



Adventure School

Adventure School Newsletter

No 19 – 23 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

Friday 24 November	LIBRARY CLOSED (Please return all books)
Tuesday 28 November	Rimu Battle Hill Trip
Wednesday 29 November	Kōwhai Teddy Bear's Picnic
Thursday 30 November	Summerfest at Rangikura School -Snr Kapa Haka & Pasifika Group Year 3's Adventurous Fun Morning
7-8.30pm (Staffroom)	Presentation: "Empowering Adventure Students for Success" (pg 4 for details)
Friday 1 November	Mānuka & Nikau Athletics Parumoana Speech Competition
Monday 4 December	5.30: BOT Meeting (new board)
Tuesday 5 December	Mānuka & Nikau Athletics pp Aotea College Orientation Day Regional Athletics Years 5-8
Wednesday 6 December	Xmas Tree Trimming - Kōwhai & Mānuka

Featuring in this Issue –

- **Our Library is on the Move!**
- **Spotlight on Nikau**
- **Board Election Results**

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: Ethan Zeng, Walker Nicol

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

What lovely, thoughtfully considered, and respectful information many of you passed on about your children for 2024 class placements. Thank you for the numerous positive messages about being given this opportunity. I want to assure you that we have carefully considered all information that aligns with the given guidelines. However, it's important to note that in certain cases, the preferences suggested by one parent for their child may have clashed with the requests of other parents, the needs of other children, or the insights of the teachers. We genuinely believe that we have made every effort to cater to the individual needs of each child.

Staffing Update

Ruth Farrell (Teacher Aide)

Congratulations to Ruth on her appointment as a Teacher at Aotea College next year. Ruth joined us last year and we have really appreciated her kind, nurturing approach to supporting many of our tamariki in their learning journey. We wish Ruth all the best as she takes up her first Teacher role.

Gerna Kotze (Librarian)

Gerna has been our part-time Librarian for four years and has made the decision to extend her hours at the local Libraries where she is currently working. We have appreciated the clever way she turned that tiny space into a bright and workable Library with all the latest books. We wish Gerna all the best.

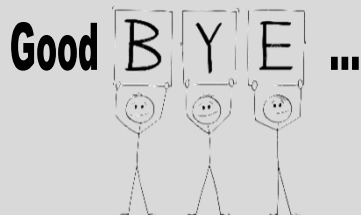
Farewells...

Our Little Library is on the Move!

After many years without a fully functioning Library, we are about to transform Room 7, opposite reception, into our new Library!

To help the mammoth task of setting up the new space, we need to have all books returned by tomorrow ready for a stocktake.

We are planning to have our new Library ready for the start of 2024.



Although it was somewhat sad to farewell our Adventure Playground last week, we are looking forward to the new design which will be constructed over the January break.



A huge THANK YOU to these wonderful volunteers who worked hard to dismantle the playground last weekend.

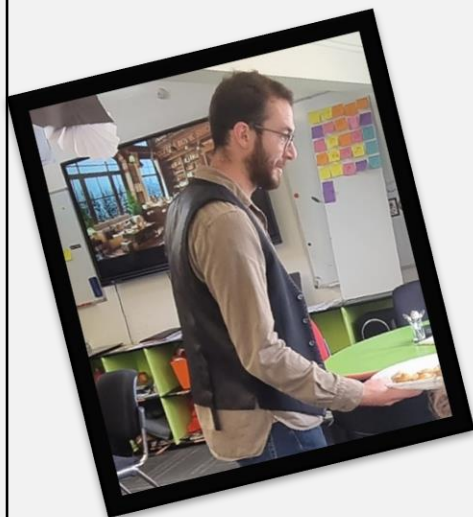
Selwyn Harrald, Neil & Hayley Johnstone, Ian Clark, Dan Farrell & Marion, Ed Senior, Andrew & Fiona Albiston, Stephen, Noah and Eli Haran.

You are all amazing!!!



Our Amazing Staff

I feel very fortunate to work with some amazing thoughtful and caring people. Last Friday the male staff members, dressed in waistcoats, served a fabulous morning tea to all the female staff as a fundraiser for prostate cancer.



