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WHĀIA TE ARA TIKA
Seek your own path

THE ADVENTURE WAY

Our children will discover who they can be

Curious

Creative

Collaborative

Self-directed

Self-aware



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

Room 8: Tillie Allen

Room 9: Locky Harding & Joseph Sefesi

Room 18: Aidan and Ashlyn Van Niekerk

Room 27: Anushka Van Niekerk

Kia ora koutou



What a spectacular event Wheels at Whitby turned on!

The cars poured through the gate from early Saturday and the crowds just kept coming!

It was fabulous to see not only our current school whānau, but also past families and visitors from far and wide. Thank you all so much for your support!

A HUGE thank you to the Wheels at Whitby committee, led by Kym Wylie – your incredible determination and organisation made this day one to remember!

To our sponsors – your generosity was amazing, and we are truly grateful.

Wheels attracted-

🚗 Over 200 cars

🏍️ Over 20 motorbikes

✓ Nearly 900 People's Choice votes

👤 Approximately 2000 people

Adventure School has never experienced a fundraiser of this magnitude nor raised funds to this level from a single event...

...and the grand total was....

\$23,000

Our Fabulous Committee

Kym Wylie
Nicola McMullan
Michelle Robertson
Gordon Crozier
Chandra Yee
Melanie Draper-Wallace

Fiona Albiston
Laura Wicken
Liz Burrows
Bolle Grundy
Sarah Haran
Todd Wylie

Raffle Winners

1st Prize: Stacey Roche
2nd Prize: Gareth McPeake
3rd Prize: Donna Marsh
4th Prize: Malcolm Bonar
5th Prize: Gurpreet Kaur

Our Sponsors







Cyclone Donations

Thank you for your generous donations for the Cyclone impacted schools.

We raised...

\$1,700



While our tamariki were treated to wearing no uniform... the staff had lots of fun wearing uniform red and black.

REMINDERS

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

WHEN: Friday 17 March - 2pm

WHERE: The Hall

HOSTED BY: Head Boy & Head Girl

BUDDY CLASS ITEM: Rooms 8 & 20

You are very
welcome to
join us!



Trading Cards

We are asking you to please support us by ensuring your children don't bring their trading card collections to school.

Collecting and trading cards can be fun, but we find this often becomes a cause of conflict and distress during breaks when cards become lost, taken, or damaged.



COMING IN TERM 2

Parents Cyber Safety Evening

Thursday 18 May - 6.30 - 8.30pm
in the hall

**Please save the date... whether your kids are 5 or turning 13,
this is a message every parent needs to hear.**

Presenter

Rob Cope - Author, Parent & Filmmaker
(2020 Documentary "Kids Online").

Rob's presentation will help you-

- ➔ Understand the harms our kids are facing online in relation to cyberbullying, predators, pornography, social media, gaming and the 24/7 switched-on effect on the developing brain
- ➔ Learn practical solutions you can implement to keep your children safer online
- ➔ Get advice on healthy ways to approach the tricky topics
- ➔ Learn what to do when your child has been exposed to something harmful

Here is a promotional video for you to watch [Our Kids Online Parent Evening](#).

More details will be provided closer to the event.



Adventure girls at the Wellington Surf Lifesaving Champs!

Indie & Quinn Spalding **Charlotte Jackson**
Zarna & Addison Parish **Indigo Eastham**

Indie and Quinn Spalding, and Charlotte Jackson represented Titahi Bay Surf Life Saving Club and Zarna and Addison Parish, as well as Indigo Eastham represented Paekākāriki Surf Life Saving Club recently.

Some of the girls had attended many surf carnivals before, but for others, it was their first time!

Indigo, Addison, Charlotte and Quinn competed in the Under 8 girls age group.

- Indigo won all her events and took 1st place and won gold at the Wellington Champs.
- Quinn was 3rd in the flags race, 2nd in the diamond, 3rd in board and 2nd in sprints. To wrap her day up, she took out 2nd place overall in the Wellington Champs. Addison and Charlotte were both chomping at their heels!

Zarna competed in the Under 11 girls' competition.

- She came 1st in the ocean swim, 2nd in diamond, 5th in board, 6th in sprints, 1st in the team relay. This led to coming 3rd place overall and winning bronze at the Wellington Champs.

Indie competed in the Under 12 girls.

- She came away with a 1st place in the ocean swim and a 3rd in the team board race.

Amazing representation of our local clubs as well as Adventure School!



