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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: Arkin De Silva



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,

Adventure certainly embraced every opportunity to celebrate Te Wiki O Te Reo Māori last week. Aside from an engaging whole school launch on Monday, we were treated to some outstanding performances by not only our Kapa Haka group, but also Rangikura School's Kapa Haka and Pasifika groups. It was wonderful to see our Whānau Hui once again come into fruition after being continually quashed by CoVid protocols. Thanks to those of you who were able to come along; it was great touching base with many of you and meeting your extended whānau.

CoVid19 Update

Unfortunately, we are experiencing a slight resurgence of CoVid-19 cases in the school; at this stage mainly in Rimu Syndicate, particularly in Rooms 16 and 21. We will notify you if this seems to be ramping up in your child's class or syndicate.

Just a reminder-

Household contacts of a person with COVID-19

- do not need to isolate
 - will need to take a RAT test each day for five days
 - can attend school if their RAT test is negative and they do not have COVID-19 symptoms
- School is the best place for them to be so they can be engaged in their learning, and connected with their teachers, classmates and friends.*

Māori Language Week



What an action-packed week we all had!

Our Kapa Haka group did us proud with a performance at Adventure Kindy.





Te Wiki o te Reo Māori launch

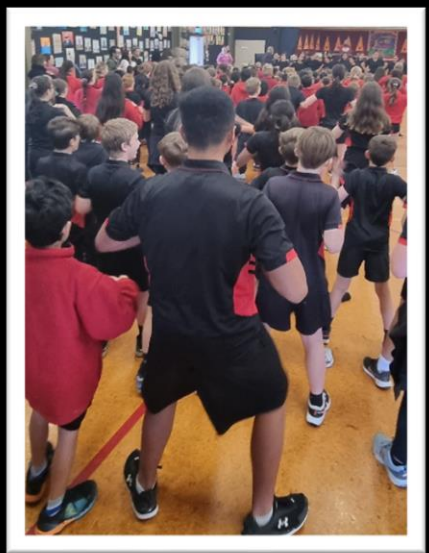


Rangikura School Kapa Haka Performance

It was an honour to host Rangikura School last week. Their performances were certainly both engaging and awe-inspiring.



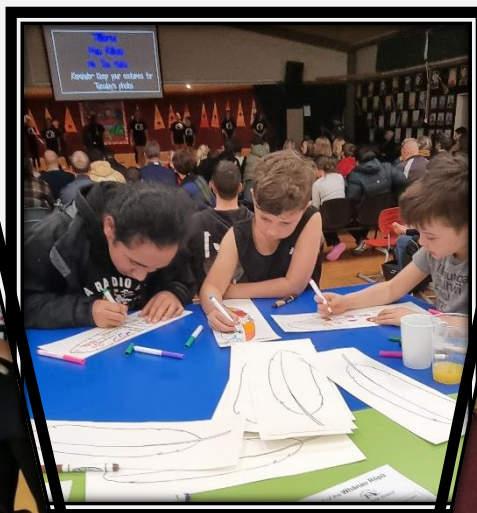
Rangikura School Pasifika group



Whānau Hui

It was wonderful to see so many families come along to our whānau hui last week. The evening provided great opportunities for whānau to mix n' mingle, see how te Ao Māori is woven into our school and also watch tamariki perform.

A huge thank you to Carl McManaway for the passion and time he put organising this evening and also working with Kapa Haka tamariki.



Congratulations...

