



Adventure School

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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 whānau!

Room 8: Sanvi Kaniwar

Room 19: Levi George

Room 24: Eita Mone

Room 25: Matiu Mone



Kia ora koutou

It's been a somewhat unsettling week for many of our staff and families as we receive ongoing updates of the devastation caused by Cyclone Gabrielle.

Our hearts go out to the many families further north who have been hugely affected.

Thankfully (at this stage), our region seems to have missed the brunt of the Cyclone and only a small number of schools and kura have been adversely affected to date.

I just want to reassure you we have a plan to keep your children safe should an emergency event require the school to close during the day.

You will be notified via:

- School-links (text message) - Email - Syndicate Facebook - School Website

We have a plan in place that includes staff staying with children not able to be picked up immediately and Civil Defence Supplies to keep us fed and warm if we need to remain at school for an extended period of time.

This is probably a timely reminder to update your child's emergency contact details as students would only be released to nominated people.

Of course, we're all hoping we never have to implement this plan!

Let's Be Prepared...

Emergency Food Supplies

As a school, we are well equipped for a Civil Defence emergency. It is now time to renew our stock of emergency food. We would really appreciate your support in sending the following to school with your child-

WHAT: 2 tins of food per child (any sweet or savoury)

Please Note: Tinned food only (**non-perishable**)

Please don't personally name these as they will go into the school communal pool of emergency food.

For Special Dietary Requirements only

Please write child's name on tinned food and send in a separate bag, clearly named, with dietary requirement or condition stated.

WHEN: before **Friday 3 March** please

WHERE: to your child's classroom

Please note: Our current stock will be donated to the Food Bank once sufficient new supplies have been brought in.



Coming Up

Parent Survey - Reporting to Whānau

You will soon receive a survey link to give feedback on how we report to Whānau. We would really appreciate you taking some time to respond as your input will be considered alongside staff feedback.



Home-School Learning Partnership

For a number of years now Adventure School has had a "No Homework" policy.

This term we will be reviewing that policy with a view to implementing a carefully considered home-school learning partnership that supports the reinforcement of the learning at school.

Additional information will be shared before the end of this term with a view to starting the Home-School Learning Partnership at the start of Term 2.



School Assemblies

This year we will return to Whole School Assemblies run in partnership with Buddy Classes and the Student Leadership team.

We are aiming to hold these assemblies every second Friday at 2pm.

The next school assembly will be Friday 3 March.



You are very welcome to join us!

Mihi Whakatau

It was lovely to welcome our new students and staff at our recent Mihi Whakatau. Here are some highlights of the occasion.





2023 Student Leadership Team

Congratulations to our 2023 Student Leadership Team, elected by their peers and the staff at the end of last year.

HEAD BOY

Angus McIntosh



HEAD GIRL

Kaylee Burrows



HOUSE CAPTAINS

Crowsnest

Justin Wang



Longitude

Alexandra Griffiths



Latitude

Rose Bonar



Mainsail

Indie Spalding



CONGRATULATIONS



Wheels at Whitby

We are very excited about this huge fundraiser. It's going to be a super fun day, but we still need adult helpers on the day and bakers to supply delicious treats. Please consider helping out even for just an hour. All helpers will be briefed and supported on the day.

- **Helpers:** Please fill in this form <https://forms.gle/3QWmMebMNWbkADsi9>
- **Bakers:** Please email ptni@adventure.school.nz with 'Wheels at Whitby baking' in the subject line



Whānau Picnic & Teacher Meet n' Greet

Thursday 23 February

5.30: Join us for a fun family picnic on bottom court
(*In the hall/ classrooms if weather unsuitable*)

BYO Dinner & picnic rug

Charlie's Coffee Cart will be onsite



6.15-7.00: An opportunity to visit your child's classroom,
and touch base with their teacher.

We would love you and your family
to join us!



CYCLONE GABRIEL RELIEF

Here are some links if you would like to make a donation to support those affected by the cyclone.

