winner

Bhagat Singh Sandhu

for his captivating singing and playing the Harmonium



(traditional Indian Instrument)

Adventure's Got Talent Senior Winner

Macy Chambers & Kaylee Burrows

for their dynamic hip hop dance routine





UPDATE – 22 NOV 2021

We've been thrilled by the response to Wheels at Whitby so far! Thanks to everyone who has been in touch. We have already managed to secure some amazing sponsors – who we'll announce shortly! – and have had some great prizes offered for our award winners, silent auction, raffles and spot prizes.

SEEKING PRIZES

On that note, we would love to hear from you if you have items or experiences that you could donate as prizes. Some ideas include:

- A long weekend away [at your AirBNB?]
- A day out fishing [on your boat? Best fishing spots included!]
- A cocktail evening [at their home? Your home? A bar?]
- A day at a brewery [tasting beer or making beer?]
- A cruise [in your car?]
- A scenic flight [in your plane?]
- Dinner for two - or the whole family [cooked at or delivered to their home?]
- Free babysitting (no explanation necessary!)
- Dog training or walking
- Artwork
- Classes for a term [in Pottery? Pilates? Karate? Sewing?]
- Delicious treats
- Alcohol (for those of age, of course)
- Vouchers [for your business]
- A hamper [to be enjoyed by the whole family – or after the kids are asleep...]

Please don't be shy about getting in touch. Your support will help to make this a fantastic day!

HELP NEEDED

Behind every successful event is a large team of people who have put in the hard yards. We may not be a team of five million, but we are a team of over 350 families.

Later this term, we will put a call out for at least one adult in each family to put their name down to help in an area on the day. We promise you won't lose your entire weekend – or even your entire Saturday – to Wheels at Whitby. What you will be doing though, is helping our school and making our kids proud.

STAY UPDATED



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Adventure School Cubs Colourful Touch Jam Festival

On Rāhoroī/Saturday 20th November 2021 the Adventure School Cubs (Cubs) touch team participated in the second annual Touch Jam at Hutt Park.

The Cubs were made up of year Toru (3) & Whā (4) boys, whom touch is not their main activity, so it was a great opportunity for them to play one of Aotearoa's largest participation sports.

The Cubs played against several different kura/school, including St Josephs, Silverstream, and Churton Park. Although scores aren't recorded, the Cubs were competitive and managed three 'wins' and a 'draw', with everyone getting at least one try.

The highlights were how the team bonded and encouraged each other, along with how quickly they flourished as they got more familiar with the rules, developed combinations, and created their own style of play.

The Touch Jam organisers made it a super fun day, and included relay races, water activities and the famous 'colour run'.

The Cubs made the school proud by displaying the Adventure Way, with sportspersonship at the forefront of the Cubs play.

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, team numbers were capped this year, there were no spectators, and teams from outside the Wellington region were excluded. Full credit to the Touch Jam organisers who's hard mahi/work ensured the tamariki/children did not miss out!

It was a great event and the team thoroughly enjoyed their day! Check out the photos! Bring on 2022.

About [Touch Jam](#)

Touch Jam provides a fun, safe environment for all primary school tamariki to participate in touch. Proceeds from the Touch Jam are donated to the Atawhai Evolve Charitable Trust, whose focus is helping kids participate and achieve in sports.

The Trust also assists schools who are not ordinarily exposed to such events, by sponsoring their participation in the Touch Jam, this ensures it is an all-inclusive event.

Adventure School Participation in 2022

The Touch Jam has the potential to be an international event, right on our doorstep, so plenty of opportunity for more Adventure School teams to participate in the coming years.

For Adventure School teams to participate in the Touch Jam in the future, it is necessary for whanau to take the lead in organising teams, then liaise with the school's sports co-ordinator as required.

If you think this is something you want to get involved in, then circle the date on your 2022 calendar.

