



Adventure School

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Newsletter No 1 – 2 February 2023



Welcome to our new students. It's great to have you join our Adventure whānau!

Rm 8: Chinmayi Pappala, Angelina Scully, Harper Pullen, Aston Spencer

Rm 9: Marlo Doherty-Jones, Imogen Cox, Sasha McMillan, Aarav Jey, Bash St. Clair

Rm 12: Patrick & Ryan Farrell, Robbie Marshall, Eloise Schofield, Bella Sutton

Rm 13: Max Sheehy, Alexander Forbes **Rm 15:** Ioane Sutton

Rm 3: Sloan Alexander **Rm 5:** Finn Sutton **Rm 19:** Liam Xuan

Rm 24: Krishan Glasgow



Kia ora koutou

I hope you have all had a lovely break and enjoyed spending some quality time with friends and family.

It was wonderful seeing your enthusiastic children arriving at school this morning; I'm not sure who was more excited, the children or the parents!

We have all been very busy planning and organising an exciting 2023 school year. We are very much looking forward to meeting and connecting with you over the next few weeks and are aiming, as much as we are able, to keep you informed well ahead of event dates.

This is a relatively brief newsletter, but I wanted to share a few important reminders as well as some up-coming events.

Coming Up-

Mihi Whakatau to welcome new students and their whānau

Friday 3 February

- 8.45: Briefing
- 9.10: Mihi Whakatau begins

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

Meet the Teacher

Tuesday 21 February

More details soon

TEACHERS PAID UNION MEETING

NZEI members are entitled to attend at least 2 union meetings each year.

Unfortunately, as we have been given only one viable meeting option, we don't have the flexibility to keep the school open.

Tuesday 28 February

Please note, school will be CLOSED from 1pm to enable teachers to travel to the meeting.

PURPOSE: To discuss and consider important issues, including how teachers might collectively:

- ensure their pay and working conditions are sufficient to attract and keep people in teaching.
- advocate effectively to improve support for children's teaching and learning, including increasing staffing, learning support specialists, and reducing class size.
- make school leadership roles manageable and desirable.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

2023 Staff

Management

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

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 Robinson (Rm 20 DP release Thur/Fri -Rm 24 Lead Tchr release)
 Tania Bourke (Rm 2 Lead Tchr release - CRT)
 Vanessa Clark (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)
 Emma Hoey (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

A Few Start of the Year Reminders...

Our School Day

The gates are open from 8.30am to allow time for teachers to prepare for the day.

School starts at 8.55am. It is important for children to be at school in plenty of time to organise their belongings and connect with their teacher and friends before the 8.55am bell.

<u>Bell Times</u>		
Gates Open	➔	8.30 
Spell 1	➔	8.55 – 10.30 (1 hr 35 mins)
Morning Tea	➔	10.30 – 10.50 (20 mins)
Spell 2	➔	10.50 – 11.50 (1 hr)
Brain Break	➔	11.50 – 12.00 (10 mins)
Spell 3	➔	12.00 – 1.00 (1 hr)
Lunch	➔	1.00 – 1.55 (55 mins)
Spell 4	➔	1.55 – 3.00 (1 hr 5 mins)

Children arriving after 8.55 need to report to school office.



Our School Uniform



As a school, we have always felt proud of the way our students wear their uniform and we have had much positive feedback from the community.

Please do talk to your child's teacher if a problem arises where your child is unable to wear a piece of the uniform so we can find a way to help.

Our uniform consists of the following:

Tops <i>any combination of the following</i>	Bottoms	Other
Adventure School: -Red zip-up hoodie -Red polar fleece -Red with white polo shirt -Black with red polo shirt	-Any plain black bottoms NOTE: Please not denim jeans, or items with patterns, sparkles, studs or logos- (eg Nike, Adidas, etc)	Hats Adventure School: -Black or red bucket hat -Black or red beanie
Year 7/8 - Adventure School Black zip-up hoodie		



Sun Safety

Hats

- For sun safety, all children are expected to wear school uniform bucket hats during Term 1 and from Labour Weekend Term 4.
- School bucket hats are available for purchase at the office.



Sunblock

- Although sunblock is available in every classroom, we encourage children to come to school already sun-blocked and then to reapply during the day.

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 the office.



Food/ Drinks

We encourage healthy eating and drinking of water.



We have a 10 minute "Brain Break" at 11.50am and during this time, children are able to snack on a piece of fresh vegetable or fruit.

Please support our request that children do not bring the following items to school:

- Chewing gum
- Sweets/ chocolate
- Carbonated drinks
- Birthday celebration cakes / treats



As we have many children with severe allergies and special dietary requirements, as well as some families not able to supply such treats to the entire class, please do not send class birthday cakes or treats to school.

Student Cellphones

Cellphones are not to be used once students have entered the school grounds in the morning or before 3pm. They must also be turned off during this time. The school will not take responsibility for lost or damaged phones.

Cellphones are not permitted on class trips, camps or sporting events.

Years Three to Six Students:

- Cellphones must be handed to the class teacher at the start of the day.
- They will be kept in the school office and returned at 3pm.



