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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:** Sasha Eastham

### 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*

We reach the end of term having navigated the last ten weeks pretty successfully in the wake of a second Covid wave, accompanied by various winter ills and chills that we have not had for the past two years.

Despite having a large number of tamariki and staff away at various times, we have not and will not, burden parents with the prospect of illness related school closures. We recognise that the difficulties schools face are no different to the ones our parents face in managing their daily lives.

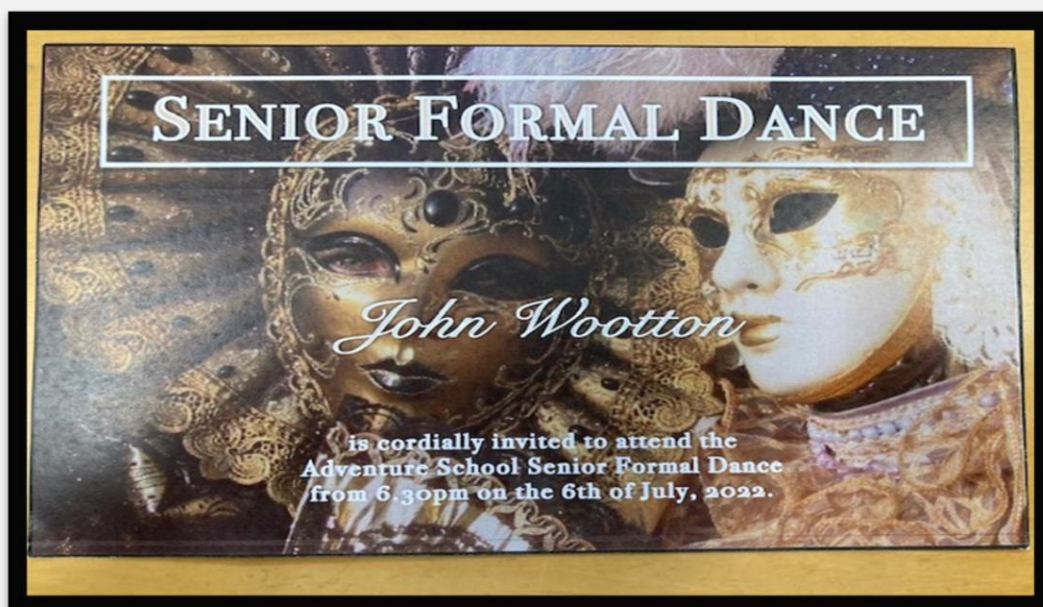
I hope you all manage to have an enjoyable break that will help recharge batteries and rid the system of any lingering lurgies ahead of the third term.

## Adventure School Mid- Winter Ball

This newsletter went to print ahead of the Ball so I will pre-empt its success. During the second term our year 7 / 8 students undertook a programme of traditional and folk dance instruction and guidance in the associated appropriate behavioural protocols. This enables them to successfully participate in and enjoy the extravaganza that is the Adventure School Senior Mid-Winter Ball. Somewhat ironically this Ball has a "Venetian Mask" theme.

Our students have mastered the Palais Glide, The Gay Gordons, The Patty Cake Polka, Ballin' th' Jack, Circle Waltz, St Bernards Waltz, Maxina Hinky Dinky Parlez Vous, Virginia Reel, Durham Reel and The Dashing White Sergeant. They have also learned a modern dance taught by our D.P. Tania Cox.

This is always a great event; one that our students will remember with affection for the rest of their lives. Photo's in the first newsletter next term.



### Sadie

By now you will all know of the house fire that has destroyed Sadie's home and possessions. There has been an outpouring of care, kindness and offers of support from the school and the community, especially Sadie's marching family. Once the family is more settled and can take stock, we will better know the best way to support them.

### Regional Cross Country

On a grim, grey, rainy day on Tuesday this week, our athletes competed in the Regional Cross Country in Upper Hutt. All our runners competed really well and we had two top ten finishers in Lennox Manase (6th place year five boys) and Cameron Starr (2nd place year seven boys). Considering this event included runners from all the schools in the Wellington region, this is an outstanding effort from these two boys.

## Term Three Staff Changes

When a Principal retires it obviously has an impact on staffing within a school. It is both a challenging and exciting time.