**THANK
YOU**



A big thank you to those who have been able to help with transport and supervision for our sporting events this term.

With just a few weeks left, we are really hoping the weather is kind to us so we can enjoy all the great EOTC activities the teachers have planned so our kids get to step out of their comfort zones, build some resilience, and, of course, have fun!

All the best to our Kapa Haka and Pasifika Group who are showcasing Adventure's first performance at Summerfest next week!

Ngā mihi nui
Tania Cox
Principal – Tumuaki

Coming
Up..

EMPOWERING ADVENTURE STUDENTS FOR SUCCESS

We are a forward-thinking school.

Come and hear how our junior school ensures children thrive academically while developing key learner dispositions for ongoing success.



Adventure School
Longitude Place
Whitby

RSVP TO
Diane Pepperell,
our Junior School DP
dpepperell@adventure.school.nz

Thursday
November 30
7.00 - 8.30 pm

Open to all Whitby
residents who are
curious and want to
know more.

Don't just wonder;
come and find out what
happens in a typical
day and why

Have your questions
answered

Adventure School

Rimu EOTC

Tuesday 28 November
Battle Hill



**Kōwhai Teddy Bear's
Picnic**

Wednesday 29 November
at School



**Yr 3's Adventurous
Transition Morning**

Thursday 30 November



SUMMERFEST



Thursday 30 November

10am – 2pm

Rangikura School

Yrs 5-8 Kapa Haka & Pasifika Group

Years 2-4 Athletics

Friday 1 December

9.30am – 1.30pm

Adventure Park



**Kōwhai & Mānuka
Tree Trimming**

Wednesday 6 December

Kōwhai & Mānuka Classrooms



Prizegiving

Friday 8 December

Whole School

1.45pm



Nīkau Fun Day

Monday 11 December

Aotea Lagoon



Kōwhai Carol Singing

Monday 11 December



Kōwhai EOTC

Tuesday 12 December

Skating



Mānuka EOTC



Tuesday 12 December

Ngā Manu Nature Reserve

**Yr 8 Leavers'
Dinner**

Tuesday 12 December

Flightys Cafe



Family Fun Day

(at school)



Please save the date!

Friday 15 December

Final Assembly

Monday 18 December

11am – 12pm



Reminder *Please return all school Library books*

Please help us be ready for a stocktake and our Library relocation by ensuring your children's School Library books are returned by **FRIDAY 1 DECEMBER** (tomorrow)



Thanks for your support!

RANGIKURA SCHOOL PRESENTS:

SummerFest schedule

2023

'PLANTATION STAGE'

Studio 5024 - Hall

10.00am	Introduction	
10.15am	Rangikura (middle)	
10.30am	Paremata	
10.45am	Postgate	Plimpton
11.00am	Adventure (Kapa Haka)	Rangikura (middle)
11.15am		Brandon
11.30am	Dance Troupe	Rangikura (Legacy)
11.45am	Papakowhai (Kapa Haka)	Papakowhai
12.00pm	Rangikura (junior)	Pukerua Bay (2 bands)
12.15pm	Discovery	Postgate
12.30pm		Rangikura (Whyphy)
12.45pm		
1.00pm		
1.15pm	Papakowhai (Poly)	
1.30pm	Adventure (Poly)	
1.45pm	Rangikura (senior)	

West Football Tournament



Nikau Spot

The Wests Football Tournament at Endeavor Park was an exciting event where our Nīkau syndicate proudly represented Brazil. Our year 3 and 4 students had a fantastic time competing, showcasing their soccer skills, and embracing the spirit of the game.



The tournament was a thrilling experience, and to our delight, our Nīkau syndicate emerged victorious, claiming the championship title. It was a memorable day filled with teamwork, sportsmanship, and the joy of victory.





Talk of the Team

"I enjoyed getting to go outside and play football with my friends"

– Finlay Goddard

"It was fun because I liked playing with my team mates."

– Oli Griffiths

"I scored a winning goal and loved playing as a team."

– Brody Burrows



"The football tournament was a breeze because we got to skip school and also we won the gold cup."

– Thomas Robinson

"I realised that I am good at defending seeing as I haven't played football before."