Justin Wang & Indie Spalding

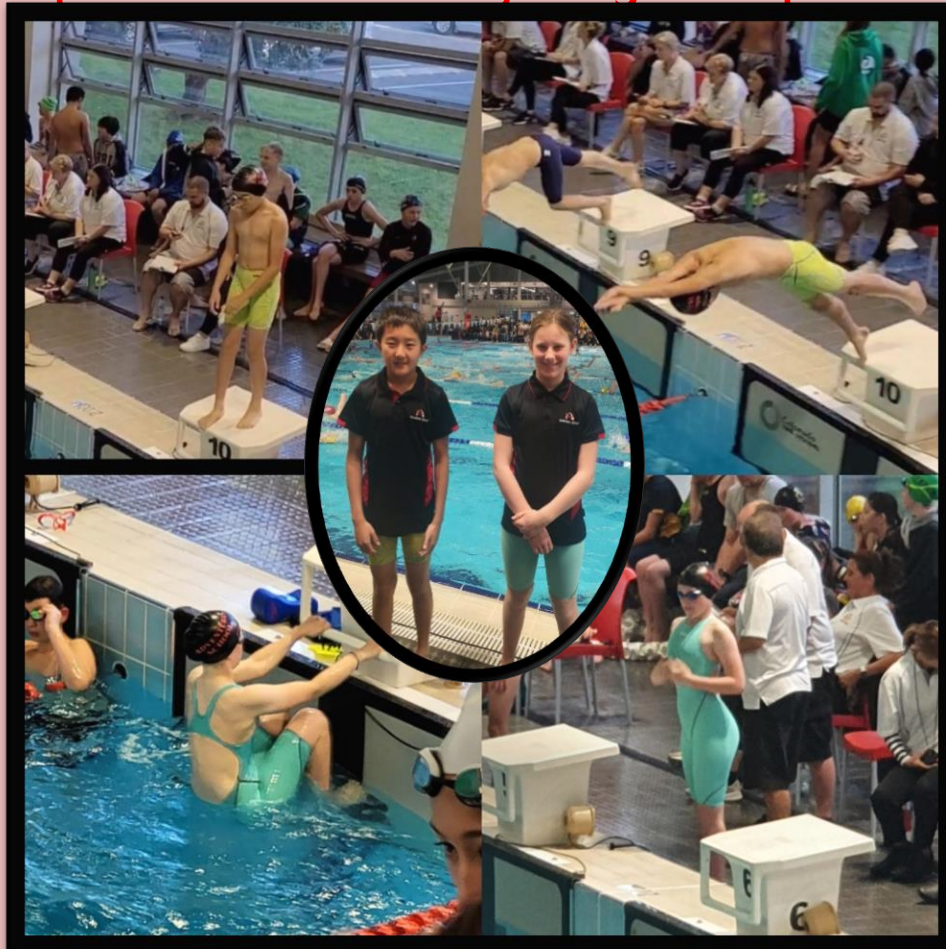
Indie (11) and Justin (12) represented Adventure School in swimming at the 2022 AIMs games over 3 days last week.

Swimming was the only event that required qualifying times to enter and there were over 200 year 7&8 swimmers from all over New Zealand.

Indie and Justin showed great sportsmanship and gave each race their absolute best. Congratulations on their amazing results-

- ➡ Indie completed 8 races and gained 5 new personal best times.
- ➡ Justin completed in 12 races, gained 11 personal best times and placed in the top 10 in 2 races.

Superb results in a very tough competition!



PTNi Working Bee

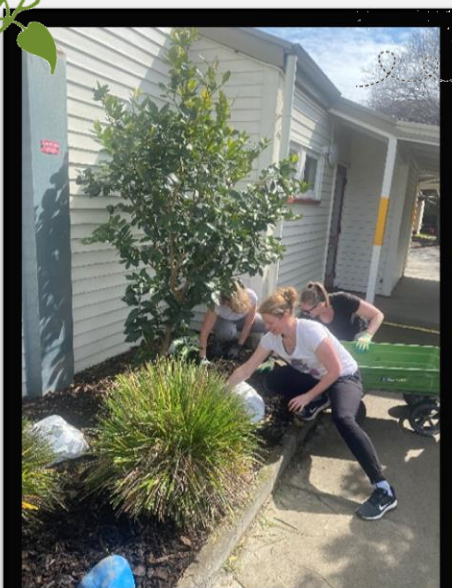


A huge heart-felt thank you our wonderful PTNi and all the mums, dads, grandparents, children and teachers who came along to lend a hand at our working bee.

They worked tirelessly and their efforts are certainly visible around the school.



Our Wonderful Working Bee...





STAFF CARPARK - SAFETY CONCERN



Working together to keep our children safe is really important to us.

We do empathise how challenging it can be finding a carpark before and after school.

Unfortunately, we have had a few near misses with children almost being struck by vehicles driving into the staff carpark to drop off or pick up.

Reminder

We ask that you please-

- don't drive into the staff carpark (unless you are illegible to use the disability park)
- avoid blocking the driveway entrance when you drop off/ pick up

Thank you for helping us keep our children safe.



Daffodils

Thank you to those of you who supported our daffodil gold coin fundraiser organised by the Hooper Smith /Glass whānau.

