



Adventure School

# Adventure School Newsletter

No 17 – 26 October 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

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Tuesday 31 October	Nikau Football Tournament (pp: 2 Nov)
Wednesday 1 November	Tōtara ASN Arena Trip 2.30: Kōwhai Athletics Sports (pp: 8 Nov)
Friday 3 November	Kāhui Ako Rangatahi Rōpū <del>Yrs 5-8 Athletics Day</del> <b>now Monday</b>
Monday 6 November	Yrs 5-8 Athletics Day <b>NEW DATE</b> 5.30: BOT Meeting

Featuring in this  
Issue –

**Tōtara Team Page**  
**PTNi Update**

For a full list of Term 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!***

It's hard to believe we are almost at the end of week three. It's been great to see our children creating huts in the bushes and getting involved in lunch-time Chill Zone activities with the improved weather. Last week we enjoyed a wonderful Mihi Whakatau to welcome our new families.

Unfortunately, we have noticed a marked increase in lack of patience and unsafe pick-ups from drivers after school. Without a doubt, school pick-up can be stressful with the number of vehicles all fighting for a park at the same time. I have had several complaints recently around this.

### The Problem

#### Stopping on Yellow Lines

Yellow lines tell people that they can't stop there. They are there to make sure all road users can clearly see other traffic and pedestrians. There is no exception for "just a minute". Vehicles are struggling to move safely past those parked on yellow lines and children cannot be easily seen.

Yellow lines are there to keep everyone safe – please don't park on them.



### ***Stopping in the Middle of the Road - Stopping across the School Driveway***

Some drivers are stopping in the middle of the road and signalling to their children to get in the car. **This is dangerous!** It also stops the flow of traffic. We are seeing children running out in front of cars, particularly cars overtaking or pulling away after having parked across the school driveway. **This is dangerous!**

We know parking is limited – it is the same in most schools. You may like to consider- Parking further away and walking to meet your child(ren).

Delaying pick-up by 5-10 minutes. The teacher on Mainsail Duty will stay with children at the gate until around 3.20pm and then will bring them up to the office to wait for a parent.

Please be responsible and respectful – we value working together to keep everyone's children safe.

*I know this is tiresome for the majority of our whānau, who are already driving and parking with care and caution, to hear this message. I strongly feel it is everyone's responsibility to keep all children safe. **Thank you for working with us and looking out for all children.***

## **Principal's Awhi Awards**



### **Term 3**



***Issie Squire Alexis Gilbert, Sloan Alexander, Ava Thomas***

### **Term 4**



***Sasha McMillan, Maya O'Malley, Brooklyn Po, Eloise Schofield, Piper Bush***

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

# Some Reminders

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS



**Voting Closes: Wednesday 15 November – 4pm**

Voting papers to every parent/caregiver that is entitled to vote were posted on the 15th October. NZ Post might be a bit slow, but each individual should receive a voting form soon. Votes can either be posted or returned **to the box in the office.**

## Keeping Our Kids Safe

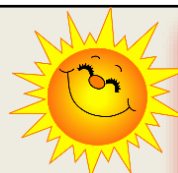
### Sun Hats



The wearing of school bucket sun hats is now compulsory. Hats are available for purchase at the school office.



(Please order online or contact the office directly.)



## 2024 ENROLMENTS



To assist with planning for 2024 classes, we would greatly appreciate you letting the office know, as soon as possible, if you have a child who-

- ➔ turns five during 2024 and you have not already given pre-enrolment details to the office
- ➔ is currently in Years 1-7 and **will not be returning** to Adventure in 2024

## Severe Nut Allergy

Just a reminder, Adventure is a “Nut Free” school as we have several children with severe and life-threatening allergies to nuts. For some of these children, coming into contact with nuts or nut products, even by touching nut residue left on surfaces, can trigger a life-threatening allergic reaction.

We take every practical precaution to keep these children safe and we really appreciate your understanding in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office.

*Please check packaging for “Nut products” or traces of nuts.*



### ALLERGEN INFORMATION:

Contains Milk, Soy, Gluten, Peanuts, Almonds, Cashews.  
May Contain Wheat, Sulphites, Sesame, Tree Nuts.  
Contient Lait, Soja, Gluten, Arachides, Amandes, Noix de Cajou.  
Peut contenir Blé, Sulfites, Sésame, Fruits à Coque.

## Adventure's Got Talent Correction

Our apology for publishing the wrong surname in the previous newsletter.

**-Addison Brunette was a Junior Runner for Up for Adventure's Got Talent.**

# Congratulations...

## Indie Spalding - Zarna Parish - Julia Wang

At the end of term 3, Indie, Zarna and Julia competed at the Wellington Junior Swim Champs held at Kilbirnie Pool. The girls demonstrated continual improvement and achieved success in their events.



Indie placed 4th in 4 races. She was also awarded medals for the following events:

- 🏆 3rd in 200m freestyle, achieving a 16 second personal best.
- 🏆 2nd in 200IM and 50m Backstroke
- 🏆 1st in 200m Backstroke and 100m Backstroke in which she qualified for Div 2 (a senior swimming competition)



Zarna achieved 4 top 10 finishes, and 2 personal bests.

