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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:** Arkin De Silva

**Room 9:** Wambui Mubea & Vimansh Pise

**Room 12:** Niamh Scott

**Room 4:** Niamh Abaniel

**Room 20:** Lucas Tait & Tomas Dowdall

**Room 21:** Poppy Dickson



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,**

Welcome back to a very busy, but exciting term 4! I hope you've all enjoyed spending time with family over the holiday break.

I'm absolutely thrilled to begin this term as Adventure's new Principal and want to say a heartfelt thank you for the many kind words and warm wishes I have received from the community.

A principal has the opportunity to create an inspiring place where fun and magic happen. They have the opportunity to grow teams that are impassioned to engage kids in ways that will influence their future as 21st century citizens. I'm very excited to build on what has already been achieved in this way at Adventure.

As we embark on a busy term of EOTC and parent information events, I'm looking forward to growing whānau connections. Please feel free to pop in to meet me or say hello if you'd like to.

We decided to have some fun yesterday surprising the children with an assembly to meet our new Principal....

**Here's a glimpse of what unfolded....**

...and all was revealed as we broke into our favourite "Greased Lightning!"

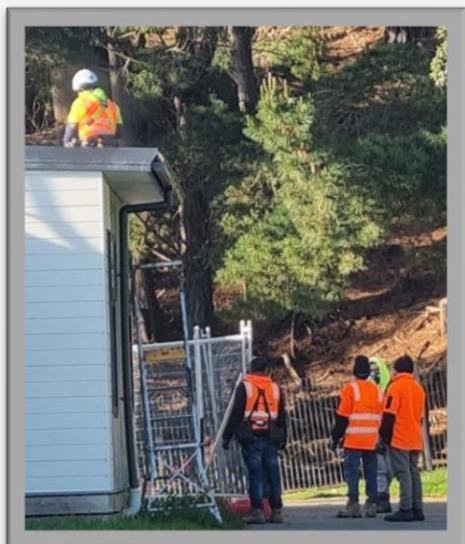




Looked what happened while we were all away...



Room 21 was given a new lease on life!

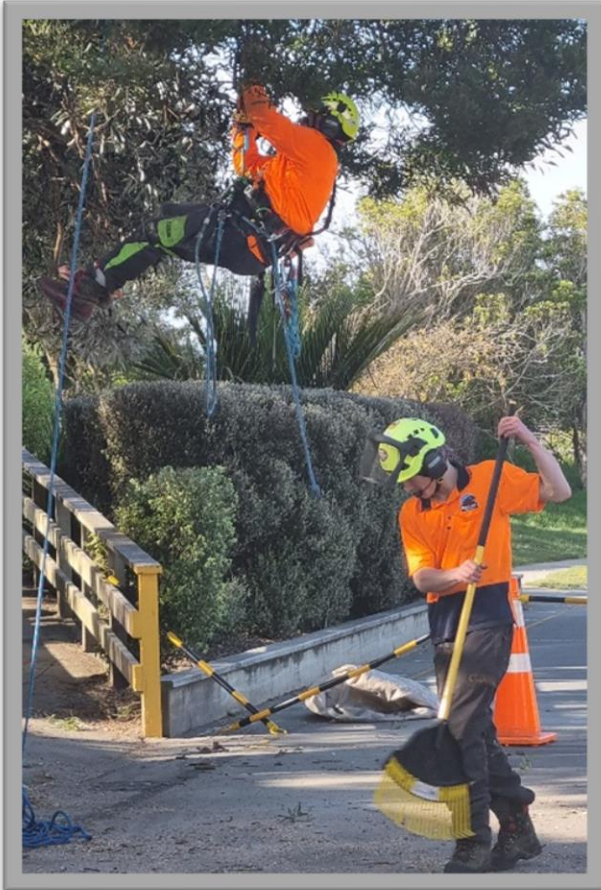


Kowhai's leaky roof was fixed...





Beavers tamed our trees and created light!



Our courts & four-squares were repainted...







# Year 2 Folk Dancing Display



What a wonderful job our Year 2 teachers did in preparing our children for their Folk Dance display in the last week of term.

The hall was filled with much fun and laughter as the children danced their socks off and then dragged their families to join in.



A FREE WORKSHOP  
FOR ADVENTURE WHĀNAU

# RAISING RESILIENT CHILDREN

WHAT CAN OUR SCHOOL  
COMMUNITY DO TO HELP?



**KATHRYN BERKETT**

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 4TH  
3.30PM - 4.30PM  
ADVENTURE SCHOOL



FREE CHILDCARE  
AVAILABLE

## ABOUT THE SESSION

The occurrence of anxiety in children is increasing.

Come along and learn:

- what resilience looks like and how we develop it
- how to recognise anxiety and how to respond

We have arranged for an expert in this area to work with our staff and provide a parent session after school. You will be able to immediately apply the information to your world.

