



Adventure School

Adventure School Newsletter

No 15 – 14 September 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

Thursday 14 September	7.30pm: Dance Splash Performance
Friday 15 September	Pizza & PJ Day
	2pm: Assembly – Māori Language Week
Monday 18 September	Dean O'Brien (NZ Writer) Show – Yrs 0-8
Tues, Wed, Thurs	Nikau Swimming
Wednesday 20 September	Room 15 Learning Conversations
Thursday 21 September	Room 15 Learning Conversations
Friday 22 September	2pm: Adventure's Got Talent Finals Call for BOT Nominations

Featuring in this Issue -

- ~Our New Playground
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- ~Pasifika Page
- ~Our Lizard Habitat

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: Fateh Gill

Room 2: Brisha Mehta

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

There has been much to celebrate the last couple of weeks - final plans for our new Adventure Playground (see page 2!) - some superb achievements at the Aims Games – overall season wins for both the Division 1 and 2 for Ngatitōa Netball – an uplifting first-time public performance by our Pasifika group – a fun-filled week of activities for Te Wiki o te reo Māori and an action-packed day of crazy activities for Wig Wednesday.

Also, we are delighted to have hosted two fantastic Māori Whānau Hui recently. We are looking forward to growing these connections and value the contribution made by this committed group.

To top it off, we are very much looking forward to seeing our dancers performing at the Michael Fowler Centre for ArtSplash tonight. A huge thankyou to Tessa Willis for her tremendous work and commitment in getting this large dance group ready for the stage.

As we near the end of a very busy term with student and staff absences due illness, I'd like to thank our amazing teachers for their incredible positivity and willingness to host additional children when relievers are not available.

Sadly, we farewell Teacher Aide, Emma Smith, at the end of the term. We thank Emma for her outstanding care and support for many of our children during the past 4½ years and wish her all the best as she takes up a new role outside Education.

Many thanks to those who have offered their time and skills through the "Helping Hands" Questionnaire. To date we have had 19 responses. If you would like to work with us and lend a hand to improve our environment, I encourage you to click on the [link](#). If you'd prefer a paper copy, please contact the office.

Our New Senior Playground

I'm delighted to share concept plans for our new Adventure Playground.

The overall design was created from ideas put forward by our Student Leaders after researching and collaborating with other students across the school.

The playground will be funded jointly by the PTNi and BOT. We are very grateful that the PTNi funds raised from the 2022 Chocolate sales and this year's Wheels at Whitby will go towards the playground.

TIMELINE (tentative)

