



Adventure School

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Newsletter No 1 – 10 February 2022



Welcome to our new students. It's great to have you join our Adventure family!

Rm 8: Maddison Brown da Silva, Ben Jenkins, Jack Jenkins

Rm 9: Isla Fleming, Evelyn Rickman-Bolt, Hunter Gadsby, Imogen Harris

Rm 11: Sirui Tran

Rm 12: Makaia Anderson, Anabella Rocha, Kaden Fellows, Marley Mareikura

Rm 15: Max McKay, Harper Wilderink

Rm 2: Leo Thorpe

Rm 20: Sophia Griffin-Burn

Rm 21: Hieu Tran

Rm 24: Ayaan Razvi

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

***A horse goes into a Bar. Barman says; "Hey why the long face?"
Chortle, chortle, chortle.***

If the year starts with a bad joke, it can only get better.

I must say at the outset that it has been a very positive first week of school. I want to thank parents for adhering to our protocols around school entry and exit. This is an overt expression of your support for the school. I know that mask wearing is a new situation for us all and again, I want to thank you for your diligence in supporting this government mandate.

I am well aware of the fact that it is the efforts of parents in the home - stressing the important role masks play in keeping us safe and keeping the school open - that has seen such a positive response. By the same token we recognise that some children are not able to wear masks - for a variety of reasons - and that is ok.

During the week, teachers' / syndicates will have made an effort to contact parents with some form of introductory communication. Our face to face "Meet the Teacher" evening is not until week four (Thursday 3rd March (5pm - 7pm) so it will be nice to receive some form of communication prior to then.

There is a reality though, around the presence of Omicron in our community and we are not expecting to be able to carry on, unaffected, ad infinitum. Some schools have already been impacted by infections and have struggled to stay open. Many will ultimately close for a period of time. We will need to be prepared for a number of scenarios so syndicates are preparing by gathering material to be able to sustain distance learning when required and when appropriate.

The three main scenarios we face are:

- School operating at full capacity
- School operating at reduced capacity with a number of staff and students isolating or unwell
- School closed with distance learning facilitated by those who are not unwell or recovering

Teachers will need to consider their personal circumstance and respond appropriately:

- Teachers are well, at school, teaching under normal circumstances or with reduced staff and students
- Teachers are well but isolating and therefore able to support distance learning from home
- Teachers unwell, isolating and recovering so will not be teaching in either platform until they are well

School closure will be a last resort option. Health and safety will be the major factor that will determine this decision. Health and safety factors that would influence closure:

- The ability to sustain teaching and learning with a manageable teacher pupil ratio
- Having enough teachers onsite with current first aid certificates
- Cleaning services able to carry on

The school has a Covid plan and the Board will make the critical decisions after taking advice from the Ministry, should situations around infection occur. Anyway, enough of Covid, Omicron, infection, isolation and any other plague related language; let's enjoy the good times while we have them.

A shout out to Tania Cox for being the inspiration behind our wonderful new school sign. A truly magnificent expression of who we are and what the "Adventure Way" means to us.

A huge thanks also to the Abaniel family (Speedy Signs) for very generously creating, erecting and donating the sign.



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

John Wootton
(Principal)

2022 Staff

Management

John Wootton
Tania Cox
Diane Pepperell

Principal
Deputy Principal - SENCO Yrs 5-8
Assistant Principal - SENCO Yrs 1-4

Kowhai Syndicate

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

Nikau Syndicate

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

Rimu Syndicate

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

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	

Support Staff

Jean Hutchinson	Business Manager
Sharon Arrell	Office Manager
Nikki Holbrook	Office Assistant

Gerna Kotze	Library Assistant
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Mikaele Pule	Caretaker/ Cleaner
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Teacher Aides

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

COMING UP

Meet the Teacher

We are looking forward to seeing you at our Meet the Teacher evening in a few weeks.

This will give you the opportunity to briefly meet your child's teacher in their classroom environment.

In the interest of keeping everyone safe at Covid Red, timeslots of 10 minutes will accommodate four families at a time in the classroom.

More details and booking information will be sent out next week.



