



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

Friday 8 December	1.45pm: PRIZEGIVING: whole school
Monday 11 December	Kōwhai Carol Singing Nikau: Aotea Lagoon trip 9am: Health & PE Survey Closes
Tuesday 12 December	Kōwhai: Skating & Maidstone Max trip Mānuka: Ngā Manu trip 5.45pm: Year 8 Leavers Dinner
Wednesday 13 December	Nikau Aotea Lagoon trip pp
Thursday 14 December	2.15pm: Children visit their 2024 classes Reports sent home
Friday 15 December	9.30- 2.00: Friday Fun Day
Monday 18 December	Final day of school -11:00: Final Assembly -12:00: End of school!



Please return school Library Books asap – we are missing over 200!

**Featuring in this
Issue –**

**Spotlight on Rimu
Junior Athletics Day
Yr 5-8 Touch Teams
SummerFest**



*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: Archie Fisher**

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

Throughout the school there is a familiar buzz of excitement that comes with the end of year and all its fun activities. Everyone is eagerly looking forward to celebrating our time together and the start of a much-deserved break.

Teachers also share the joy as they come to the end of report writing and reflect on the learning journey and progress their children have made throughout the year.

2024 New Student Management System



In 2024 we will be moving to HERO (by LincED) for our student management system (SMS). We are excited about the many features Hero has to offer including:

absence notifications, attendance marking, enrolling new students, emergency contact information storage, communication with parents and students, and data collection on student progress and achievement.

Our aim is to implement a robust system that allows teachers, parents, and students to access information in an online environment that is secure, easy, and effective.

More information will be sent to families about setting up login access to Hero prior to the start of Term 1 next year.

Principal's Awhi Awards

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to these fabulous 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.



Seb Mulhern



Pearl Albiston



Tillie Allen



Mila Thompson



James Glass



Elliot Derwin



Clara Scobie



Xavier St. Clair



Lelea Havea



Takaetali Finau

Ngā mihi nui

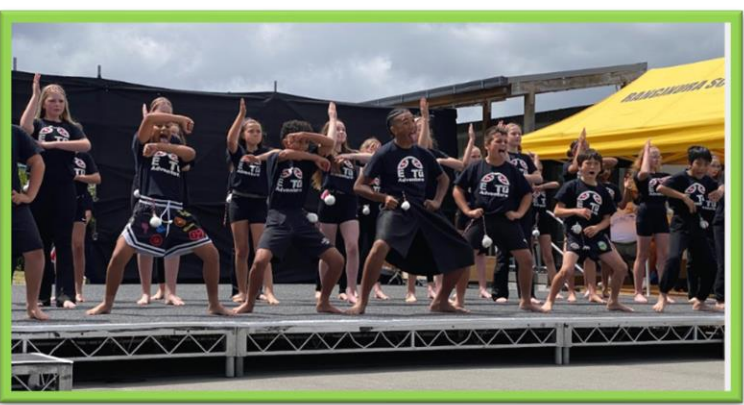
Tania Cox

Principal – Tumuaki

SUMMERFEST

Congratulations to our Kapa Haka and Pasifika Group for their exceptional and incredibly moving performances at their very first SummerFest last week.

SummerFest was hosted by Rangikura School and is an opportunity for local school bands, Kaka Haka, Poly Clubs to showcase their talent. We were so very proud of all our performers! Accolades must go to Shane Dalton, for working with Itu and Jedi (Breed Music) to make our Pasifika Group a real spectacle, and Carl McManaway, for his outstanding work with our equally spectacular Kapa Haka.



Years 0-2 will operate as one team next year, Kōwhai, and will be co-led by Rebecca St. Clair and Vanessa Burn, working collaboratively.

2024 STAFF

Management

Tania Cox Diane Pepperell Erica Leggett	Principal Deputy Principal - SENCO Yrs 1-8 - Oversees Years 0-4 Deputy Principal - Rimu Team Leader - Oversees Years 5-8
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Kōwhai Syndicate (Yrs 1-2)

Teacher	Yr	Rm
Rebecca St Clair (Team Co- Leader) <i>Intervention Teacher, Kōwhai, Teacher Release</i>	Roll Growth later in year	10
Vanessa Burn (Team Co- Leader)	Yr 2	14
Nadine Amorangi	NE/Yr 1	9
Tania Sibley	NE/Yr 1	8
Amanda-Lee Lemmon	Yr 1/2	13
Cathy Murray	Yr 2	15

Nikau Syndicate

Teacher	Yr	Rm
Toni Bennett (Team Leader)	3/4	2
Solé du Plessis	3/4	3
Alesha Wilson	3/4	4
Amy Churchill	3/4	5
Richard McQueen	3/4	19

