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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



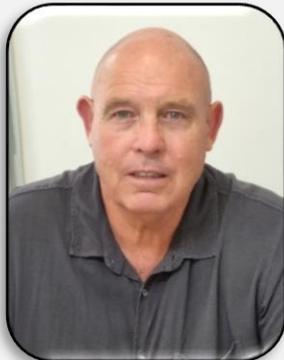
Welcome to our new students. It's great to have you join our Adventure family!

**Room 8:** Mason Stephenson

**Room 9:** Jai Bakshi

**Room 12:** Juliette Robinson, Erich Koekemoer,  
Colleen Lee

### 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*

Last week we conducted our two learning conversation evenings, the first face to report meetings for quite some time. We have changed the nature of our learning conversations and we received a lot positive feedback from parents. The feeling from our staff is that it is just great to be able sit down and engage with parents face to face and talk about learning.

I walk around the school often, just visiting classrooms or sometimes I'm invited into rooms to observe some specific aspect of learning. The engagement of our student and the rapport between students and teachers is a pleasure to behold.

What we see at school is happy, vibrant well-engaged tamariki.

### Grandpa Jokes

A Burger and a Hot Dog walk into a bar..... barman says,  
"Oi we don't serve food in here."

There are two types of people in this world those that can extrapolate from incomplete data...

## Kahui Ako

All the schools in our Kahui Ako (all Whitby, Paremata, Plimmerton schools and Aotea College) will be closed for a Teachers Only Day on Friday 3rd June. This day is purposely tagged on to Queens Birthday weekend in order to offer a longer weekend for those who wanted to take the opportunity. This is a professional development day with two keynote speakers, followed by 17 workshops for teachers to choose from. It will also offer us the rare opportunity for teachers to mix and mingle with staff members from all of our local schools.

## Senior Ball

The Senior Ball will be held on Wednesday 6th July in the school hall. This is the last Wednesday of term two. Students arrive at 6.30pm to mix mingle and have photos taken. The actual Ball starts at 7pm and finishes at 10pm. Students will participate in a range of circle dances, partner dances, reels, square dances and modern dances (the more modern dances are taught by Tania.)

More detail will come out through Totara Syndicate starting with permission slips. Students contribute to supper and we will ask for some parent support to help set this up. This is always a great evening and something our students genuinely look forward to.

You may have to be a Baby Boomer to get some of these music captions



Ngā Mihi

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

## 2022 Student Leadership Team

Introducing our 2022 Student Leadership Team, elected by their peers and the staff at the end of last year.

### HEAD BOY

Tomiteau Finau



### HEAD GIRL

Elliot Cox



### HOUSE CAPTAINS

#### Crowsnest

Quaid Rautenbach



#### Longitude

Kiharoa Landon-Lane



#### Latitude

Caitlin Davidson



#### Mainsail

Kashish Shankar



## From the PTNi



We're excited to announce that Adventure School will once again be running our popular Whittakers fundraiser!

**But we need help from our amazing parent community.**

Organising has already begun and the boxes of goodness are on their way. But we need someone to lead the process and enthusiastic people to help out with the following tasks:

- Unpacking, sorting and handing out the boxes
- Handling the collected money
- Organising prizes (paid for by the PTNi)

If you think you can spare a few hours to help out, please email [Ptni@adventure.school.nz](mailto:Ptni@adventure.school.nz)

**Thank you!**





Each day in Kowhai children grow the Adventure Way attributes through play. Children are coached by their teachers to develop curiosity, creativity, collaboration, self-awareness and self-direction.

In growing Self-Awareness, we encourage children to accurately judge their own ability and behaviour to respond appropriately to different situations by:

- naming their own emotions
- having the confidence to take risks in their learning
- owning their words & actions, & talking about the feelings
- involved
- naming some of their strengths and things they find hard

Here are some photos of the Year 1 students developing Self-Awareness in the play during Term 1, 2022.

Discover who you can be...