You helped us raise \$193



Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Day

School will be CLOSED on **Monday 26 September** to mark the passing of Queen Elizabeth II with a State Memorial Service and one-off public holiday.

Ngā Mihi nui

Tania Cox
(Acting Principal)

Full STEM Ahead!

Totara has been concentrating on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) subjects over the course of Term 3. We had a particular focus on the science and mechanics behind simple machines, with students working collaboratively on the construction of catapults, trebuchets and castles. This tied in nicely with a trip to the Science Roadshow at Brandon Intermediate where we looked at and experimented with all manner of contraptions and displays.

The following pictures and student accounts give you a glimpse of what we have been up to over the term.



This term has been pretty educational, but also fun at the same time! We have been very focused, learning all about Simple Machines, and I love it! I have learned so much more about Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. This Inquiry Unit has given me knowledge about how simple machines help with our daily lives. I didn't even know what an Inclined Plane was at the start of the term! Now I'm using this knowledge to make all sorts of contraptions. I feel like a proper engineer or scientist! We have also been making our own google site about S.T.E.M. which is pretty cool.

I am excited to learn more about S.T.E.M. I wonder if I will create an invention in the future to fill in all the potholes in the roads across Aotearoa!

Ziah Johnco (Yr 8)

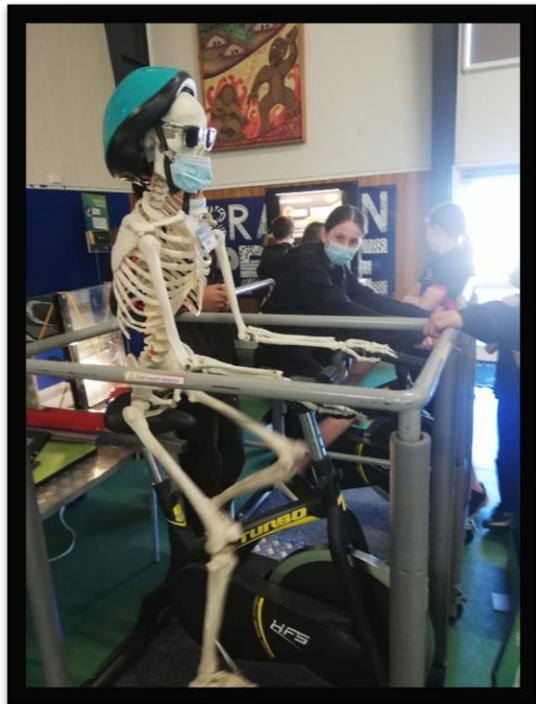
Science Roadshow

Electricity crackling! A scientist waving a metal wand. Purple flashes of lightning. We sit like moths on the other side of a window, watching a flame flicker inside. My fingertips tapping the floor in anticipation. Dozens of excited murmurs crawl across the room.

Last week, Totara Syndicate went to the Science Roadshow at Brandon Intermediate. There were at least 25 different experiments you could try, ranging from using a chain to pull yourself upwards while sitting on a chair, to guessing which town or city gets the most rainfall, and even simulating how to make a fire.

Don't worry parents, we left the demonstration of the tesla coil to the experts.

Zoe Grant-Fargie (Yr 8)





Parent & Staff Elections Results Declaration

Parent Representative votes

Gemma Allcock 35

Karyn Andreassend 92

Chris Eastham 84

Zara Hawkins 43

Erica Leggett 62

Andrew Myers 69

Josephine Stephenson 23

Todd Wylie 51

Invalid Votes 0

I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Karyn Andreassend

Chris Eastham

Andrew Myers

Staff representative votes

Tania Bailey 16

Cathy Murray 18

I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Cathy Murray

Sharyn Woodmass

Returning Officer



Results, Winners & Grinners

Our tamariki and their families have been integral to our Whittaker's Fundraiser. We're so proud of their efforts; they've been incredible.

Together, we have sold 473.5 boxes of chocolates: that's 17,048 slabs and \$34,096 in sales!

In total (after costs), **we have raised over \$10,500** for our school! AMAZING!!

Thank you to everyone who has supported us and our tamariki. We appreciate it! All funds will go towards improving the outdoor environment at school - we can't wait to share our plans!