Kathryn Berkett is a mother of two adolescents, with a Masters in Educational Psychology. She has been learning and working in this area for over twenty years, training national and international audiences, including Police, Teachers, Parents, and Social Workers.

[Click here](#) to register for the event and the child care service

## COMMON FEEDBACK

- 'You have changed our household'
- 'Now I get it'

*Excellent presentation, loved the examples, easy to understand. Have heard some of the info many times before however the way you explained things CLICKED for me!*

Parent (Whangarei)





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

### **Isabella Frew**

Our students are involved in a range of exciting, talented activities outside of school. One popular activity for Adventure tamariki is dancing. Isabella Frew took part in five dance competitions during the holidays with the highlight being Duo and Troupe performances for Nationals where Isabella and her partner Gemma (from Paremata School) competed against dancers from all across NZ and achieved 1st Place overall for their duo "Iko Iko".



A super effort Isabella!



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

### **Charlotte Jackson**

Charlotte competed in her very first St John's Youth Programme competition on the weekend. She entered in the Penguins group (age 5-8). There were 6 categories and she came first for 2, 3rd for 1 and 3rd overall.

Charlotte the only one competing without a partner and she had been in the programme for less than a month.



**TEACHER ONLY DAY**

**Friday 25 November**



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

**OUR WONDERFUL MRS ARRELL!**

**Thank you to 20 years of dedicated service to Adventure!**



*Ngā Mihi nui*

**Tania Cox  
(Principal)**



## FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Kia ora Adventure community,

The Board has been working over the past few months on the recruitment of our new Adventure Principal. We have been focused on finding someone who can lead the Adventure Way, support the Board in developing a vision for our tamariki, creating the best culture and working environment for our amazing staff, and being the kaitiaki of Adventure School. The calibre of applicants we had was strong and the passion people have shown to be at Adventure highlight the incredible school we have.

On behalf of the Board, I have the privilege to announce Tania Cox as our Tumuaki / Principal.

Tania has served Adventure School and the wider community for over 20 years. Tania has a passion for putting our tamariki first, giving them the best experience to grow and developing environments that help kids develop a passion to learn for life. Tania has conveyed the energy, drive and capabilities we wanted to lead our school in the 21st Century. Excitingly Tania has talked to the vision she has for Adventure, and the open and inclusive engagement style she will lead with.

Please join me in congratulating Tania. I know she is very excited and will enjoy the opportunity to speak to many of you in the coming days. We will also provide an opportunity to properly welcome Tania and let you know details of this in due course.

Ka mau te wehi Tania. The Board looks forward to working with you

Ngā mihi nui  
Mark Frew  
Board Chair



# Learning Through Play

It started as a simple idea - we had yellow dye left over from our Yellow Submarines for Mr Wootton's farewell, so Mrs St. Clair thought we could use it to make "secret messages" ...who knew the curiosity and creativity that would take over our Year 0 and 1 students! It very quickly turned into the daily making of secret spy gadgets and solving puzzles and crimes - the Room 8, 9 and 12 tamariki were on the case!



These Year 1 boys are on the case!



What happens if you push that button?



Children experimenting and creating spy gadgets.

Discover who you can be...

## CURIOUS ADVENTURERS

ask questions to expand their knowledge of the world

We:

- are driven to explore the world around us
- are highly motivated to find out more
- seek opportunities to expand our thinking
- can separate fact from fiction

acquire  
analyse  
ask  
apply  
discover  
kimihia

Seek your own path...Whāia te ara tika

Discover who you can be...

## CREATIVE ADVENTURERS

open their hearts and minds to possibilities

We:

- use our imagination to view or create things in new ways
- generate many solutions to a problem
- take risks and use failure as a learning opportunity
- are not afraid to be different
- whāia ngā moemoeā
- have fun

inspire  
play  
innovate  
imagine  
dream

Seek your own path...Whāia te ara tika



With the interest in spies, came a growing interest in huts - the most popular were spy huts to watch for 'baddies' and snuggly huts to read books and enjoy the company of friends. Each hut is uniquely creative in design, and required a high level of collaboration to come to fruition.



This hut's purpose is to protect these boys from the rain!



Mrs Cox is trying to figure out how to get out of the hut.

Towards the end of Term 3, Nadine, Tania and Rebecca began to introduce music and drama to the students. We introduced the concept of a character, and that we can all act and pretend to be a character. We re-introduced the puppet theatre and showed children that we can make our own puppets to perform for an audience. We had a visit from Snow White and Rapunzel, and we also had a visit from the famous rock band the R and T band (Rebecca St. Clair and Tania Bailey) who performed their number one hit; The Wheels on the Bus. The children weren't particularly blown away by the performance (ha), but it 'planted some seeds' which grew a huge interest in the idea of performing and creating their own instruments to perform with.