Steve Allerby



Standing left to right – TJ, Keelan, Jacob, Josh, Connell
Laying left to right – Rocco, Huntley, Matteo, Cody



Strong defence



Unleashing the attack



Colour Fun



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 6	Friday 26 November	PE/ Health Survey deadline LIBRARY CLOSED for stocktaking. Please return all books
Week 7	Tuesday 30 November	New Entrant / Year 1 Fun Day
	Friday 3 December	Parumoana Speech Competition
Week 8	Monday 6 December	6.00: BOT Meeting
	Tuesday 7 December	Years 2-8 Fun Day
	Wednesday 8 December	Rimu Science Workshop
	Thursday 9 December	Aotea College Orientation Day
	Friday 10 December	Prizegiving (students only) 9.30: New Entrant – Year 2 11.30: Years 3-8
Week 9	Monday 13 December	Kowhai Year 2 Graduation (students only) NE/Year 1 Fun Day pp
	Tuesday 14 December	Year 7 & 8 immunisations 5.45: 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

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

Discover Christmas Craft market

Friday 3rd December 5-8:30pm, Western Suburbs FC Clubrooms at Endeavour Park.

There are 30 stalls selling amazing local products to start your Christmas shopping, Zayaz Food Truck and Sausage Sizzle by NZ Home Loans.

Gold coin entry. Cash only. All welcome

All to support the kids and community of Discovery School.

NEXT CHAPTER PARENTING offering Individual, or group, PARENTING SESSIONS via Zoom.

Eight one hourly sessions, weekly at a time convenient to you, available evenings.

Topics covered include Communication, Empathy, Setting Limits, Quality Time, Consequences, Choices, Redirection, Pick your battles with your child, Problem Behaviour, Praise vs Acknowledgement, Time In vs Time Out, The Pause, Erickson's Stages of Growth, Personality Types and how it affects your children. WINZ funding assistance where eligible.

Website: www.nextchapterparenting.co.nz

Contact: brigid@nextchapterparenting.co.nz

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Christmas Holiday Programme @ Adventure School, 17 - 23 Dec 2021

BOOKINGS OPEN NOW! Trip to Awesome Bounce, Roller Skating, Carnival, Christmas Movie and more. You can view and book online: www.asfc.co.nz

Summer Holiday Programme @ Adventure School, 17 Jan - 4 Feb 2022

Bookings will be open in December. Watch the Space!!

For more information e-mail holprog@asfc.co.nz or call 027-454-6975

AFTER SCHOOL
FUN CLUB Holiday Programme @ Adventure School

Arty Farty Kids Christmas Craft sessions

Would you like your kids to do something creative when school finishes?

Got some last minute Christmassy things to do?

Then express your interest here!

office.artyfartykids@gmail.com

Christmas Crafts Sessions:

20th, 21st, 22nd December

Morning sessions - 10.00am - 12.00pm

Afternoon sessions - 2.00pm - 4.00pm

23rd December

Morning session only

Porirua Library Online Festival

Summer's coming, and *Imagine This!* is back. We've got a brilliant online festival for you this year, with videos running on You Tube from December 14-January 20, an activity booklet (available early December) to inspire your interaction with the films, and - because what's a Porirua Library summer without them? - *hundreds* of awesome prizes to encourage kids to show us how they're interpreting *Imagine This!* from wherever they are.

Bookmark this weblink to your phone to keep it handy <https://porirualibrary.org.nz/whats-on/school-holiday-programme/> Join the Porirua Libraries facebook Children's Chat Group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/PoriruaLibraryChildrensChat> - for all the inside news about events coming to you from across the motu and around the world. Be with us from wherever the Christmas / New Year holidays finds you. Nothing can stop us when we [#imaginethis](#) together.

PRE-CHRISTMAS DROP & SHOP

Bigair Gym is running its popular Pre-CHRISTMAS DROP & SHOP HOLIDAY PROGRAMME on **Monday 20th, Tuesday 21st & Wednesday 22nd of December 2021**. Book your kids in for some active fun, giving you time to finish work, and complete Christmas preparations & shopping!

JANUARY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Bigair Gyms JANUARY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME is running from the **10th – 28th Jan 2022**. This involves gym circuits, challenges, competitions, free play, structured games, and talent quests.

Spaces are limited, so book online today! www.bigairgym.co.nz

Racketlon Holiday Programme

Once again Tawa Tennis, Tawa Squash and Wellington North Badminton are running the Racketlon holiday programme these school holidays.

Players rotate around each sport spending 1.5 hours at each club. Qualified coaches will take each session.

Please note holiday programme is for age 6 years and older.

Wednesday 26, Thursday 27 and Friday 28 January 2022, 9am - 3pm

Cost per day: \$50 or sign up for three days \$135

Registrations: <https://bit.ly/2Z1JsH>

For more information contact Babette at babette@wnba.org.nz or call 2324774