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## Newsletter No 12 – 28 July 2022

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 10** Sethum Thennakoon, Anaya Kaushik, Archie Tovey, Seb Mulhern

### 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*

This is the last newsletter I will pen at Adventure School, as my 5th August retirement date looms. I don't have the time or space to write all the wonderful things I could, about this school, its staff, the board the PTNi and of course our tamariki and parent community, so I'll be brief.

It's nearly ten years since I arrived at Adventure, after the previous ten years at Korokoro School and twenty-six years before that at Naenae Intermediate. I've been blessed because I have loved my time at every school and was sad leaving each one. Leaving Adventure will be particularly poignant because it signals the end of a career. Suffice to say I will miss this school and its community. Obviously, there are things I won't miss but I'll keep them to myself and when you stack up the good against the bad it works out about 96% good 4% bad.

The school is in great hands with Tania Cox as Acting Principal through to the end of the year. Tania is an outstanding professional and is hugely respected in our school and in the wider community. I know the staff will respond outstandingly to her leadership.

I have to say that I have been piloted through the sometimes turbulent waters of governance by a succession of wonderful board chairs and my heartfelt thanks goes to Gareth Fleming, Jenny Miller, Bevan Holloway, Mark Frew and, of course, their attendant boards.



### The Passage of Time

It's always nice when a child arrives at school and you find out that you have taught a parent or other close relative at another school.

There are a few parents or relatives of children here that I taught at some stage at Naenae Intermediate or Korokoro.

Julie and Rose Bonar bookend the period of my teaching career.

Julie (mum) in my class at the start of my career and Rose (daughter) now in Totara, at the end of it.

### Amusing Sporting Quotes

In 1980 when Vitas Gerulaitas beat Jimmy Connors after 16 unsuccessful attempts.  
"Nobody beats Vitas Gerulaitas seventeen times in a row."

Boxing trainer Lou Duva on the training regime of Andrew Golota  
"He's a guy who gets up at six o'clock in the morning regardless of what time it is."

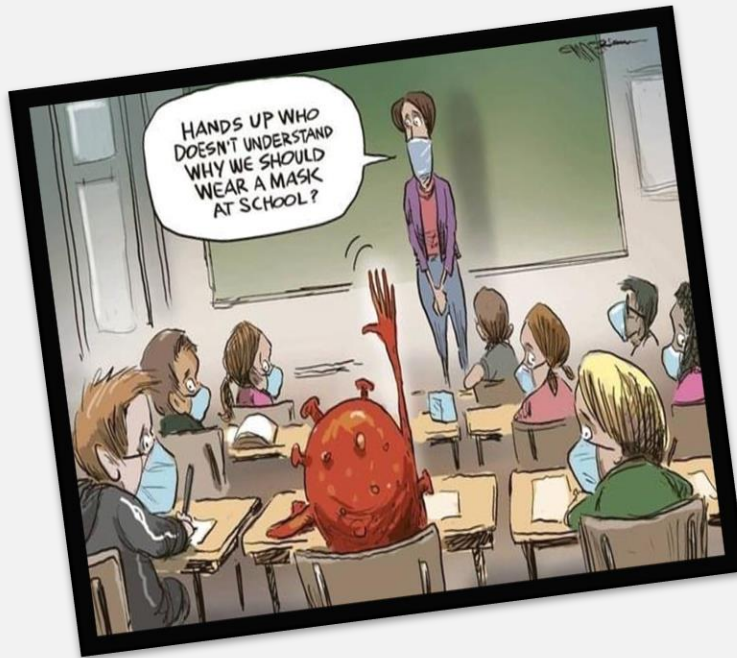
Footballer Terry Venables  
"If history is going to repeat itself, I should think we can expect the same thing again."

Footballer Kevin Keegan  
"The Germans only have one player under twenty two and he's twenty three."

Golfer Greg Norman  
"I owe a lot to my parents, especially my mum and dad."

Boxing Coach Lou Duva  
"You can sum up this sport in two words; 'You never know.'"

It will not be lost on you that there are no females included in these sporting quotes.  
That is because they are not stupid.



*Ngā Mihi*

**John Wootton  
(Principal)**

### **John's Farewell Assembly**



We will farewell John next Friday, 5 August, at a special assembly in the hall at 11.00am. We have a fabulous jam-packed programme, likely to take close to 2 hours, to recognize and celebrate John's many years at Adventure.

Whilst we would love you to join us, please be aware, our children alone take up a large proportion of the hall, so seating will be very limited.

We are wondering if there is a skilled videographer in our school community that would be willing to film the assembly so it could be shared with Adventure families. If you are interested, please contact Mark Hughes [mhughes@adventure.school.nz](mailto:mhughes@adventure.school.nz)

After the assembly, there will be opportunity to spend some time with John over a cuppa and cake in the hall. You are more than welcome to stay after the assembly or come along just for this.