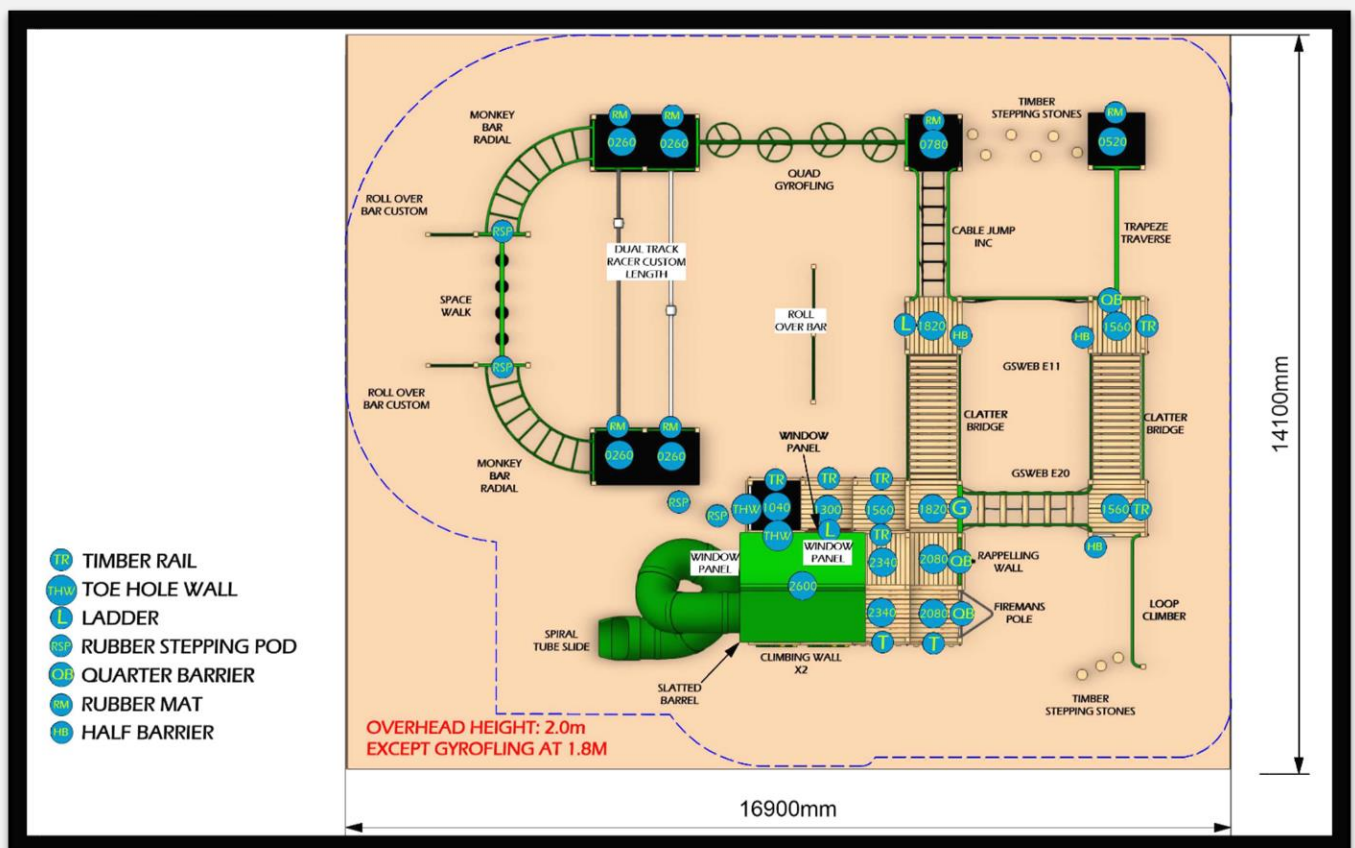
Term 4: Demolish existing playground

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help with this on the recent "Helping Hands" Questionnaire. We will contact you when we have firm dates.

January: Install new playground

2 February: Playground ready to use the first day of Term 1





I've really appreciated your support and great feedback throughout the term. I do hope you enjoy some quality time with your family over the break.

Ngā mihi nui
Tania Cox
Principal – Tumuaki

Coming Up

Whole School Assembly



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

You are welcome to join us!

Pizza & PJ Day

WHEN: Friday 15 September (Tomorrow)



1 slice = \$2

3 slices = \$5

Pepperoni – Ham & Cheesy – Cheesy Garlic – Vegetarian – Gluten Free

Gold coin donation appreciated for wearing PJs

Funds will go towards Tōtara's 2024 Camp

TŌTARA STALL DAY

WHEN: Term 4 - Tuesday 17 October

Donations of Pre-loved Goods

Kia ora Adventure whānau, just a little reminder that Stall Day this year is in term four. One of the stations includes **pre-loved goods**, meaning we would love any donations to contribute to this stall. This would help massively and make Stall Day a lot smoother and more enjoyable.

If you have any items, we will be accepting donations of toys, books and games. It would be preferred to have unbroken items and full sets of a game. Any unsold toys will be donated to the Toy Library and Adventure Kindergarten.

Please drop off all donations to Tōtara Hub by Tuesday 10 October (Term 4, week 1).

Thanks for your support in helping with donated goods.

Ashley Jackson, Zarna Parish & Lily Cox
(Tōtara Syndicate)





Wig Wednesday

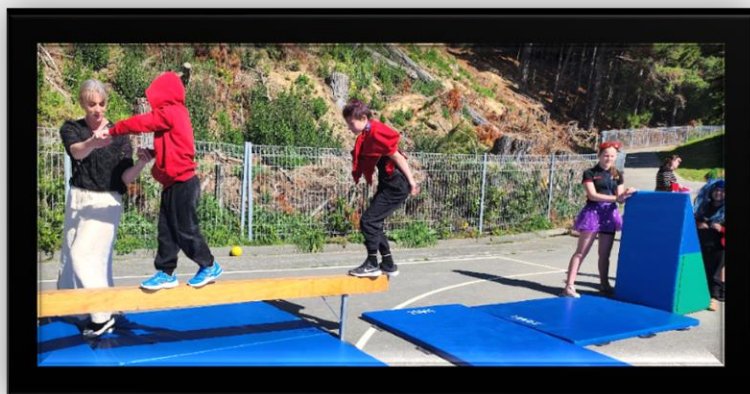
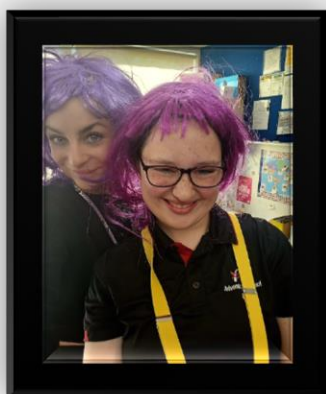
Every week in Aotearoa, three families are told the heart-breaking news that their child has cancer. The treatment these children undergo often means they need to brave the world with no hair.

