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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:** Toby Hyde, Alifaleti Finau

**Room 12:** Aria Pahetogia



**Kia ora e te whānau,**

Term Four has always been renown as the busiest but also the most exciting time of the school year. This year is no different. As our tamariki embark on a range of fun end of year activities, they'll face great opportunities to interact with each other and also be challenged to have a go at something new.

We are in the midst of planning an exciting whole school and whānau event on the last Monday of the term. Save the date...we'd love you to join us for the day or even just part of the day. More details coming soon!

### **2023 Class Placements**

Over the next few weeks our teachers will be gathering information to inform 2023 class placements. As you can imagine, this is no easy task as we consider each child's academic, physical, social and emotional needs while also ensuring there is a balance across all classes.

Our teachers are professionals who know your child(ren) in their school environment, and management, team leaders and teachers work together to consciously choose the class that holistically best fits the needs of each child.

**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

## Staffing

Sadly, we farewell Donna Miles at the end of the year. Donna has been an exceptional and much valued teacher and leader during her two years at Adventure; she will be hugely missed. Donna will be relocating to Cambridge with her husband. We thank her for all wonderful nurturing and support of our tamariki and wish her well in her new ventures.

## 2023 School Organisation

We have recently been making decisions about school organisation for 2023 and have found ourselves in a unique position. Next year we will have the smallest Year 2 and the largest Year 3 cohorts we have had for many years. We are also faced with a reduction in staffing entitlement which has implications for how we structure the school.

We have explored all options, keeping the needs of our children forefront.

Our decision is to create a new team called Mānuka which will include all Year 2's and 25% of the Year 3's. (A letter was sent to Year 1 & 2 parents earlier this week.)

Below is our syndicate and class structure for 2023. At this point we are not able to share which teachers will be in each syndicate as we are still appointing staff.

### 2023 School Organisation

KŌWHAI	MĀNUKA	NĪKAU	RIMU	TŌTARA
NE/ Year 1	Year 2/3	Year 3/4	Year 5/6	Year 7/8
3 classes	3 classes	5 classes	5 classes	4 classes

### MANAGEMENT

<b>Principal</b>	Tania Cox
<b>Deputy Principal/ SENCO Yrs 0-8</b> (Oversees Yrs 0-4)	Diane Pepperell
<b>Deputy Principal/ Rimu Team Leader</b> (Oversees Yrs 5-8)	Yet to be appointed



## PTNi

A huge thank you to our PTNi for the incredible time and effort put into transforming the hall into a spectacular spooky space for the disco last Friday. It was great to see such a fabulous turnout; I really did enjoy seeing the children dressed up and bursting with excitement, and also spending time talking to many of you.



## Paid Union Meeting (PUM)

**SCHOOL CLOSED!!!**



On **Wednesday 16 November**, our teachers will be attending a paid union meeting in the afternoon. We have aimed to ensure the least disruption to children's learning while upholding the right of teachers to participate in their union meeting and ask that you please arrange for your **child/ren be picked up at 1pm**. For **children normally attending After School Fun Club** that day, lunchtime will be supervised by Teacher Aides and Fun Club will be start in the hall at 2pm.

(Please note, this will not impact the three Rimu classes on their EOTC trip. If you are a parent helper on this trip and have other children needing to be picked up at school, please contact the office to discuss arrangements.)

*This campaign aims to win smaller class sizes, more support for high needs students, better recognition of cultural skills, greater job security for essential relievers and to fairly value and recognise the work of teachers.*

Management will remain at school to ensure all children get home safely.

As safety is paramount, we ask that you **submit a google form** (link below) to let us know the arrangements you will have for your child/ren. (Picked up at classroom/ picked up at gate/ walking home/ attending ASFC)

**Please submit before Monday 14 November** [PUM Arrangements for My Child/ren](#)

Thank you – we really appreciate your support.

## National Shake Out!

**shake...Rattle...& Roll!!**



Last week we participated in the National Shake Out Day. It was a reminder to us all to be prepared in case there is a real earthquake. For more information, check out this link- <https://getready.govt.nz/en/involved/shakeout/share-the-shakeout/#e4264>

Our children were fabulous and knew exactly what to do!