Start of the Year Reminders

Keeping Our Kids Safe

Severe Nut Allergy

Just a reminder, Adventure is a "Nut Free" school as we have a number of children with severe and life-threatening allergies to nuts. For some of these children, coming into contact with nuts or nut products, even by touching nut residue left on surfaces, can trigger a life-threatening allergic reaction.

We take every practical precaution to keep these children safe and we really appreciate your understanding in this matter. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us.



Keeping Our Kids Safe

Sun Hats



For sun safety, all children are expected to wear school uniform bucket hats during Term 1 and from Labour Weekend Term 4.

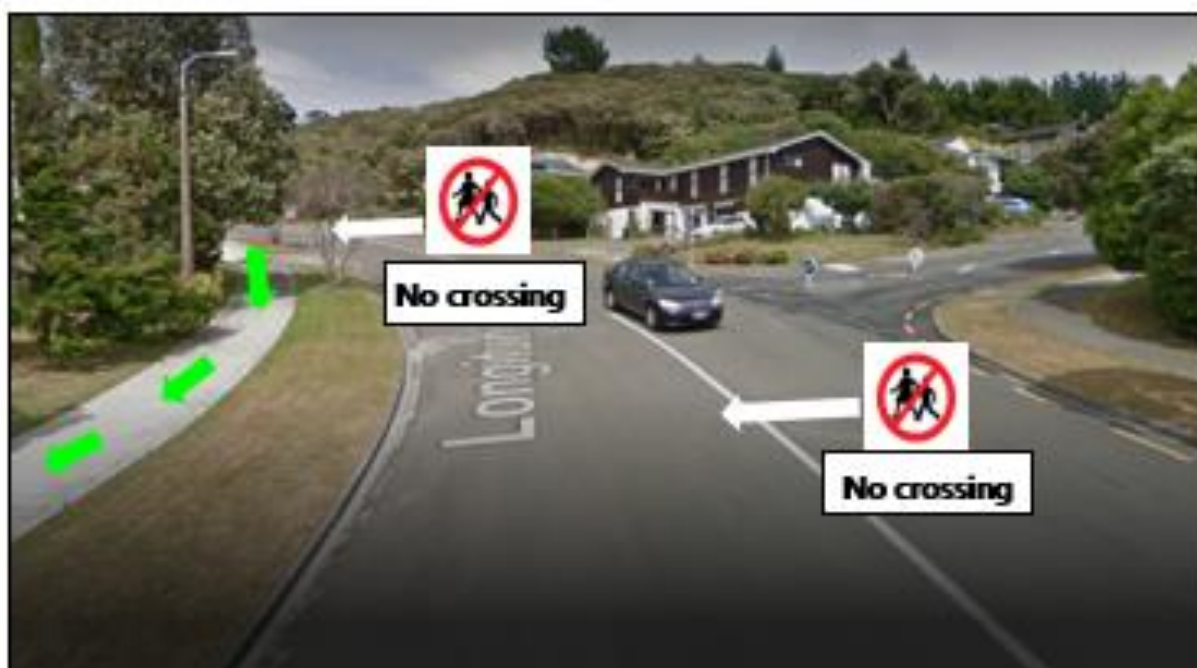
School bucket hats are available for purchase from the office for \$13.



Keeping Our Kids Safe on the Roads

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

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





Important Dates for Your Calendar

Please be aware some details may change



TERM ONE

Week 2		
Week 3	Monday 21 February	Year 8 Gardasil immunisations 6.30pm: BOT meeting
Week 4	Thursday 3 March	5-7pm: Meet the Teacher
Week 5	Tuesday~Friday 8-11 March	Tōtara Camp (tbc)
Week 6	Monday 14 March	School Photos
	Friday 18 March	Y2-Y4 Athletics
Week 7	Wednesday 23 March	Y2-Y4 Athletics pp
	Friday 25 March	Y2-Y4 Athletics ppp Scholastic Book Club issue 1 orders close
Week 8	Monday 28 March	Year One Athletics
Week 9	Friday 8 April	Kōwhai Toy Sale (tbc)
Week 10	Monday 11 April	Learning Conversations (tbc)
	Tuesday 12 April	Learning Conversations (tbc)
	Thursday 14 April	Final day of Term One

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

If your child loves doing Cartwheels, Handstands & Flips, then they will thrive at Bigair

Gym! Bigair Gym classes are excellent for fun, focus and fitness! Children learn new skills and develop personal confidence and self-achievement! Strong focus is given to safety and technique, ranging from fundamentals to advanced skills. The structured classes follow a Bigair badge programme, which creates focused learning, and allows children to achieve and progress! Classes include **GYMNASTICS, TRAMPOLINING, TUMBLING & FREE RUNNING (parkour with flips)!** **BOOK NOW for Term 1 Classes** online www.bigairgym.co.nz We run Bigair **BIRTHDAY PARTIES** too!

