



Adventure School

# Adventure School Newsletter

No 13 – 17 August 2023

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

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Friday 18 August	- 2pm: School Assembly (Rms 4 & 12)
Tuesday 22 August	- Year 5/6 Parumoana swimming
22, 23 & 24 August	- Mānuka swimming
Thursday 24 August	- Year 7/8 Parumoana swimming
Tuesday 29 August	- 7.00: New Parent Information Evening (NE-Yr1)
29, 30 & 31 August	- Mānuka swimming
Thursday 31 August	- 6-7.30pm: Māori whānau hui (staffroom)

For a full list of Term 3 & 4 event dates, please refer to the **EVENT CALENDAR** towards the end of this newsletter.



***Kia ora, Namaste, Talofa, Guten Tag, Gidday, Vannakkam, ni  
Hao, Bula, Malo e lelei, Kia orana, Mālo ni, Hola, Goeie Dag,  
Bonjour, Καλημέρα, Sat Shri Akal, Shalom, Hello!***

### Welcome to our new students-

**Room 11:** Sophie Tucker-Melsom and Abigail Senior

**Room 5:** Agustina Marquez

***It's great to have you join our Adventure whānau!***

It has been wonderful to have most of our whānau come into school the last couple of weeks for our Learning Conversations.

If you were not able to attend, I encourage you to contact your child's class teacher to arrange a time to talk about progress, achievement, and ways to reinforce learning at home.

### COVID-19 Update

Amidst the challenges of mid-winter illnesses, we are now seeing a few more cases of Covid within the school. Although self-isolation is no longer mandated, the [Unite against COVID-19 website – New Zealand Government](#) recommends a 5 day isolation period for anyone testing positive and Household Contacts to RAT test for 5 days.

It's really important unwell children stay at home and take the time to recover. Your efforts in this regard will undoubtedly make a significant positive impact on preventing widespread illness.

At the moment, we have several teachers away due to illness. Please be patient with us as we work hard to find relievers or create ways to cover classes when relievers are not available.

## Kura Connections (Home Learning)

If you are having difficulty logging on-

You can access the Kura Connections website via this link <https://bit.ly/KuraConnections>

### Important:

- ➡ You can only access this site if you are **logged into your browser under Adventure School**.
- ➡ If you are logged into a browser with your own personal details, you will need to logout and use your child's school login email address and password to gain access.
- ➡ If your child can't remember their login details or they don't yet have a school account, you can use the following:

**Username/Login:** [kc@adventure.school.nz](mailto:kc@adventure.school.nz)

**Password:** AdventureKC (case sensitive)

## Principal's Awhi Awards



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



*Kylee Erasmus, Micah Treeby, Patrick Bexley, Room 2*

## OUR KIDS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

We have recently become aware some of our students have social media accounts.

Last term we held Cyber-Safety sessions for parents and were pleased many of our families had at least one parent/caregiver attending.

There are clear guidelines on age restrictions for Facebook – Instagram – Tik Tok

**Facebook and Instagram require everyone to be at least 13 years old before they can create an account** (in some jurisdictions, this age limit may be higher).

- Creating an account with false information is a violation of the terms.
- Accounts belonging to someone under 13 can be reported to the platform.

**“TikTok is intended for users 13 and over. Children younger than 13 cannot be part of our community.”**

**Although we cannot control what happens outside school, to help keep all kids safe, the school is taking these measures-**

### Cell phones

If parents feel their child needs to bring a cell phone to school, the phone must be handed in immediately upon arrival and it will be returned at the end of the day.

If a student does not hand in their phone or accesses it during the school day without permission, their phone will be confiscated, and parents contacted to come and retrieve it from the office.

### Devices (Chromebooks – I-pads – Laptops)

- Devices are only to be used with teacher supervision.
- There is no access during breaks unless teacher supervised.
- Devices are only to be used for specific learning purposes that have been set by a teacher.
- Inappropriate use will result in removal of access to digital devices for a period of time.
- Parents will be contacted in the case of repeated or significant issues.

