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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** Aria Temarama

**Room 21** Lennox Manase

**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

***Kei aku nui, kei aku rahi, tēnā koutou katoa i roto i ngā āhuatanga o te wā***



The tentacles of Covid finally reached Whitby and our first cases were notified last Thursday. No panic, we are dealing with a fluid situation and we are prepared for large scale absences if that is what we are confronted with. Up to this point we have not had any difficulties with staffing and have been able to cover teacher absences under our normal relieving and class cover regime. At this point no teachers have returned positive Covid results although we do have several teachers isolating as household contacts.



### **Farewell to Whaitiri**

Many Wellington and Hutt Valley schools have benefitted from the work Whaitiri Poutawa has been doing with them over the last four years. Whaitiri is following his heart and his passion and has taken a full-time position working with young offenders at Rimutaka Prison. Whaitiri will be a big loss to all the schools he was associated with. We are lucky to have Carl McManaway to carry on the cultural responsiveness programmes in our school.

### **NZ Police**

We are a school with a number of parents in the N.Z. Police, including high ranking officers, tasked with resolving the lengthy protest at Parliament. I feel moved to congratulate our police officers for the efficiency, utter professionalism and restraint they showed - under severe provocation - in bringing about an end to the occupation.

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

**John Wootton**  
**(Principal)**



# Statistical Investigations

Nikau students have been busy completing their Statistical Investigations.

The students worked together in small groups to decide what they were going to investigate. Once they had decided what they wanted to find out, they set about collecting the information from their classmates.

This information was then displayed in tables and graphs. Students finished their investigations by sharing their findings with their classmates.





# Athletics



On Friday mornings every Nikau class can be found on the top field working hard to improve our running, jumping and throwing skills in preparation for our Athletics Day in a couple of weeks.



From the PTNi



## WE'RE LOOKING FOR: Grants Coordinator

- Are you looking for an opportunity to positively impact the lives of our tamariki, school and school community?
- Do you have experience in applying for grants for community, charity, or not-for-profit groups?

**If you answered YES to these questions, then we have an opportunity for you!**

### The Opportunity.

There are some seriously exciting times ahead at school! As such, the PTNi (Parent Teacher Network Incorporated) is seeking someone to look after our grant submissions. This is a new volunteer role within the PTNi and will enable us to make significant and steady progress towards our funding goals.

Some of the items we'd like to get grants for this year include:

- Literacy resources for our junior school
- Funds towards improving the outdoor recreational environment (this is a biggie!).

In this role, you will:

- Research available grants and identify those applicable to Adventure School
- Create submissions for agreed grants
- Liaise with the Treasurer and PTNi members to ensure grant requirements are fulfilled
- Provide reporting on successful grant applications as required.

### What's in it for you?

- You'll have a tangible impact on the lives of our tamariki, school and school community
- Feel-good factor
- And yes, this experience can go on your CV!

*It's worth noting that you wouldn't be required to attend PTNi meetings (unless you want to, of course) AND this role could easily be job-shared between a few parents.*

### Interested?

If you'd like to get involved, please send an email to [ptni@adventure.school.nz](mailto:ptni@adventure.school.nz) with a wee blurb about your applicable experience and we'll go from there!

### About the PTNi.

The PTNi (Parent Teacher Network Incorporated) is a group of Adventure School parents who volunteer their time to fundraise for the betterment of our tamariki, school and school community.

This fundraising helps to top up the funding Adventure School receives from the Ministry of Education and donations. It's used for various projects and resources, as agreed by the PTNi, school and Board of Trustees.



# WHEELS AT *Whitby*

**SAT 30 APRIL 2022, 11AM-3PM**  
**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](http://www.facebook.com/WheelsAtWhitby)



## Reminders

### Let's Get Movin' in March!



We're a Movin'March school and teachers are stamping passports in classes as part of the [Walk or Wheel Passport Challenge](#) all through March. Walking or wheeling to school is a great way to get active, know your neighbourhood, kick start learning for the day AND take care of the environment.

Students don't have to complete their passports to go in the draw to win a \$400 [MYRIDE](#) voucher at the end of March!