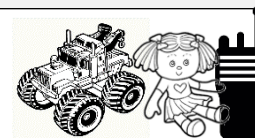
Year Seven and Eight Students

- Cellphones must be handed to the class teacher at the start of the day.
- They will be locked in their teacher's cupboard and returned at 3pm.
- Phones must not be accessed during the day.

Toys & Personal Items

We ask that children do not bring toys and precious items to school.

The school can take no responsibility for any such items if they go missing or are damaged.

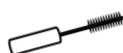


Dogs

Dogs are not permitted on school grounds except as part of a specialised, pre-arranged programme.



Make-up & Jewellery



Please support the school by ensuring your children do not wear makeup or unnecessary jewellery to school. For safety, please only wear studs as earrings.

Clothing & Footwear

We have a school uniform that our children wear with pride. Please check our Uniform page on the website for details.

It is important children wear suitable footwear for playing and physical activities.

For safety, please follow these guidelines –

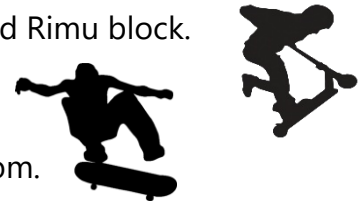
- avoid jandals, slides or "wheelie" shoes
- Year 7 & 8 children attending Technicraft must have enclosed footwear.



Scooters & Skateboards

Children are welcome to bring scooters and skateboards to school. This does not include roller-skates or shoes with built-in wheels. For safety, they are not permitted to ride them on the school driveway.

- The wearing of helmets is compulsory. (No helmet, no scootering/ skateboarding)
- Children must use their own gear.
- Where: The sealed area from the top field steps and behind Rimu block.
- When: Morning tea & lunch breaks only
- Storage: The bike racks by the entrance or outside staffroom.



Ngā Mihi nui

Tania Cox
(Principal)

WHEELS AT



Whitby

SAT 4 MARCH 2023
ADVENTURE SCHOOL WHITBY



Soon it'll be time for Wheels at Whitby, our major fundraiser for this year. We hope you're as excited as we are!

Over the Christmas break, in between snippets of sunshine and enjoying family time, the Wheels at Whitby Committee has been busy sorting out the finer details for the show - from parking plans to raffle and silent auction packages and more! It's all coming together, and you'll soon see signs and posters popping up around our area as we promote the show.




We can't do it by ourselves, of course, and we still need help on the day. Thank you to those parents and caregivers who have already volunteered their time for the show - you guys and gals rock! If you haven't let us know already, please fill in this form asap:

<https://forms.gle/3QWmMebMNWbkADsi9>

A big shout out to our sponsors too. We're really lucky to have a great bunch of companies and people behind us, helping out and supporting us however they can. Make sure to support them in return if you can!

This is going to be a fantastic event for our school and community. Bring on Saturday, 4 March!

STAY UPDATED

-  facebook.com/WheelsAtWhitby
-  whielsatwhitby
-  whielsatwhitby@gmail.com



WHEELS AT

Whitby

SAT 4 MARCH 2023, 11AM-3PM ADVENTURE SCHOOL, WHITBY

STALLS, FOOD, PRIZES & MORE. FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!



DISPLAY
VEHICLE
ENTRY
\$10

ADULTS \$5
CHILDREN \$2 (U5 FREE)
FAMILY (2+2) \$12

**CLASSIC, CUSTOM, EXOTIC, IMPORT CARS
& MOTORBIKES. JUDGED AWARDS WITH PRIZES.**

Find out more at www.facebook.com/WheelsAtWhitby



CHANGES TO SUBWAY LUNCHES



Effective 1 February



- all subs will increase by 50 cents
- cookies will increase to \$1.50
- 'Pump' water will increase to \$3.00
- Carrot has also been added to the menu as an option

Payment can be made by cash – Subway provide change in the order envelope, which is returned with your child’s lunch. If you are ordering for more than one child, you can put payment into one envelope and staple them together.

Payment can also be made online to Subway Tawa’s bank account – number 02 1269 0012199 00. Please include your child’s name and room as the references and write “online” on the order envelope.

Below is a sample of the new envelope.

Old envelopes will be honoured for the first few weeks of the term.

 <p>195 Main Road, Tawa - Phone 04 232 2282</p> <p><small>Cookies are not part of the standard School Lunch Programme Menu and may not meet local or regional nutrition criteria. These have been made available for you to choose at the special request of your school. Check with your school for their school lunch nutrition criteria.</small></p> <p>ALL MEALS INCLUDE A COOKIE</p>		<p>Your School:</p> <p>Your Name:</p> <p>Room/Class:</p> <p>Money Enclosed:</p>	
<p><small>SUBWAY USE ONLY:</small></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Change Enclosed \$</p>			
<p>Size? (Pick 1)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 4 inch \$6.50</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 6 inch \$7.50</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 12 inch \$10.50</p> <p>Bread? (Pick 1)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> White</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Wheat</p>	<p>Meat? (Pick 1 <small>OR see below</small>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ham</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Beef</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Turkey</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian</p> <p>Premium Meat</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Strips Add \$2.50</p>	<p>Salads?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Cheese</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lettuce</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Tomato</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Cucumber</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Carrot</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Extra Cookie: Add \$1.50</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 400ml Pump: Add \$3.00</p>	<p>Sauces?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Mayonnaise</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Honey Mustard</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Barbeque</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO Sauce</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>



FREE Dental Checks!

