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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!

No new students this week, just lots of lovely four-year-olds visiting before they join us in the new year!



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,

I'd like to acknowledge the many positive communications I've received about giving parents the opportunity to share information around their child's 2023 class placement. I want to assure you, all information that sat within the guidelines provided has been considered, but please be aware that, in some instances, what one parent may have suggested for their child could have conflicted with the request of another parent, needs of other children or teacher knowledge. We believe we have truly done our best to meet the needs of every child.

2023 Staffing

Leaving Staff

Sadly, we farewell Emma Harris and Chris Pike at the end of the year. Both of these superb teachers joined us part way through the year to cover staff who took up positions closer to home. We thank them all for their wonderful care and support of our tamariki and wish them well for the future.

New Staff

We are delighted to have appointed Erica Leggett as our second Deputy Principal. Having held the position of Deputy Principal at both Westpark and Trentham Schools, Erica brings with her a wealth of experience and expertise both in teaching and leadership.

We are also excited to have Shane Dalton joining the Tōtara Syndicate next year. Shane is an experienced Year 7/8 teacher and has taught extensively in an Intermediate setting.

2023 Staff

Management

Tania Cox Diane Pepperell Erica Leggett	Principal Deputy Principal - SENCO Yrs 1-8 - Oversees Years 0-4 Deputy Principal - Rimu Team Leader - Overseas Years 5-8
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Kōwhai Syndicate

Teacher	Yr	Rm
Rebecca St Clair (Team Leader)	NE/Yr1	12
Nadine Amorangi	NE/Yr1	9
Tania Sibley (formerly Bailey)	NE/Yr1	8

Mānuka Syndicate

Teacher	Yr	Rm
Vanessa Burn (Team Leader)	Yr 2/3	13
Karen Freeman	Yr 2/3	14
Cathy Murray	Yr 2/3	15

Nikau Syndicate

Teacher	Yr	Rm
Toni Bennett (Team Leader)	3/4	2
Skye Kim	3/4	3
Alesha Wilson	3/4	4
Amy Churchill	3/4	5
Richard McQueen	3/4	19

Rimu Syndicate

Teacher	Yr	Rm
Erica Leggett (Team Leader)	5/6	20
Carl McManaway	5/6	16
Julian Keller	5/6	17
Tessa Willis	5/6	18
Andrea Nichols	5/6	21

Totara Syndicate

Teacher	Yr	Rm
Mark Hughes (Team Leader)	7/8	24
Jen Squire	7/8	25
John Kelleher	7/8	26
Shane Dalton	7/8	27

Teacher Aides

Sharyn Woodmass	Andrea Matheson
Catherine Ballin	Emma Smith
Elle Pigou-Williams	Laura Treeby
Fiona Albiston	Marzena Scapczyk
Joyce Goggin	Ruth Farrell

Part-time Teachers

Paula Hall (ORS Specialist Teacher)
 Anna Bullock (Rm 20 DP release Thur/Fri – Rm 24 Lead Tchr release)
 Tania Bourke (Rm 2 Lead Tchr release - CRT)
 Vanessa Clarke (Rm 13 Lead Tchr release – Rm 3 Friday Tchr - CRT)
 Carly St Laurent (Rm 14 – Friday Teacher)
 Georgia Vaughan (Rm 12 Lead Tchr release - CRT)
 Yet to be appointed (ORS Co-ordinator)

Support Staff

Jean Hutchinson	Business Manager
Sharon Arrell	Office Manager
Nikki Holbrook	Office Assistant
Gerna Kotze	Library Assistant
Mikaele Pule	Caretaker/ Cleaner



Adventure's Got Talent 2022

FINALISTS

Kōwhai	Nīkau	Rimu	Tōtara
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Indigo Eastham & Quinn Spalding •Laura Tan •Ruby Woodcock 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Gia Bakshi •Sienna Timmins & Keira Bexley 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Carmelle Cohen-Ronen •Isabella Frew & Scarlett Boyd •Sarah Robertson 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Ashlee Baker-Kingsbeer •Macy Chambers & Kaylee Burrows



