



Adventure School

Adventure School Newsletter

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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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

31 Aug – 6 Sept.	- Mānuka swimming
Thursday 31 August	- 6-7.30pm: Māori whānau hui (staffroom)
Friday 1 September	- Sausage Sizzle
	- 2pm: School Assembly (Rms 5 & 26)
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Tuesday 5 September	- Tōtara & Rimu Science Road Show
Wednesday 6 September	- Nīkau swimming sessions begin
Saturday 10 September	- 3pm: Netball Prizegiving (School Hall)
Wednesday 13 September	- Wig Wednesday
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In this Issue
Interesting Read

**What Adventure is
doing about progress
and achievement in
Writing across the
school**

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!***

A huge thank you to those of you who have already filled in the **Helping Hands Questionnaire** to offer skills / time for projects around the school. In case you missed the email last week, here is the [link](#). Your offer to help will certainly be embraced.

As a school, we have worked hard this year to grow our teaching practice, particularly in Writing. We are proud of the impact our professional development has had on the teaching and learning in writing achievement across the school.

I encourage you to read the article on the next page, **"Addressing Writing Needs at Adventure"** to find out more.

Ngā mihi nui

Tania Cox

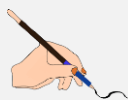
Principal – Tumukaki

Addressing Writing Needs at Adventure

No doubt you will be aware of the discussions about the poor levels of writing in New Zealand schools. At Adventure, we have not experienced the dramatic dip in achievement reported in the media. However, our overall writing achievement is lower than reading and mathematics and for this reason, we chose writing as a focus for 2023.

We were very fortunate to engage Dr. Helen Walls, a highly respected and sought after facilitator of writing professional development. We are excited, that after only six months, we are noticing the impact of her work with us.

The Focus Areas of Our Writing Programmes



HANDWRITING PROGRAMME

Handwriting is taught across the school. Initially the focus is on correct formation, then fluency. From Year 2, cursive style is introduced.

Why This is Important

Handwriting-

- is the biggest predictor of writing development in the first year at school
- significantly impacts on progress in writing in the middle and senior years
- reinforces spelling knowledge
- supports students to process and remember learning across the curriculum more effectively than typing does; if able, it is important that students write by hand as often as possible.



SPELLING PROGRAMME

Children across the school are explicitly taught spelling patterns, spelling rules and morphology (word parts e.g., base words, prefixes, and suffixes).

We are following Dr Walls' scope and sequence which builds on our Years 0-4 structured approach to literacy. It also aligns with the wonderful work Joy Allcock has done with our school previously.

Why This is Important

- Spelling and handwriting combined account for 41% of the variance in writing fluency in Years 5-8.
- A lack of spelling knowledge can impact student confidence and lead to them using easier words in their writing.
- Learning spelling patterns supports children with decoding unfamiliar words when reading.
- Studying morphology builds vocabulary knowledge, a key component of reading comprehension.





EXPLICIT TEACHING OF SENTENCE STRUCTURE AND PUNCTUATION



Our New Entrants are taught a sentence has a 'who' (noun) and a 'do' (verb). That knowledge is built on across all levels, so our students learn to-

- create a range of grammatically correct sentence structures
- make informed choices about sentence structure to achieve their writing purpose
- correctly punctuate all types of sentences

Why This is Important

- Sentences are the building blocks of writing and explicit teaching of the different structures positively impacts on writing development
- Being taught how to combine 2 simple sentences in different ways is the only evidence-based approach to teaching grammar.
- Punctuation has been an area of relative weakness across the school; this approach directly addresses that need.



INDIVIDUAL GOALS

Throughout the school, we are using Dr Walls' writing scope and sequence as a foundation for selecting individual writing goals. Goals are based on making the writing more readable or the writing process more manageable for the student.

Goals are recorded in the back of their draft writing book along with regular feedback on progress.

Why This is Important

- A priority goal gives a student a sense of security; they know from the start of the lesson what their teacher is looking for.
- Students have an ongoing record of their progress and a sense of accomplishment that supports motivation and empowers them as writers.



Principal's Awhi Awards

Congratulations to these fantastic 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.



Jack Tanner,
Zara Glass &
Ari Bowring-Kuil
(absent)

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations!

Makayla Smit

Makayla was awarded the best Attitude award for Ripper Rugby (Yr 3 & 4 team Mako) at the recent ParePlim end of season prize giving.

This was her first season ever playing Rip.

A super effort Makayla!



SPORTS SPOT

Parumoana Swimming Sports



Well done to our Year 5-8 swimmers who competed at the Parumoana Swimming Sports last week. We are tremendously proud of your great sportsmanship in not only supporting each other, but also competitors from other school.

Our Year 7-8 team came THIRD out of 8 schools.

Results for top 3 places

Year 6 Girls Relay team – 3rd (Sienna Bridge, Scarlett Boyd, Sarah Robertson, Ashlyn van Niekerk)

Year 6 Boys

Aidan van Niekerk: 2nd Breaststroke

Year 7 Girls

Zarna Parish: 1st Breaststroke, 1st Backstroke, 2nd Butterfly

Year 8 Girls

Indie Spalding: 2nd Freestyle, 1st Backstroke, 2nd Butterfly

Year 7 Boys

Aaron Webb: 2nd Backstroke

Lucas McKee: 3rd Backstroke

Year 8 Boys

Justin Wang: 2nd Freestyle, 1st Backstroke, 1st Butterfly

Year 8 Girls Relay team – 2nd (Indie Spalding, Ashley Jackson, Zarna Parish, Anushka van Niekerk)

COMING UP

Whole School Assemblies



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

WHEN: 2pm - Friday 15 September
Whole school Māori Language Week sharing

You are welcome to join us!