She was awarded medals in the following events:

- 🏆 3rd in the 200 IM and 100m Breaststroke
- 🏆 2nd in the 50m Breaststroke and 200m Breaststroke.



For Julia, it was her first time competing at this level and achieved an excellent personal best in the 100m freestyle.

**Fantastic work girls!**



## Sebastian Smit

Sebastian Smit was nominated for a third year in a row to be part of the ParePlim rugby group to play in the New Zealand Junior Rugby Festival in Taupo in September this year.

The U11 team did exceptionally well playing five teams in three days from Rotorua, Gisborne, Tongariro and Taupo areas.



**Great effort Sebastian!**

## Keira Bexley

Recently Keira competed in a regional championship dance competition, Champ-A-Holic, which was invitation only to qualifying dancers. Keira placed-

- 🏆 second for her musical theatre dance
- 🏆 third in jazz, qualifying to go through to the final round, Champion of Champions
- 🏆 second against some of the top dancers in Wellington with only half a point between her and the winner!

**What an wonderful achievement Kiera!**





## RECENT EVENTS

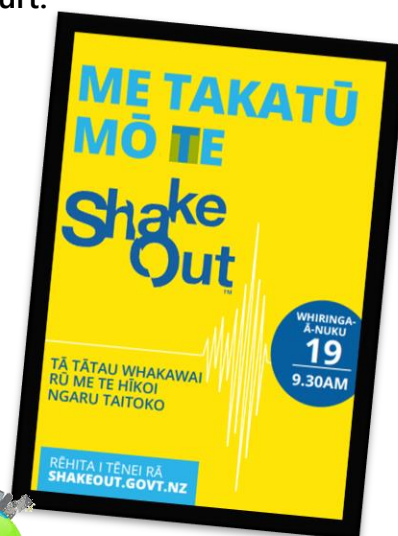
### National Shake Out!



### ME TAKATŪ MŌ TE

New Zealand's national earthquake and tsunami drill took place on 19 October at 9.30am. As part of the drill, workplaces, schools, and households all over the country were encouraged to DROP, COVER and HOLD ON! as you would in a real emergency.

Our children were fabulous in the way they swiftly responded to the mock earthquake in their classrooms and then the full evacuation to the bottom court.



### Deano Yipadee Show

We treated all classes to a lively, hilariously funny and captivating performance from Deano at the end of last term.



Deano Yipadee is a number one best-selling children's Author musician and performer who tops best sellers' charts in Australia, New Zealand and the UK and he is enjoyed by audiences of all ages.



# Tōtara Team

# Tōtara Stall Day

Last Tuesday Tōtara staged what was arguably the wettest Stall Day for many years. Luckily the inclement weather didn't get in the way of everyone enjoying all that was on offer. Sausages were sizzled. Popcorn was popped. Justin Wang's mother heroically steamed dumplings for what seemed like most of the school. The students enjoyed numerous activities including face painting, cup cake decorating, playing mini golf, and having a beauty make-over. There was certainly something for everyone.

A lot of effort was put into costumes beginning with the letter "W". We had a human sized whistle wandering around, plenty of witches and wizards. One student even came dressed as Winston – resplendent in a suit, tie and bouffant of grey hair.

Funds raised on the day - **\$1 000** -are going to help subsidise the cost of senior camp in 2024.  
**Thank you all for your wonderful support!**





### Centa Bakery Family Pies

Thanks to those who ordered some of the delicious Centa Bakery pies - your orders have raised another **\$1,500** towards the Outdoor Environment Project. We'll definitely do this again next year, so keep your eyes peeled 🥧



### Heartbeat CPR training with Wellington Free Ambulance

A small group of parents were very lucky to have had Nick from Wellington Free Ambulance come to the staff room on 21 September and provide a fascinating and informative (and free!) session on how to do CPR and use an AED. The PTNi are already planning another session in 2024 and would encourage people to take the opportunity to attend, even if you just want a refresher.



COMING  
UP...

**SPOOK-TACULAR  
Disco**

COME DRESSED IN COSTUME!

**OCTOBER 27**

**6:00-8:00PM** | SPOT PRIZES | GAMES

**\$2 ENTRY** (INCLUDES A GLOW BRACELET)

**BUY TICKETS ON KINDO**

CASH AT THE DOOR BUT CASHLESS INSIDE THE HALL  
BUY A PREPAID PTNI CARD ON KINDO OR AT THE DOOR

PTNI



## Senior Playground Demolition

Save The Date - Weekend of 18/19 November

Our exciting new Senior Playground is booked for installation over the summer break, so we need to muck in and remove the existing structure, saving ~\$15,000 in demolition costs.

To ensure the site is ready, the existing playground will close at the end of week 6 - Friday 17 November and we'll need your help to take it down over the weekend of **18/19 November**, and if required, **25/26 November**.

The structures will not be reused, so will be free for people to take home, which will also help reduce disposal costs.

More detail to follow in upcoming newsletters and on our PTNi Facebook [page](#).



