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**WHĀIA TE ARA TIKĀ**  
**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:** Rhodes Alexander, Luke Bailey

**Room 12:** Hope Sare, Thea Jorgensen

**Room 18:** Jana Koegelenberg

**Room 19:** Avyann Attri

**Kia ora koutou**



What an incredibly moving and uplifting welcome my family and I experienced at my Principal's Mihi Whakatau last Friday.

The spirit and passion in which our tamariki, staff and board engaged through haka, waiata, and kōrero was such a humbling experience and a gift I will treasure forever.

It is certainly a huge honour and privilege to lead Adventure School.

**Nāku te rourou, Nāu te rourou, ka ora ai ngā tamariki**

*With your contribution and my contribution, our children will thrive*



**Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari, he toa takitini**

*My successes are not mine alone, they are ours –  
the greatest successes we will have are from working together*

COMING IN TERM 2

# Parents Cyber Safety Evening

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

**Thursday 18 May 6.30 - 8.30pm  
in the hall**

**Let's work together to keep our kids safe...**

*We will be offering child-minding for families unable to make their own arrangements.*

*RSVPs for the event and child-minding will be asked for at the start of Term 2*

**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](#).





## A super effort!

### Carmelle Cohen-Ronen

On Sunday 12 March the Guardians of Pāuatahanui Inlet (GOPI) held a beach clean-up around Browns Bay in Whitby. Carmelle Cohen-Ronen (Year 7) was happy to help. With her family, Carmelle found pieces of shattered glass and plastic, which they picked up into rubbish bags. Carmelle also found a spectacular shell and loved the view of the geese on the water.



## Congratulations!

### Jordan Elimelech

Congratulations to Jordan for winning two gold medals at the National North Island JiuJitsu championships recently.



## Principal's Awhi Award



# CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to these fabulous Adventurers who were presented with a Principal's Awhi Award at our recent school assembly for naturally showing the values within the Adventure Way Traits.

**Addison Ibell (Year 7)**

**Carmelle Cohen-Ronen (Year 7)**

**Charlotte Jackson (Year 3)**

This will be the final newsletter for the term. I've enjoyed the interactions I've had with many of you this term and I'm really looking forward to growing that connection further in Term 2.

We have some great events lined up for next term; I really encourage you to make the time to join us for the Learning Conversations on Wednesday and Thursday of week 3 and the Parent Cyber Safety evening on Thursday week 4.

I hope you get to spend some quality family time over the break.

***Ngā mihi nui***

**Tania Cox**

***Principal – Tumuaki***

## Parent Survey - Reporting to Whānau

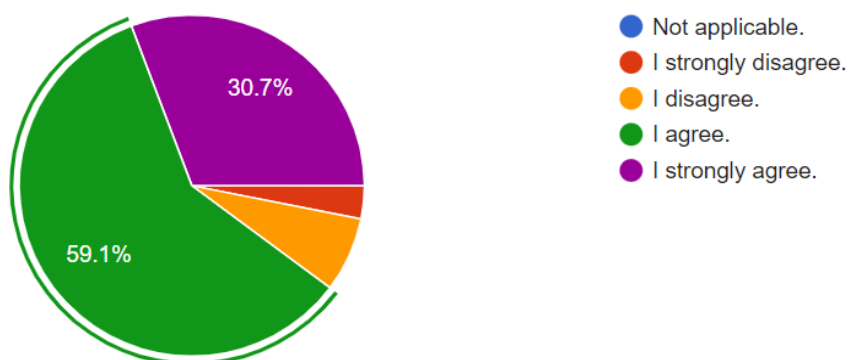


Thank you to those parents who responded to the Reporting to Whānau Survey. We received 127 responses with 31 respondents providing additional comments which gives a reasonable sample of views from our community.

As with any survey, there were a few of outliers. This doesn't mean those views are not important, but in making decisions, we will consider the common threads.