- [Auckland Council Emergency Relief Fund to support Aucklanders affected by floods](#)
- [Supporting those in need](#)
- <https://www.redcross.org.nz/about-us/what-we-do/in-new-zealand/auckland-floods-our-response/>

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.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Tough Guy and Gal

Entries are now open for the Annual Junior Tough Guy and Gal event held at Camp Wainui in Wainuiomata. We have a School Team booked for Wednesday 24th May.

- Parents/Caregivers enter and pay for children online.
- It is VERY IMPORTANT the correct entry/day and venue is selected - Adventure School is booked in to compete on Wednesday 24th May.
- Please select THE TEACHER WILL PICK UP THE RACE NUMBER when you come to the bib collection question and write our school's name in FULL - Adventure School.
- If these steps are followed every Adventure student that enters will be linked together and everything will be waiting for John Kelleher to pick up from the event registration.
- Please use this link to enter:

<https://eventpromotions.co.nz/junior-tough-guy-and-gal-challenge/>


JUNIOR TOUGH GUY AND GAL
CHALLENGE
EXTREME OFF ROAD RUNNING EVENT



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations & Good Luck!

Molly Presling (Year 7)

Molly is one of 4 riders to be selected to represent Wellington and Horowhenua in the upcoming Horse of the Year competition in the Hawkes Bay in March.

This competition involves jumping 1.25 course of 12-15 jumps on her pony in a set time.

She is also ranked in the top 20 Pony Grand Prix (1.25-1.35) riders in the country.

It's going to be a big week, especially big as she is the youngest rider in the circuit and the youngest ever selected for the team.



**All the best
Molly!**

We love to hear about our children's achievements outside school. Please feel free to forward details and a photo.

