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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 8: Liz Murphy, Aditya Rai

Room 9: JJ Griffiths, Maddison Hamilton, Norah Lieu-Li

Room 12: Mayookha Srikanth

Room 15: Nuhaa Osman

Room 20: Albert Borodatov

Room 24: Robert Borodatov

Room 27: Hanna Incze

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

Kia ora tatou e te whānau

Me

I, along with Board Chair Mark Frew, have indicated to the community my intention to retire, so this note will come as no surprise. My last day of school will be Friday 5th August which is the second Friday of term three. I have moved the date into term three to ensure that I have the holidays to tie things up, therefore not interrupting the second term and so that the senior ball can be facilitated without being rushed.

Age, the fact that I've been at Adventure for nearly ten years and family are factors that have influenced my decision to retire. I was going to retire at the end of last year but with all schools under pressure with Covid running riot, I didn't want to be perceived as one cutting the cord when things were getting tough.

Speaking of cutting the cord; I recently became a grandfather - at the ripe old age of 68 - at 10.20 p.m. on the 26th April to be exact, so the arrival of Ivy has had further impact on my decision to retire.

I will have more to say - in an emotive sense - in subsequent newsletters, about the wonderful time I have had as Principal of this school, in this community, but for now, I will remain perfunctory and certainly enjoy the rest of this term.

School

We have enjoyed a great start to the term. Morale is high and our tamariki have enjoyed re-engaging with their teachers and friends. The relaxing of mask wearing and gathering requirements has seen a re-calibration in relation to school activities. It means that larger group indoor activities can resume-with sensible precautions-as such we are hosting our first full school assembly, this Friday morning for quite some time.

As many of our younger tamariki have never experienced a full school assembly, it will mainly be a run through of assembly protocols. We will take the opportunity to present our school leaders with their badges and we will sing a couple of songs.

Teacher Only Day

Our apology for not being able to give you notice sooner, but our Kahui Ako have confirmed a Teacher Only Day for Friday 3 June. On this day, the school will not be open for instruction.

On a Lighter Note



Ngā Mihi

**John Wootton
(Principal)**

Retirement

There will never be enough time to do all the
Nothing you want

Some very bad Grandpa jokes

- What do a tick and the Eiffel Tower have in common. They are both Paris sites
- What do you call a fish wearing a bow tie. Sofishticated
- How does the Moon cut its hair? Eclipse it
- What do you call a factory that makes okay products?" "A satisfactory."
- What did the janitor say when he jumped out of the closet?" "Supplies!"

Congratulations!



**"Papa Wootts"...
a very proud grandad!**

**Welcome to the
world, beautiful
Ivy Dan**



STAFFING –Term 2

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)	NE/ Y1	12
Tania Bailey	NE/ Y1	8
Nadine Amorangi	NE/ Y1	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
Emma Harris	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
Christina Pike (from Wk 3)	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 Clark	Carly St Laurent
Georgia Vaughan	Tania Bourke
Anna Robinson	Paula Hall

Support Staff

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

Teacher Aides

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

KAHUI AKO TEACHER ONLY DAY

Friday 3 June

(The day before Queen's Birthday Weekend)

Please note, school will be CLOSED this day.





Poppies for Anzac Day



Last Term the Year Two's learnt about why we celebrate Anzac Day and why poppies are worn in remembrance of the ANZAC soldiers that fought during The Great War. They then made poppies out of recycled plastic bottles which are now proudly displayed in our shared bag area.



We shall remember them

Kowhai Year 2

Spotlight on Learning through Play



Learning Through Play

The new sand pit is a huge hit! Thank you again Chris and Vicki Eastham for your time, energy and expertise in building this resource.

Playing With Sand

can help children to:

- learn about the properties of sand and water by feeling, patting, shaping and digging.
- problem solve how to keep structures intact
- strengthen their muscles as they move the sand around
- work creatively together with others on special projects like digging holes or trenches or making mountains

Collaboration

Here the children are problem solving how to reinforce the structure while working together to connect their tunnels. This involved a trial-and-error approach where the students used their prior knowledge and exploration to create single tunnels and then reinforce the walls and ceilings so they could achieve their goal of connecting them. There was much celebration when they successfully joined up the single tunnels.

Discover who you can be...

Curious Adventurers

ask questions to expand their knowledge of the world

We:

- are driven to explore the world around us
- are highly motivated to find out more
- seek opportunities to expand our thinking
- can separate fact from fiction

acquire
analyse
ask
apply
discover
kimihia

Seek your own path...Whāia te ara tika

Discover who you can be...

CREATIVE ADVENTURERS

open their hearts and minds to possibilities

We:

- use our imagination to view or create things in new ways
- generate many solutions to a problem
- take risks and use failure as a learning opportunity
- are not afraid to be different
- whāia ngā moemoeā
- have fun

inspire
play
innovate
imagine
dream

Seek your own path...Whāia te ara tika

Discover who you can be...