### We encourage parents to consider

- Talking to your kids about the potential perils of using social media
- Regularly checking their phone usage
- The appropriateness of underage children accessing R13 social media platforms

### Links

- [Parents' Ultimate Guide to TikTok | Common Sense Media](#)
- Online Safety Resource (Rob Cope): [Click here to download the resource](#)

**Thank you for working with us to keep all kids safe**

*Ngā mihi nui*  
Tania Cox  
*Principal – Tumuaki*

# Whole School Assemblies



**WHEN:** 2pm - Friday 18 August  
**Featuring Buddy Classes:** Rms 4 & 12

**WHEN:** 2pm - Friday 1 September  
**Featuring Buddy Classes:** Rms 5 & 26

**You are very welcome to join us!**



**Whāia te ara tika**

**Nau mai, haere mai**

*You and your whānau are invited to the Adventure School*

**Māori Whānau Hui**

Thursday 31 August

6pm - 7:30pm

Adventure School Staffroom

*Tamariki welcome*

The hui is an opportunity for you to meet and network with others.

***During the evening we will-***

- share our actions around suggestions made at the previous hui.
- ask for suggestions on ways we can enhance our physical environment to better reflect our commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi.
- seek your guidance in developing greater awareness of tikanga across our kura.

***Drinks & nibbles will be provided.***

For any enquiries, feel free to contact Tania Cox, details below.

**Please RSVP to the office 234-7220**

**or Tania Cox [principal@adventure.school.nz](mailto:principal@adventure.school.nz)**

Nā tō rourou, nā taku rourou ka ora ai te iwi

**With your food basket and my food basket the people will thrive**





# Kōwhai Spotlight

## Puppeteer Visit

This term we had the puppeteer, Anna Bailey from String Bean Puppets come perform a puppet show for us. One of our Adventure Way foci this term is Curiosity, so the teachers are introducing the students to be open to new experiences in their learning and try new things. Anna showed students different ways we could make puppets using simple things we have available to us (ie. socks, boxes).



Anna introduced the students to shadow puppets, and the teachers are looking forward to encouraging them to bring their own stories to life as we explore shadow puppets in the coming weeks. After the puppet show, the children couldn't wait to make their own puppets so that they could be puppeteers too.





# Some “Thank You’s”



We wanted to take this opportunity to thank our amazing PTNI (Parent Teacher Network Incorporated) who covered the cost for the puppet show – **Thank you PTNI!**

A big thank you to you – the *amazing* Adventure School community - for your support with our Kōwhai and Mānuka Toy Sale. You may recall that we raised almost \$2000, which was equally shared between Kōwhai and Mānuka Syndicates. The Kōwhai teachers chose to use this money to put towards some well needed Little Learner Loves Literacy (Pip and Tim) books. The children want to say a huge thank you as they are loving these new books!



## Mrs Hall – Room 11

As most people know from the previous newsletter, Kōwhai has opened our 5<sup>th</sup> class which is made up of Year 0 students. We are very lucky to have Mrs Paula Hall join our team and she is absolutely loving her wee little class (of 5!).



Di Henzell, Rebecca St. Clair, Tania Sibley, Paula Hall and Nadine Amorangi.



## Student Leadership Awards

### Kaylee Burrows & Angus McIntosh

Kaylee and Angus were two of Porirua's inspiring young students who were recognised recently for their outstanding leadership and service in their schools and community.

The Rotary Clubs of Porirua, Plimmerton and Tawa, together with Porirua City Council presented Primary School Leadership Awards to 60 local school children at a special ceremony.

Porirua Mayor Anita Baker, who co-presented the awards with Rotary District Governor Wayne Gordon, was impressed at the way the students lead by example to make positive change.

"Our tamariki are not just future leaders, they're leading the way right now by being such positive role models. Listening to the ways these 60 students give their time and talents to care for others is truly inspirational."

The children were selected by principals from primary schools throughout Porirua. Two senior students from each school were chosen based on leadership, service above self, and being role models.