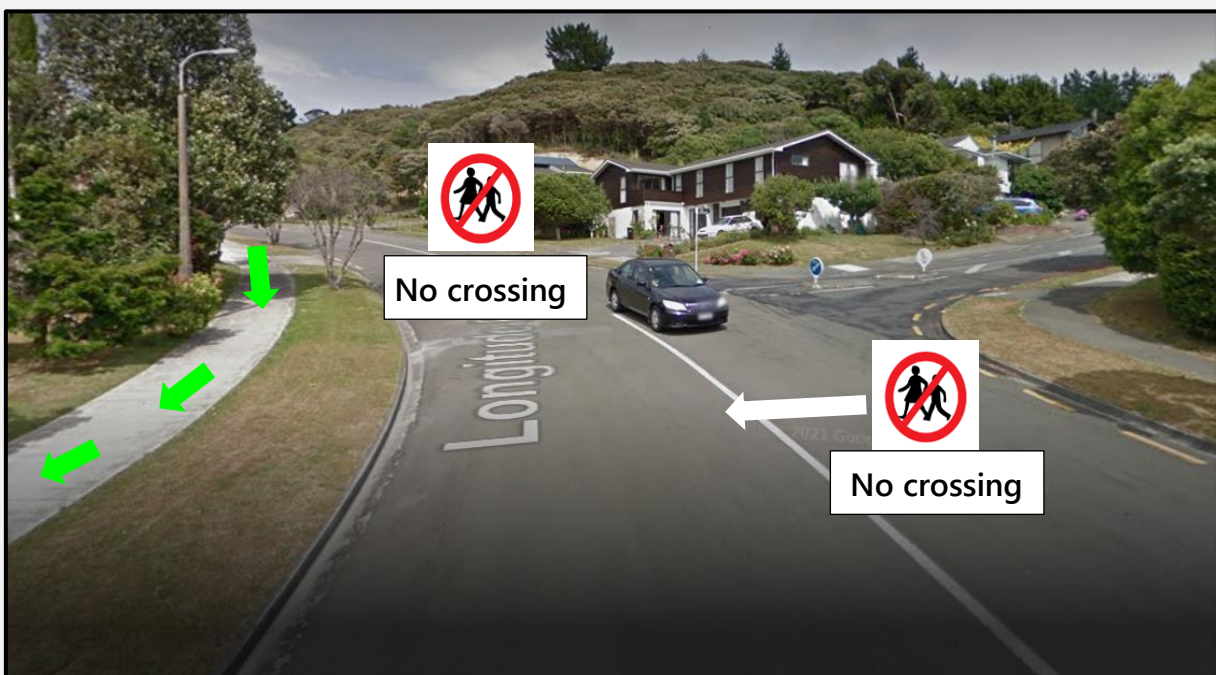
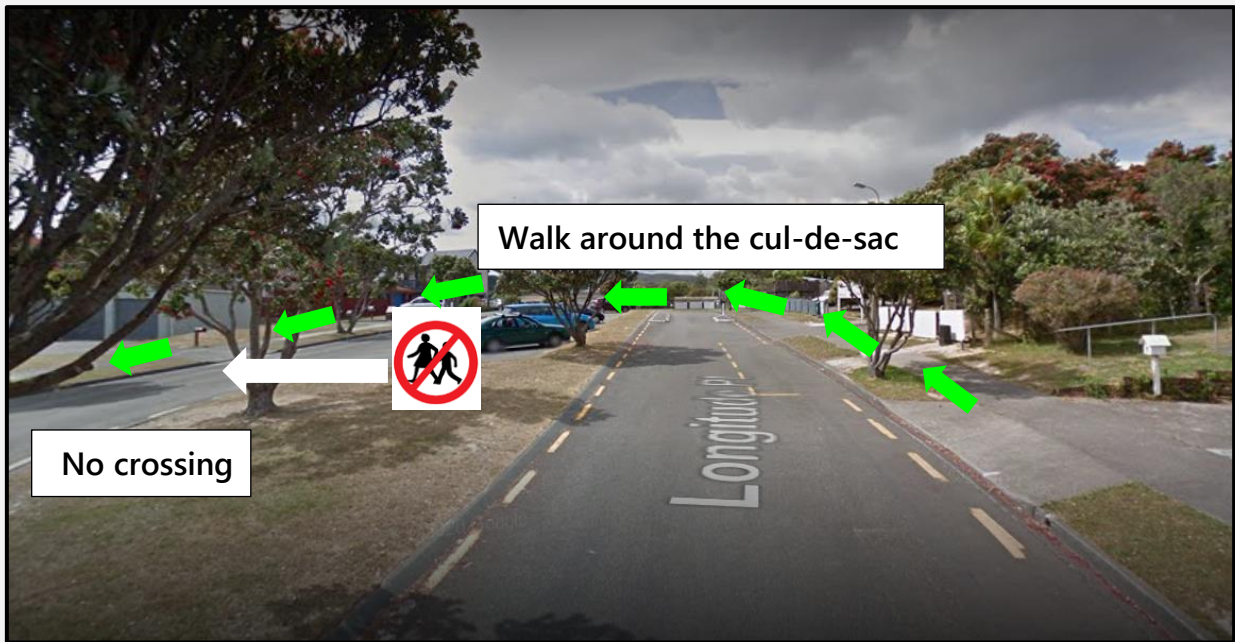
Ngā Mihi nui
Tania Cox
(Principal – Tumuaki)

IMPORTANT SAFETY REMINDER

Longitude Place becomes extremely congested particularly around drop-off and pick up times.

Please support the school community to keep all of our children safe by-

- ➔ *reminding your children to **walk around the cul-de-sac** to get to the other side of the road*
- ➔ *being a good role model*



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](https://www.facebook.com/WheelsAtWhitby)
-  [wheelsatwhitby](https://www.instagram.com/wheelsatwhitby)
-  wheelsatwhitby@gmail.com



COMING UP...

Let's Get Movin' in March!



We're a Movin'March school and we are counting down to **Wednesday 1 March** when we will start stamping passports at the gate as part of the Walk or Wheel Passport Challenge all through March.

Walking or wheeling to school is a great way to get active, know your neighbourhood, kick start learning for the day AND take care of the environment.