COLLABORATIVE ADVENTURERS

Work as a team in learning and play

We:

- have respectful conversations
- contribute ideas
- listen to others
- understand others may see things differently
- are tolerant and empathetic
- negotiate and compromise

listen
contribute
whanaungatanga
compromise
manaaki
envision

Seek your own path...Whāia te ara tika



Learning Through Play

A schema that has been obvious throughout the term has been construction. We have seen many forms of this; from creating things with boxes in makerspace, outside constructions to enclose or transport something somewhere, tunnels in the sand, blocks and loose parts that create small worlds. Many of these creations have been made by teams of students collaborating, negotiating and developing their problem-solving skills.



KiVa Anti-Bullying



This is our fourth year as a KiVa school.

KiVa is an evidence-based program designed to prevent bullying and to tackle cases of bullying effectively.

As a KiVa school, we are committed to actively following the KiVa programme and promoting anti-bullying.

BULLYING...

Harmful behaviour/degrading treatment which is –

- **deliberate**
- **repeated**
- **targeted at a relatively defenceless or a less powerful person**

Our classroom lessons focus on-

- ➔ changing attitudes and behaviours
- ➔ increasing student empathy and understanding
- ➔ developing strategies and confidence to move from being a bystander to a defender



Our teachers have engaged in KiVa professional development and we have a trained KiVa team (Tania Cox, Diane Pepperell, Mark Hughes, and Jen Squire) who follows a proven process when bullying incidents are identified. The process is targeted specifically to the children who have been involved in bullying as bullies or victims, as well as several classmates who are challenged to support the victim.

Parents' Guide is available on the KiVa website:

<https://newzealand.kivaprogram.net/parents-guide/>

Please do talk come and talk to us if you think your child is being a bullied.



PINK SHIRT DAY

Friday 20 May

Speak UP #PINKSHIRTDAYNZ
**STAND TOGETHER
STOP BULLYING**

KŌRERO MAI, KŌRERO ATU, MAURI TŪ, MAURI ORA



Pink Shirt Day is a national bullying prevention campaign run by the Mental Health Foundation of New Zealand. Pink Shirt Day began in Canada in 2007 when two students took a stand against homophobic bullying at their school after a new student was bullied for wearing pink.

Help turn our school into a sea of pink to show our support for Pink Shirt Day!

Children are invited to wear **PINK** to school.

Voluntary gold coin donations will be collected for the Mental Health Foundation.

From the PTNi

Outdoor Environment Project - PTNi

The project is moving ahead to develop our outdoor environment and we are seeking any school community connections to help us build momentum.

If you can offer skills, experience or contacts in any of the following please email ptni@adventure.school.nz

- Landscape Architecture or Design
- Earthworks or Building materials
- Playground design or construction
- Landscape Construction
- Tiler (desperately seeking...to reaffix terracotta tiles to garden edge)
- Artists and muralists
- Gardeners
- Desire to join the Outdoor Redevelopment team

We will gather input on priorities and ideas from the wider school community as we start the concept design phase soon. If you are prompted to share your thoughts now please email ptni@adventure.school.nz

PTNi Fundraiser

Name It (New Zealand)

www.nameit.co.nz

0800 NAME IT (0800 626 348)

Thanks to Cath McKee Adventure School is now all set up with 'Name It' labels for clothing, stationery, lunchboxes and more.

The CODE is 'ADVENTURE'

When you enter the CODE at the online checkout, you will receive a 10% discount yourself and Adventure school will also then receive a 10% commission on those orders placed using your code.

You are free to disclose this discount code to anyone who would like to support our school. Easy!



REMINDER: UPCOMING EVENTS

PARENT-TEACHER LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

Wednesday 18 & Thursday 19 May

Bookings online: www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

- school code k3pue

Bookings will close 24 hours beforehand

Please note, these Learning Conversations will just be for parents / caregivers. You are very welcome to bring your child/ren along to wait outside the classroom during this time.

School Cross-Country

Friday 27 May

Starting at 11am Finishing by 1pm



This will be held on and around the school grounds.

We are delighted to be able to have parents and caregivers join us for our whole school cross-country this year!

Please see the separate notice sent out today with further details.



Tough Guy and Gal



Thursday 26 May

(Separate notices have been emailed to families of children who have registered.)

PLEASE NOTE: Parents will be responsible for organising transport for their own child(ren)



Important Dates for Your Calendar

Please be aware some details may change



TERM TWO

Week 3	Wednesday 18 May	Learning Conversations
	Thursday 19 May	Learning Conversations
	Friday 20 May	PINK SHIRT DAY – Stand up against bullying Scholastic Book Club Issue 3 orders close
Week 4	Thursday 26 May	Junior Tough Guy and Gal
	Friday 27 May	School Cross Country
Week 5	Friday 3 June	SCHOOL CLOSED for Teacher Only Day
Week 6	Monday 6 June	SCHOOL CLOSED for Queen's Birthday
	Friday 10 June	Kowhai Syndicate Toy Sale
Week 7	Tuesday 14 June	Parumoana X-Country
	Thursday 16 June	Parumoana X-Country pp
Week 8	Tuesday 21 June	Parumoana X-Country ppp
	Wednesday 22 June	Totara Matariki Breakfast in Hall 4-6.30pm: Tawa College Open evening
	Friday 24 June	SCHOOL CLOSED for Matariki observance
Week 9	Friday 1 July	School Disco (details coming soon)
Week 10	Friday 8 July	Term 2 ends

