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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

**A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS
and Happy New Year!**

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 at the end of another highly successful and rewarding year. When the end of a year has been reached you wonder where the time has gone and how you managed to fit in all the things that have been achieved. The answer is, of course, people.

We have an outstanding staff, as I articulated in the last newsletter but there are other dimensions that feed into the positive school culture that prevails. The support and goodwill of our parent community is an obvious factor. The governance of our Board of Trustees, underpins everything. The performance of our Board is at such a level that our staff feel professionally and emotionally safe, supported and trusted. I don't think I can afford any higher accolade than that.

We are in difficult times and things are tough in the Education sector but we recognise that things are difficult for everyone so we're not bleating. There is an old saying that it is easy to sail a ship in calm waters. Waters are not calm at the moment and come the start of 2022, with all Wellington schools operating under the Orange Traffic Light System - remember we are still under Level Two protocols until the end of the school year - and with the possibility of infection, the landscape will be different. We will, however, keep calm, carry on.

Our Board is proactive and will be meeting before the school year starts. To wit, in sustaining the nautical metaphor, I cite Seneca the Younger, who observed "If we know not the harbour we seek, then any wind is the right wind". Unlike the BOT in young Seneca's reference, our Board will choose the right wind and seek the right harbour.

I thank you all for everything you have done for this school during 2021. Have a great holiday and I look forward to seeing you all on the 8th February 2022.

Andrea Nichols

Andrea Nichols has completed her probationary teaching period and has gained her full teacher registration. Andrea has done really well in Rimu syndicate under the guidance of Carla and Donna. We are delighted with her success and accreditation.



Political Quote

Politics is the ability to foretell what is going to happen tomorrow, next week, next month and next year; and to have the ability afterwards to explain why it didn't happen.

Winston Churchill



Feeling Old



"I can't change the fact that my paintings don't sell. But the time will come when people will recognize that they are worth more than the value of the paints used in the picture."

Vincent van Gogh

Van Gough died in 1890. Today the Starry Night is valued at well over \$100 000 000

Whakahari

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

John Wootton
(Principal)

Prophetic Quote



In the Spotlight

Congratulations...

Justin Wang (Year 6)

Justin achieved some outstanding results at the recent Wellington 12 & Under Swim Champs

- 🏆 Boys 11 year-200m backstroke - Gold medal.
- 🏆 Boys 11 year-100m medley - Gold medal.
- 🏆 Boys 12 years & under - 400m medley Silver medal.
- 🏆 Boys 11 year old -100m butterfly - Silver medal.
- 🏆 Boys 11 year old -200m Medley - Bronze Medal
- 🏆 Boys 11 year old -200m freestyle - Bronze medal.
- 🏆 Boys 11 year old -50m butterfly - Bronze medal.
- 🏆 Boys 12 year & under -200m Butterfly - Bronze Medal



Prizegiving & Final Assembly

The prize giving and last assembly will not, unfortunately, be live streamed this year. The process of creating a live stream that offers secure access to multitudes of people outside our school domain proved beyond our technical capabilities.

We will endeavour to send a link to parents before the end of the school day this Friday. The link will direct them to recordings of both the junior and senior prize giving assemblies.

A link to a recording of our final assembly will be sent out on Friday of next week.





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 8	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)
	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

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

KELLY SPORTS JANUARY 2022 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME – NGATITOA DOMAIN (Yrs 5-13)

From 10 January 2022, our hugely popular Kelly Sports Holiday Programme is back for the January Holidays for children 5-13 years. Come and join the Kelly Sports coaches for the best in sports coaching and competitions

We have created an Action Packed Programme including:

Football Frenzy, USA Sports Day, H2O Lets Go Day! The Ultimate Warrior Day, Kids VS Coaches, Kids Choice Day, Superhero Day plus trips to Aotea Lagoon, Staglands, Awesome Bounce, Ten Pin Bowling and the Movie Sing 2! plus Zappo the Magician is coming to Kelly Sports and lots more!

Click here to view the **Activity Planner**

To enrol got to https://kellysports.co.nz/kelly_events/view/13504

GKR KARATE SHOWCASE

Come down and visit us at Queensgate Mall Level 1 entrance near H&M store. All day from Thursday 16 to Saturday 18 December and see some of our students showing their skills. Get a free uniform and discounted membership for anyone who joins on those days.

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. Create games, apps.

Venue: Queen Margaret College, Thorndon

Dates: 13-16th Dec,

10th – 14th January,

17th – 21st January,

25th – 28th January.

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

Christmas Funday: 20 December 2021: 10a.m. - 2p.m.

Tawa Anglicans annual Funday - Christmas crafts, lego, games, stories... for primary school aged children. \$15

Contact hayley.balmer@xtra.co.nz to book

Porirua Green Bikes Explorer

Hire a "Porirua Green Bike" for just \$22 for up to 5 hours. Then, when you bring the bike back, you'll get a \$10 voucher to spend on a well earned coffee/milkshake/snack at the Get Fixed Café.

Participants can bring their own bikes to make it even cheaper (but at least one person in the party would need to hire - to save me from starving!). The bike hire adventures will be operating 7 days a week over the school holidays

Access to discounts from our Porirua Explorer Partners who you'll visit along the way – and take on the Pirates Cove Challenge.

Open 7 days from Sat Dec 11th Sun - Thursday: 9.30 - 3.30 Friday & Saturday: 9:30 - 5.30 at Get Fixed Cycle café. Bookings: 0223953124 or richardwithford@gmail.com

Educational Coding Holiday Activity

Students learn to make websites and games in an online activity with live tutor help.

FREE! Ages 9-18. 1 hour duration. 4pm, 5pm and 6pm on Monday 17 to Friday 22 January 2022.

Book now at codingnz.com/holidays

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Girls cricket is well and truly here in term 1, 2022! Bernie Wood Turf will be buzzing on Wednesdays and we can't wait to see you there!

Summer Smash - Years 3-6

Summer Smash is a great opportunity for girls to play modified cricket games with their peers in a friendly, accessible environment. Girls can enter in teams of 6 or individually. Entry is free and each player receives a free t-shirt. All equipment and coaching is provided.

Dates: 4 weeks; 9 - 30 March 2022

Times: 4-5pm

Location: Bernie Wood Turf

Register: Individual: <https://forms.gle/QxWCCprcAmRhRZkh7>

Team (6): <https://forms.gle/4iS73fm6F3kzoA5XA>

Yeah! Girls - Years 7-10

Yeah! Girls is a great opportunity for young women to learn and develop their cricket skills and play modified cricket games in a friendly and fun environment. Girls enter individually and entry is free. Each player receives a free bucket hat. All equipment and coaching is provided.

Dates: 6 weeks; 23 February - 30 March 2022

Times: 3.30-4.30pm

Location: Bernie Wood Turf

Register: Individual: <https://registrations.crichq.com/register/263506>