# **Kahui Rangatira Kura**

## **Developing Leadership in Young Māori**

Last term 8 of our students went to Aotea College to participate in Kahui Rangatira Kura, a termly hui for potential Māori leaders across our Kahui Ako.

This is what some of the Adventure students had to say:

### **Sadie - Year 8**

Ko Sadie toku ingoa, my highlights about learning more about my Māori heritage is that, our Kahui Ako provides a forum where you can make a lot of new connections with others (whanaungatanga) from different schools; becoming friends within a short period of time.

Another highlight for me was learning the waiata and the actions that go along with the Kahui Ako, especially the feeling of mana that comes through when singing it and how it makes me feel our hauora (well-being) at its best!



### **Sophie - Year 7**

Ko Sophie toku ingoa. My highlights of that day at Aotea College were meeting people from the same iwi, doing a "haka off" and making new connections with people I have never met.

A specific standout would be the haka off because haka is one of my favorite parts of being in our Adventure School Kapa Haka Roopu. The most fun thing about the entire day was learning a new Waiata and actions. I feel that this is the most important part of being Māori.





### Isabella - Year 6

Have you ever done Kapa Haka? Well I have and it's so fun learning about my own culture.

On Thursday the 24th of September me and seven others went to Aotea College. We learnt new songs / waiata and a new haka.

We had a haka tournament and got put into four groups and the group with the loudest haka (Ka Mate) got a prize. We did games to get to know who we were with including a scavenger hunt, pūkana and games outside.



### Mia - Year 6

Kia ora koutou. We had so much fun on Thursday. We went to Aotea College to learn about some of our famous culture te reo Māori. We played lots of games to get to know each other, but that's not all - we also got to perform a famous haka: Ka Mate. Māori is a beautiful language "Kia ora".



### Madison - Year 6

Kia ora! I loved going and learning about my culture was so cool. I hope you all get to go when you're older because it was so fun. We did lots of things like new waiata (songs) and with the waiata we learnt some cool actions with it. We also learnt some kēmu (games). And I thank Mr Mac and the Aotea College students for helping us.



### More about Kahui Rangatira Kura:

This initiative started in 2019. It consists of approximately 80 students from across the 11 schools that make up the Northern Porirua Kahui Ako. These students are likely to attend Aotea College in the future and will further develop their leadership by remaining a part of this roopu at Aotea College.

The focus of each (termly) hui is on developing leadership skills and promoting Māori culture within the school and wider community.

Our purpose includes- to provide experiences where Māori students and peers feel culturally connected to Te Ao Māori; to help prepare and engage young Māori people in becoming leaders of Te Ao Māori in their lives, homes, schools and communities by becoming active, contributing, and positive leaders.

Coming Up...

**Save the date!**



**Friday 28 October**

**SPOOK**



**Tacular  
Disco**

#### THE PERFECT KEEPSAKE

Your child has released their inner Picasso and you have the opportunity to purchase their **AMAZING** piece of Artwork in the form of a:

Calendar Greeting cards Diary Notebook and/or Mouse Mat

Don't delay, orders close at **9am on Monday 31 October!**

Go to <http://www.kidsartworks.com/> In the "Entrance Code" field, type the unique code on the information sheet your child brought home earlier this week.

Choose your items. Payment can be made by credit card or directly from your bank account. P.S. These make great Christmas presents 😊



**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





## Special Invite to Saturday Clinics!

### Adventure School

Your school was not able to receive a visit from our Mobile Dental Van this year or was not completed at the visit– we are offering the opportunity for your children to receive their annual Examination and fluoride treatment at Brandon Hub at a Saturday clinic during the month of November only!

Our Saturday clinics are limited to enrolled school children and your preschoolers – Please call for an appointment to:

**Your local Hub clinic is:**      **Brandon Dental Clinic**  
32 Driver Crescent  
Cannons Creek  
Porirua

**To book an appointment**      **04 587 2841**  
**(Brandon Hub direct) or,**      **0800 825 583**

Please note **no appointments for treatments** will be available – Examination and Fluoride treatments only.