From week three of term three (8th August) through to the end of the year, Tania Cox will be Acting Principal, Diane Pepperell will be Acting Deputy Principal and Donna Miles - who has previous experience working in special education - will be Acting Assistant Principal / S.E.N.C.O. for Years 5-8.

We have appointed Di Henzell to a roll growth position in our Year One area. This is a fixed term position through to the end of the year.



*Ngā Mihi*

**John Wootton  
(Principal)**



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Principal Kate Gainsford BA, Dip Tchg

Please get your Year 9 enrolment forms into the school as soon as possible to assist us with planning for next year. A reminder that out of zone applications MUST be at the school by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022 to be included in the ballot for a small number of spaces available for out of zone enrolments.



# Tōtara Spot

Tōtara Syndicate has been investigating all manner of celebrations and commemorations over the course of this term. Our investigations spanned the globe, looking at everything from Cinco de Mayo (a Mexican Celebration), to World Hamburger Day on the 28th of May.

In the latter part of the term we looked specifically at New Zealand's own Matariki celebrations.

Matariki is a time for friends and whanau to come together, think about the good things that have happened to them over the past year, people who are no longer with them and things that they are looking forward to in the year to follow. These thoughts and remembrances often take place with the sharing of kai.

Tōtara Syndicate hosted their own Matariki Parakuihi (breakfast) in the Hall, where the students came together to share a hearty cooked breakfast of sausages, eggs, beans and toast.

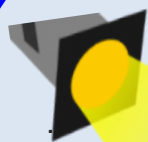


Students helping to serve up patties on World Hamburger Day

## Tōtara Matariki Breakfast

Tomiteau and Elliot delivering a Karakia to bless the food at the start of our Matariki Breakfast.





In the Spotlight

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

### **Kiharoa Landon-Lane** (Year 8)

Kiharoa has been selected to represent Central Mako Baseball Porirua at the Winter Down Under Classic Gold Coast Baseball Tournament.

This is a prestigious invitational Australian baseball event comprised of teams from all around Australia.



*A superb achievement  
Kiharoa!*



In the Spotlight

## ***Congratulations also to...***

### **Alycia Capes-Parr** (former student)

It's great to acknowledge former pupils who have achieved great things during their college years. Alycia is one such student. In 2023 Alycia will begin studies at AUT, embarking on a journey towards a physiotherapy degree.

Alycia's sporting, cultural and academic success at college and in the community and her outstanding personality has resulted in her receiving a first foundation scholarship which will cover the bulk of her university fees.

Alycia wants to study in Auckland because she has family connections there and for her sporting aspirations. Alycia attended Adventure School from 2013- 2017.

#### ***Exert from the Aotea College Newsletter***

*Congratulations to Year 13 students Malama Pritchard-Aiono and Alycia Capes-Parr who have each been awarded a First Foundation scholarship. This is a very prestigious award - the scholarship will cover their university fees for three years, and they will also be mentored and receive paid work experience.*

*Poho korerū ana mātou i a rāua!*





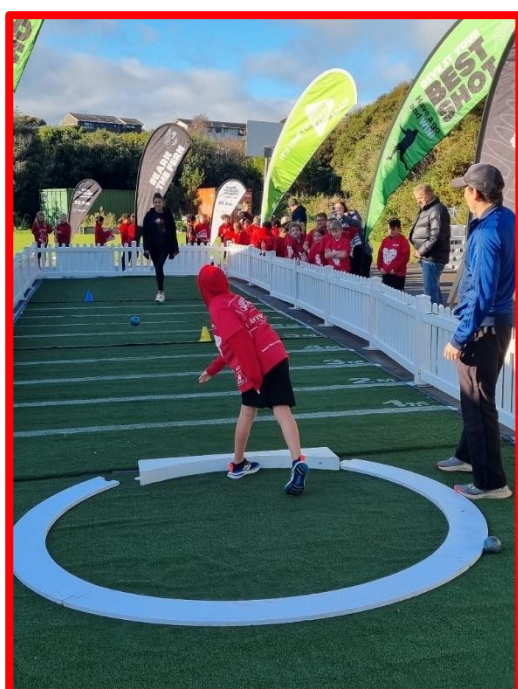
## Sports Spot

Adventure years 3-8 children were fortunate to have been one of the six schools in New Zealand treated to a visit from Olympian, Sarah Cowley-Ross, as well as 'Give It Your Best Shot'. This was a wonderful opportunity organized by the New Zealand Olympic Committee and partners.