– Ivy McCullough



Parumoana Athletics Day



Adventure had outstanding results at the recent Parumoana Athletics competition last week. With only 14 points between the top school, Adventure came a very proud 2nd!

Discovery 323 points

Adventure 309 points

Plimmerton 238 points

Our students were amazing! Gracious in defeat, not arrogant in their success, and thankful to all the adults that helped officiate today. A great representation of The Adventure Way!

Individual Results

Year 5	Alex Arbidans	3rd 80m
	Hugo Banner	1st Quoits
	TJ Kie Tonga	3rd Shot Put
	Jacob Penno	2nd 800m, 2nd High Jump ,1st Vortex, 1st 80m
	Annie van Son	2nd High Jump,1st Long Jump, 2nd 80m
	Kelsey Cotter	3rd Quoits, 3rd 150m
Year 6	Lennox Manase	2nd Quoits,1st 800m
	Sebastian Smit	1st 80m,1st 150m, 2nd Vortex, 2nd Long Jump
	Riley Buswell	2nd Shot Put
	Joshua Penno	3rd Quoits, 3rd Shot Put
	Kennedy Wylie	1st Quoits
Year 7	Flynn Buswell	2nd Discus
	Charlie Scott	3rd High Jump
	Poppy Dickson	1st 100m, 1st 200m, 3rd 1500m, 2nd High Jump
	Zarna Parish	3rd High Jump
	Chloe Po	3rd Long Jump
Year 8	Ngatoa Mullane-Ronaki	3rd Vortex, 2nd Discus
	Cameron Starr	1st 1500m
	Justin Wang	2nd 1500m
	Valu Aliva	3rd Shot Put
	Macy Chambers	3rd 200m
	Eita Mone	3rd Vortex, 1st Shot Put, 2nd Discus
	Pearl Penno	3rd Long Jump

Year 5 Boys Relay: 1st - Jacob Penno, Alex Arbidans, Hugo Banner & Rocco de Graaff

Year 6 Boys Relay: 1st - Lennox Manase, Josh Penno, Sebastian Smit & Leo Brell

save the Date... **We would love you to join us!**

Friday Family Fun Day



Friday 15 December

9.30-2.00



1.00: Family picnic lunch on top field

■ **This is a “non-uniform” day**

■ **Please also bring along:**

- a change of clothes
- towel
- extra food/ snacks
- sunhat and sun block



■ **OPTIONAL (for personal use only)**

-roller-skates / rollerblades / skateboards
scooters + a helmet (mandatory for all
wheels)



(unfortunately we won't have the space for bikes!)

Please Note: If the weather is unsuitable, we will modify the day but still have some fun indoor activities. Unfortunately we wouldn't be able to have the whole school picnic.

P.E. / Health Survey

Every two years schools are required to survey their parent communities on the content of the Health and P.E. curriculum. The Board and staff use these survey results to guide their thinking around aspects of this curriculum.

A link will be sent to you early next week.



Congratulations...

**Charlotte Jackson & Libby La'ulu
for receiving HONOURS WITH DISTINCTION in
their Hip Hop exams at WHITBY DANCE!**

YUMMY STICKERS

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the 4881 stickers/cutouts collected throughout the year.



You helped us raise \$750 to spend on sports gear!



A special shout out to the Bloomfield family for contributing 1000 stickers!



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ADVENTURE SCHOOL

Board of Trustees Election 2023 Parent Elections Results Declaration

Parent Representative Votes

Melody Diane Knox 42

Dylan McKee 65

Lynaire Parish 86

Ainsley Danica Thomson 93

Pasanka Wickremasinghe 113

Invalid Votes 0

I hereby declare the following duly elected-

Lynaire Parish

Ainsley Danica Thomson

Pasanka Wickremasinghe

Sharyn Woodmass

Returning Officer



Event Calendar - Important Dates

Please be aware some details may change.