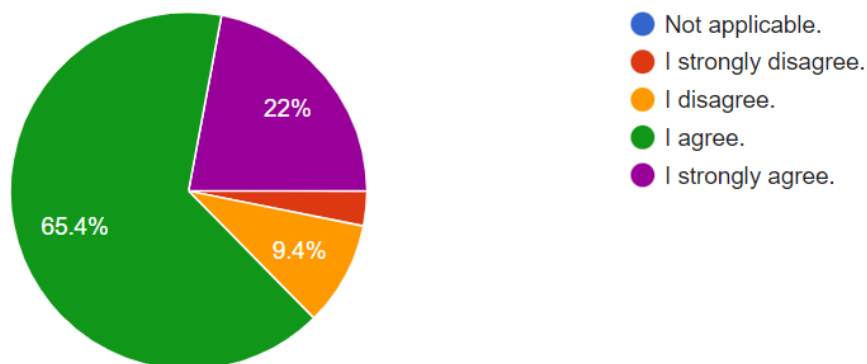
The Learning Conversations provided specific information about your child's learning and progress.

127 responses



After the Learning Conversation, I had a clear sense of my child's learning to date.

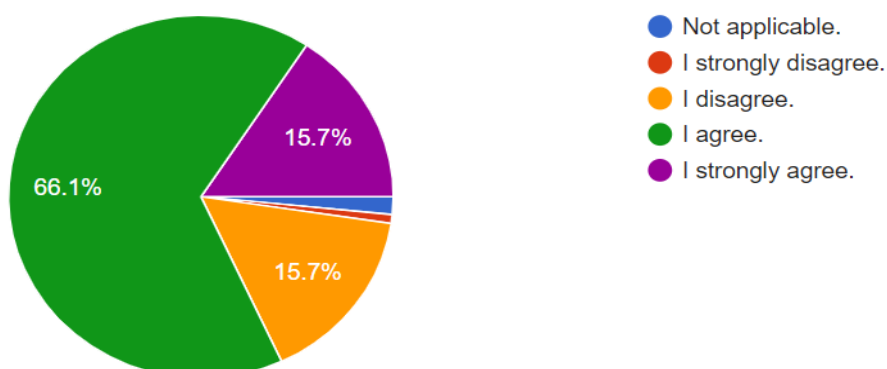
127 responses



After the Learning Conversation, I had a clear sense of my child's development of **Adventure Way Traits**.

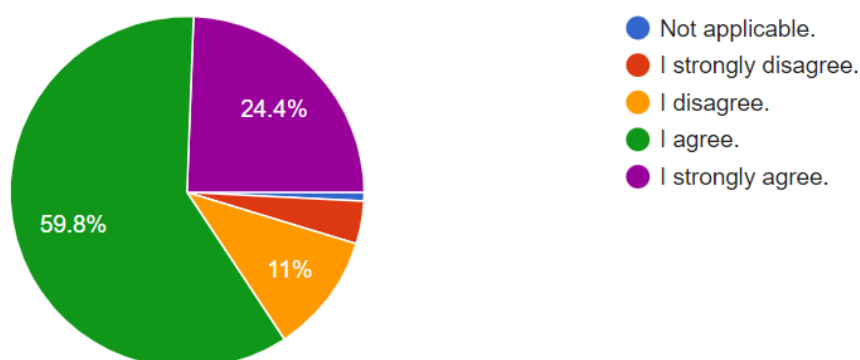
*(Curiosity, Creativity, Collaboration, Self Awareness, Self Direction)*

127 responses



After the Learning Conversation, I had a clear sense of my child's achievement against curriculum levels in **Reading, Writing & Maths**.

127 responses



### End of Year Report

How important you consider each or the following aspects in your child's Term 4

Scale 1-5 ➔ 1 being not important & 5 being extremely important.