Congratulations girls!

Principal's Awhi Award

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to **Wian Erasmus** for being presented with the very first Principal's Awhi Award at our recent school assembly.

This is a new initiative to acknowledge children who notice and respond in a very natural way when they see a need.

They show the values within the Adventure Way Traits without being prompted.

This award is presented fortnightly at our school assemblies.



Whānau Learning Partnership (Homework)



There is much interest in the community around homework.

In designing our whānau learning partnership, we are considering the following:

- Children need “down time” at the end of a busy school day
- Many children are involved in extra-curricular activities after school
- What is manageable for one family may differ from what is manageable for another
- The benefit of reinforcement of key learning
- Making this purposeful and relevant
- The importance of whānau agency; it will be optional
- Manageability for teachers



An online platform is currently being developed as a key component.

We are excited to be launching this at the start of Term 2

Ngā mihi nui

Tania Cox

Principal – Tumuaki



Rimu Camp Out



What an amazing time! As much as the weather was not on our side, some magical memories were made for our Rimu Team last week. We started Thursday with a shelter building challenge in our bush area, a great start to team building, problem solving and collaborating. There were some fantastic shelters constructed that were surprisingly quite stable! Mr Keller made the rounds with the leaf blower to test out the construction and the judges awarded a team from Room 18 the best shelter! Congratulations Room 18!



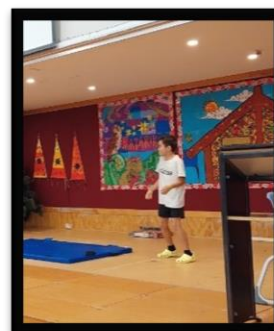
We continued the day with rotations on orienteering, nature sketching, tent building, Lizard Garden (pest identification), first aid and preparing for our Camp Concert. As the day went on, the excitement for the night ahead began to rise!



A massive thank you to our wonderful Rimu whānau for coming and supporting us with the tent building! It was a beautiful sight watching the “campsite” grow as tents popped up one by one!



We moved into our tents and before we knew it, it was time for our Camp Concert. What a talented group we have in Rimu - dancers, singers, actors, comedians, scientists, magicians and acrobats! They put on quite the performance for us, well done to all our performers.





After the concert it was time for PJs, supper and a game before bed. This ended up being a game of the much loved 'Infected' but made even more exciting because it was dark so torches were a must. Thank you to our camp parents for joining us in the manning of areas of the school.

Time to clean our teeth and climb into bed! Our amazing teachers patrolled the campsite to remind us that it was time to sleep, some needed more reminding than others! But eventually all was quiet, until...the rain arrived! It was actually quite a soothing sound against our tents but for one group it resulted in an evacuation at 2.30am after a tent pole snapped. Poor Ms Nichols woke to an indoor pool being installed overnight but other than that, the night was a success! Our morning started at a rather undesirable 5.20am, before the birds or the sun, but such is camp life.



After breakfast and packing our bags, it was time to get back into our rotations. Thank you, Ms Nichols and Miss Willis, for picking up our delicious pizza and chips for lunch.



What a 'Camp Out'! We were exhausted and pleased we were heading home to rest! Thank you to everyone that made our camp such a success!!

To all our amazing parents that came to help with the putting up and pulling down of tents, thank you so much!

To those that not only helped with tents but ALSO were brave enough to stay the night too, THANK YOU! Without parents like you, we would not have been able to do something like this. Our teachers all thought you were pretty amazing too!

Mrs Cox and Whaea Pepperell, thank you for staying for our concert - you were the best Table and Damsel in Distress we have ever seen! Ms Leggett, Mrs Robinson, Ms Nichols, Miss Willis, Mr Keller and Mr Mac, thank you for organising the best Rimu Camp Out ever! We had an amazing time and will remember this forever!

Growing Leaders



Our Student Leadership Team were chosen to attend the annual GRIP Leadership Student Conference last week. The conference included practical and interactive training for student leadership to further develop their skills as our school's Rangatira. They learned how to be inclusive, develop a mana enhancing environment and display mana-motuhake positively within Adventure School. Here is some feedback from our ārahitanga-

Angus: "The conference was great. We learnt so much about leadership and how to inspire others. We did this through fun games and challenges and were able to interact with leaders from other schools. Things we learned about three different types of people we can influence."



Kaylee: "The GRIP leadership conference was an amusing experience for me. We learnt about what leadership is and won cool badges throughout games. It was enjoyable meeting different people from schools throughout Wellington and it was such an entertaining opportunity for us all!"