Yesterday Adventure was ablaze with an assortment of wonderful wigs and funky hairstyles to show our support for these children and their whānau.

A huge thankyou to Jen Squire for driving this event alongside our wonderful student leaders!

Your kind donations raised over **\$500** for the Child Cancer Foundation.

Thank you for your support!



OUR LIZARD HABITAT

Way back in 2017 Adventure School undertook a long term Enviroschools project: to develop a Lizard Garden, along a bare fence line outside the hall. Last week our kura were lucky enough to have yet another delivery of native plants from Te Rito Gardens in Porirua. A couple of classes from Tōtara and Rimu Syndicates enjoyed listening to a presentation from Amanda (Enviroschools Community Facilitator) as she recapped the project, before they got into digging, planting, weeding, and mulching.



Congratulations...

Justin Wang, Zarna Parish & Indie Spalding

Over 11,500 children from nearly 400 schools across New Zealand and the Pacific Islands participated in this year's AIMS Games in Tauranga.

The size of this event is bigger than the Rio Olympics!

Over the past 3 days Zarna Parish, Justin Wang and Indie Spalding proudly represented Adventure School.

They competed at Baywave and had some outstanding results.

- ➡ Indie raced 8 races. She got 8 PB's and 5 top 20's out of close to 100 swimmers!
- ➡ Zarna raced 6 races. She got 6 PB's and 2 top 10 finishes.
- ➡ Justin raced 12 races. He got 8 PB's and 7 top 10 finishes.

Super impressive results and a great experience for our young swimmers.

The swimmers are now aiming for Wellington short course champs in 2 weeks' time.

**All the best for
Your next competition!**



Pasifika Group



In Week 6, our Pasifika Group took a trip to Rangikura School to perform with their Year 7 and 8 students in front of the principals of our Northern Porirua Kahui Ako.

We have been practicing all term with the help of Breed Music and some excellent student leaders from Rangikura School. While the students were initially nervous, they were very excited to be performing alongside their new friends. They were outstanding on stage and represented Adventure School extremely well. We are very proud of them for all their hard work this year and can't wait to see more fantastic performances later in the year!



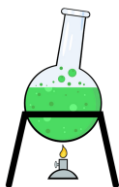
Our Rimu Adventurers!

On Tuesday of Week 8 Rimu was off on a trip to the Science Roadshow down at Whitby Collegiate. After a short walk in the glorious Spring sun, we could feel the excitement and anticipation building!

We watched two very informative live shows about physical and chemical properties – looking at metals and fabrics that are used in everyday situations. We learnt that wool is the most flame resistant of all fibres! We also saw firsthand just how “sticky” velcro is!



In the second live show we learnt about the characteristics of sound such as pitch, volume, how fast it travels, how it travels and the many effects these have on the things we can or cannot hear.



Following the live shows our students were able to explore a huge range of hands-on exhibits. These all centred around different themes:

- Rocks and minerals — Ngā toka me ngā kohuke
- Helping the senses — Te āwhina i ngā tairongo
- Light properties — Ngā āhuatanga aho
- Movement — Te nekeneke
- Observation and inference — Te mātakitaki me te hīkaro
- Pressure — Te pēhanga





An absolute highlight for all was the pressure exhibit, Bowling Ball Piston, which saw the dropping of a bowling ball fire a ping-pong ball towards the gym ceiling! Whilst no one managed to make contact there were some very close calls!



THANKYOU!

A big thank you to the wonderful and very patient Whitby Collegiate student "Explainers" who were assisting at many of the hands-on exhibits.

Thank you also to Leigh Bexley who came along as a parent helper!



A huge thank you to the Hooper Smith/ Glass whānau for their generosity in donating daffodils to raise money for our school.



THANK YOU - You helped us raise \$180!



New Date



KIDS CLOTHING GRAB



Sunday 12 November

ADVENTURE SCHOOL HALL · ARRIVE FROM 2:30 · STARTS AT 3PM

Come join us for a fun event to socialise and increase your kids' wardrobe at the same time.

CLOTHING DONATIONS

We're taking clothing donations from **now until Wednesday 8 November**

There are multiple drop off options:

- Small donations can be left in our collection box in the office during school hours.
- There will be a large box outside the garage of 19 Longitude Place that donations can be made to anytime. It's down the driveway directly across the road from school.