Areas of Focus	1	2	3	4	5
	Not important	➔ Very important			
Progress in Reading, Writing & Maths since Term 3 Learning Conversation	-	-	3 (2.4%)	23 (18.1%)	101 (79.5%)
Progress in Developing Adventure Way Traits	1 (0.8%)	3 (2.4%)	25 (19.7%)	47 (37.0%)	51 (40.2%)
Information about wider curriculum	1 (0.8%)	3 (2.4%)	19 (15%)	52 (40.9%)	52 (40.9%)
Your child's willingness to engage in learning across different curriculum areas.	-	-	3 (2.4%)	37 (29.1%)	87 (68.5%)
Social & Emotional Development	-	-	1 (0.8%)	25 (19.7%)	101 (79.5%)
Achievement Against Curriculum Levels (Reading - Writing & Maths)	-	-	4 (3.1%)	33 (26%)	90 (70.9%)

### Common Threads across Comments

- Overall, very positive feedback about the structure of the Learning Conversations
- The comment that featured most was that the Aspects of Learning sheets, alongside talking to the teacher, provided the most valuable information.
- Many parents indicated they would like to be able to support their child's learning at home.



## TŌTARA SPOT

# Student Coaching – Aotea College

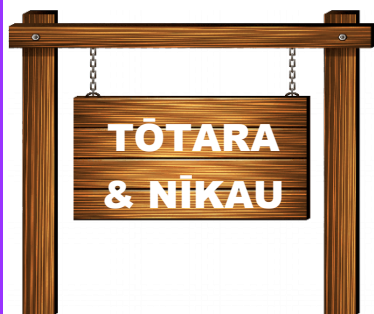
This term we welcomed Year 13 students from Aotea College to Adventure School. Every Monday these eager athletes taught our Tōtara syndicate sport skills and strategies for PE. This is in alignment with NCEA Level 3. Our Year 7 and 8s loved having these amazingly-talented young adults spend time coaching them in areas of PE & Health.

"For any type of shooting, we learned about technique, hand placement and how to be accurate. This will help us with multiple sports such as Basketball and Netball in the future."

*Esther Ravikaumar Year 8 – Room 25*







# Tuakana Teina Classes Celebrate Different Cultures and Celebrations

This term classes in Tōtara and Nīkau have been looking at cultures across the world.

Culture can be made up of a whole bunch of things. These could be what we wear, what we eat, how we dance, how we celebrate, the things we believe, as well as other customs and traditions.



We thought about all these things and then we made up our own cultural badges. Some people in our classes have travelled from different countries. Others have lived their whole life in New Zealand. Others enjoy different types of food when they sit down for dinner. We are pleased there are so many different cultures in our classrooms.



We have celebrated all our different cultures by joining our badges together to create our very own cultural quilt. You can find it hanging on the wall in the Nikau Gallery.



## Tradesman Needed ... Are you able to help?

If there is a tradesperson willing to volunteer some time to install a Sensory Therapy Swing in the Kōwhai Syndicate, please contact Paula Hall – [phall@adventure.school.nz](mailto:phall@adventure.school.nz)





## Congratulations!

Well done to our Adventure Storm team who won the 2nd division at summer netball recently.

### The Team:

Alex Griffiths, Caitlin Davidson, Josh Penno, Pearl Penno, Rose Bonar, Tayla Strickland, Moana Kie Tonga

### Subs:

Macy Chambers, Indie Spalding, Mia Anderson, Ava Rose Scott



## REMINDERS

### SCHOOL POLICIES

(open to review up until the end of this term)



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.

#### 2023 Reviews

- All schools will review the Legislation and Administration section and the Curriculum and Student Achievement throughout the year.
- 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.

#### TERM ONE

- Legislation and Administration Policy **Board**
- Privacy **Board**
- Official Information Requests **Board**
- Uniform/ Dress Code
- Student Attendance
- Enrolment

## REMINDERS



### Still Free to a Good Home!

We still have 8 old tyres we would love to be rid of!

If you would like to take any number of them

or

if you are able to help us dispose of them, we would be very grateful!