## SELF-AWARE ADVENTURERS

Identify their character and manage their emotions

We:

- recognise how other people perceive us
- recognise and name our emotions
- manage our emotions to make good choices
- own our words and actions
- reflect to find ways for things to work better next time
- identify our abilities, talents and interests
- accept our challenges

notice  
reflect  
respond  
regulate  
respect  
ngakau-pono

Seek your own path...Whāia te ara tika



**Accept our challenges**



**Reflect to find ways for things to work better next time**



**Identify our abilities, talents and interests**



**Own our words and actions**

Play helps children form and maintain vital neural connections in the brain while also strengthening existing pathways.

...if children are not engaging regularly in a wide range of play styles during childhood, they may not achieve the full range of cognitive and emotional capabilities as adults.



Sir Ken Robinson 'You, Your Child & School'



*Manage our emotions to make good choices*



*Identify our abilities, talents and interests*



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Children's **development** isn't organised into separate compartments.

Their **physical** development affects their **cognitive** development, which is wrapped up in their **social** experiences, all of which interweaves with their feelings and **emotions** about themselves and the world around them.

Sir Ken Robinson  
You, Your Child and School



*Reflect to find ways for to work better next time*



**New Zealand Curriculum Level One links within these photos include:  
The Arts, Technology, Social Sciences and Health and Physical Education.**



**Visual Art:** Explore a variety of materials and tools and discover elements and selected principles.



**Technological Practice:** Outline a general plan to support the development of an outcome, identifying appropriate steps and resources.



**Understand how people have different roles and responsibilities as part of their participation in groups.**



**Movement skills/Science and Technology:** Develop a wide range of movement skills, using a variety of equipment and play environments.

# Turning Four? Turning Five?

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

If yes, please come in or call the office to let us know as soon as possible to secure your child's classroom placement.

We are constantly forward planning student placements and knowing about future enrolments 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 June 10



**Thank you for all of the donations so far!  
We are happy to collect donations up until the  
2nd of June – so keep them coming!**

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

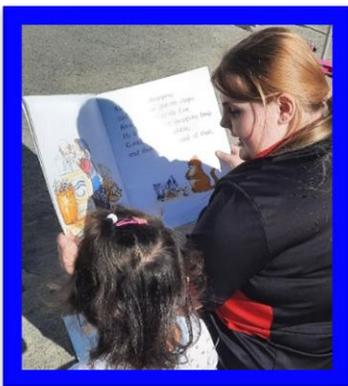
**Thanks so much for your support**

*Any donations can be brought to any Kowhai teacher – thank you!*

# Adventure Kindergarten – Adventure School

## *Growing Connections*

*At the start of the term, Mrs St. Clair took a group of Year 5-6 students down to Adventure Kindergarten. The Year 5-6 students read books to the preschools and then played alongside them – having an absolute blast! Building strong connections between preschool and primary school is an important part of transition to school for pre-schoolers but these experiences can also have huge benefits for our Year 5-6 students as they provide experiences for students to grow The Adventure Way attributes.*





## ***Congratulations...***

### **Ruby Woodcock** (Year 2)

At the end of last year Ruby was selected to join the Twisters club in the Pre-comp section; this year she moved to Step One to start her first year of competing.

Ruby has watched many gymnastics movies and always wanted to do competitions, so was very excited to start this year. She trains 4 hours a week, over two days and nonstop at home!

She is passionate about gymnastics and loves sharing it with her friends during lunch time on the top field.

She has competed in 3 competitions so far all over the Wellington region and has achieved some fantastic results-

Floor: 4<sup>th</sup>    Vault: 4<sup>th</sup>    Beam: 1<sup>st</sup> x2    Overall (4 apparatuses): 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>    Team: 3<sup>rd</sup> & 1<sup>st</sup>



**A super effort –  
well done Ruby!**



## REMINDER: UPCOMING EVENTS

# 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 Note: Our PTNi have arranged for a coffee cart to be stationed in the staff carpark.*



**KAHUI AKO TEACHER ONLY DAY**

**Friday 3 June**

(The day before Queen's Birthday Weekend)

*Please note, school will be CLOSED this day.*



### PTNi Fundraiser

Name It (New Zealand)

[www.nameit.co.nz](http://www.nameit.co.nz)  
0800 NAME IT (0800 626 348)

Adventure School is now all set up with 'Name It' labels for clothing, stationery, lunchboxes, etc.