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)
Teacher Only Day – Friday 3 June
Queen's Birthday – Monday 6 June
Matariki – Friday 24 June
Labour Day – Monday 24 October

Community Notices

Fun Sticks Hockey for 5-6year olds

We at Wellington Hockey are excited to announce the return of our Fun Sticks programme for 2022! The Fun Sticks programme offers the children in years 1&2 (5&6 years old) a fun and engaging introduction to hockey. The 8-week programme will see a focus on the development of individuals foundational movement and motor skill development, building a young person's physical literacy and preparing them for sport.

The programme will begin the weekend of the weekend of the 7th of May (first week on term 2) and be offered across four HUBs in the Wellington region.

- National Hockey Stadium (NHS), Wellington = 10.00am - 11.00am - Saturday
- Hutt (Fraser Park) = 8.00am - 9.00am - Saturday
- Porirua (Elsdon Turf) = 3.45pm – 4.45pm - Tuesday
- Karori (Samuel Marsden School) = 4pm - 5pm – Tuesday

More information and registrations are available via the Wellington Hockey website and the link below.

<https://www.wellingtonhockey.org.nz/post/2022-fun-sticks-registrations-now-open>

Irish Dancing

Would your child love to learn Irish Dancing?

Book your free trial class at the Kerry School of Irish Dancing today!

Saturdays, Adventure School

10.45 - 11.30am - 5 & 6 Years

Sundays, Plimmerton School

10.45 - 11.30am - 5 & 6 Years

Monday & Thursdays, Ngati Toa Domain

4.30 - 5.15pm - 6+ Years

Contact Kristina at

kerryschoolofirishdancing@gmail.com

BIGAIR Gym

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

TERM 2 CLASSES ARE STARTING NOW, SO DON'T MISS OUT, BOOK IN TODAY!

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 (thats parkour with flips) & CHEERLEADING!

Inquire about Bigair BIRTHDAY PARTIES too!

It's easy to book online at www.bigairgym.co.nz or contact our Bigair Gym office. We would love to hear from you. Bigair Gym Tawa ph.232 3508 e.office@bigairgym.co.nz

Online Chess Classes available now!

We have **awesome online chess classes** that you can join no matter where you are in the world! Get first-hand access to **NZ Major Open Champion Paul Macdonald**. And for the first time you can **book for the whole term** and enjoy great discounts!

- Online classes run on Mondays from 4-5pm and Wednesdays 4:45-5:45pm and are delivered via Zoom.
- Each class will present a fun and instructive game of chess with lots of puzzles for students to solve.
- Classes suit all students from complete beginner to advanced
- Students will also have the opportunity to play tournament games against one of the other students in the class.

<https://www.chesspower.co.nz/page/members/href.dsp?eqi=54370932&hsh=8452987&url=%2Fclass-registration>

Arty Farty birthday parties

Does your child have a birthday coming up? We can create an Arty Farty Party piece of artwork with them!

Contact: office.artyfartykids@gmail.com

ACTIVE AUTUMN SPORTS – TERM 2 ADVENTURE SCHOOL

This 8 x weekly (Wednesday's) programme gives children the skills and confidence in a fun and enjoyable environment. It's a great way to improve your child's motor skills and coordination. We aim to develop and enhance balls skills; catching, kicking and throwing, while improving strength, flexibility, hand/eye coordination and spatial awareness. It also encourages their enthusiasm for sport and the life skills that such involvement brings, giving them the confidence to join sports clubs and teams in the future.

In term 2 we will be focusing on the following sports:

Football, Netball, Ultimate Frisbee and Athletics! (2 weeks of each sport).

The sessions start in week 2 on Wednesday 11 May 2022.

To enrol go to www.kellysports.co.nz and in the school box put **"Adventure"**

Plimmerton School Kids Clothes Swap

Plimmerton School PTA invites you to a Kids Clothes Swap fundraiser on Saturday 2nd July at 2pm. Save money, shop sustainably and be in to win great prizes!

Please see the PTA facebook page for event

details: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1511296645938563/>

Reserve tickets here: <https://forms.gle/8hUsXVDxEp2dYJ3LA>

We would appreciate your support, buy a ticket, bring a group of friends, share on Facebook.

Please contact us with any questions,

plimschoolkidsclothesswap@gmail.com

Wellington Brick Show 4 and 5 June

Wellington Brick Show. Upper Hutt will be hosting Wellington's only Lego show on the 4th and 5th June at Whirinaki Whare Taonga, 836 Fergusson Drive, Upper Hutt. This will be a large event with over 70 Lego displays. Amazing creations from some of NZ's best builders.

4 June: 9am – 5pm & 5 June: 9am – 4pm

\$7 adult / \$5 child. EFTPOS available

This show will be raising money for Scouts NZ.

Presented by Wellington Lego User Group. Sponsored by Toyworld