Please contact: Rebecca St. Clair [rstclair@adventure.school.nz](mailto:rstclair@adventure.school.nz)

### NEXT WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

**WHEN:** Thursday 6 April - 2pm

**WHERE:** The Hall

**HOSTED BY:** Head Boy & Head Girl

**BUDDY CLASS ITEM:** Rooms 19 & 25

You are very  
welcome to  
join us!



**Term 2 Starts: WEDNESDAY 26 APRIL**

(Day after Anzac Day)

## PARENT-TEACHER LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

**Wednesday 10 & Thursday 11 May**

This will be an opportunity for teachers to share specific information around student learning and progress to date.

More information and booking details early next term.





## Important Dates for Your Calendar

*Please be aware some details may change.*



### TERM ONE

<b>Week 10</b>	Monday 3 April	5.30pm: BOT meeting
	Thursday 6 April	2pm: Assembly Final day of Term One

### TERM TWO

<b>Week 1</b>	Monday 24 April	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED - TEACHER ONLY DAY</b>
	Tuesday 25 April	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b> for Anzac Day
	Wednesday 26 April	Term 2 starts
<b>Week 2</b>	Sunday 7 May	Working bee co-ordinated by PTNi
<b>Week 3</b>	Monday 8 May	5.30pm: BoT meeting
	Wednesday 10 May	Learning Conversations
	Thursday 11 May	Learning Conversations
	Friday 12 May	2pm: Assembly
<b>Week 4</b>	Thursday 18 May	6.30-8.30pm: Parent Cyber evening
	Friday 19 May	Cross Country
<b>Week 5</b>	Wednesday 24 May	Tough Guy and Gal challenge
	Friday 26 May	2pm: Assembly

### 2023 Term Dates

<b>Term One:</b>	Thursday 2 February – Thursday 6 April
<b>Term Two:</b>	Wednesday 26 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

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 - tbc**

King's Birthday – Monday 5 June

Matariki – Friday 14 July (during the holidays)

Labour Day – Monday 23 October

## Community Notices

### KELLY SPORTS IS BACK FOR TERM 2 - ACTIVE AUTUMN SPORTS!!

The Kelly Sports sessions are a great way to improve your child's motor skills and coordination within a FUN environment. We aim to develop and enhance balls skills, catching, kicking, and throwing all while having a great time!

In Term 2 we will be focusing on the following sports: **Basketball, Netball, Football and Rippa Rugby**

Classes start in week 2 of term 2 for 8 weeks, Wednesday's 3.05pm-4.05pm.

To Enrol to any programme go to [www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz)

### WHITBY DANCE! ENROLMENTS OPEN FOR TERM 2!

Come and join our growing dance community in Term 2! With classes starting from as young as 2 years, we offer Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Hip Hop, Lyrical, our very own Preschool Programme, Privates, Competitive and Adult classes.

For more info check out our website: <https://whitbydance.co.nz> Or you can find us on

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WhitbyDanceNZ>

Contact us to enrol today.

### Kids Clothes Swap

Plimmerton School PTA invites you to a Kids Clothes Swap fundraiser on Saturday 6th May from 3pm - 4pm. Save money, shop sustainably and be in to win great prizes!

Please see the Facebook Event for details:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/774551920888778>

We would appreciate your support, buy a ticket, bring a group of friends, share on Facebook.

The school holidays could be a good time to clear out your children's wardrobes.

Please contact us with any questions,

[plimschoolkidsclotheswap@gmail.com](mailto:plimschoolkidsclotheswap@gmail.com)

### Spotlight Performing Arts - Your local Performing Arts School.

Dance, Drama and Singing for students aged 4-15 yrs old.

Led by a London West End performer!

AOTEA-JOHNSONVILLE-KARORI-LOWER HUTT-NEWTOWN-UPPER HUTT

Book your child's two-week trial for next term NOW!