Adventure School

The Bee Healthy Dental Mobile will be parked at your school in term 1 from 07/02/2023 to 17/03/2023. Once seen, your child will be given a completion certificate which will inform you of what happens next.

Please search your child's school bag for one of the following:

- Your child requires no further appointments this year
- Your child needs an appointment at your local Dental hub for further care.

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

If you have pre-school aged children please call us to arrange an appointment for their annual dental checkup at the Dental Hub.

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



Private Bag 31907 Lower Hutt
www.beehealthy.org.nz | 0800 TALK TEETH (825 583)



Important Dates for Your Calendar

Please be aware some details may change



TERM ONE

Week 1	Friday 3 February	Mihi Whakatau
Week 2	Monday 6 February	School closed for WAITANGI DAY
	Thursday 9 February	Year 7/8 Technicraft at Brandon Intermediate
Week 3		
Week 4	Tuesday 21 February	School photos 5-7pm: Meet the Teacher
	Wednesday 22 February	Year 7 Boostrix & Gardasil immunisations Year 8 Gardasil immunisations
	Thursday 23 February	Team Rimu campout at school
Week 5	Tuesday 28 February	School closes at 1pm for PUM
	Friday 3 March	2pm: Whole school assembly
	Saturday 4 March	Wheels at Whitby
Week 6	Monday 6 March	5.30pm: BOT meeting
	Saturday 11 March	Wheels at Whitby pp
Week 7	Friday 17 March	2pm: Whole school assembly
Week 8		
Week 9	Tuesday 28 March	7.30pm: PTNI AGM
	Friday 31 March	2pm: Whole school assembly
Week 10	Monday 3 April	5.30pm: BOT meeting
	Thursday 6 April	Final day of Term One

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

Keen to play Squash

Come along to Mana Squash club at Ngati Toa domain, Mana, Porirua and give squash a go. Squash is a great sport that can be played all year round.

We run junior club nights on a Friday from 5pm to 7:30pm for all junior ages, come along to try it out.

We also run junior coaching programs during the school terms for all ages and levels from new beginners upwards. We can provide the kids with rackets and eye wear to start of with; all they need is a pair of non-marking sport shoes and a drink bottle.

For Friday night junior club nights contact Ben at juniors@manasquash.co.nz or via mobile on 027 34 33 145

For junior coaching Contact James at coaching@manasquash.co.nz or via mobile on 027 767 9456

Super Summer Sports – Term 1 – Wednesday’s 3.05pm-4.05pm for 8 weeks! Sessions start on Weds 8 Feb 2023!

Our popular Kelly Sports multi-sport programmes is back in 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.

At Kelly Sports, we encourage kids to have fun, build confidence and give sport a go.

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 and in the school box put “Adventure”

If your child loves doing Cartwheels, Handstands, Jumping, Swinging, Climbing or doing Flips, then they will thrive at Bigair Gym!

TERM 1 CLASSES ARE STARTING NOW, SO DON'T MISS OUT, BOOK IN TODAY! 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 progress! Classes include **GYMNASTICS, TRAMPOLINING, TUMBLING, FREE RUNNING (thats parkour with flips) & CHEERLEADING!** Inquire about Bigair **BIRTHDAY PARTIES** too!

Its easy to book online at www.bigairgym.co.nz or contact our Bigair Gym office. We would love to hear from you. Bigair Gym Tawa ph. 232 3508 e. office@bigairgym.co.nz

Helen O'Grady Drama Academy Drama Classes

For over 40 years. Our international curriculum will help explore performance skills and creativity, overcome shyness, develop positive self esteem, grow imagination, , make new friends and have lots of fun. Fun after-school classes for 5 – 17 year olds held in Khandallah, Tawa, Whitby, Lower Hutt,. To enroll or for more information please visit our www.helenogradynz.co.nz.

FREE COMMUNITY SNORKELS

February 18 and March 4 10am to 3pm Whitireia Park

Come explore Whitireia Park's underwater world with Mountains to Sea Wellington. We provide all gear, including wetsuits and snorkels and pair you up with an experienced guide who takes you snorkelling. You'll see fishes, seaweed, starfish, even seahorses!

FAQs

- No, you don't need to book. Just turn up between 10am and 3pm to register (earlier the better though)
- We have wetsuits for all shapes and sizes
- Children aged 8 and up can come snorkelling if they are accompanied by a snorkelling adult
- You DO need to know how to swim
- Weather changes! Please check the Mountains to Sea Facebook page for updates on the day, as the weather changes and we may postpone if conditions aren't good for snorkelling.