**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 share this discount code to anyone who would like to support our school.





## Important Dates for Your Calendar

Please be aware some details may change



### TERM TWO

<b>Week 4</b>	Friday 27 May	School Cross Country
<b>Week 5</b>	Friday 3 June	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b> for Teacher Only Day
<b>Week 6</b>	Monday 6 June	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b> for Queen's Birthday
	Wednesday 8 June	Sauasage sizzle orders on Kindo close
	Friday 10 June	Kōwhai Syndicate Toy Sale
<b>Week 7</b>	Monday 13 June	6.30pm: BOT meeting
	Tuesday 14 June	Parumoana X-Country
	Thursday 16 June	Parumoana X-Country pp
	Friday 17 June	Sausage sizzle
<b>Week 8</b>	Tuesday 21 June	Parumoana X-Country ppp
	Wednesday 22 June	Tōtara Matariki Breakfast in Hall 4-6.30pm: Tawa College Open evening
	Friday 24 June	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b> for Matariki observance
<b>Week 9</b>	Friday 1 July	School Disco (details coming soon)
<b>Week 10</b>	Monday 4 July	6.30pm: BOT meeting
	Wednesday 6 July	Totara Syndicate Ball
	Friday 8 July	Term 2 ends

### 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)

**Teacher Only Day – Friday 3 June**

**Queen's Birthday – Monday 6 June**

**Matariki – Friday 24 June**

**Labour Day – Monday 24 October**

## Community Notices

### Become a host family

Aotea College is excited to be welcoming International Students back!

With the return of International Students, we are now looking to expand our pool of homestay families, for both short term and long term hosting.

#### Why host?

Hosting a student is an enriching experience for both yourselves and the student. You'll experience a true cultural exchange, sharing knowledge of your culture whilst learning about the many different cultures represented by our students. Often host families build lasting relationships with their students

#### What is expected from host families?

- Involve their student in their life, spend time talking with their students to give them confidence speaking in English and treat them as a member of the family.
- Be caring and understanding, patient but able to set boundaries
- Show their students how to get to and from school (e.g. where the bus stop is, how to access the bus schedule, how to walk to school).
- Provide three meals a day and snacks (including a packed lunch during the school week).
- Provide a furnished bedroom
- Provide bed linen (sheets, pillow, and blankets) and towels
- Provide wifi

#### What we provide

Aotea College has a well-resourced International Department, with a Homestay Co-ordinator who is able to provide you with advice and support.

Homestay families are paid a weekly fee which is reviewed annually.

For more information about hosting a student please check

out: [international.aotea.school.nz/homestay](http://international.aotea.school.nz/homestay) or email [cox@aotea.school.nz](mailto:cox@aotea.school.nz)

### Ready for a challenge?

The Heart Foundation are relying on big-hearted people, like you, now more than ever before so we can continue to fund our life-saving work. That's why, this year, show your big heart by taking part in the Gazley Volkswagen Wellington Marathon on Sunday 27 June 2021 and at the same time, make your support go further by raising life-saving funds to fight New Zealand's single biggest killer - heart disease.

Walk, run (or a bit of both) or join with friends...however you decide to take part in the Gazley Volkswagen Wellington Marathon we'd love to have you join us and help make a difference!

It's quick and easy to get started. Simply [register for the event](#) and enter the distance of your choice and then [create your fundraising page](#) and spread the word to your friends and family! We'll be there to support you every step of the way, plus, once your fundraising is underway, you'll receive a Heart Foundation running t-shirt.

Funds raised in the Gazley Volkswagen Wellington Marathon ensure that world-class research is funded, Kiwi cardiologists can undertake specialist training, and that the 170,000 New Zealanders living with heart disease receive the support, information and resources they need to live full lives.

### Can't compete?

If you're not planning to run the 2022 Gazley Volkswagen Wellington Marathon this year, how about joining this fun event as a volunteer? You'll be out enjoying the atmosphere and helping with tasks like registrations and support at the finish line. If this is something you'd be keen to know more about or you'd like to register you can find out more here [www.heartfoundation.org.nz/get-involved/wellington-marathon-2022](http://www.heartfoundation.org.nz/get-involved/wellington-marathon-2022)