[www.spotlightperformingarts.co.nz](http://www.spotlightperformingarts.co.nz)

## School Holiday Activities

### Autumn Holiday Programme @ Adventure School, 10 – 21 April 2023

BOOKINGS OPEN Now! 2 weeks of popular and exciting activities await your child (e.g. Trip to Laserforce, Staglands, Trampoline Park, Roller Skating Rink, Tour of Sky Stadium, Movies @ Lighthouse Cinema and much more).

BOOK ONLINE: [www.asfc.co.nz](http://www.asfc.co.nz) or for more information e-mail [holprog@asfc.co.nz](mailto:holprog@asfc.co.nz)

or call 027-454-6975. Our opening times are 7.30am – 5.00 / 5.30pm. Children from all schools are welcome ☺

AFTER SCHOOL



Holiday Programme @ Adventure School

### Porirua Public Library Holiday Programme

The April School Holidays are fast approaching, and we're ready to read – and craft and puzzle – around the world with you. Please find attached the programme and poster with full details for the four events we have booked.

Join our Children's Chat Group on facebook for all the background news and pictures from the Children's

Library <https://www.facebook.com/groups/PoriruaLibraryChildrensChat>

Keep up with events on <https://porirualibrary.org.nz/whats-on/>



## **Ōtaki Market are hosting our 2nd Kids Market on Sunday 16 April 2023,**

where our young people get to be the stall holders!

Calling all kids and teenagers! Run your own stall at the Ōtaki Market. Stall fee is usually \$10, but for the Kids Market it's a koha / donation to be paid on the day.

In January we gained media attention with articles in the Ōtaki Mail, [NZ Herald](#) and a spot on [NewsTalkZB](#) about the success of the Kids Market.

**Register here:** <https://www.otakiwomensclub.org/kidsmarket>

*Sunday 16 April, 10am-2pm, Ōtaki Market, opposite New World on the main highway*

This is now a regular feature on our calendar. As well as the kids' market, we'll also have the regular market, plus free fruit for the kids from Ōtaki New World, Bunnings Warehouse will be joining us for a free children's activity, facepainting for a koha. Kapiti Libraries hosting a reading corner and local business Little Monkeys at home day care will be running a craft table. We'll also have a workshop from local crafter Feltic Creations.

### **Racketlon Holiday Programme**

Once again Tawa Tennis, Tawa Squash and Wellington North Badminton are running the Racketlon holiday programme these school holidays.

Players rotate around each sport spending 1.5 hours at each club. Qualified coaches will take each session.

Please note holiday programme is for age 6 years and older.

Thursday 13 and Friday 14 April 2023, 9am - 3pm

Cost per day: \$50 a day or \$90 for both days.

Registrations: <https://bit.ly/3J7eIAI>

For more information contact Babette at [babette@wnba.org.nz](mailto:babette@wnba.org.nz)

### **Kelly Sports is back with the April Holiday Programme!**

It's another action-packed programme at Porirua's best sports based Holiday Programme!

Come and join the Kelly Sports coaches for the best in sports fun. We have some exciting days planned including:

***Target Day, The Incredible Race Day, Ball Blast Day, Oodles of Noodles Day, Giant Day, Kelly Sports the Best of the Best Day plus trips to: Avalon Park, The Police Museum & Mini Golf and lots more..***

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!

To Enrol to any programme go to [www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz)

**CodeCamp April School Holidays** CodeCamp allows children from the ages of 7-12 to develop 21st century skills in a fun and action packed environment.

Develop confidence & initiative through design, creativity, solving problems, presenting & collaboration. Create games, apps.

Thorndon School: 11th - 14th April & 17th - 20th April.

Book Now at <https://codecamp.co.nz>

### **Cricket**

The Wellington School of Cricket is running a school holiday programme that's all about learning, development & fun!

This programme is for children between the ages of **7-12 years old**.

**Location:** Mana Indoor Nets - Ngati Toa Domain

**Dates:** April 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>

**Cost:** From \$40 to \$70 per session. Attend all four full days for a cost of \$250.

This holiday programme we are providing the options of full and half day programmes.