HOW IT WORKS

To keep things fun and fair we have 'rounds' of finding our favourite clothes. Everyone finds their five favourite things and then we take a short break. Then we find our next favourite five things and on and on until we have all had enough.

If there are two people in your family that would like to pick their favourites each round, you will need to purchase two tickets.

BYOB – Bring your own bag.

Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased online via [kindo](#) (or \$25 for door sales) and include snacks and refreshments.

Snacks generously provided by our sponsor Fleur Craig at Harcourts.



Let me help establish what your home is worth

Harcourts

Fleur Craig





Congratulations to all our netball players who represented Adventure in the Ngatitoa Netball competition this season. You are all amazing and we are certainly very proud of the way in which you worked as a team and showed great sportspersonship!

A huge thank you to our wonderful team coaches and managers. Our participation and success in this competition would not have been possible without you!

TEAM	COACH	MANAGER
Adventure Pulse	Liz Waru	Mike McIlraith
Adventure Mystics	Liz Waru	Mike McIlraith
Adventure Magic	Sasha Van der Valk	Shantelle Green
Adventure Tactix	Ash Neale & Lexi Knox	Melody & Andy Knox
Adventure Steel	Julie Scobie & Phillipa Wickremasinghe	Linda Bruwer
Adventure Rubies	Peyton Amorangi & Mikayla Dwen	Tania Bourke
Adventure Diamonds	Steve Allerby	Lynaire Parish
Adventure Stars	Caitlin Atkinson	Emma Atkinson
Plus, many of the team parents who stepped in to help out when needed - Thanks heaps!		

A very special thanks to Nadine Amorangi for her wonderful work in coordinating our teams and Sharyn Woodmass for her outstanding work as Ngatitoa Netball convenor – you are both amazing!

A huge congratulations to these two teams for winning the Senior Division 1 and 2 competitions. A special thank you to Liz Waru for her exceptional coaching of these two teams and to Mike McIlraith for his support as Team Manager.



Adventure Pulse – Division 1

Rose Bonar, Tayla Strickland, Payton Bradley, Moana Kie-Tonga, Macy Chambers, Kyra Robben, Pearl Penno, Mia Anderson, Alexandra Griffiths



Adventure Mystics – Division 2

Anushka van Niekerk, Sophie McIlraith, Mike McIlraith, Devyn Manley, Jorja King, Liz McIlraith, Chloe Po, Kaylee Burrows, Ashley Jackson (absent: Sophie Carr & Indie Spalding)

UPCOMING EVENT



The Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon is designed for Kiwi kids aged 6-15 years to help them stay active and healthy through a programme of participation. It is open to Kiwi kids of all sporting abilities the Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon is a fun day out for kids, parents and families. Participants get to swim, cycle, and run their way around age-appropriate courses. You can enter either as an individual or as part of a team of two. Every participant who enters receives:

- a Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon medal
- a downloadable certificate of achievement
- an official Weet-Bix TRYathlon t-shirt, drawstring kit bag & swim cap
- complimentary breakfast from the Weet-Bix Breakfast Tent
- PLUS, the chance to WIN awesome spot prizes

The Wellington event is run at **Kilbirnie Park, Kilbirnie on Sunday March 17, 2024**. If you want to join the School team please click this link:

<https://raceroster.com/registration/354fa6e2-3312-4c16-8d12-7fe73b433960/entry?team=567277>

Please note: This is not an event run or organised by teachers and there won't be a teacher present on the day.



Event Calendar - Important Dates

Please be aware some details may change.



TERM THREE		
Week 9	14 September	Nikau swimming 7.30pm: Dance Splash performance
	Friday 15 September	Pizza & PJ day organised by Tōtara 2pm: Assembly
	Sunday 17 September	POSTPONED - Spring Kids' Clothing Grab
	Monday 18 September	Dean O'Brien (NZ writer) show for whole school
Week 10	19, 20 & 21 September	Nikau 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 Call for BOT nominations Last day of Term 3

TERM FOUR

Week 1	Monday 9 October	Term 4 commences
Week 2	Monday 16 October	Yr 5-8 Parumoana Rippa Rugby (pp 19 Oct)
	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
	Sunday 12 November	NEW DATE -Spring Kids Clothing Grab
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 & Mānuka Christmas Tree Trimming
	Friday 8 December	1.45pm: Prizegiving assembly
Week 10	Monday 11 December	Kōwhai Carol singing
	Tuesday 12 December	Kōwhai skating Mānuka Nga Manu Reserve tbc 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

KELLY SPORTS IS BACK FOR TERM 4 – SPRINT INTO 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, while improving strength, flexibility, hand/eye coordination and spatial awareness.