Check out the Movin'March website for more information:

<https://schooltravel.gw.govt.nz/walk-or-wheel-programmes/movinmarch/>



PTNi Icy Fridays are back!

For those new to the school, we run Icy Friday at 3pm in Terms 4 and 1 in front of the Nikau syndicate (at gate near office).

Ice blocks will be sold for \$2 each (minis \$1) with a variety of choices, subject to availability - (Jelly Tip, Choc Bar, Fruju, Popsicle, Cyclone, Calippo Minis, Paddle Pop).



This money goes towards the PTNI fundraising.

You can purchase a PTNI card for \$10 or \$20 from the Icy Friday stand (with cash).

These cards can also be used for other PTNI events like Discos and Spooktacular.

Thanks for your support.

On behalf of the PTNi



Important Dates for Your Calendar

Please be aware some details may change



TERM ONE

Week 3	Friday 17 February	2pm: Whole school assembly
Week 4	Wednesday 22 February	Year 7 Boostrix & Gardasil immunisations Year 8 Gardasil immunisations
	Thursday 23 February	5.30-7pm: Meet the Teacher – note date change
Week 5	Tuesday 28 February	9am: NE & Yr 7 Hearing & vision testing 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
	Tuesday 7 March	7.30pm: PTNi meeting. All welcome
	Thursday 9 March	Team Rimu School Campout - note date change
	Saturday 11 March	Wheels at Whitby pp
Week 7	Friday 17 March	2pm: Whole school assembly
Week 8	Tuesday 21 March	School photos – corrected date
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

Maths Tutoring Years 5-9

Hi my name is Ryan Tinney.

I am in Year 12 at St Patrick's College, Silverstream and I live in Whitby.

I am available on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm during Term 1 to help students in Years 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 who require some Maths tutoring. \$25 per hour. Contact Ryan on 021 0816 4834

Girls Cricket

Summer Smash and Yeah! Girls are back for 2023!

Summer Smash (years 3–6) and Yeah! Girls (years 7–10) are fun and inclusive 6-week after school cricket programmes for girls. Each week girls will participate in exciting activities and modified cricket games that encourage sports participation, skill development, teamwork and friendly competition. All equipment is provided, no experience is necessary, and sessions are free!

The Hubs will start on Wednesday, 15 February at Bernie Wood Turf, and will run every Wednesday until 22 March.

Register for Summer Smash (year 3-6) [here!](#) Register for Yeah! Girls [here!](#)

For more information, please visit the Yeah! Girls website or email Y!G Wellington.

Website: <https://play.nzc.nz/playyeah-girls> Y!G contact email: wellington@yeahgirls.nz

Goodtime Music Academy

wants to say a big welcome back to all of the whanau at Adventure School. GTMA is now taking enrolments for 2023 in-school music lessons now. If you want your child to be a part of these award winning music lessons, and want to be a part of their new curriculum and performing opportunities, then in-school lessons may be the solution for you. Learn in a group setting, and choose between Drums, Guitar, Keyboard, Ukulele. Or try their 'Intro to Music' course. Please visit www.goodtimemusicacademy.co.nz/learn-at-school to enrol and enquire. You can also call them on 04 568 2237. Spaces are limited so get in quick!

Tawa Titans Hockey club Community Hockey Sessions are back for 2023.

Three sessions will be held in February - Saturday 11th, Sunday 19th and Saturday 25th at Elsdon turf, Porirua.

Time: 10am- 12 pm.

It's an all ages event - so the whole family is more than welcome. We ask that people bring a pair of shinpads and mouthguard. We will have spare sticks available for use.

Cost - a koha is appreciated. For more information and cancellations due to weather please see:

<https://facebook.com/events/s/community-hockey-session-1/5610164969080730/>

Tawa Floorball

Where: Tawa Rec Centre, Tawa College, 38 Duncan Street

When: Wednesdays – 15 February to 5 April

Years 1-8 3:45pm – 4:35pm

CONTACT:

Facebook - Tawa Floorball - Home | Facebook

Email – tawafloorball@gmail.com

We will provide all the equipment you need. Floorball is a type of indoor hockey, played with plastic sticks and a lightweight plastic ball with holes. It is sometimes known as Unihoc or Unihockey.