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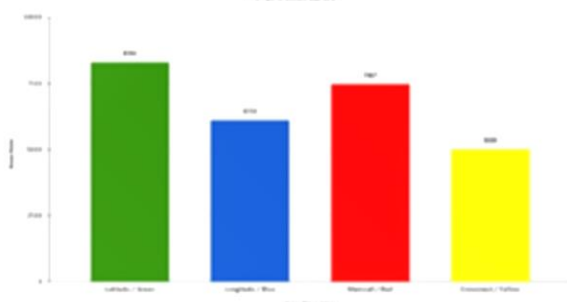
for our school!



Congratulations to our
Winning House:

Latitude!

Whittaker's Chocolate Fundraiser: House Points



Congratulations to our
Top Two Sellers:

*Harper Kingsford
& Mileah Francis*

Congratulations to our
Six Spot Prize Winners!





YUMMY STICKER SHEETS ARE DUE TODAY!



Yes, that's right. Yummy sticker sheets - whether complete or partially complete - are due back today, Thursday, 22 September. If you haven't returned yours yet, make sure to return it to the office as soon as possible, so they can be collated and sent in before the end of the term.

Don't forget to write your child's name and house name/colour on each sheet too, as every sticker counts towards house points - and we know how much our tamariki love house points!

Collecting Yummy stickers and labels gives our school a share of the \$200,000 DG Sport sports gear prize pool, so it's really worthwhile.

If you need to download the sheets, you can find them all here:

Sticker sheet: <https://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/SSP-pdf Sticker Collection Sheet compressed.pdf>

Cut-out labels: <https://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/SSP-pdf Cut Out Label Collection Sheet compressed.pdf>

New variety sticker sheet: <https://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/SSP-pdf New Variety Sticker Collection Sheet compressed.pdf>



Thanks for supporting our school and tamariki.

Adventure School PTNi

Up-coming Events



IT'S TIME TO TRY!



Registrations for Weetbix TRYathlon are now open.

The Wellington Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon is located at **Kilbirnie Park on Sunday March 19 2023**. The TRYathlon will begin with the swim leg in the heated indoor pool at the Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre where the pool is 50m in length. The Transition area is located a short distance from the pool in Kilbirnie Park. The bike leg is around the streets surrounding Kilbirnie Park, and the run leg is around Kilbirnie Park itself.

Please use the link to register under Adventure School

<https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=48064&G=161922>

Please note that parents and caregivers are responsible for transportation and supervision of their own child/children at this event. There will not be a teacher present.

Toni Bennett





Well done to the swimmers who represented Adventure at the recent Parumoana Swimming Sports. It was tough competition and we are very proud of your awesome Adventure sportsmanship!

Year 7 & 8 Girls



- Ashlee Baker-Kingsbeer: Yr 8 girls 25m Butterfly ➡ 5th
- Indie Spalding: Yr 7 girls 50m Freestyle ➡ 2nd
Yr 7 girls 50m Backstroke ➡ 2nd
Yr 7 girls 25m Butterfly ➡ 3rd

Overall Adventure placed 3rd

Year 7 & 8 Boys

- Justin Wang : Yr 7 boys 50m Backstroke ➡ 1st
Yr 7 boys 25m Butterfly ➡ 1st
Yr 7 boys 50m Freestyle ➡ 2nd
- Robert Borodatov: Yr 8 boys 25m Breaststroke ➡ 5th

Overall Adventure placed 4th



Year 5 & 6 Girls

- Becky Rowe: Yr 5 girls 25m freestyle ➡ 4th
- Kennedy Wylie: Yr 5 girls 25m backstroke ➡ 5th
- Zarna Parish: Yr 6 girls 25 m backstroke ➡ 4th

- Sienna Bridge, Kennedy Wylie, Becky Rowe & Isabel Dowd: Yr 5 100m Freestyle relay ➡ 6th

Year 5 & 6 Boys

- Lucas McKee: Yr 6 boys 25 m backstroke ➡ 6th



REMINDER

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 | |

Save the date! 