Adventure's Got Talent

Junior Winner: Ruby Woodcock

Runner Up: Bronagh Davidson

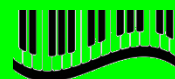


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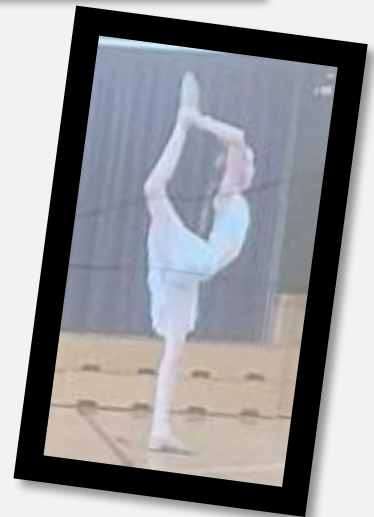
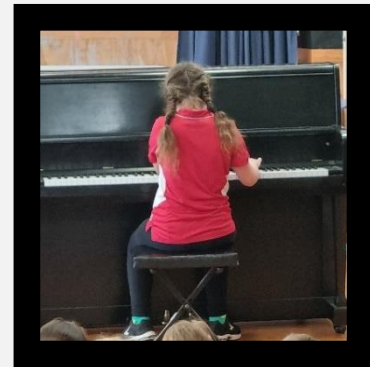
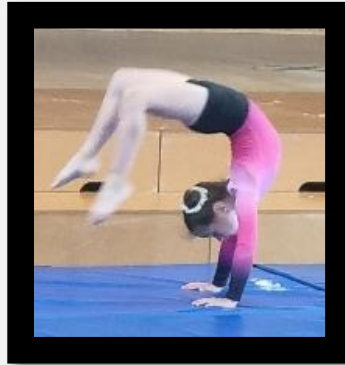
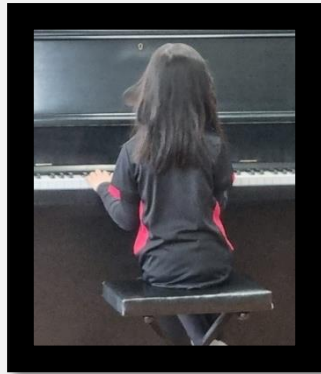
Senior Winners: Macy Chambers & Kaylee Burrows



Runner Up: Carmelle Cohen-Ronen



our Super Talented Finalists!



In the Spotlight

Congratulations...

Tom Wrighton

Tom has been taking Hip Hop dance lessons at 'Whitby Dance' school. Recently at the end of year performance he was awarded the 'Rising Star' trophy for great improvement.



Well done Tom!



Congratulations to these former students recently awarded at Aotea College Senior Prizegiving...

Liam Neal

- Head Student
- Top Sportsman



Alycia Capes-Parr

- Te Reo Rangatira for Te Reo
- Graeme Murray Cup Y13 academic excellence
- Te Atahai for outstanding service to Maori Y13



Kaela Stodart

- Blowgowrie Trust Cup – Gateway
- Y12 Plimmerton Rotary service above self





Another glorious sunny day down at Adventure Park made conditions perfect for athletes competing at the Parumoana Athletics.

Adventure had outstanding results which led to us coming 1st overall... by a considerable margin!

Adventure 129 points

Discovery 80 points

Whitby Collegiate 76 points

Our students were absolutely amazing! Gracious in defeat, not arrogant in their success, and thankful to all the adults that helped officiate today. A great representation of The Adventure Way!

Results

Congratulations to the following children who gained top placings in their year group.

Year 5	Lennox Manase	1 st High Jump	2 nd 800m	1 st 150m	3 rd 80m
	Sebastian Smit	2 nd 150m	2 nd 80m	1 st Long Jump	
	Joshua Penno	3 rd Shotput			
	Becky Rowe	2 nd Quoits			
	Kennedy Wylie	1 st High Jump			
	Annabelle Grundy	3 rd Quoit			
Year 6	Leo Stylianidis	3 rd Long Jump	2 nd 150m		
	Kody Cotter	1 st 800m	2 nd Quoits		
	Xander Last	3 rd 80m			
	Poppy Dickson	1 st 800m	1 st 150m	2 nd 80m	
	Chloe Po	1 st Long Jump			
	Zarna Parish	2 nd Vortex	3 rd 800m		
	Molly Presling	2 nd Quoits	3 rd High Jump		
Year 7	Cameron Starr	2 nd High Jump	1 st 1500m		
	Justin Wang	2 nd 1500m			
	Ngatoa Mullane-Ronaki	2 nd Vortex			
	Macy Chambers	1 st 1500m	3 rd 200m		
	Pearl Penno	2 nd Long Jump	2 nd High Jump	1 st Shotput	
	Kiharoa Landon-Lane	2 nd High Jump	2 nd Discus	1 st Vortex	
Year 8	Corri Katene	3 rd Vortex			

Coming Up

We would love you to join us!