Fancy going in the draw to win a scooter? Parents who take part in the Movin'March [Whānau Facebook](#) competition will be in to win 1 of 5 adult or child [Micro Scooters](#) or a Family Pass to [Staglands](#) or [Zealandia](#). Check out the Movin'March [website](#) for more on these competitions and how you can take part.



**Turning  
Five?**



### **Is your child turning 5 in the not so distant future?**

If yes, please contact our school office to let us know as soon as possible. We are beginning to forward plan student placements and teachers for Term 2 and 3 2022 and this information is crucial.

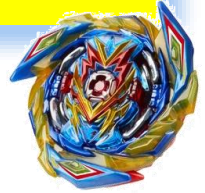
We accept enrolments from 4 years old so please, as soon as your child turns 4, let the office know.





# Kowhai Toy Sale

**Friday 8th April**



**Please start putting aside any toys that you would like to donate**

Kowhai teachers will be accepting donations from the 21<sup>st</sup> March – 7th April.

**All proceeds go towards Kowhai curriculum resources.**

**Thanks so much for your support!**





## Important Dates for Your Calendar

*Please be aware some details may change*



### TERM ONE

<b>Week 5</b>	Tuesday~Friday 8-11 March	Tōtara Camp
<b>Week 6</b>	Monday 14 March	School Photos – <b>POSTPONED until 9 MAY</b> 6.30: BOT Meeting
	Friday 18 March	Y2-Y4 Athletics
<b>Week 7</b>	Wednesday 23 March	Y2-Y4 Athletics pp
	Friday 25 March	Y2-Y4 Athletics ppp
<b>Week 8</b>	Monday 28 March	Year One Athletics tbc
<b>Week 9</b>	Monday 4 April	6.30: BOT Meeting
	Friday 8 April	Kōwhai Toy Sale
<b>Week 10</b>	Monday 11 April	Learning Conversations (tbc)
	Tuesday 12 April	Learning Conversations (tbc)
	Thursday 14 April	Final day of Term One

### 2022 Term Dates

<b>Term One:</b>	Tuesday 8 February – Thursday 14 April
<b>Term Two:</b>	Monday 2 May – Friday 8 July
<b>Term Three:</b>	Monday 25 July – Friday 30 September
<b>Term Four:</b>	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

### **NEXT CHAPTER PARENTING** offering the PARENT SURVIVAL KIT!

Individual, or group, PARENTING SESSIONS via Zoom.

Ten 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, Sibling Rivalry, Teenage Boundaries Erickson's Stages of Growth, Personality Types and how it affects your children. WINZ funding assistance where eligible.

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### **Mana Music Centre – lesson spots available**

Mana Music Centre operates after school Weds and Thurs at Discovery School, Whitby and on Saturday mornings at Maraeroa School, Cannons Creek. We offer low-cost music lessons designed to give primary age students (up to Year 8) an affordable opportunity to try out music - \$20 per term. We have lesson spots available for Wed & Thurs **guitar**, and Sat **keyboard**. Please contact Larcy at [themanamusiccentre@gmail.com](mailto:themanamusiccentre@gmail.com) (Maraeroa enrolments) or Nina at [themanamusiccentrediscovery@gmail.com](mailto:themanamusiccentrediscovery@gmail.com) (Discovery enrolments). You can also check out [www.manamusiccentre.org.nz](http://www.manamusiccentre.org.nz) for more details.

### **WHITBY DANCE!**

Come and join our dance community here in Whitby at WHITBY DANCE! With classes starting from as young as 2 years, we offer classes in Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Hip Hop, Lyrical and our very own Preschool Programme.

For more info check out our website: <https://whitbydance.co.nz>

Or you can find us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WhitbyDanceNZ>

Contact us to enrol today.

### **JUNIOR FOOTBALL**

It's not too late to register for Junior Football

- First Kicks Football for children turning 4-6 years old.
- Junior Football for players aged 7-15 years.
- Girls Only Sunday League
- Teams for U8, U10, U12 & U14
- Multiple teams in every age group for players of all abilities.
- Scholarships to remove financial barriers to playing are available

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