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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 10: Clara Scobie, Evie Brown



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 e te whānau,

Despite the ongoing unpredictability with weather and our challenge with finding relievers for absent teachers, programmes have continued and there has still been a lot of exciting learning going on throughout the school!

It's been a delight visiting classrooms and getting a real sense of our tamariki's high level of engagement and learning over the past two weeks.

Let's see what some of our classes have been up to...

Yr 1 - Jurassic Park

"Making glittery food"

"Creating barriers for escaping Dinosaurs"



Yr 1 - Waterfall

"Let's make it rush out faster!"



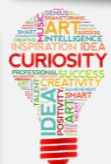
Yr 1 - Road-maker

"Getting petrol at my BP"



Yr 2 - Old-fashioned Game

"We need to make it stronger..."



Yr 3/4 - Our Bake Sale

"Soooo much food!"

"We're on our way to the zoo!"



Yr 7/8 - Wellington Basketball

- building team spirit and skills
- fun & success for all players

Yr 5/6 - Project-based Learning

- creating a business plan to design technology
- collaborating to refine ideas & negotiate design



Yr 5/6 - Monster Relay



Kapa Haka



STAFF NEWS

Farewell

Sadly, we farewell Kim Swettenham, Year 7 & 8 teacher, at the end of the term. Kim will be moving into project management with a recruitment firm.

We thank Kim for the wonderful care and support she brought to our Adventure tamariki over the past two years and wish her all the best in her new career.

Welcome Back

We are very fortunate to have Carla Nickson return as Room 27's teacher for Term 4.

COVID UPDATE

Our student Covid cases throughout the term have been extremely low. We will continue to monitor daily and notify you if there is a marked increase.

Air Quality Monitors

As part of their Covid-19 response work, schools have been issued with portable CO2 monitors to assess the amount of fresh air in classrooms. The sensor levels clearly show how good the quality of the air is in a room and where there is a need to improve ventilation.



Portable Air Cleaners

We have also been issued with portable air cleaners for classrooms to help filter the air particles.

2023 ENROLMENTS



To assist with planning for 2023 classes, we would greatly appreciate you letting the office know, as soon as possible, if you have a child who -

- ➡ turns five during 2023 and you have not already given pre-enrolment details to the office
- ➡ is currently in Years 1-7 and **will not be returning** to Adventure in 2023

SCHOOL POLICIES



Adventure School uses SchoolDocs to maintain a comprehensive, up-to-date set of policies and procedures.

Our SchoolDocs policies can be accessed through the school website under the "Our School" tab.

Reviews

- All school policies are reviewed on a three-year cycle, with some policies reviewed each term.
- Reviews are open to board, staff, and the school community

2022 Reviews

- All schools will review the Health, Safety, and Welfare Policy sections throughout the year.
- **Term 3:** The focus is Student Wellbeing and Safety & Staff Wellbeing and Safety
- Anyone in our school community can review any policy/procedure that has a red, review flag. (The board has some policies they must focus on.)
- If you would like to give feedback on the following policies, log in to SchoolDocs and follow the review instructions.

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| • Child Protection | Board |
| • Sun Protection | Board |
| • Harassment | Board |
| • Abuse Recognition and Reporting | |
| • Care Management of Students | |
| • Supporting Student Wellbeing | |
| • Food and Nutrition | |
| • Staff Wellbeing | |



RIMU & TŌTARA SWIMMING SPORTS



It was wonderful to finally hold our Senior Swimming Sports after last year's cancellation due to Covid restrictions. However, it did look a little different with only those interested in swimming for school championship places taking part. We were very proud of the swimmers' sportsmanship and support towards fellow competitors.

Championship swimmers competed in three to four events, including 25m/50m freestyle, 25m/50m backstroke, 25m breaststroke and 25m butterfly.

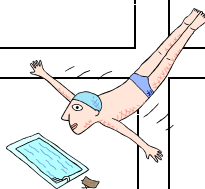
A huge thank you to the parents that helped out on the day, and also to those who came along to watch.

Congratulations to the following swimmers whose achievement placed them in the top three for their year group. Unfortunately, because of Porirua City Council restrictions, not all place-getters will be able to compete in this year's Parumoana Swimming Event.

Championship Results



YEAR 5	Girls	1st	Isabel Dowd	Boys	1st	Jack McCullough
		2nd=	Becky Rowe, Kennedy Wylie & Sienna Bridge		2nd	Riley Buswell
YEAR 6	Girls	3rd			3rd	Connell McIntosh
		1st	Zarna Parish		1st	Lucas McKee
		2nd	Brianna Knox		2nd=	Caleb Bloomfield, Jonty McMullan
		3rd	Sophie Carr			
YEAR 7	Girls	1st	Indie Spalding	Boys	1st	Justin Wang
		2nd	Hanna Incze		2nd	Cameron Starr
		3rd	Macy Chambers		3rd	Grayson Cournane
YEAR 8	Girls	1st	Ashlee Baker-Kingsbeer	Boys	1st	Robert Borodatov
		2nd=	Elliot Cox & Ava-Rose Scott		2nd	Tejas Pericherla



KEEPING OUR KIDS SAFE

Severe Nut Allergy

Just a reminder, Adventure is a "Nut Free" school as we have a number of children with severe and life-threatening allergies to nuts. For some of these children, coming into contact with nuts or nut products, even by touching nut residue left on surfaces, can trigger a life-threatening allergic reaction.