## RIMU & TŌTARA SWIMMING SPORTS



We were very proud of the swimmers' sportsmanship and immense support towards fellow competitors at our recent Senior Swimming Sports.

Championship swimmers competed in three to four events, including 25m/50m freestyle, 25m/50m backstroke, 25m breaststroke and 25m butterfly.

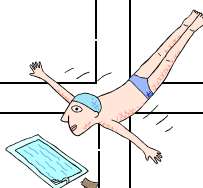
A huge thank you to the parents that helped out on the day, and also to those who came along to watch.

Congratulations to the following swimmers whose achievement placed them in the top three for their year group.

### Championship Results



YEAR 5	Girls	1st	Sienna Timmins	Boys	1st	Finley Dredge
		2nd	Layla Jones		2nd	Luca McMaster
		3rd	Kelsey Cotter		3rd	Liam Duckett
YEAR 6	Girls	1st	Ashlyn van Niekerk	Boys	1st	Aidan van Niekerk
		2nd	Sarah Robertson		2nd	Jack McCullough
		3rd	Sienna Bridge		3rd	Riley Buswell
YEAR 7	Girls	1st	Zarna Parish	Boys	1st	Aaron Webb
		2nd	Anushka van Niekerk		2nd	Lucas McKee
		3rd	Mollie Presling		3rd	Kody Cotter
YEAR 8	Girls	1st	Indie Spalding	Boys	1st	Justin Wang
		2nd	Ashley Jackson		2nd	Cameron Starr



## Rimu Bake Sale



**Thank you so much!!!**

We raised

**\$1,300**

The funds will go towards Rimu EOTC activities





**Adventure's Got Talent 2023**

**Time Limits**  
 Yrs 1-4: up to 1 ½ mins  
 Yrs 5-8: up to 2 ½ mins

**Organised by our Student Leaders**

**Acts will be judged on originality, preparedness, creativity and stage presence.**

**FINALS**  
 (2 performers / syndicate)  
 2pm: Friday Week 10

## SCHOOL POLICIES



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.
- If you would like to give feedback on the following policies, log in to SchoolDocs and follow the review instructions.

#### Term 3

- Inclusive Education
- Māori Educational Success
- Learning Support

## Lost Property

We have a mountain of lost property at the moment and unfortunately many items are unnamed.

You are more than welcome to come in yourselves or encourage your child(ren) to have a look for any lost items.





## Reminder, Calendar Art time again!

This is a reminder that we're currently taking orders for Calendar Art. We're halfway through the ordering period and we just want to make sure everyone that wants to get products has the opportunity to.

These make unique Christmas gifts for family and friends and are perfect for posting overseas.

*Follow these instructions to place your order online:*

- 1/. Go to [www.kidsartworks.com](http://www.kidsartworks.com)
- 2/. Use the Entrance Code: KZ756
- 3/. Enter your child's room & name when prompted
- 4/. Select your product
- 5/. Upload your photo (jpg only)

The order is open from [open day] until [closing day]

Payment can be made over the website via credit card or account2account bank transfer.

**The order is open until Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August at 9am**

Payment can be made over the website via credit card or account2account bank transfer.

Brought to you by the PTNi



## Sausage Sizzle

We are excited to announce the Term 3 Sausage Sizzle scheduled for **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September.**

- \$2.00 Sausage
- \$2.50 Hot Dog
- \$2.00 Large Chunky Chocolate Chip Cookie
- \$2.00 Pack of 4 Mini Donuts
- Gluten Free and Vegetarian options available

Orders for the Sausage Sizzle close **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August at 11.59pm** and can be made through the Kindo website <https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/> or on the Kindo App.