In Term 4 we will be focusing on the following sports:

T-Ball, Athletics, Cricket and Football!

We teach new skills and improve ability by using games, drills and exercises. It's a great way to try new sports, improve skills and maintain fitness – all while having FUN!

To Enrol go to www.kellysports.co.nz

Spring MTB racing

For all abilities. More info and entries <https://www.pnp.org.nz/mtb>

Big Air Gymsports

If your child loves doing cartwheels, handstands, trampolining, flips, dancing, or parkour, then they will thrive at Bigair Gym! Bigair Gym classes are excellent for fun, focus and fitness! Children learn new skills and develop personal confidence and self-achievement! Strong focus is given to safety and technique, ranging from fundamentals to advanced skills. The structured classes follow a Bigair Badge Programme, which creates focused learning, and allows children to achieve and feel personal progression! Bigair classes include **GYMNASTICS, TRAMPOLINING, TUMBLING, FREE RUNNING**(thats parkour with flips) **& CHEERLEADING!** Inquire about Bigair **BIRTHDAY PARTIES** too!

NZ National Judo Championships

Saturday 7 October & Sunday 8 October, Te Rauparaha Arena

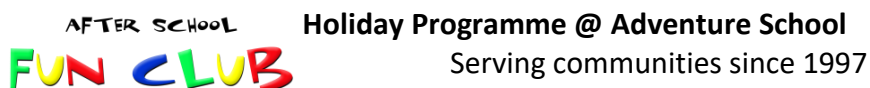
Commences 9.15am. Free entry to all spectators

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 ☺



Kelly Sports Holiday Programme

We have lots of exciting days including:

**Rippa World Cup Day, Wonderful Winter Day, Dodgeball Mania Day,
Kelly Sports Classic Sports, Kids Vs Coaches Day, Football Cup Day!**

plus, trips to:

Te Rauparaha Arena for a Swim, Gymnastics, Roller skating and a Magician is coming to Kelly Sports.

Kelly sports is run out of Ngatotia Domain, Pasoce Ave, Porirua. to Enrol go to www.kellysports.co.nz

GET IN QUICK FOR TERM 4 GYM CLASSES & BIGAIRS POPULAR HOLIDAY PROGRAMME!

Bookings are open NOW. Book online at www.bigairgym.co.nz or contact your local Bigair Gym office today.

Bigair Gym Tawa ph. 232 3508 e. office@bigairgym.co.nz

Arty Farty Kids

Spring Bear – 28 & 29 September AM I Love Cats – 28 & 29 September PM

I Love Dogs 5 & 6 October AM Decorative Bird – 5 & 6 October PM

Come along and join in the fun! Bookings are open now and to find out more or reserve a space please contact:

office.artyfartykids@gmail.com

Porirua Library Whānu Fun

Join us in exploring and creating homegrown literacy adventures for the whole whānau to participate in.

Meet local authors! Write a poem! Make a book! Sing a waiata! Celebrate one famous dog! Programme an online Te Reo dictionary! Explore fun games with our robots!

Enjoy ngā pukapuka from around Aotearoa.

Some events are RSVP required to their respective organisers, so check the email address and be in quick for those. link to the programme <https://porirualibrary.org.nz/whats-on/wh%C4%81nau-fun/>

Staglands

Kids can take our Clue Hunt Challenge and get a free kid's meal on us from the Staglands Cafe!

To take The Challenge simply download the [Challenge Sheet](#) from [our website](#) or collect from the Ticket Office when you visit. Then complete the challenge correctly and head to the Cafe to claim your meal!. Make sure you enter our bonus draw also to be in with a chance to win a Staglander Annual Family Pass valued at \$220.

WHITBY COLLEGIATE APP DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Students will learn how to build web hosted games like Snake and art drawing programme software. By the end of the programme students will have developed JavaScript intermediate level skills and will be in a position to be able to produce their own applications, which they can share with friends and family to use and play.

Dates: 25 - 27 September 2023, Time: 9:00am - 3:00pm, Venue: Whitby Collegiate, Ages: 10+, Cost: \$300

Requirements: Students must bring a laptop/chromebook

Lunch option available - \$15 per day - pizza/hamburgers/fish & chips

Info is live on the Whitby Collegiate website - <https://www.whitbycollegiate.school.nz/holiday-programmes>

The registration link is here - <https://form.jotform.com/whitbyenrol/wc-app-design-holiday-programme>