To book or reschedule your appointment, or update your contact details, please call **0800 TALK TEETH (825 583)**





## Important Dates for Your Calendar

*Please be aware some details may change*



TERM FOUR		
<b>Week 2</b>	<b>Monday 24 October</b>	<b>School closed – Labour Day</b>
	Wed 26 & Fri 28 October	Dental van visiting Year 8's
	Friday 28 October	Spooktacular Disco
<b>Week 3</b>	Monday 31 October	Yr 5-8 Athletics
	Tuesday 1 November	Pizza & PJ day 7.30: PTNi Meeting
	Friday 4 November	3.30: Kathryn Berkett seminar Issue 7 Lucky Book Club orders close
<b>Week 4</b>	Monday 7 November	Yr 5-8 Athletics pp 6.30: BOT Meeting
	Mon 7 – Wed 9 November	Nikau Zoo sleepovers
	Friday 11 November	Sausage sizzle
<b>Week 5</b>		
<b>Week 6</b>	<b>Friday 25 November</b>	<b>School closed – Teacher Only Day</b>

### 2022 Term Dates

**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)**

### 2023 Term Dates

**Term One:** Thursday 2 February – Thursday 6 April

**Term Two:** Monday 24 April – Friday 30 June

**Term Three:** Monday 17 July – Friday 22 September

**Term Four:** Monday 9 October – Tuesday 19 December tbc

**School will be closed on the following days:**

**Waitangi Day** – Monday 6 February

**Easter** – Friday 7 April – Tuesday 11 April (during the holidays)

**Anzac Day** – Tuesday 25 April

**Teacher Only Day – Friday 2 June**

**King's Birthday** – Monday 5 June

**Matariki** – Friday 14 July (during the holidays)

**Labour Day** – Monday 23 October



## Community Notices

### Junior Tennis at Ngatitoa Tennis Courts

Starts Wednesday 19 October.

All levels welcome.

See website for more information or email [juniors@ngatitoatennis.org.nz](mailto:juniors@ngatitoatennis.org.nz)

### Mana Amateur Athletics at Adventure Park

Inspired by the performances of Zoe Hobbs, Julia Ratcliffe or Hamish Kerr at the Commonwealth

Games? Or just want to have fun and be active?

Our local athletics club is welcoming new members now. There's a place for everyone on the track or in the field, no matter your age or ability.

To find out more contact your local club at <https://www.manaathletics.co.nz/> or email [info@manaathletics.co.nz](mailto:info@manaathletics.co.nz)

### Affordable counselling available for parents

Parent Help counsellors have helped hundreds of families to restore peace and balance in their lives. Request a counselling session by registering

online here: [www.parenthelp.org.nz/counselling](http://www.parenthelp.org.nz/counselling). Do you need parenting strategies you can implement right away? Speak to our warm and supportive parenting experts. Call now for free on 0800 568 856. Available from 9am – 9pm 7 days a week.

### Online Chess classes

We are excited to offer after-school ONLINE coaching classes, available to all kids across New Zealand and Australia.

- Classes run from 4:45pm - 5:45pm on Monday's and Wednesday's.
- Each class will present a fun and instructive game of chess where you can solve puzzles along the way. The game will feature two interesting characters, loads of tactics and awesome attacks on the king.
- This class suits all students. Students will need to know how the pieces move.
- Students will also have the opportunity to play two tournament games against other students in the class.

#### CLASS FEES

The class fees are: \$20 per session

Or pay for the whole term of either Monday's or Wednesday's classes for just \$150.

Want even more chess? Book both Monday and Wednesday classes for the whole term. Just \$250!

<https://www.chesspower.co.nz/event>

### Discover Christmas Market

Please join us for Discover Christmas market and family evening on Friday 25 November at Discovery School in Whitby. Discover Christmas is a main event on our calendar and the addition of the indoor craft market this year will be a great opportunity for the community to do some Christmas shopping with emphasis on local, eco friendly and handmade products.

Stalls are \$40 and kids stalls are \$20

If you would like to book a stall please email Kirsten Toland: [discoveryschoolmarket@gmail.com](mailto:discoveryschoolmarket@gmail.com)

## Halloween Roller Disco at Upper Hutt Roller Skating Club

Saturday October 22, 6.30 – 8.30pm. Join us if you dare!!  
\$10 entry. Pizza, drinks & games. Costumes encouraged.

## KELLY SPORTS AT ADVENTURE SCHOOL – WEDNESDAY'S 3.05PM-4.05PM

A weekly multi sports programme that provides an essential base for children's motor skills and help build confidence and coordination.

The programme gives children skills and confidence in a fun and enjoyable environment.

It also encourages their enthusiasm for sports and the life skills that such involvement brings – giving them confidence to join sports clubs and teams in the future.

The sports we will be focussing on in term 4 are:

**Rippa Rugby, T-Ball, Cricket and Football**

Enrol at [https://kellysports.co.nz/kelly\\_events/view/14726](https://kellysports.co.nz/kelly_events/view/14726)

## 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!** Booking is easy online at [www.bigairgym.co.nz](http://www.bigairgym.co.nz) or contact your local Bigair Gym office today.

## Brain Play

A little bit about us: Brain Play teaches online after-school science & technology classes to Kiwi kids aged 5 - 13, from right across the country! Online topics this term include 3D printing, coding, animation, STEM experiments, LEGO & more. Free trials available for new students. Check out our timetable on our website and use the form to get in touch

- <https://www.brainplay.co.nz/>.