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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 9: Cahlia Roche

Room 12: Henry von der Brelie

Room 13: Lawrence Hanify

Room 4: Hugo Hanify

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

Tōtara Camp

Against the backdrop of Omicron and the ever-present threat of infection, the Tōtara Camp went ahead as planned. The Tōtara community - teachers and parents - were resolute in their desire for the camp to proceed. The senior management team were behind Tōtara and I want to acknowledge our B.O.T. for lending their weight in support of the camp.

Tania and I both spent a day each with Tōtara and we were thoroughly impressed with everything about the camp. The organisation. The activities, the environment and, of course, the people.

Camps can't happen without parent help and I have to say it's hard to imagine a better group of parents to support our teachers than those present at Makahika. My sincere thanks go to Raynor, Baz, Aditi, Kelly, Mike M and Mike Mc, Sarah, Fiona and Stu.

As it happened Omicron reared its ugly head on the last morning of camp and we did have subsequent spread in Tōtara. Thankfully no one seems to have become too ill and all of the camp students are back at school now. This did not detract from the wonderful time students and parents had at camp.

There were a small number of students who contracted Omicron or had to isolate in the days leading up to camp so they unfortunately missed the camp. We regret that this was the case for those students.

Omicron Absences

We have had a number of students away with Omicron and a number isolating as household contacts or away because parents are making the choice to keep tamariki at home. While I am empathetic towards parents keeping children at home as a safeguard, I am required to remind the community of regulations around absences.

Children with Omicron or isolating as household contacts have their absences recorded as genuine. Children who are at home not infected or not as a household contact are recorded as an unjustified absence. These are regulations and schools have no discretion on how these absences are recorded.

To date the staff has not been ravaged by Omicron. We have had a handful of teachers away or isolating at different times and we have been able to cover these absences with relievers or moving tamariki around within syndicates. Hopefully this will continue to be the case.



The World Health Organisation announced that dogs cannot contract Covid 19. Dogs previously held in quarantine have now been released.

**To be clear:
WHO let the dogs out?**

**Disclaimer
(This may be old and not very funny anymore - sorry)**

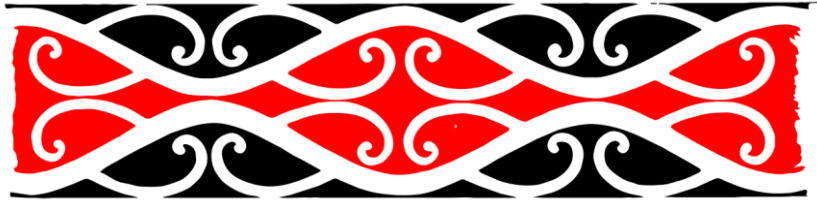
Learning Conversations

Learning conversations were to be held in the last week of this term. Because of the large number of students away from school and a number of parents going through the infection cycle we have decided to push the report nights back to week three of term two.

We are looking forward to having our learning conversations face to face. Further details will be provided in the next newsletter.

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

**John Wootton
(Principal)**



Rimu Syndicate have been focusing on

Whanaungatanga

Connections between people/friendship

It is created through shared experiences and working together and provides people with a sense of belonging.

We explored our whānau and prepared our own pepeha.



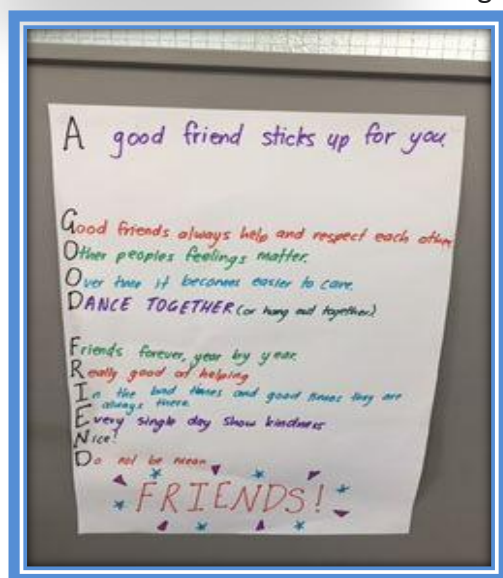
We have used art to share about ourselves, finding out similarities and differences that we all have.



In maths we became data detectives, gathering data about our class and graphing this data. We were able to draw conclusions from the graphs and come up with new wonderings to investigate.



We are also focusing on Kindness. These are a couple of our acrostic poems we made up about being a good friend.



We have enjoyed getting to know each other, renewing old friendships and creating new ones.

It has been fantastic to see how these shared activities and experiences have strengthened the Rimu Team.



Kowhai Toy Sale

Friday 8th April



It's time to bring those unwanted toys to school!

Kowhai teachers will be accepting donations
up until 1 April

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

Thanks so much for your support!

Let's Keep on Movin'!

Movin'March – Week 4!

Let's Keep Stamping!