'Give It Your Best Shot' is a chance for everyday kids to put themselves in Dame Valerie's shoes, and have a go at matching her records in shot put! A 'shot put arena' was set up behind the hall marked with our NZ Commonwealth shot put star's personal best scores. Children were able to feel the weight of a Commonwealth Games grade shot put and see how far they could throw it.



7 types of shoes for the Heptathlon



Our Head Boy, Tomiteau, trying to match Dame Valerie's 21.24m pb



Sarah with some of our cross-country champs



## Messages and advice we took away from our visit from Sarah Cowley, Olympic Ambassador



- Sarah was inspired to be an athlete when she saw the Olympics on television when she was just 8 years old (Lohit)
- Keep trying. When Sarah first competed in high jump at the National Secondary School's level, she came dead last. The following year she came 3rd, after that she won it and then never lost a competition (Logan)
- She has jumped the 2nd highest of all NZ women: 1.91m (Lohit)
- The Olympic Values: Respect, Friendship, Excellence (Tom)
- No one wakes up in the morning and is suddenly good at something, you have to train to get really good at anything! (Sarah)
- When she failed, she kept on trying. (Payton)
- At the Olympic Village, London, 2012 Sarah ordered McDonald's for the first time in 5 years. She couldn't believe how many burgers the Olympian near her ordered (at least 10!). When she had the courage to look to see who it, she was astounded to see it was Usain Bolt!
- She created a daily schedule and set herself the target of earning 6050 points in her events in order to qualify for the Olympics. She beat that total and qualified for London. (Jonty)
- To get rid of nerves she taught us to place a hand on our tummy and chest so we could feel our breathing all the way from our stomach to our lungs. (Mac)
- Then she demonstrated box breathing: breathe in for 4 counts, hold for 4, breathe out for 4, hold for 4 and repeat. (Amelia)
- Javelin was her weakest Heptathlon event. When she started she could only throw 22 metres. Through lots and lots of training and perseverance she can now throw over 40m.
- Being the 1134th Olympian was a really, really proud moment for her. (Chloe)
- One of her most memorable moments was when the haka was performed for her and the other athletes at the Olympics. She thought she was suffering from hay fever but later realised she was so emotional she had teared up. (Sophie)





# Matariki Disco

What a wonderful turn-out at our school disco last Friday!  
A huge thank you to the PTNi for organising a highly successful and enjoyable event.

Your support of this event raised over **\$2 000**







## Important Dates for Your Calendar

*Please be aware some details may change*



### TERM TWO

Week 10	Friday 8 July	Term 2 ends
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### TERM THREE

<b>Week 1</b>	Monday 25 July	Term 3 begins
<b>Week 2</b>	Wednesday 3 August	BOT nominations close
	Friday 5 August	<b>11.00: Mr Wootton's Farewell Assembly</b> -followed by an opportunity for parents/ caregivers to chat to with John over cake and a cuppa.
<b>Week 3</b>	Tuesday 9 August	7.30: PTNi Meeting
	Wednesday 10 August	Year 7 Boostrix immunisations
<b>Week 4</b>	Monday 15 August	6.30: BOT Meeting
	Wednesday 17 August	Senior Swimming Sports
<b>Week 5</b>	23-25 August	Nikau Swimming
	Wednesday 24 August	Learning Conversations (from 2.15pm)
	Thursday 25 August	Learning Conversations (from 2.15pm)
<b>Week 6</b>	30-31 August, 1 September	Nikau Swimming
<b>Week 7</b>	6-7 September	Nikau Swimming
	Wednesday 7 September	Wig Wednesday
	Sunday 11 September	PTNi Working Bee

### 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

### **Anchor Next Gen for Year 7 & 8's !**

Can you be a 'minute to win it' champion?

Sunday 10 July 3 - 5 p m

Come along with a buddy

Games Snacks Bible Chill out

Anchor Church, 1 Joseph Banks Drive, Whitby

### **If your child loves doing cartwheels, handstands, trampolining, flips, or parkour moves, 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 feel personal progression!

Bigair classes include **GYMNASTICS, TRAMPOLINING, TUMBLING, FREE RUNNING** (that's parkour with flips) & **CHEERLEADING!** Inquire about Bigair **BIRTHDAY PARTIES** too!