Years 2-4 Athletics

Friday 2 December
9.45am-1.30pm approx.
Adventure Park



Years 0-1 EOTC

Tuesday 6 December
Maidstone Max
Skating



Kōwhai Tree Trimming

Thursday 8 December
Kōwhai Classrooms



Prizegiving



Friday 9 December
Kōwhai Prizegiving: 9.30am
Yrs 3-8 Prizegiving: 11.30am

Yr 8 Leavers' Dinner

Tuesday 13 December
Flightys Cafe



Nīkau Fun Day



Tuesday 13 December
Aotea Lagoon
(Postponement 14/15 Dec)

Year 2 EOTC

Wednesday 14 December
Maidstone Max
Skating



Family Fun Day



Please save the date!
Monday 19 December
At school
More details soon!

Final Assembly



Tuesday 20 December
11.00am

SCHOOL POLICIES – Term 4



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 4:** The focus is **Safety On and Off School Grounds**
- 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.

- Health, Safety and Welfare **Board**
- Alcohol/Drugs and Other Harmful Substances **Board**
- Digital Technology and Cybersafety

Ngā Mihi nui

Tania Cox
(Principal)



Hauora – physical and mental wellbeing



This term Rimu Syndicate have been focusing on Hauora, physical and mental wellbeing, through the context of Te Whare Tapawhā. With its strong foundation and four equal sides, the whareni represents a holistic approach to health and wellbeing.

The four sides

Taha tinana – physical health – exercise and healthy eating

Taha whānau – family and relationships – connections with others

Taha wairua – spiritual self – connections, helping others, what inspires you?

Taha hinengaro – emotions and feelings – self talk, expression and communication of feelings.



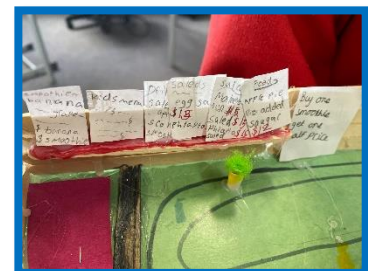
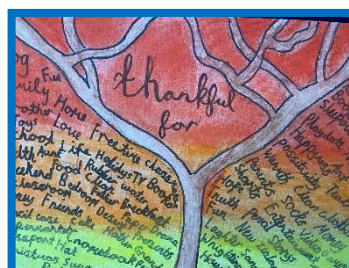
Athletics, skipping, sport and games.



Mindfulness – tummy breathing



Mindfulness and thankfulness



Healthy eating project

Titahi Bay Beach and Ocean Safety



We learned first aid and what everything in the first aid kit is used for.



We went for a walk and learned how to identify a rip. This is a part of the ocean that can pull you out to sea.



The lifeguards have heaps of equipment to help them to save you if you need them to.



On our walk we popped lots of blue bottles. These are jellyfish and can sting you even if they are dead.



We learned that sunblock has a rating called SPF. A 50 SPF is what we need in New Zealand to stop us getting burned.



If you do get in trouble out in the ocean you need to relax, float and put your hand up, so the lifeguards know you are in trouble.



Congratulations Rimu Speech Winners

1st
Logan
Campbell



2nd
Carmelle
Cohen-Ronen

3rd
Lars
Fenemor

Reminder *Please return all school Library books*

Please help us be ready for a stocktake by ensuring your children's School Library books are returned by **MONDAY 5 December** at the very latest.

Thanks for your support!



PTNi NEWS



Bakers Wanted!

The PTNi need your help! Baked goods are required for cake stalls at school events and we are wanting to get a list of keen bakers interested in helping us out next year!

Please let us know if you are happy to provide some tasty treats! Some gluten free options would be great too!

We will be in touch as and when baking is needed. Email the PTNi today at ptni@adventure.school.nz use the subject line "baking" when you email. Thanks as always for your support the PTNi team.





Important Dates for Your Calendar

Please be aware some details may change



TERM FOUR		
Week 7	Friday 2 December	Year 2-4 Athletics
Week 8	Monday 5 December	6.00: BOT meeting
	Tuesday 6 December	Year 0/1 to Maidstone Max & skating Year 2-4 Athletics pp
	Thursday 8 December	Kowhai Christmas tree trimming
	Friday 9 December	9.30: Kowhai Prize giving assembly 11.30: Years 3-8 prizegiving assembly
Week 9	Monday 12 December	Year 0/1 carol singing at Whitby Lakes
	Tuesday 13 December	Nikau to Aotea Lagoon 5.45pm: Year 8 Leavers dinner
	Wednesday 14 December	Year 2 to Maidstone Max & skating Nikau to Aotea Lagoon pp
	Thursday 15 December	Nikau to Aotea Lagoon ppp
	Friday 16 December	Reports sent home
Week 10	Monday 19 December	Schoolwide fun day
	Tuesday 20 December	11.00: Leavers assembly 12.00: School ends for 2022

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

RĀROA MUSIC CENTRE REGISTRATION FOR 2023

Rāroa Music Centre offers Saturday morning group music lessons for primary and intermediate school children at low cost (\$70 per year + \$40 koha or parent volunteering). We offer music basics, cello, clarinet, drums & percussion, flute, guitar, keyboard, orchestra, recorder, saxophone, ukulele, and violin.