REMINDER

Māori Whānau Hui

Thursday 31 August

6pm - 7:30pm

Adventure School Staffroom

TONIGHT

Please RSVP to the office 234-7220
or Tania Cox principal@adventure.school.nz

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.

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

Amazing People Doing Amazing Things...

Thankyou for your incredible generosity!

Due to an early oversight, the prints on our much-loved Kapa Haka t-shirts have been missing an essential element and more recently the koru have begun to become unstuck. This week, Emma worked late into the evening to have every single t-shirt updated in time for our next performance (Māori Language Week Launch in the school hall, 2pm Monday 11 September).

Emma and her husband AJ run a small part time business (AJNEMZ Gifting and Apparel) and insisted on doing the mahi at no cost to our kura. AJ simply said, "This is just part of our Kaupapa".

You can visit AJ and Emma at Waitangirua Markets on Saturdays and Brewtown Markets on Sundays, they'd love to see you.

Be sure to give them a big "Ngā mihi nui!" for their generosity!



The lovely Emma from **AJNEMZ Gifting and Apparel**, who answered an SOS over social media this weekend.



Event Calendar - Important Dates

Please be aware some details may change.



TERM THREE

Week 7	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	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
	Wed 20 & Thur 21 September	Room 15 Learning Conversations
	Thursday 21 September	NO Year 7-8 Technicraft at Brandon
	Friday 22 September	Adventure's Got Talent final Last day of Term 3

TERM FOUR

Week 1	Monday 9 October	Term 4 commences
Week 2	Tuesday 17 October	Tōtara Stall Day 7pm: PTNi committee meeting
	Thursday 19 October	9.30am: NZ Shakeout 5.30pm: BoT meeting
	Friday 20 October	9.10am: Mihi Whakatau
Week 3	Monday 23 October	LABOUR DAY – School closed
	Wednesday 25 October	Year 5-8 Athletics (pp 3 November)
	Thursday 26 October	Tōtara Tiaki Ariki tournament Year 3-6 girls cricket tournament
	Friday 27 October	Year 7-8 girls cricket tournament 2pm: Assembly tbc 5.30pm: Spooktacular Disco

Week 4	Tuesday 31 October	Year 3-4 football tournament (pp 2 November)
	Wednesday 1 November	Year 0/1 Athletics (pp 8 November) Tōtara at ASB Sports Arena
Week 5	Monday 6 November	5.30pm: BoT meeting
	Friday 10 November	11am-1pm: school wide skipping tbc 2pm: Assembly
Week 6	Monday 13 November	Teacher only day – School closed
	Tuesday 14 November	Year 5-8 Parumoana Athletics (pp 16 & 21 Nov)
	Wednesday 15 November	Tōtara VN Underwater day
	Friday 17 November	Sausage sizzle tbc
Week 7	Thursday 23 November	NO Year 7-8 Technicraft at Brandon
	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) Parumoana speech competition
Week 9	Monday 4 December	5.30pm: BoT meeting
	Tuesday 5 December	Year 5-8 Regional Athletics (pp 7 December)
	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 5.45pm: Tōtara Leavers Dinner
	Thursday 14 December	Reports sent home
	Friday 15 December	Family Fun Day
Week 11	Monday 18 December * NOTE DATE CHANGE *	11am: Final/Leavers assembly 12pm: School finishes for 2023

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 – Monday 18 December *NOTE DATE CHANGE*

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

This Father's Day is Sunday 3 September and **DADS ARE FREE at Ngā Manu!**

Bring your family to Ngā Manu this Father's Day and Dad's get in for free (adult admission normally \$15).

Quote **DADISFREE** at the counter.

Please visit <https://ngamanu.org.nz/education-visits/> for more information.

Wellington Brick Show, 16 & 17 September

Walter Nash Centre, Lower Hutt

Amazing Leo creations from some of NZ's best builders.

Adults \$10 / Children \$7. EFTPOS available.

Tickets: www.well-lug.nz/tickets

Ngati Toa Tennis Club

is now taking registrations for our upcoming junior coaching season, beginning term 4 and continuing over term 1.

Tennis is a fantastic summer sport and we offer coaching for ages 5+. Our lessons are run by two coaches - a head coach supported by an assistant coach, and lessons take place on a Wednesday afternoon.

Our club is located at the northern end of the Ngati Toa Domain. If your child is interested in giving this a go, please contact Andrea by e mail at juniors@ngatitoatennis.org.nz or by visiting our website and using the registration tab <http://www.ngatitoatennis.org.nz/> We'd love to see you!

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School Holiday Activities

SPRING HOLIDAY PROGRAMME @ Adventure School, 25 Sep – 6 Oct 2023

BOOKINGS are OPEN Now! 2 weeks of popular and exciting activities await your child (e.g. Trip to Laserforce, Space Place, Trampoline Park, Roller Skating Rink, Wellington Zoo, Yes Day, Movies @ Lighthouse Cinema and many more).

BOOK ONLINE: www.asfc.co.nz For more information e-mail 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 😊



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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.

Wednesday 27, Thursday 28 and Friday 29 September 2023, 9am - 3pm

Cost per day: \$55 a day or \$150 for all 3 days.

Registrations: <https://rb.gy/s556m>

For more information contact Babette at babette@wnba.org.nz