**GET IN QUICK FOR TERM 3 GYM CLASSES & BIGAIRS POPULAR HOLIDAY PROGRAMME! Bookings open Mon 27<sup>th</sup> June.** Booking in is easy online at [www.bigairgym.co.nz](http://www.bigairgym.co.nz) or contact your local Bigair Gym office today.

### **Spotlight Performing Arts**

Spaces are available for Term 3!

Dance, Drama and Singing for students aged 4-15 years

Led by a London West End performer!

AOTEA - JOHNSONVILLE - KARORI - LOWER HUTT - NEWTOWN - UPPER HUTT

Book your child's two-week trial NOW!

[www.spotlightperformingarts.co.nz](http://www.spotlightperformingarts.co.nz)

### **WHITBY DANCE!**

ENROLMENTS OPEN FOR TERM 3!

Come and join our dance community in Term 3 at WHITBY DANCE! With classes starting from as young as 2 years, we offer Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Hip Hop, Lyrical, our very own Preschool Programme and Adult classes.

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.

### **Little Dribblers Football Club for ages 1-7**

Little Dribblers Football is back for another term and this weekend is our FREE Have a Go Day.

For kids aged 1-7 years.

Have a go for free this weekend or join a term for the new season starting 24 July.

Fees start from \$75 term.

**The links for the Have A Go Day is HERE and to get more REGISTRATION INFO HERE**

### **Places available at Brownies!**

We have places available for girls aged 7 - 9 years to join our local Brownie units that meet at Western Suburbs Football Clubrooms on Albatross Close:

- Endeavour Brownies with Beth and Zoe meet on Monday 5.15pm - 6.45pm. Email contact: [browniesendeavour@gmail.com](mailto:browniesendeavour@gmail.com)
- Cooks Brownies with Alice and Brianna meet on Thursday 5.15pm - 6.45pm. Email contact: [browniescooks@gmail.com](mailto:browniescooks@gmail.com)

To arrange a free visit at the start of Term Three, contact the units directly via the email address above or register your interest with Girl Guiding NZ using this form: <https://girlguidingnz.org.nz/registration/>

## School Holiday Activities

### Winter Holiday Programme @ Adventure School, 11 - 22 July 2022

**BOOKINGS OPEN Now!** 2 weeks of popular and exciting activities await your child (e.g. Trip to Laserforce, Kung Fu, Ice Skating, Space Place, Roller Skating Rink, Rimutaka Gym, Movies @ Lighthouse Cinema and much more).

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



### Holiday Programme @ Adventure School

#### Cosy Times at City Centre Library

Creative kids! Join us for cosy reads and cool activities at the library these July School Holidays.

Stories - Crafts – Robots – Photography – Stop Motion. Indoor adventures for kids of all ages – and their toys too!

Keep up to date. Join the Porirua Libraries Facebook group Children's Chat:

[facebook.com/groups/PoriruaLibraryChildrensChat](https://facebook.com/groups/PoriruaLibraryChildrensChat)

<https://porirualibrary.org.nz/>    [porirualibrary@poriruacity.govt.nz](mailto:porirualibrary@poriruacity.govt.nz)

#### Wonderkind at Circa Theatre

is a brand-new, magical theatre experience for young children. You can join fledgling friends, Tim and Em, as they set off on a journey leading to the ultimate discovery; that endless possibilities for wonder and joy lie in true friendship.

Wonderkind is a theatre show featuring puppetry, live performance, a stunning scenographic design and a delightful original music score. This is a high-quality and visually striking piece of children's theatre at Circa Theatre during the July school holidays

Wonderkind runs 9th – 30th July at Circa Theatre, with shows at 11am and 1pm. Bookings through Circa Theatre through Circa Theatre <https://www.circa.co.nz/package/wonderkind/>

General Admission tickets - \$15 each    Family Pass for Four - \$50    Under 2's – Free

#### Staglands

A quick message to let our school community know that Staglands yummy winter marshmallows are back!

For a limited period only, during the July School Holidays, we will be giving them away FREE to all visitors!

We will also be running our very popular, free tractor trailer rides (circumstances permitting).

We hope to see some of you soon for some wild cooking in the great outdoors.