Rimu Syndicate

Teacher	Yr	Rm
Erica Leggett (Team Leader)		
Carl McManaway	5/6	16
Emma Harris	5/6	17
Natalie O'Hara	5/6	18
Carla Nickson (Tues: Erica Leggett)	5/6	20
Andrea Nichols	5/6	21

Totara Syndicate

Teacher	Yr	Rm
Mark Hughes (Team Leader)	7/8	24
Jen Squire	7/8	25
John Kelleher	7/8	26
Shane Dalton	7/8	27

Teacher Aides

Sharyn Woodmass	Andrea Matheson
Catherine Ballin	Laura Treeby
Fiona Albiston	Marzena Scapczyk
Joyce Goggin	

Part-time Teachers

Holly Dalton (Rm 24 Team Leader release –Tōtara teacher release)
Tania Bourke (Nikau teacher release)
Deb Wilson (Rms 2 Lead Tchr release – Rm 17 Tchr release)
Vanessa Clark (Rm 14 Lead Tchr release –Tchr Release)
Carly St Laurent (ORS / ESoL Teacher)
Alisa Schilder (ORS /ESoL Teacher)

Support Staff

Jean Hutchinson Business Manager
Sharon Arrell Office Manager
Nikki Holbrook Office Assistant
Wilmeri Olivier Library Assistant
Mikaele Pule Caretaker/Cleaner

what's Rimu Been Up To?

What a busy term it has been in Rimu syndicate...

It began with the huge undertaking of planning, researching and preparing a speech for our annual Rimu Speech competition. This brings out a range of feelings and emotions for our students, from excitement to fear. It is a huge thing to speak in front of others like that and as a team, we have been so very proud of all of our students for stepping up, being brave and giving it a go...it was amazing to see so many Adventure Way traits in action throughout this time.



A huge congratulations to all our finalists:

Room 16	Jordan Elimelich	Israel
Room 16	Riley Buswell	<i>"Those"</i> friends...
Room 17	Thomas Wrighton	Where funny words come from
Room 17	Maya O'Malley	Lies
Room 18	Ashlyn Van Niekerk	Why you should travel
Room 18	Sienna Bridge	Funny things people do
Room 20	Sam McKee	Kindness
Room 20	Sarah Robertson	The benefits of smiling and laughter
Room 21	Mackenzie Thomas	Santa is actually a criminal
Room 21	Luke Zhang	New Zealand needs to change its flag





It was an incredibly challenging task for our judges to pick out a top three from the high calibre of entrants. Congratulations to Riley Buswell who took out first place with his speech about "Those" Friends! In a very close second place was Jordan Elimelich followed by Mackenzie Thomas in third place. Well done Team and a special thank you to our judges on the day – Whaea Pepperell, Mrs Schilder, Mrs Dalton and Mrs Cox!



Sadly, the weather has not been on our side with so many school events this year, our trip to Battle Hill being no different! Thank you to our amazing students who, although disappointed, showed resilience and gratitude at a day of different learning at school. We ran rotations of sports, quizzes, drama, board games and art, which the students thoroughly enjoyed. To our parents that had offered to help us on our trip, thank you endlessly! Without your support days like this would never happen, even if the sun was shining!



Whilst it doesn't make up for a hike up Battle Hill there are plans in the pipeline to bring the team together for some more time to connect, which has already started with one session (see below). This is especially important as we look to create new connections heading into a new school year.

As part of our EOTC make up students participated in a half day of EOTC on Thursday at school. Performing such events as archery, fencing, constructing their own mini golf course, badminton and skateboarding. The second half of this day will take place on Thursday 14th of December. Our students had a brilliant time, seeing Miss Willis skateboarding and Mr Keller challenge students in fencing was entertaining for all!



Coming Up

You are welcome to join us for all or even part of the day



Friday Fun Day



Friday 15 December

9.30am -2.00pm

1pm: 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.

Final Assembly

Monday 18 December

11.00am

School closes at 12.00pm



Year 5/6 Adventure School Cubs Touch Team Championship Win

On Monday 4th December the year 5 and 6 Adventure School 'Cubs' Touch team won Gold in the Total Touch Wellington Monday night module.

The Monday night module included schools from Porirua, Newlands, Johnsonville, and northern Wellington.

The Cubs were undefeated in round robin, progressing to the final against the other undefeated team from Paparangi School, with the Cubs ultimately prevailing to win the title by one point in a high-quality final.

Throughout the season, the Cubs developed their skills and team cohesion week after week, mixing individual skill with teamwork. However, it was their defence which was the standout quality, and ultimately won them gold.

The team are very proud of their effort, and a special congratulations to TJ Kie Tonga who was MVP and Cody Scott who was the team's Most Improved Player.