We take every practical precaution to keep these children safe and we really appreciate your understanding in this matter.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact us.



Nau mai, haere mai

You and your whānau are invited to the Adventure School
Whānau Hui

Thursday 15 September 6-7.30pm
(The Hall)

Tamariki welcome

This hui is an opportunity for members of our school community to meet and network. We will share an overview of what Adventure School offers under the umbrella of te Āo Māori and also be treated to performances by your tamariki.

If you, or members of your whānau, have a particular question or topic you would like discussed, please email Carl McManaway cmcmanaway@adventure.school.nz

Light refreshments including tea, coffee and juice will be provided.

Please RSVP to:
the school office 234-7220
or Tania Cox principal@adventure.school.nz

Ngā Mihi nui

Tania Cox
(Acting Principal)



Nikau Bake Sale



A **BIG** thank you to all the Nikau families that spent Thursday evening or early Friday morning baking for our Zoo Sleepover Fundraiser. It was a huge success! *Thank you.*

Collaboration

Manu Tukutuku



Haiku Poems for Mr Wootton

Goodbye Mr Wootton!!!

Leads our assemblies
We'll miss you Mr Wootton
You love to play songs

By Bronagh & Lexi



Mr Wootton

You love The Beatles.
We like you Mr Wootton.
Your singing is great.

By Annie and Maisie.



Our Principal

He lead assemblies
Mr Wootton is the best
Mr Wootton sings

Chloe and Avyann



Mr Wootton

He is very smart
He is a kind principal
The beatles are good

By Matteo & Aidan



Goodbye Mr Wootton

We will miss you lots
We like the songs you play
Your guitar sounds cool

By Dylan and William



John Wootton

Likes to play guitar.

Mister Wootton is awesome

He likes the Beatles.





Nikau Bake Sale



A huge thank you to all the parents who
contributed by baking
&
everyone who bought our goodies



We raised \$1,600 towards our
Term 4 Zoo Sleepover



Adventure School

School Board Elections

Have your say. Please vote!

Only the **RED** voting paper will be valid.

In alphabetical order-

Gemma Allcock
Karyn Andreassend
Chris Eastham
Zara Hawkins
Erica Leggett
Andrew Myers
Josephine Stephenson
Todd Wylie

Voting will close **4pm** on **Wednesday 14th September**



PTNi – COMING UP



The PTNi is excited to be helping plan a long overdue refresh of the school's outdoor environment.

This will be an ongoing project, kicking off with a Spring working bee on Sunday 11 September from 11 to 2pm, largely focusing on the gardens.

We'll put on a sausage sizzle and a drink or ice block to say thanks for your hard work, so if you can make it please email us at ptni@adventure.school.nz, so we know roughly how many to cater for.

Many hands make light work, so if you're keen to push your sleeves up and get your hands dirty, please join us – no prior skills required.

In saying that, if you have any particular superpowers that you're dying to show off, please let us know! e.g.



➡ Tiling / Bricklaying



➡ Water blasting



➡ Painting (art)



➡ General DIY including trailer owners (and reversers!), etc...



A list of jobs will be made available closer to the time – thank you for your support!

**Yours in DIY,
Adventure School PTNi**



Important Dates for Your Calendar

Please be aware some details may change



TERM THREE

Week 5	23-25 August	Nikau Swimming
	Wednesday 24 August	Learning Conversations (from 2.15pm)
	Thursday 25 August	Learning Conversations (from 2.15pm)
Week 6	30-31 August, 1 September	Nikau Swimming
	Tuesday 30 August	Totara Science Roadshow
Week 7	6-7 September	Nikau Swimming
	Wednesday 7 September	Wig Wednesday Girls Futsal Festival
	Sunday 11 September	PTNi Working Bee
Week 8	12, 14, 15 September	Year 2 swimming
	Monday 12 September	6.30: BOT Meeting
	Wednesday 14 September	4pm: BOT voting CLOSES
	Thursday 15 September	6.00-7.30: Whanau Hui
	Sunday 18 September	PTNi Working Bee pp
Week 9	19, 20, 22 September	Year 2 swimming
	Tuesday 20 September	Nikau Syndicate Cricket
Week 10	26, 27 September	Year 2 swimming
	Monday 26 September	6.30: BOT Meeting

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

Teacher Only Day – Friday 25 November (tbc)

Community Notices

Conservation Week at Nga Manu: 5-11 September

During the weekend of September 10th and 11th , we have a variety of family activities that will appeal to all.

Saturday 10th: Ranger talks on bush birds and whio as well as two eel feedings. At 12.30pm, there's a composting workshop with Eilish, KCDC's waste minimisation advisor.

Sunday 11th: Ranger talks on tuatara and geckos and two eel feedings. At 12.30pm, there will be a trapping and pest information session.

More details are on our website: ngamanu.org.nz

Aotea College is looking for host families for a short stay group from Thailand visiting from October 11th to October 27th.

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 of \$300.

For more information about hosting a student please check

out: international.aotea.school.nz/homestay or email cox@aotea.school.nz