- Please check you have the **correct classroom** for your child(ren) - this will ensure the order gets delivered to your child on the day.
- Kindo accepts credit card, POLi transfers and Bank transfers. **Please Note: Bank Transfers take up to 2 working days to process therefore need to be made by Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August.**
- You will receive an email receipt confirming your payment from [helpdesk@thegrowthcollective.co.nz](mailto:helpdesk@thegrowthcollective.co.nz), who operate Kindo.
- Please **double check you have fully submitted and paid the order,** and it is showing on your Kindo account/App.
- If you are new to Adventure School, there are instructions attached to set up a Kindo account.
- If your child(ren) has an order and is absent on Sausage Sizzle Day, you can email [advschool.sausagesizzle@gmail.com](mailto:advschool.sausagesizzle@gmail.com) and collect their order from the Hall Kitchen at 1pm.

### **How does the Sausage Sizzle operate on the day?**

- The **"Sausage Sizzle Committee"** does all the organising and prep work leading up to Sausage Sizzle day.
- On the day, the Committee and additional volunteers prepare all the food. We appreciate all the help we can get so please **contact the Committee if you are able to help** on the day or would like to join our Committee.
- Each order will be placed in a paper bag with your child's name on it and delivered to the class for the teacher/senior student to hand out to the children.
- Orders will be delivered to the classes from around 12.30pm onwards starting with the younger classes.
- All funds raised will go to the PTNi for school improvements.

Please contact the "Sausage Sizzle Committee" on the email below if you have any questions.

Nga Mihi Nui | Kind regards

**Sausage Sizzle Committee**

[advschool.sausagesizzle@gmail.com](mailto:advschool.sausagesizzle@gmail.com)



## Event Calendar - Important Dates

*Please be aware some details may change.*



### TERM THREE

Week 5	Thursday 17 August	Room 3 & 10 Learning Conversations
	Friday 18 August	2pm: Assembly
Week 6	Tuesday 22 August	Year 5/6 Parumoana swimming
	22, 23 & 24 August	Mānuka swimming
	Thursday 24 August	Year 7/8 Parumoana swimming
Week 7	Tuesday 29 August	7pm: New Parent Information evening
	29, 30 & 31 August	Mānuka swimming
	Thursday 31 August	6-7.30pm: Māori whānau hui (staffroom)
	Friday 1 September	Sausage sizzle 2pm: Assembly Lucky Book Club Issue 6 orders close
Week 8	Monday 4 September	5.30pm: BoT meeting
	Tuesday 5 September	Rimu & Tōtara to Science Roadshow
	5 & 6 September	Mānuka swimming
	6 & 7 September	Nīkau swimming
	10 September	3pm: Netball prizegiving
Week 9	Tuesday 12 September	Year 5-8 Rippa Rugby tbc (pp 14 September)
	12, 13 & 14 September	Nīkau swimming
	13 September	Wig Wednesday – details to come
	Thursday 14 September	7.30pm: Dance Splash performance
	Friday 15 September	Pizza & PJ day organised by Tōtara 2pm: Assembly
	Sunday 17 September	Spring Kids' Clothes Grab
Week 10	19, 20 & 21 September	Nīkau swimming
	Friday 22 September	Adventure's Got Talent final Last day of Term 3

### TERM FOUR

Week 1	Monday 9 October	Term 4 commences
	Friday 13 October	9.10am: Mihi Whakatau
Week 2	Tuesday 17 October	Tōtara Stall Day 7pm: PTNi committee meeting
	Thursday 19 October	9.30am: NZ Shakeout 5.30pm: BoT meeting
	<b>Monday 23 October</b>	<b>LABOUR DAY – School closed</b>
Week 3	Wednesday 25 October	Year 5-8 Athletics (pp 3 November)
	Thursday 26 October	Totara Tiaki Ariki tournament
	Friday 27 October	2pm: Assembly tbc 5.30pm: Spooktacular Disco