Friday 28 October

SPOOK



**Tacular
Disco**



Important Dates for Your Calendar

Please be aware some details may change



TERM THREE

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| Week 9 | Friday 23 September | Sausage sizzle |
| Week 10 | Monday 26 September | School closed – QE II Memorial Day |
| | Friday 30 September | Term 3 ends at 3pm |

TERM FOUR

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| Week 1 | Monday 17 October | Term 4 begins Bee Healthy dental service here until 27 October |
| Week 2 | Monday 24 October | School closed – Labour Day |
| | Friday 28 October | Spooktacular Disco |
| Week 3 | Monday 31 October | Yr 5-8 Athletics |
| | Tuesday 1 November | Pizza & PJ day 7.30: PTNi Meeting |
| | Friday 4 November | Yr 5-8 Athletics pp |
| Week 4 | Monday 4 November | 6.30: BOT Meeting |

2022 Term Dates

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| 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

Spotlight Performing Arts

Spaces available for Term 4!

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

Bigair Gym

If your child loves doing cartwheels, handstands, trampolining, flips, dance, 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 4 GYM CLASSES & BIGAIRS POPULAR HOLIDAY PROGRAMME!

Bookings open Mon 19th September. Booking in is easy online at www.bigairgym.co.nz or contact your local Bigair Gym office today.

School Holiday Activities

Spring Holiday Programme @ Adventure School, 3 - 14 Oct 2022

BOOKINGS OPEN Now! 2 weeks of popular and exciting activities await your child (e.g. Laserforce, Clown School, Staglands, Earth Science, Roller Skating Rink, Awesome Bounce, Movies @ Lighthouse Cinema and much more).

BOOK ONLINE: www.asfc.co.nz For more information e-mail 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 ☺

AFTER SCHOOL
FUN CLUB Holiday Programme @ Adventure School

Staglands 50th Anniversary Treasure Hunt is back!

Kids can take our Treasure Hunt these school holidays to win a Golden Ticket!

Every ticket wins and there are heaps of prizes to be claimed!

To win your Golden Ticket simply download the Treasure Hunt Challenge Sheet from our website. Then visit us any time between the 1st and 16th October to take The Challenge and claim your prize!

Make sure you enter our bonus draw too and be in with a chance to win a Staglander Annual Family Pass.

Terms & Conditions apply, see website for details.

Champions 2022 Holiday Programme: 3 - 7/10

Tawa Anglicans holiday programme for primary school aged children. Every morning from 9.30a.m. - 12.30p.m. there will be games, crafts and lots of fun. \$9 per day or \$35 for the week.

Book online: www.tac.org.nz

Racketlon Holiday Programme

Once again Tawa Tennis, Tawa Squash and Wellington North Badminton are running the Racketlon holiday programme these school holidays.

Players rotate around each sport spending 1.5 hours at each club. Qualified coaches will take each session.

Please note holiday programme is for age 6 years and older.

Wednesday 5, Thursday 6, Wednesday 12 and Thursday 13 October 2022, 9am - 3pm

Cost per day: \$50 a day or \$160 for all 4 days.

Registrations: <https://bit.ly/3xwpFH9>

For more information contact Babette at babette@wnba.org.nz

3D Printing & Software Holiday Programme

Whitby Collegiate will be hosting a 3 day introduction to 3D printing and CAD software holiday programme in October. Our IT experts will teach students how to design a 3D model using the modelling computer programme SketchUp. Students will keep their printed 3D designs. No previous experience is necessary. Students must bring their own chromebooks / laptops. Limited spaces available.

Dates: Monday 4 - Wednesday 6 October 2021

Time: 9:00am - 3:00pm

Cost: \$270

Ages: 10+

<https://form.jotform.com/whitbyenrol/3d-print-cad-software-holiday-prog>

Code Camp October 2022 holiday programs

We're super stoked to announce we are launching a product we've been developing to empower and equip our children with [future-critical meta skills](#) for their future.

[Introducing Meta21.school](#)

We cater to all skill levels, from children 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!

This is a great opportunity for your child to really dive into furthering their skills or even learn something new!

Programs will be run 9am - 3pm, Monday - Thursday on the listed dates

[Thorndon School](#)

Week 1: 3rd - 6th October

Week 2: 10th - 13th October

Porirua Libraries School Holiday Programme

We're going on an *Aotearoa Reading Road Trip*, around the country, through the shelves, and back in time!

There are events for a variety of ages, with something for everyone, from pēpē to tūpuna.

You can also view the timetable here <https://porirualibrary.org.nz/whats-on/october-school-holiday-programme/> and keep up to date with surprise New Zealand book (and badge!) giveaways (ngā mihi nui Gecko Press!) and daily news here <https://www.facebook.com/groups/PoriruaLibraryChildrensChat>