**Full day:** 9:00am - 3:00pm

**Half Day:** 9:00am - 12:30pm

Note - a minimum number of participants are required to run this programme. If you are planning to register for this programme, please register now so that we can anticipate numbers to ensure we can run the programme.

Link to full info here: <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/232652>

### **ARTY FARTY KIDS - Mini Easter Holiday Art Sessions**

- **ABSTRACT CAT** - Thursday 13th & Friday 14th April @ 10.00am - 12.00pm
- **EASTER EGGS & BUNNIES** - Thursday 13th & Friday 14th April @ 2.00pm - 4.00pm
- **MEXICAN GUITAR** - Monday 17th & Tuesday 18th April @ 10.00am - 12.00pm
- **FLOWER GIRL** - Monday 17th & Tuesday 18th April @ 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Please contact; [office.artyfartykids@gmail.com](mailto:office.artyfartykids@gmail.com)

### **School Holiday Programme at Wellington Hockey**

Wellington Hockey is excited to be offering a school holiday programme again for kids aged 5 to 12 on both Wednesdays and Thursdays of the school holidays. This programme is designed to be fun and engaging for both kids new to hockey and those who already play.

The school holiday programme will be held at National Hockey Stadium, Mt Albert, Berhampore rain or shine and led by our Development Officer, Regan Fricker.

Bring lunch and snacks, a drink bottle, a jacket and change of clothes. Sticks and sports equipment will be available. If it is too wet or cold to be on the turf we will move indoors for activities and movies.

**Who:** Children aged 5 - 12 years

**Where:** National Hockey Stadium, Mt Albert, Berhampore

**Time:** 8:30am to 3pm

**Cost:** \$45 per day or \$40 a day for multiple days

**When:** Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> of April 2023

**When:** Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> of April 2023

Register via player management system PlayHQ <https://www.playhq.com/hockey-new-zealand/register/d19ac1>

If you have any questions, please email [regan@wellingtonhockey.org.nz](mailto:regan@wellingtonhockey.org.nz)

### **Treasure Hunt Holiday Programme**

Join us for a fun, problem solving afternoon. We'll work together to solve the clues and find the treasure, and then break into groups to create our own treasure hunts for everyone else to follow!

Where: Churton Park Community Centre

When: Wednesday 19th April, 1-4pm

Cost: \$35 per child

Ages: This programme is most suitable for ages 7-10, but please enquire if you have a child outside this age range who would like to attend.

Places are limited and bookings are essential. See [brainbunny.co.nz](http://brainbunny.co.nz) to enrol, or

email [brainbunny@hotmail.co.nz](mailto:brainbunny@hotmail.co.nz) with any questions.

<http://brainbunny.co.nz/index.php/treasure-hunt-holiday-programme/>

### **Hop on in to Ngā Manu this Easter Weekend.**

Over \$3,000 worth of sponsored prizes to be won. Children can join in the annual Easter Rock Hunt around the reserve searching for chocolate Easter eggs. If they luck in and find the rare decorated wooden eggs which are also hidden, they win a lucky dip sponsored prize.

There will be daily appearances from Keri the Easter Kiwi who will be available for selfies and family photos, and a sausage sizzle and hot & cold drinks tent on site, face painting, an onsite colouring competition and an Easter Egg wishing tree. Families can bring a picnic blanket and make a day of it.

<https://ngamanu.org.nz/easter-weekend/>

### **Staglands April School Holiday Clue Hunt Challenge.**

Kids can take our Clue Hunt Challenge these school holidays and win a prize

**Every correct entry wins a prize and there are heaps up for grabs!**

To take The Challenge simply download the [Challenge Sheet](#) from [our website](#). Then visit us any time from the 11th - 23rd April to complete it and claim your prize!

Make sure you enter our two bonus draws also to be in with a chance to win a Staglander Annual Family Pass and Junior Ranger Experience.

Terms & Conditions apply, [see website for details](#).