Staglands Wildlife Reserve & Cafe

2362 Akatarawa Valley, RD 2, Upper Hutt 5372

Ph +64 4 526 7529

#### Chess Lovers ONLINE Holiday Program

**When:** 9:00am - 12:15pm

**Cost:** \$45

**Why Join:**

- Develop thinking and problem solving
- Learn great new skills
- Interactive hands-on lessons
- Experienced professional coaches
- Make friends with like-minded kids

Note: This program is suitable for kids who have some experience with chess.

[Read More & Register](#)

#### Free Tutored 1 Hour Coding Activity

4, 5 & 6pm session options. Suitable for ages 9-18. Students need a laptop / chromebook / macbook.

Limited spaces available, so bookings required. Sign up at <https://codingnz.com/holidays>



### **APP DEVELOPMENT HOLIDAY PROGRAMME @ WHITBY COLLEGIATE**

Our IT expert will teach students to create games for Android and iPhone using Python and the Kivy Library. The games will be optimised for desktop and mobile and packaged so that they can be shared with friends and family.  
Dates: Monday 18 - Wednesday 20 July 2022 Time: 9:00am - 4:00pm Cost: \$250

The class is open to students from Year 6 and up . No previous experience necessary but always helpful. Students must bring a Windows laptop with admin rights on the first day so that relevant software can be loaded by the instructor.

To book and pay, please register on the Whitby Collegiate website's holiday programme page <https://www.whitbycollegiate.school.nz/> or via the following link: <https://form.jotform.com/whitbyenrol/app-development-holiday-programme>

### **ROBOTICS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME @ WHITBY COLLEGIATE**

Whitby Collegiate will be hosting a 3 day robotics holiday programme in July. Our robotics expert will teach students how to build and programme a drivable robot, which will operate autonomously, collecting and using sensor data. On the final day students will collaborate in teams and watch their robots come to life playing a football match. Students keep their robots after the programme. Limited spaces available.

Dates: Monday 25 - Wednesday 27 July 2022 Time: 9:00am - 4:00pm Cost: \$350

The programme is open to students from Year 6 and up. No previous experience necessary, other than an enthusiasm and interest in robotics. Students must bring a Windows or Apple laptop.

Please bring a packed lunch, snacks and water. Lunch options are available for \$10 per day.

To book and pay, please register on the Whitby Collegiate website's holiday programme page <https://www.whitbycollegiate.school.nz/> or via the following link: <https://form.jotform.com/whitbyenrol/robotics-ai-holiday-programme>

### **What's happening at Ngā Manu Nature Reserve?**

#### **Children's Art & Nature Day with Harriet Bright – 12 July 2022 10am – 3pm**

This workshop is strictly limited to 15 students between the ages of 7-12 years of age.

Children will need a packed lunch, drink and weather appropriate clothes including raincoat and gumboots.

**Price:** Friends of Ngā Manu members \$55; Non-members \$60

[Click here to book your place](#)

#### **Golden Kiwi Egg Hunt – 9 – 24 July 2022 10am – 5pm**

Find the locations of 8 Golden Kiwi Eggs hidden in the reserve and answer the questions to enter our weekly draw to win a Friends of Nga Manu Family Membership (valued at \$100 and valid for 12 months). Existing members will have an additional 12 months added to their membership.

We will also be running two eel talks every day during the school holidays; one at 11am, the other at 2pm. The talks are free, but if you want to feed the eels it will be \$2 per person. Tokens can be purchased at the Visitor Centre.

For more information about these events and others, [check out our website](#).

### **Code Camp - 9am - 3pm, Monday - Thursday**

This is a great opportunity for your child to really dive into furthering their skills or even learn something new! like **our new Unity game development course**. 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 four day structure, with the children breaking off into groups working in same language! Spending the four 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! To avoid missing out book now <https://codecamp.co.nz/thorndon>

### **Irish Dancing**

Would your child love to learn Irish Dancing? Come along to one of our Frozen themed Free Open Day's. Dress up as your favourite Frozen Character! It's going to be unreel fun!

Saturday 23 July, Adventure School, 10.45 - 11.30am - 5 & 6 Years

Sunday, 24 July, Plimmerton School, 10.45 - 11.30am - 5 & 6 Years

To book in for our Frozen Themed Free Open Day contact Kristina at [kerryschoolofirishdancing@gmail.com](mailto:kerryschoolofirishdancing@gmail.com)