You are welcome to come along to see what it's all about. Orientation tours will be held on Saturday 3rd December between 10:00am – 12:30pm at Rāroa Intermediate School.

To register for 2023 visit our website and enrol online. Registrations close 18th February 2023.

www.raroamusic.org.nz

Become a homestay 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.

At this stage we are specifically trying to find homestay families for Japanese students arriving January 28th and departing March 6th, as well as for a group from Japan arriving on March 10th for 2 weeks.

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 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 which is reviewed annually. For more information about hosting a student please check out: international.aotea.school.nz/homestay or email cox@aotea.school.nz

Super Summer Sports – Term 1 – Wednesday's 3.05pm-4.05pm for 8 weeks!

Enrolments are now open for term 1!

This weekly programme gives children skills and confidence in a fun and enjoyable environment. It also encourages their enthusiasm for sport 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 1 are: Cricket, Dodgeball, Athletics and Ultimate Frisbee.

To enrol to either programme go to www.kellysports.co.nz

School Holiday Activities

Christmas Holiday Programme @ Adventure School, 21 - 22 Dec 2022

BOOKINGS OPEN NOW! A day out at Kapiti Coast, Christmas crafts and movies at the Lighthouse Cinema.

You can view and book online: www.asfc.co.nz

Summer Holiday Programme @ Adventure School, 16 Jan - 1 Feb 2023

Bookings will be open early December.

For more information e-mail holprog@asfc.co.nz or call 027-454-6975

AFTER SCHOOL **FUN CLUB** Holiday Programme @ Adventure School

Chess Lovers ONLINE Holiday Program

09:00am - 12:15pm weekdays, \$45 per session

[ChessPower](#) and [EduExperts](#) are working to bring you awesome Chess coaching and fun this school holidays!

Develop thinking and problem solving. Learn great new skills. Interactive hands-on lessons
Get coached by a New Zealand Chess Champion. Make friends with like-minded kids
19-23 December 2022 & 9-27 January 2023

[Register here](#)

Porirua Libraries Summer Festival

Imagine This! 2022-2023 festival programme. The festival will run entirely in-person this year – the first time in three years we've been able to say that – and we have some excellent experiences for you to partake in.

Highlights include - Chris Lam Sam opening proceedings on December 20 at 4PM. Deano Yipadee makes an appearance on January 9 at 10AM. Imagine Dance – starring Finn Barnes, Moira Wairama, and harpist Karen Jones – has been devised exclusively for the festival, so you won't want to miss this incredible multidisciplinary storytelling/music/dance experience on January 11 at 10.30AM (in the Pātaka Performing Arts Studio). There will be writing workshops with authors Helen Vivienne Fletcher and Denika Mead. The Imagine Book Club runs weekly throughout the festival. Visit us and load up on library books often, because the more you read, the more tickets you will earn to enter our major prize draw.

Follow the behind the scenes news and keep up with any updates by joining the Porirua Libraries facebook page Children's Chat Group

here <https://www.facebook.com/groups/PoriruaLibraryChildrensChat> , or check out the What's Happening Section of the Porirua Libraries web page here <https://porirualibrary.org.nz/whats-on/>

KELLY SPORTS JANUARY 2023 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME – MON 9 JAN – TUES 31 JAN 2023

This sports based holiday programme will give your children the opportunity to try different sports, learn new skills, build their self-confidence, and most importantly have a huge amount of FUN.

Your child can expect high energy, all-inclusive games and activities to keep them entertained and engaged for however long they are staying!

We have an exciting programme planned including:

"Tag your it Day", Kelly Sports Inflatable Football Arena, Sports Mash Up Day, Dodgeball Day, Super Summer Sports Day, Incredible Race Day, Sports Carnival Day, Summer Splash Day plus trips to Ten Pin Bowling & Aotea Lagoon, Picnic in the Botanical Gardens, Wellington Zoo, Roller Skating and Maidstone Park, and lots more..

To Book go to www.kellysports.co.nz