



Adventure School

# Adventure School Newsletter

**No 18 – 9 November 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 9 November	6pm: Tōtara Camp Meeting-2024 Yrs 7/8 parents
Friday 10 November	Kāhui Rangatahi Rōpū
Sunday 12 November	PTNI Kids Clothing Grab (School Hall)
Monday 13 November	SCHOOL CLOSED – Teacher Only Day 6-7.30: Māori Whānau Hui (Staffroom)
Tuesday 14 November	Yrs 5-8 Parumoana Athletics
Wednesday 15 November	Tōtara - VR Underwater day
Thursday 16 November	Parent Class Information form closes
Friday 17 November	11.00: Whole School Skipping
Sat/ Sun 18/19 November	Playground Demolition

## Featuring in this Issue –

- **2024 Class Placements**
- **2024 Staffing**
- **Spotlight on Kōwhai**
- **Spooktacular Disco**

*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!***

**Welcome to our new students-**

**Room 11: Sirjann Virk**

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

## 2024 Class Placements

Over the next few weeks our teachers will be gathering information to inform 2024 class placements. As you can imagine, this is no easy task as we consider each child's academic, physical, social, cultural and emotional needs while also ensuring there is a balance across all classes.

Our teachers are professionals who know your child(ren) in their school environment, and management, team leaders and teachers work together to consciously choose the class that holistically best fits the needs of each child.

Tomorrow you will receive an email with important information around class placements.

I would like to give parents the opportunity to share specific, unique information they feel would impact classroom placement for their child, via a google form.

Please be aware, *this is not an opportunity to choose the teacher.*

If you do not receive the email or would like a paper copy, please contact the school office.

## Staffing Changes

Whilst sadly we farewell three of our teachers at the end of the year, we are pleased they will be pursuing exciting new ventures.

### Karen Freeman

Karen has chosen to prioritise spending more time with her family, especially her son Patrick, who is pursuing his studies in Canada on a basketball scholarship.

Karen has been a highly regarded teacher at Adventure for eight years. Her immense commitment and dedication to making a positive impact have resulted in a remarkable contribution to the education and growth of countless children over the years.

### Julian Keller

Having started his teaching journey at Adventure six years ago, Julian is now planning to fulfil his dream of traveling overseas throughout 2024. His tremendous enthusiasm, energy, and compassion have greatly impacted the children he's taught, and our senior children will certainly miss his great coaching on the basketball court.

### Tessa Willis

Tessa has fulfilled her dream of teaching in the Cook Islands by securing a position in Rarotonga. Over the past two years, her class has benefitted from her exceptional care and unwavering commitment. Tessa made it possible for over 60 of our children to give an outstanding performance at Dance Splash this year.

## New Staff

We are delighted to have three new teachers join our teaching team in 2024-

**Amanda-Lee Lemmon**, an experienced teacher, having taught in South Africa and more recently Eastern Hutt School. Amanda-Lee will take the Yr 1/2 class in the Mānuka Team.

**Natalie O'Hara**, an experienced teacher, currently teaching at Amesbury School. Natalie will be joining the Rimu Team.

**Emma Harris**, a familiar face to many, having taught in the Nikau Team last year and as an Adventure parent. Next year, Emma will join the Rimu team with Yrs 5/6 children.

**Carla Nickson**, an experienced teacher who has taught many years at Adventure and is currently teaching part-time in Rimu and Tōtara, will be working fully in Rimu as a classroom teacher across four days. Team Leader, Erica Leggett will cover Carla's class on Tuesdays.

## Provisional 2024 School Organisation

KŌWHAI	MĀNUKA	NĪKAU	RIMU	TŌTARA
NE/ Year 1	Yrs 1/2 = 1 class Yr 2 = 2 classes	Year 3/4	Year 5/6	Year 7/8
Tania Sibley Nadine Amorangi ----- Rebecca St. Clair ➔ Learning Support ➔ Teacher Release ➔ Roll Growth class later in the year	Vanessa Burn Amanda-Lee Lemmon Cathy Murray	Toni Bennett Solé du Plessis Alesha Wilson Amy Churchill Richard McQueen	Carla Nickson Carl McManaway Emma Harris Natalie O'Hara Andrea Nichols	Mark Hughes Jen Squire John Kelleher Shane Dalton

## PTNi

A huge thank you to our PTNi for the incredible time and effort put into transforming the hall into a spectacular spooky space for the disco last Friday. It was great to see such a fabulous turnout. I really did enjoy seeing the children so creatively dressed up, some barely recognisable!