Remove the old...

To make way for the new







## Event Calendar - Important Dates

*Please be aware some details may change.*



### TERM FOUR

Week 3	Thursday 26 October	Tōtara Tiaki Ariki tournament 5.30pm: BoT meeting
	Friday 27 October	Year 7-8 girls cricket tournament 6pm: Spooktacular Disco Lucky Book Club Issue 7 orders close
Week 4	Monday 30 October	Sports, group & R10 & 11 photos
	Tuesday 31 October	Year 3-4 football tournament (pp 2 November)
	Wednesday 1 November	2.30pm: Year 0/1 Athletics (pp 8 November) Tōtara at ASB Sports Arena
	Friday 3 November	<del>Year 5-8 Athletics</del> <b>Now 6 November</b> Kāhui Ako Rangatahi Rōpū
Week 5	Monday 6 November	Year 5-8 Athletics <b>NEW DATE</b> 5.30pm: BoT meeting
	Friday 10 November	11am-1pm: school wide skipping
	Sunday 12 November	<b>NEW DATE</b> -Spring Kids Clothing Grab
Week 6	<b>Monday 13 November</b>	<b>Teacher only day – School closed</b> 6pm: Whānau Hui
	Tuesday 14 November	Year 5-8 Parumoana Athletics (pp 16 & 21 Nov)
	Wednesday 15 November	Tōtara VN Underwater day
	Friday 17 November	Sausage sizzle
	Saturday 18/Sunday 19 Nov	Playground demolition working bee
Week 7	Thursday 23 November	<b>NO</b> Year 7-8 Technicraft at Brandon
	Friday 24 November	2pm: Assembly tbc
Week 8	Tuesday 28 November	Rimu to Battle Hill
	Wednesday 29 November	Kōwhai Teddy Bear's Picnic
	Friday 1 December	Mānuka and Nīkau 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
	Thursday 7 December	7pm: PTNi meeting at Co-op
	Friday 8 December	1.45pm: Prizegiving assembly
Week 10	Monday 11 December	Kōwhai Carol singing Nīkau to Aotea Lagoon (pp 13 December)
	Tuesday 12 December	Kōwhai skating Mānuka Nga Manu Reserve 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>

### 2024 Term Dates

<b>Term One:</b>	Thursday 1 February – Friday 12 April
<b>Term Two:</b>	Monday 29 April – Friday 5 July
<b>Term Three:</b>	Monday 22 July – Friday 27 September
<b>Term Four:</b>	Monday 14 October – 17 or 18 December (tbc)

### School will be closed on the following days:

**Waitangi Day** – Tuesday 6 February  
**Easter** – Friday 29 March – Tuesday 2 April  
**Anzac Day** – Tuesday 25 April (during holidays)  
**King's Birthday** – Monday 3 June  
**Matariki** – Friday 28 June  
**Labour Day** – Monday 28 October



## Community Notices

### **JOIN AN ATHLETIC COMMUNITY THAT IS PASSIONATE, DETERMINED, AND SUPPORTIVE**

Whether joining Athletics for fitness or fun, or looking to compete locally or nationally, we cater for everyone from 5 years and up. The 2023-24 season will run from 17th October 2023 to 31st March 2024, with a short break for Christmas. Club nights offer a mixture of competition and coaching to enable children to gain the necessary skills to participate in a variety of running, jumping and throwing.

Join for a full summer season or join from October-December. If you're unsure about committing, just come along and give a club night a go. Check us out at [manaathletics.co.nz](http://manaathletics.co.nz) or on Facebook: Mana Amateur Athletics Club

### **Staglands**

Say hello to Jason, our hand-reared lamb.

He is very partial to taking a walk with our rangers, when he's not hanging out with his buddy, Jim, the kunekune piglet, in their Secret Garden pad.

We bottle-fed him during our daily free Lunchtime Feed Tour. Come along and you may get the opportunity have a go yourself!

Meet by the Cafe at 12.30pm

### **Paremata School Mega Garage Sale**

Saturday 28 October, 9am – 1pm, Paremata Cres  
Second hand items, food & more

### **Porirua Grand Traverse**

All Ages      All Abilities      All Amazing

Entries Are Open For 2024

Race Day - 7th April

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

Or Try the new 13k Fun Ride for kids & mtn biker beginners... [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 Mtn Bike](#) or [12k Kayak](#) by itself !

Email: [Click Here](#)

Phone: 0275 244 821

Web: [www.pgt.org.nz](http://www.pgt.org.nz)

[Click Here 2 Enter Now !](#)

### **Silverbrooke Open Day – 29 November**

The developers of Silverbrooke are hosting an open day this Sunday, 29 November between 1.00pm and 3.00pm to say thank you to the Whitby community for their patience in the development of this new subdivision. The Mayor will open the new tracks running through the development and will also guide a treasure hunt for the kids. There'll be digger rides, giveaways, a competition to name the new park, ice creams, sausage sizzle and, for the parents, coffee.

All are welcome and there's no charge for anything.

Attached is a [link](#) to the information page.