Week 4	Wednesday 1 November	Year 0/1 Athletics Totara at ASB Sports Arena
Week 5	Monday 6 November	5.30pm: BoT meeting
	Friday 10 November	2pm: Assembly
Week 6	<b>Monday 13 November</b>	<b>Teacher only day – School closed</b>
	Tuesday 14 November	Year 5-8 Parumoana Athletics (pp 16 & 21 Nov)
	Wednesday 15 November	Totara VN Underwater day
	Friday 17 November	Sausage sizzle tbc
Week 7	Friday 24 November	2pm: Assembly
Week 8	Monday 27 November	Rimu to Battle Hill (pp 30 November)
	Wednesday 29 November	Kōwhai Community Concert performance tbc
	Friday 1 December	Mānuka and Nikau Athletics (pp 5 Dec)
Week 9	Monday 4 December	5.30pm: BoT meeting
	Wednesday 6 December	Kōwhai Christmas Tree Trimming
	Friday 8 December	1.45pm: Prizegiving assembly
Week 10	Monday 11 December	Kōwhai Carol singing tbc
	Tuesday 12 December	Kōwhai skating tbc 5.45pm: Tōtara Leavers Dinner
	Thursday 14 December	Reports sent home
	Friday 15 December	Family Fun Day
Week 11	<b>Monday 18 December</b> <b>* NOTE DATE CHANGE *</b>	11am: Final/Leavers assembly <b>12pm: School finishes for 2023</b>

### 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 – <b>Monday 18 December</b> <b>*NOTE DATE CHANGE*</b>

#### 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 (during holidays)  
 King's Birthday – Monday 5 June  
 Matariki – Friday 14 July (during the holidays)  
 Labour Day – Monday 23 October  
**Teacher Only Day – Monday 13 November**

## Community Notices

### Phantom Billstickers National Poetry Day

We are looking forward to celebrating Phantom Billstickers National Poetry Day in the children's library on Friday 25 August, from 3.30-5PM.

We have a very special after-school event which will be great fun for school-aged tamariki and rangatahi from primary to high school age, and their keepers. *Typewriter Bonanza* will see roving poet Katja Starke - of genius performance art outfit *We the Collateral* – joining us with her collection of brightly coloured typewriters, so we can click-clack our feelings onto paper the old school way. Some of you will remember Katja from her lovely work at our *Imagine This!* closing party in summer, or from her awesome Matariki *Memory Galaxy* event with us last month. Katja's mahi unites the whimsical with engaging people around what is deeply meaningful to them. Words and stories are central to her projects, which come alive through the participation of the public. Typewriter Bonanza provides your chance to be find your place in this magic, and become part of the larger poem that is Phantom Billstickers National Poetry Day around the motu.

No RSVPs necessary, just bring a poetic frame of mind and a willingness to engage. We'll provide plenty of opportunities to muse over simpler times gone by, with the ultimate outcome being your very own typed poem. We look forward to making some wordy noise with you.

### Goodtime Music Academy

Goodtime Music Academy are taking enrolments for 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](http://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!

### GKR Karate – Grand Opening, Saturday 26 August

GKR Karate is having a Grand Opening Day of their new full time venue at 7/33 Johnsonville Road, Johnsonville on Saturday 26th, August. Come down and try a free beginners class, for kids 5yo+, teenagers and adults on Sat 10-11am & 3-4pm and Sun 9-9.45am. Text/call Sensei Anthony on 0277653935 to book in. Everyone is welcome and hope to see you there

## School Holiday Activities

### AKOTECH CodeCamps October School Holidays - FREE PRIZE & EARLY DISCOUNTS

Our holiday camp allows children from the ages of 7-12 to develop 21st century skills in a fun and action packed environment. Create and train your own AI Avatars, make games, code drones & go to work for a simulated Tech Gaming Studio to build games for a big client.

Develop confidence & initiative through design, creativity, solving problems, presenting & collaboration. Create your own games, worlds and apps to make our world a better place. We also have Literati Lab just for girls, which includes AI Art & Animation. Enter our competition to win a FREE 4 day pass to one of our CodeCamps  
Thorndon School: 25th - 28th September & 5th - 8th October

Book Now at [www.akotech.nz](http://www.akotech.nz)

Competition: [www.codecamp.co.nz/competition](http://www.codecamp.co.nz/competition)

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