*Ngā mihi nui*  
Tania Cox  
Principal – Tumuaki

## Sporting Around

### Yrs 3/4 Football

We are very proud of our incredible Yr 3& 4 children who represented Adventure at West's Football Tournament last week. This was a first for our children and we are delighted they showed not only outstanding sportsmanship, but also amazing skill.

Adventure won the World Cup!

"They were brilliant representatives of Adventure and were humble and gracious across all matches!"







## Taupō Rugby Festival



At the end of last term, 7 Adventure students were lucky enough to attend the Junior Rugby Festival held in Taupō. The festival brought together teams from across New Zealand and Australia, creating a unique opportunity to explore each club's culture and build new relationships.

Our 7 Adventure participants were selected for this elite experience, proudly representing their local rugby club, Paremata-Plimmerton. The festival showcased not only exceptional skills but also a strong sense of sportsmanship, teamwork, and personal growth for all the young athletes involved.



## Yr 7/8 Tiaki Arika Tournament

A team of 30 Year 7-8 students represented Adventure School in the first every Tiaki Arika tournament hosted by the founders of the game - Porirua Whānau Centre.

The game is a mixture of dodgeball and capture the flag (except head shots are legal!). We took two teams, and both played well throughout, notching up a few wins along the way with a couple of tough losses each.

We were very proud of our seniors who participated. They showed incredible sportsmanship, especially when umpire decisions didn't go their way, or when opponents weren't necessarily respectful to them. They also cleaned up the entire section of seating where they sat with their friends from Rangikura School at the end of the tournament.

Good job guys... we are very proud of you!





# Kōwhai Syndicate - Making Models

During our Self-Directed Learning time, Kōwhai teachers have been growing Curiosity by introducing new curriculum content and activities and encouraging children to be open to these new ideas. The children have been learning about how to build models of things around us. It all started when Mrs St. Clair showed Kōwhai a model of a space station she built from materials around the classroom. It didn't take long for tamariki to take up the challenge of building their own rockets, space shuttles and space stations. The children already had a lot of prior knowledge from our previous writing focus on space.



We quickly discovered that every good space rocket NEEDS a parachute (how else will it make it back safely to Earth?!). Mrs Amorangi modelled how to make a parachute so that children could attach these to already existing rockets.



To our delight, we heard through the grapevine that Mrs Willis' class have also been building models. We were so excited to have them come and show off their amazing golf course and it has certainly inspired our younger students to learn from our more experienced Rimu tuakana. The Kōwhai students quickly jumped to the challenge of making a 'mega' model in collaboration with their peers.



## Coming Up

**TEACHER ONLY DAY**

**Monday 13 November**

*Please note, school will be CLOSED this day.*



### Māori Whānau Hui

Monday 13 November  
6pm - 7:30pm  
Adventure School Staffroom

Please RSVP to the office 234-7220  
or Tania Cox [principal@adventure.school.nz](mailto:principal@adventure.school.nz)

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

**Voting Closes:** Wednesday 15 November – 4pm  
Votes can either be posted or returned to the box in the office.



### 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](#).



THANKYOU



# SPOOK Tacular

LEARNING FOR LIFE

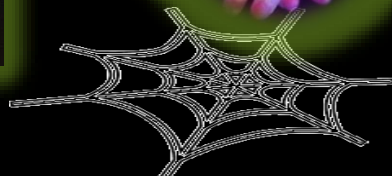


Wow...what a Spectacular Spooktacular last Friday night! Our amazing PTNi team did an incredible job transforming the hall into a spooktacular sensation!

Thank you our PTNi team, sponsors and everyone who came along & helped on the night!

total funds raised

\$2 000









The CookieTime Christmas cookie buckets are back this year

**Orders close midnight November 15.**

Place your order via Kindo - <https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop>

Don't forget to see if any friends and family outside the school community would like some too!