Floorball is an inclusive, safe, fast and fun sport and easy to play.

Coding lessons

In today's world, it's essential for young people to learn how to create technology, not just consume it. Coding NZ's lessons empower students with the tools they need and help give students the best chance at being successful in our increasingly digital age. Extend your child's awareness and horizons. Free trial lessons available now at codingnz.com/signup

Pippins, Brownies & Guides -- Places Available for Term One!

Pippins is the beginning of an exciting adventure in Guiding. We help girls aged **5 - 6 years** to make new friends, tackle challenges, enjoy activities, earn badges and learn to appreciate and respect the environment and the community.

- Papakowhai Pippins, Wednesday 4pm - 5pm, papakowhaipippins@gmail.com
- Cooks Pippins, Thursday 4pm - 5pm, *Waiting List Only*

Brownies is about learning, developing self-confidence, making new friends and, of course, having lots of fun outside school! Our programme for girls aged **7 - 9 ½ years** includes outdoor adventures, conservation activities, cooking, crafts, games and community action projects – all challenging the girls to achieve and grow.

- Endeavour Brownies, Monday 5.15pm - 6.45pm, browniesendeavour@gmail.com
- Papakowhai Brownies, Wednesday 5.15pm - 6.45pm, browniespapakowhai@gmail.com
- Cooks Brownies, Thursday 5.15pm - 6.45pm, browniescooks@gmail.com

Guides take part in community projects, outdoor adventures, cultural awareness activities, and camping. Girls who are **9 to 12 ½ years** develop leadership skills at Guides as they become more independent in making decisions. Activities are more demanding and the girls take the lead in defining their own programme.

- Whitby Guides, Tuesday 6.30pm - 8pm, *Waiting List Only*
- Captain Cook Guides, Wednesday 6.30pm - 8pm, captcookguides@gmail.com

Fees at all levels are \$90 per term. To arrange a free visit contact the unit directly, or email Katrina at ggnz.rangituhi@gmail.com, or enquire via the Girl Guiding NZ website.

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 have spaces available for beginners in the following instruments; Cello, Clarinet, Flute, Recorder, Saxophone and Ukulele. We also offer a fantastic Music Basics programme for 5-7 year olds to ready them for learning an instrument.

To register for 2023 or find out more information visit our website. Registrations close 18th February 2023.

www.raroamusic.org.nz

Youth Photographic Workshop

The Guardians' Photographic Competition for 2023 is underway, hopefully making up for last year's missed opportunity.

Along with this competition, and in line with previous years, we would like to run a Youth Photographic Workshop as well, to take place on 5 March 2023 at Stout Cottage, Pauatahanui Wildlife Reserve.

This has been a very popular event in the past, supported by a member of the Porirua Photography Club (formerly Kapiti Camera Club), but we need to have a reasonable number of entrants to make it worthwhile. So, the more under 18s that apply the better.

The form to register interest in this event is on our website at: <https://gopi.org.nz/our-activities/photo-competition/>

All the details about the competition including dates, times and venues are also available on this page.

Porirua Basketball Academy

Improve your game and learn from one of the best. Run by former Tall Black and professional basketball player, Brendon Polyblank.

Every Wednesday – starting 20 February. 6.45-8am at Te Rauparaha Arena. Open to all Year 7-9 students.

\$100 for 6 weeks.

Register at ptownacademy@gmail.com

Porirua Basketball Association

U15 Kotiro & Tama Skills & Drills Development.

4 week player development programme which leads to the option to trial for PBA U15 Rep teams.

Starts Monday 20 February at Te Rauparaha Arena (TRA) from 6.15-8.15pm. \$15 for 4 weeks.

Register on Monday 20Feb at 6pm at TRA.

Please bring a basketball if you have one.