Our school office will be closed during the assembly to enable the office staff to attend. If you need anything, you will find Nikki and Sharon at the back of the hall.



## School Board Elections

### Parent Election Notice

Nominations are open for the election of **3** parent representatives to the school board.

All eligible voters will have received a nomination form. Use this form to nominate yourself or someone in your community. You will also receive a nomination cover letter calling for nominations. Information on who is not eligible to be a board member is provided with the nomination form.

If you need more nomination forms, contact the school office.

Nominations close at **noon** on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August**. You may provide a signed candidate statement and photograph with your nomination.

The electoral roll is held at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

As nominations are received, there will be a list of candidates' names kept at the school up until election day, which you can view.

Voting closes at **4pm** on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September**.

Sharyn Woodmass

Returning Officer



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. During Term 2, our main focus was to grow collaboration with the children. In growing Collaboration, we encourage children to:

### Cooperate by-

- sharing & taking turns
- recognising how their words & actions impact on their peers
- knowing how to join a group

### Work with others towards a common goal by-

- showing respect for other people's ideas
- contributing their own ideas
- negotiating and compromising
- being able to work with a group to take an idea from concept to completion



Here are some photos of the Year 0/1 students developing Collaboration in the play during Term 2.





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



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



**English:** Listening, Reading and Viewing: Recognise and identify ideas within and across texts.



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



**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 school office know.



A downloadable enrolment form can be found on the [school website.](#)

## PARENT-TEACHER LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

**Wednesday 24 & Thursday 25 August**

This will be an opportunity for teachers to update parents on their child's learning and progress since the Term 2 Learning Conversation.

More information and booking details closer to time.



## Important Dates for Your Calendar

*Please be aware some details may change*



### 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
	Friday 12 August	Scholastic Book Club Issue 5 orders close
<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
<b>Week 8</b>		
<b>Week 9</b>		
<b>Week 10</b>		

### 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

### The Academy Dance & Stage School

Come join the fun in term 3!!!

Visit us online for all the classes, timetables and details.

<http://www.theacademy.dance>

We can't wait to see you!

### Term 3 Warm Up Winter Sports Programme – Wednesday's 3.05pm-4.05pm

Our Kelly Sports after-school multi-sports programmes is back and running in Term 3!

Get your kids active and learning great new skills in a fun, exciting and enjoyable environment with Kelly Sports!

Encouraging a lifelong love of sports, our popular multi-sports programmes teach kids foundational skills and build confidence all by having fun!.

This term we are focusing on the following sports:

***Hockey, Basketball, Football and Tag Games (2 weeks of each).***

Starts Wednesday 3 August for 8 weeks.

Go to [www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz), and in the school box put "Adventure".

### TAWA SQUASH CLUB - TERM 3 JUNIOR PROGRAMME

Monday night coaching begins Monday 1st August - 2 sessions, 4:20 - 5pm, 5pm - 5:40pm. Cost \$100 per term, 8 sessions. Run by a qualified club coach.

Junior Club nights begin Friday August 5th. 5pm - 7pm. \$5 for non members (first night free), free for members.

Run by a qualified club coach. Parents most welcome to stay and observe or relax, food and refreshments available.

Mums N Bubs Thursday mornings 9:30am - 11am. Drop the older kids at school and come and have fun while learning how to play the "Healthiest Sport in the World" (bringing bubs is optional). Safe area for littlies.

In all cases rackets, balls and eyewear are available at the club for loan. Non marking shoes are required.

### Tawa Floorball

Want to try something new? Come along to try out Floorball – first 2 sessions are free.

Floorball is a type of indoor hockey played with plastic sticks and a lightweight plastic ball with holes. It is sometimes known as unihoc or unihockey. Floorball is an inclusive, safe, fast and fun sport and we would love to see the sport grow in our community which is why we are having some give it a go sessions. We provide all the equipment you need.

WHERE: Tawa Rec Centre, 38 Duncan Street (Tawa College)

WHEN: Wednesday's 27 July to 23 September

Years 1-6 3:45pm – 4:35pm

Years 7 up 4:40pm – 5:30pm

(Adults are also welcome)

CONTACT: Facebook - Tawa Floorball - Home | Facebook

Email – [tawafloorball@gmail.com](mailto:tawafloorball@gmail.com)

### Pottery classes

My name is Marie Enslin and I run Marsipan Pottery Studio in Whitby. I am a Early Learning teacher and local artist. Each class is an hour and a half long. Your child is given clay and encouraged to be creative and innovative. Pottery builds esteem and self expression in your child. Important skills are learnt through problem solving and each class builds spacial awareness. Pottery has a calming effect but also teaches discipline and the ability to follow instructions.

The classes are: Monday-Thursday, 15:30-17:00

Cost of \$250 per term

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