## Māori Whānau Consultation

It was certainly uplifting spending an evening with our Māori whānau, listening to their aspirations for their tamariki and discussing how we can further support them.

We are aiming to hold our next Māori whānau hui in term one next year.



### REMINDERS

**Mihi Whakatau to welcome new students and their whānau**

**Friday 18 November**

•8.45: Briefing

•9.10: Mihi Whakatau begins

*(All families of new students since 1 July should have received an invitation. Please contact the office if yours did not appear.)*

**TEACHER ONLY DAY**

**Friday 25 November**

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



### Keeping Our Kids Safe

#### Sun Hats

The wearing of school sun hats is now compulsory.  
Hats are available for purchase at the school office.  
(Please order online or contact the office directly.)



### IN THE SPOTLIGHT

We are aware our children are involved in a number of activities outside the school. We would love to celebrate and acknowledge special or personal achievements, so please do share these with us. (Email [principal@adventure.school.nz](mailto:principal@adventure.school.nz))



# Tomorrow!

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

### 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.

### 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)



THANKYOU



# SPOOK Tacular

LEARNING FOR LIFE



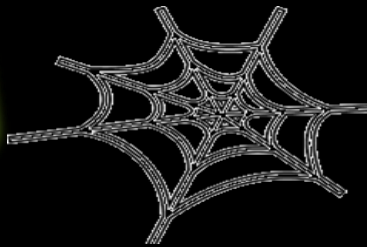
Wow...what a Spectacular Spooktacular last Friday night turned out to be! Our fabulous PTNi team did an incredible job transforming the hall into a spooktacular sensation!

Thank you our PTNi team, sponsors and everyone who came along & helped on the night!

Total funds raised  
\$1 400







Coming Up

# Adventure's Got Talent

Where our kids get to shine!

All acts to be no longer 3 minutes and can be made up of individuals or groups.

Acts will be judge on originality, preparedness, creativity and stage presence.

Syndicate finalists will perform in the Finals Thursday in Week 6.



There is a mountain of lost property at the moment and unfortunately many items are unnamed.

Please feel free to come in and have a look for your child's misplaced clothing items.



Ngā Mihi nui

**Tania Cox**  
**(Principal)**





# Play & The Adventure Way in Year 2

This year in Year 2 our focus has been around how our children can grow the Adventure Way attributes through Play. The teachers have coached the children on their journey to becoming Creative, Self-Aware, Curious, Self-Directed and Collaborative Adventurers.

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



Jake using an iPad as a tool to draw pictures

Discover who you can be...

## SELF-AWARE ADVENTURERS

Identify their character and manage their emotions

We:

- recognise how other people perceive us
- recognise and name our emotions
- manage our emotions to make good choices
- own our words and actions
- reflect to find ways for things to work better next time
- identify our abilities, talents and interests
- accept our challenges

notice  
reflect  
respond  
regulate  
respect  
ngakau-pono

Seek your own path...Whāia te ara tika

Harper sharing her thoughts by writing and sending a letter



Nuhaa, Keisha, Addison, Addi and Makayla researching yoga

Discover who you can be...

## SELF-DIRECTED ADVENTURERS

Demonstrate a readiness and willingness to learn

We:

- have a strong desire to learn
- know what we want to achieve
- identify what we need to learn to be successful
- view problems as challenges not obstacles
- take responsibility for doing the work of learning

focus  
design  
persevere  
whakaako

Seek your own path...Whāia te ara tika



Max, Laura, Zara and Charlotte collaborating on a structure

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  
kimihiā

Seek your own path...Whāia te ara tika



Charlize, Charlotte and Laura exploring new ways to use things

Discover who you can be...