Does your child love tumbling, jumping, and dancing? Cheerleading encompasses all this and focusses on fitness, strength, and gym skills, plus it encourages individual & team development. We cater for 5yrs-18yrs. **CHEERLEADING FREE TRIALS AVAILABLE NOW!**

Contact your closest Bigair Gym because GYM CLASSES & CHEERLEADING are starting NOW! Bigair Gym Tawa ph. 232 3508 e. office@bigairgym.co.nz

BACK TO SCHOOL SPORTS! – TERM 1 (Yrs. 0-4) – Wednesday's 3.05pm-4.05pm

Kelly Sports is back in Term 1 with their Fun and Exciting Classes. Starting **Wednesday 16 Feb 2022** for 8 weeks.

This term we will focus on the following sports: **Rippa Rugby, Handball, Dodgeball and T-Ball!** We aim to develop and enhance skills; *Catching, Kicking, Throwing, Improve strength, Flexibility, Hand/Eye Coordination and Spatial awareness.*

This weekly programme encourages children's 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 email adminwqtn@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201

After-school **ONLINE chess coaching classes**, available to all kids across New Zealand and Australia.

- Classes are from: 4:30pm - 5:30pm NZST
- ALL classes take place after school on Mondays and Thursdays.
- Each class will present a fun and instructive game of chess where you can solve puzzle along the way. The game will feature two interesting characters, loads of tactics and awesome attacks on the king.
- This class suits all students. Students will need to know how the pieces move.
- Students will also have the opportunity to play two tournament games against other students in the class. The class fees are: \$20 per session

Classes are presented by NZ Chess Champion, Paul Macdonald

[Join the Class Now!](#)

Arty Farty Kids LTD

Hi Everyone, How are you all?

Have you thought about what your child might do after school this term?

How about an art class with Arty Farty Kids?

<https://www.facebook.com/Artyfartykidsltd/>

Take a look at the classes advertised and contact Sara Rich - office.artyfartykids@gmail.com

Looking forward to hearing from you soon!

Sara

Arty Farty Kids LTD

022 174 8558

Helen O'Grady Drama Academy Drama Classes. For over 40 years. Our international curriculum will help explore performance skills and creativity, overcome shyness, develop positive self esteem, grow imagination, , make new friends and have lots of fun. Fun after-school classes for 5 – 17 year olds held in Khandallah, Tawa, Whitby, Lower Hutt,. To enroll or for more information please phone 0800 161 131 or visit www.helenogradynz.co.nz.

Wests Football Club

Registrations are now open online for all players for the 2022 winter football season. We have teams for all levels, ages and abilities.

First Kicks - ages 4-6

Junior Football – ages 7-15

Girls only – ages 8-14

www.westernsuburbs.co.nz

Endeavour Park, Whitby

Football, diversity and inclusion scholarships available

For more info contact office@westernsuburbs.co.nz

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>

Frances Stewart frances@cricketwellington.co.nz

Tots to Teens digital magazine

Your school community's link to the first 2022 Tots to Teens digi-magazine is

<https://issue2202.totstoteens.co.nz>

What's in this issue for parents?

- » Handling school drop-off
- » Filling the lunchbox
- » Making maths fun for kids is the trick
- » How to manage attention-seeking behaviour
- » Parent guide: Teaching kids to ride a bike
- » Fears and phobias?
- » The dyslexia checklist

and (as always) EPIC GIVEAWAYS

Ask your tamariki to **find this issue's Te Reo Māori words** including wharekura, ngaunga, pahikara, tarawewehi, and tina

Thank you to everyone for supporting our new digital magazine, it means we are able to share our magazine with more kiwi parents and whānau, in a format that is super visual and phone user friendly.