TERM FOUR		
Week 7	Friday 24 November	Library closed – please return all books Lucky Book Club Issue 8, orders close
Week 8	Tuesday 28 November	Rimu to Battle Hill
	Wednesday 29 November	Kōwhai Teddy Bear's Picnic
	Thursday 30 November	Summerfest Kapa Haka Year 3's Adventurous Fun morning 7-8.30pm: Community Information evening
	Friday 1 December	Mānuka and Nīkau Athletics (pp 5 Dec) Parumoana speech competition
Week 9	Monday 4 December	5.30pm: BoT meeting (new Board)
	Tuesday 5 December	Year 5-8 Regional Athletics (pp 7 December) Aotea College Orientation Day
	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	Monday 18 December	11am: Final/Leavers assembly 12pm: School finishes for 2023

2024 Term Dates

Term One:	Thursday 1 February – Friday 12 April
Term Two:	Monday 29 April – Friday 5 July
Term Three:	Monday 22 July – Friday 27 September
Term Four:	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

Whitby Dance presents Showcase 2023!

Sunday 3 December, 2pm & 4.30pm

At Te Manawa, Aotea College, Tickets \$20 per person.

Thinking of joining Whitby Dance next year? Come along and enjoy our end of year showcase. You'll be sure to recognise many Adventure School pupils up on stage dancing their hearts out!

RĀROA MUSIC CENTRE REGISTRATION FOR 2024

Rāroa Music Centre offers Saturday morning group music lessons for primary and intermediate school children at low cost (\$70 per year + \$40 koha or parent volunteering). We offer music basics, cello, clarinet, drums & percussion, flute, guitar, keyboard, orchestra, recorder, saxophone, ukulele, and violin. You are welcome to come along to see what it's all about. We have our end of year concert on 9th December 2023 at 10:00am.

To register for 2024 visit our website and enrol online. Registrations close 17th February 2024.

www.raroamusic.org.nz

Fundraising Screening of WONKA

Thursday 14 December at 5.45pm, arrive from 5pm.

Tickets \$22 – includes at Foxton Fizz & Whittakers Sante bar

Fundraising for Aotea College trip of a lifetime to Japan.

To RSVP please email WonkaAotea@gmail.com

Did you know our wai can run dry?

This summer, Wellington's got to work together to protect our precious water.

Can you make at least one of the water saving tips below a habit?

☑ Turn your tap off when you brush your teeth

☑ Try having a shower in just four minutes!

☑ Press the 'half flush' button on your loo

Even better, come up with a new water saving tip and WIN!

Get your friends or whānau together and brainstorm your best water saving tips! If your tip is the winner, you'll get a \$50 Prezzy Card.

Just send in your water saving tips by December 15th to info@wellingtonwater.co.nz with the subject line "Water Saving Tip Competition" and you're in the draw.

Looking for more water saving tips? Head to WellingtonWater.co.nz for loads more.

School Holiday Activities

Christmas Holiday Programme @ Adventure School, 19 - 21 Dec 2023

BOOKINGS OPEN NOW! Ice cream Science & Ice Skating, a day out at Kapiti Coast, The Grinch meets Will Wonka and movies at the Lighthouse Cinema.

You can view and book online: www.asfc.co.nz

Summer Holiday Programme @ Adventure School, 15 Jan - 31 Jan 2023

Coming soon early December!

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 ☺

AFTER SCHOOL



Holiday Programme @ Adventure School

ARTY FARTY KIDS - Mini Christmas Art Sessions – 18-21 December

We are running some Mini Christmas Art Sessions when the children finish for the holidays. Take a look at what we are doing and see if the Arty Farty Kid in your life may want to join us.

Mornings 10am-12pm

Monday	Rudolf painting	ages 10-13yrs
Tuesday	Christmas Angel	ages 10-13 yrs
Wednesday	Star decoration & hot chocolate jar	ages 10-13yrs
Thursday	Snowflake decoration	ages 5-10yrs

Afternoons 2-4pm

Monday	Snowman Skittle game	ages 5-13yrs
Tuesday	Snowman Lolly Pot	ages 10-13yrs
Wednesday	Elf Painting	ages 5-10yrs
Thursday	Winter Snow Scene	ages 5-10yrs

Please get in touch with us asap as sessions book up very quickly!

Contact office.artyfartykids@gmail.com for further information or to book a place.