## COLLABORATIVE ADVENTURERS

Work as a team in learning and play

We:

- have respectful conversations
- contribute ideas
- listen to others
- understand others may see things differently
- are tolerant and empathetic
- negotiate and compromise

listen  
contribute  
whanaungatanga  
compromise  
manaaki  
envision

Seek your own path...Whāia te ara tika



## Important Dates for Your Calendar

*Please be aware some details may change*



TERM FOUR		
<b>Week 3</b>	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 6.30: BOT Meeting
	Mon 7 – Wed 9 November	Nikau Zoo sleepovers
	Friday 11 November	Sausage sizzle
<b>Week 5</b>	<b>Wednesday 16 November</b>	Rimu Beach trip – Group 1 <b>1.00: School closes for Paid Union Meeting</b>
	Friday 18 November	9.10: Mihi Whakatau
<b>Week 6</b>	Monday 21 November	Totara Surf Life Saving trip – Rms 24 & 25 tbc
	Tuesday 22 November	Totara Surf Life Saving trip – Rms 26 & 27 tbc
	Wednesday 23 November	Rimu Beach trip – Group 2 Totara Sports Day at ASB Arena tbc
	<b>Friday 25 November</b>	<b>School closed – Teacher Only Day</b>
<b>Week 7</b>	Thursday 1 December	Kindy concert
	Friday 2 December	Year 2-4 Athletics
<b>Week 8</b>	Monday 5 December	6.00: BOT meeting
	Tuesday 6 December	Year 0/1 to Maidstone Max & skating
	Thursday 8 December	Kowhai Christmas tree trimming
	Friday 9 December	9.30: Kowhai Prize giving assembly 11.30: Years 3-8 prizegiving assembly
<b>Week 9</b>	Monday 12 December	Year 0/1 carol singing at Whitby Lakes
	Wednesday 14 December	Year 2 to Maidstone Max & skating tbc
	Friday 16 December	Reports sent home
<b>Week 10</b>	Monday 19 December	Schoolwide fun day
	Tuesday 20 December	11.00: Leavers assembly <b>12.00: School ends for 2022</b>

### 2023 Term Dates

<b>Term One:</b>	Thursday 2 February – Thursday 6 April
<b>Term Two:</b>	Monday 24 April – Friday 30 June
<b>Term Three:</b>	Monday 17 July – Friday 22 September
<b>Term Four:</b>	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

### **Plimmerton School Gala – 19 November, 11am – 3pm**

Plimmerton School is so excited to be holding its first gala since 2019 on 19th November 2022. Every family loves a gala day - and this year is looking really exciting!

Ride the cars and motorbikes  
Good and cakes galore  
White Elephant  
Entertainment  
And much, much more!

The Plimmerton School Whānau.

### **Family Photoshoot fundraiser for Adventure Kindergarten**

Sunday 6 November.

20 min shoot - \$120 – 10 edited photos

Held at Adventure Kindergarten with Taryn Ibell from Marubella Photography

To book your spot please email [adventurekindy@gmail.com](mailto:adventurekindy@gmail.com)

Groups of 7 or more by arrangement only.

### **Developmental Showing of The Flying Femmes Circus Show Saturday, 5 November at 6 pm at the Circus Hub in Newtown.**

We are a group of local female circus artists who have spent the past week together to create the bones of our brand new circus show "The Flying Femmes". We would love to share with you what we have created so far and invite you to be part of the journey by giving you a chance to ask questions and share your perspective.

Thanks to the support provided by the Wellington City Council, the showing is **free** and open to anyone who is interested in coming along to enjoy some circus entertainment in a casual, low-key atmosphere.

The show is a family-friendly show that celebrates the joy and charm of traditional circus while questioning the stereotypes within it. We would love to have you there!

### **Job vacancy at PADA**

Perinatal Anxiety & Depression Aotearoa (PADA) is looking to employ a new General Manager in November. The role would be suited to a parent with management skills looking for part-time work - 15 hours during mostly school hours.

PADA provides education and training to healthcare providers supporting parents experiencing anxiety of depression during pregnancy, childbirth and early parenting.

Further information about the job can be found on our website <https://pada.nz/turanga-watea-vacancies/>

Ngā mihi,  
Treena Cooper  
General Manager