They will be delivered to school early December (actual date tbc)

Delicious flavours to choose from are:

- Strawberries & Cream
- Chocolate Chip
- Apricot Chocolate
- Chocolicious
- Salted Caramel
- Cranberry White Chocolate
- Gluten free Chocolate Chip
- Gluten free Berries & Cream



*Our school will get \$2.50 from every bucket sold, which all goes towards the new senior playground.*

*Thanks for your support of our fundraising efforts*

## 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 FOUR

- Curriculum and Student Achievement Policy **Board**
- Religious Instruction **Board**
- Health Education **Board**
- Student Achievement Information/Student Assessment and Achievement
- Home Learning



## Event Calendar - Important Dates

*Please be aware some details may change*



TERM FOUR		
Week 5	Thursday 9 November	6pm: Totara 2024 Camp meeting for Year 6 & 7
	Sunday 12 November	Spring Kids Clothing Grab (Hall)
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 VR Underwater day
	Thursday 16 November	9am: Parent 2024 Class Placement closes Parumoana Athletics Postponement
	Friday 17 November	11am: Whole School skipping – <b>New date</b> Sausage sizzle
	Saturday 18/Sunday 19 Nov	Playground demolition working bee
Week 7	Tuesday 21 November	Board votes counted
	Wednesday 22 November	New Board takes office
	Thursday 23 November	<b>NO</b> Year 7-8 Technicraft at Brandon
	Friday 24 November	Library CLOSED – all books must be returned
Week 8	Tuesday 28 November	Rimu to Battle Hill 7pm: Kōwhai Parent Evening (details to come)
	Wednesday 29 November	Kōwhai Teddy Bear's Picnic
	Thursday 30 November	Summerfest: Kapa Haka – Pasifika Group Yr 3's : "Adventurous Morning" (details coming)
	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
	Friday 8 December	1.45pm: Prizegiving Assembly (whole school)
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)  
**Teacher Only Day** – Friday 31 May  
**King's Birthday** – Monday 3 June  
**Matariki** – Friday 28 June  
**Teacher Only Day** – Friday 25 October  
**Labour Day** – Monday 28 October

## **Community Notices**

### **Goodtime Music Academy**

Get ready to ignite your child's musical passion! Goodtime Music Academy teaches at Adventure School and is offering award-winning in-school music lessons. Say goodbye to post-school commutes! Dive into the world of music in a vibrant group setting with the following instrument lesson: Drums, Guitar, Keyboard, Ukulele, or our 'Intro to Music' course. But the excitement doesn't stop there! Your child will have the chance to shine in our thrilling concerts.

Act fast, as spots are limited. Enrol now at [www.goodtimemusicacademy.co.nz/learn-at-school](http://www.goodtimemusicacademy.co.nz/learn-at-school) or call us at 04 568 2237. Your child's moment in the limelight awaits!

### **Wellington Phoenix at Porirua Park**

#### **Kia ora whānau!**

Wellington Phoenix is coming to Porirua Park this summer!

Wellington Phoenix' women's team will play a season out of Porirua Park and we want as many young people from the region to join in and support the team

We are keen to visit your school with players, give away some Phoenix merchandise and match day tickets and speak to your pupils about the difference sport can make in their lives.

Visits can be booked thru either emailing Kya at [kya@wellingtonphoenix.com](mailto:kya@wellingtonphoenix.com) or completing the application form here: <https://wellingtonphoenix.com/player-requests>

Wellington Phoenix home games at Porirua Park summer 2023/24:

Comp	Round	Date	Away Club Name	Venue	KO Local Time
ALW	4	Sunday, 12 November 2023	Western United FC	tbc	16:00
ALW	7	Sunday, 10 December 2023	Melbourne Victory	Porirua Park	16:00
ALW	14	Sunday, 28 January 2024	Canberra United FC	Porirua Park	17:00
ALW	16	Sunday, 11 February 2024	Adelaide United	Porirua Park	17:00
ALW	20	Sunday, 17 March 2024	Sydney FC	Porirua Park	16:00
ALW	22	Saturday, 30 March 2024	Western Sydney Wanderers FC	Porirua Park	16:00

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Ngā mihi nui,

**Sam Tyler (he/him)**

Partnerships Advisor – Children, Young People and Families  
Kaitohutohu Rangapū – Tamariki, Taiohi me ngā Whānau