Justin: "I found the conference very interesting. I learnt multiple things such as the three H's (words we associate with leadership) and how to get everyone on board with innovative ideas. Overall, it was a really fun day."



Indie: "I thought that the GRIP leadership conference was a great opportunity to learn lots of new skills and how to be a good leader. I loved meeting lots of leaders from a variety of schools. I brought back so many new ideas to implement this year!"

Alex: "I found the leadership conference very entertaining. We learnt through games and interacted with the other schools. GRIP keynote speakers taught me about what being a leader was about, and things you can do to be a better leader. All in all, it was a great experience, and I would definitely do it again!"



Important Dates for Your Calendar

Please be aware some details may change.



TERM ONE

Week 7	Friday 17 March	2pm: Whole school assembly Lucky Book Club Issue 2 orders close
Week 8	Tuesday 21 March	School photos 5.30-6.30pm: Kōwhai Meet the Teacher
	Wednesday 22 March	Yr 7/8 Kapi Mana Netball (24 March pp)
	Friday 24 March	Sausage Sizzle 1.45pm: Principal welcome
Week 9	Tuesday 28 March	7.30pm: PTNi AGM
	Wednesday 29 March	Yr 5/6 Kapi Mana Netball (31 March pp)
	Friday 31 March	2pm: Whole school assembly (tbc)
Week 10	Monday 3 April	5.30pm: BOT meeting
	Thursday 6 April	Final day of Term One

TERM TWO

Week 1	Monday 24 April	SCHOOL CLOSED - TEACHER ONLY DAY
	Tuesday 25 April	SCHOOL CLOSED for Anzac Day
Week 2		
Week 3	Monday 8 May	5.30pm: BoT meeting
	Wednesday 10 May	Learning Conversations
	Thursday 11 May	Learning Conversations
Week 4	Thursday 18 May	Parent Cyber evening

2023 Term Dates

Term One:	Thursday 2 February – Thursday 6 April
Term Two:	Wednesday 26 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
Teacher strike – Thursday 16 March
Easter – Friday 7 April – Tuesday 11 April (during the holidays)
Teacher Only Day – Monday 24 April
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

Western Suburbs Football

It's time to register for football. Register now at www.westernsuburbs.co.nz

First kicks: 4-6years

Juniors: 7-15 years

Girls only: U8-U14

Under 17 boys

Under 18 girls

Western Suburbs Football Club, Endeavour Park, Whitby

St Theresa's March Madness Fair

Saturday 25 March, 11am to 3pm at James Street, Plimmerton

St Theresa's School in Plimmerton is counting down and gearing up for our annual fair on Saturday 25 March, which hasn't happened since 2020!!

We're excited to bring our community together for a great day out filled with lots of fun, delicious foods, games, entertainment, shopping and so much more.

All money raised from this event will support the second phase of building an innovative playground environment. We wish to create a future-focused playground and outdoor environment that will support our students' creativity and complement our natural surroundings.

Porirua Grand Traverse 2 April

All Ages - All Abilities - All Amazing !

Arena Fitness 9k Run/Walk... [Info Here](#).

The new 13k Fun Ride for kids, beginners & fit families... [Info Here](#).

Multisport Solo or Team - Kayak 12k / Mtn Bike 28k / Mtn Run 17k... [Info Here](#).

Duathlon Solo or Team - Mtn Bike 28k / Mtn Run 17k... [Info Here](#).

Or just do the [17k Mtn Run](#) or [28k MN Bike](#) or [12k Kayak](#) by itself !

Families & Small Groups - Groups of 5 to 9 get \$10 discount per person.

Large Groups - Groups, clubs, schools of 10+ get \$15 disc per person.

Just [Email Us](#) for a discount code, and tell us if the group is being entered together, or if each individual is entering themselves. If need-be, large groups can make payment by cheque or bank deposit. Just enquire about this when applying for your discount code.

Classic Car Show, Sunday 26 March 10am – 2pm

Plimmerton School grounds

\$5 a family. Coffee and food available.

Organised by Mana Lions with all proceeds going to Coastgard Mana

Porirua City Council Events

Footloose and Fancy-free play

24 March 3.30pm – 5.30pm

<https://www.facebook.com/events/940050437174259/>

Sunset and kai

31 March 5.30pm – 8.30pm

<https://www.facebook.com/events/219373013979474/>