Don't forget to bring your passports for stamping every day you walk or wheel to school over the next 2 weeks to go in the [WOW passport competition](#). At the end of March we'll be sending all passports off to the Movin'March team (remember they don't have to be complete – even passports with one trip count!). All passports go in the draw to win one of 12 x \$400 [MYRIDE](#) voucher. If you need a new passport ask your classroom teacher.

Staying at Home?

We know many families may be home-based if isolating or feeling unwell. Check out these gentle fun ideas on the Movin'March Family [Activities page](#). There's Jack's activity passport, a scavenger hunt and lots to design and colour in using their library of [art templates and te reo colouring posters](#).

Whānau share your journey with Movin'March ...

And take part in the [Whanau Photo Competition](#). Simply post a pic and comment under the weekly themes and you'll be in to **WIN 1 of 5 x adult or child [Micro Scooters](#)!** There's also **TEN** Family Passes to [Staglands Wildlife Reserve](#) or [Zealandia](#) being given away. Check out the posts from last week on "What whanau do, talk about or discover on their journey to school". A new theme is posted each Monday morning for the whole week. Enter as many times as you like! More details on Movin'March [Facebook](#).





Important Dates for Your Calendar

Please be aware some details may change



TERM ONE

Week 8	Tuesday 29 March	7.30: PTNi AGM
Week 9	Friday 8 April	Kōwhai Toy Sale
Week 10	Monday 11 April	6.30: BOT Meeting
	Thursday 14 April	Final day of Term One

TERM TWO

Week 1	Monday 2 May	First day of term
Week 2	Monday 9 May	School photos
		6.30: BOT Meeting
Week 3	Tuesday 17 May	World Vision Conference (Student Leaders)

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

Code Camp April Holiday Programme

This is a great opportunity for your child to really dive into furthering their skills or even learn something new! Like **what's all the buzz about NFTS**

We cater to all skill levels, from kids who have never touched programming but want to get stuck in, to those that are already developing on their own! Projects are student driven allowing them to make something that they're truly excited and passionate about! With tutors on hand to help with any problems.

Our programme follows a 4 day structure, with the children breaking off into groups working in the same language. Spending the 4 days planning, refining and creating, culminating in presentations on the final day, allowing you to come in and see first hand what your child has made.

Programme run from 9am – 3pm, Tuesday to Friday

<http://www.codecamp.co.nz/>

Norther United RFC – Junior Rugby

We pride ourselves on creating positive learning and fun experiences for our young members, boys and girls from ages 3 to 13 to thrive in the sport of rugby.

Wednesday 23 March 6-7pm – Year 4 then 7.15-8pm – Year 5

Wednesday 30 March 6-7pm – Year 6 then 7.15-8pm Year 4-6 catch ups

Wednesday 6 April – 6-7.30pm Year 7/8

Nursery to Year 3, please register and pay online

We also are promoting 'koha mai, koha atu' as a way of upcycling, trading preloved sporting items with our whānau.

All our information can be found on our website. <https://www.sporty.co.nz/nurfcjuniors>

World Series Indoor Cricket

You'll love it and your cricket skills will go to a whole new level

Indoor Cricket played Saturday afternoons over the winter months

Check out our website and see what Amelia Kerr has to say about World Series

www.worldseriescricket.co.nz

Kelly Sports April 2022 Holiday Programme – Ngatitoa Domain (Yrs 5-13)

Our hugely popular Kelly Sports Holiday Programme is back for the April 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: ***Easter Extravaganza, Goal Day, Tag Your It!, All Ball Day, Anzac Day, Twisty Triathlon Day plus trips to The Marine Centre and Ice Skating and lots more!***

Click here to view the **Activity Planner**

To enrol got to https://kellysports.co.nz/kelly_events/view/13942

Community Notices

Winter Holiday Programme @ Adventure School, 18 - 29 Apr 2022

BOOKINGS OPEN Now! 2 weeks of popular and exciting activities await your child (e.g. Trip to Zealandia, Kung Fu, Southward Car Museum, Battle Hill, Roller Skating Rink, Movies @ Lighthouse Cinema and much more).

BOOK ONLINE: www.asfc.co.nz or for more information e-mail holprog@asfc.co.nz or call 027-454-6975. Our opening times are 7.30 am – 5.00 / 5.30pm. Children from all schools are welcome ☺



Holiday Programme @ Adventure School

Low Sensory COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics

WHEN:

Saturday 9th April 9- 4pm
Saturday 16th April 9- 12pm

WHERE:

Autism Resource Centre, 20 Sydney St, Petone

WHO:

Anyone who is eligible for a vaccination - those aged 5-11, those who need boosters and anyone else who would benefit from a supportive vaccination environment (low sensory, longer appointment times, Autism NZ staff present). Parents, caregivers and whānau of autistic people can also be vaccinated at these events.

How to Book

When booking, state that you want to attend the Autism NZ event. You can book via phone, text or email:

Call: 0800 829 935

Text only: 027 281 5017

Email: CovidVaxAccessibility@ccdhb.org.nz

Please note that bookings are required for all family members, including those aged 5-11.