Year 7/8 Adventure School Bears Touch Team Claim Silver

It was the first time the school entered a Year 7/8 team into the Total Touch Wellington Monday night module. The Bears, consisting of year 8 boys, played brilliantly throughout the season, quickly picking up the skills and tactics needed to be a competitive team. Impressively every player scored at least once during the season; there were some great assists, and intercept tries; with the team finishing as runners-up in the Boys B Grade. The Bears played in a hard-fought final against Wellesley College. Ultimately it was a lot of fun and a great chance for the boys to play together before they all head off to different colleges.

Special mention to Ngatoa who was the Most Valuable Player and Taylor who was awarded Most Impressive.

Colourful Touch Jam Festival

As has become tradition, on Rāhoroi 18th November 2023 the Adventure School Cubs touch team participated in the fourth annual Touch Jam Festival at Hutt Park, a great opportunity to play in one of Aotearoa's largest participation sports.

It was a hot day, and the Cubs were well supported by friends and whānau who kept the kids fed and energised with their sideline cheering.

The Cubs played against several different kura, including Fernlea (Wainuiomata), St Josephs (Upper Hutt) and teams from further north! Although scores aren't recorded, the Cubs were competitive and managed three 'wins' and a draw.

The Cubs and their whānau kindly donated an entry fee, which was provided to a school, who without such assistance, would not have been able to enter, so thank you to the team for their contribution.

The Touch Jam organisers made it a super fun day for the tamariki, which included team games, water activities and the famous 'colour run'.

About [Touch Jam](#)

Touch Jam provides a fun, safe environment for all primary school tamariki to participate in touch. Proceeds from the Touch Jam are donated to the Atawhai Evolve Charitable Trust, whose focus is helping kids participate and achieve in sports.

The Trust also assists schools who are not ordinarily exposed to such events, by sponsoring their participation in the Touch Jam, this ensures it is an all-inclusive event.



Winners are grinners, left to right – Annie, Cody, Carter, Huntley, Keelan, Rocco and TJ



Annie spinning it wide.



Huntley supporting TJ's break



Colour Fun



Silver lining, left to right (back) Cameron, Lucas, Tyrone, Ngatoa, Angus, AJ, Carter, Kade, Alex (front), Taylor (front)

Steve Allerby

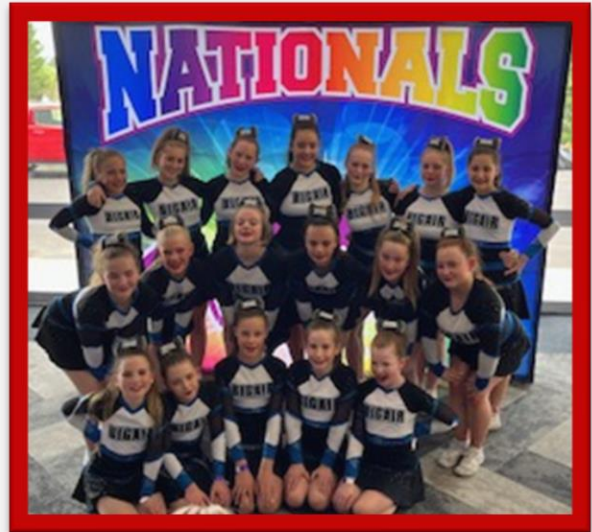
A huge thanks to Steve Allerby and Kirsten Thomlinson for promoting this opportunity and for their superb coaching of these teams.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations...

Zarna Parish, Pearl Penno & Jorja King

Jorja, Pearl and Zarna travelled to Auckland to compete in the NZ Super Cheerleading Nationals. Teams and individuals from both NZ and Australia participated this year, making for tough competition. Over the 2 days, teams performed twice with both scores combining to form the overall result. Jorja, from the team Aspire, came 2nd in their division. Pearl and Zarna, from the team Zeal, also came 2nd in their division. Zarna competed in the 'Individual' section with a solo routine. She scored very highly but was just outside the top 3.



A wonderful achievement girls!

Congratulations...

Te Raukura Kanavatoa



Congratulations to Te Raukura for her achievement as the youngest and top player in Te Atiawa Darts mixed team championship at Taranaki Tumai Annual Festival.

A fantastic achievement!

Congratulations...

Ashley Jackson

St John Youth Cadets

Ashley has competed, and won, a couple of competitions this year (along with other cadets from Adventure) - competing against teams within the Central Region of NZ (so Hamilton South). There are 3 regions - North, Central and South.

She attended a selection course during the Oct school holidays where there were ~ 60 cadets applying for the Youth Squad to represent the Central Region as part of a team of 24 to compete against other teams from the North and South regions at the National Competition in Auckland in April 2024. Ashley was able to attend this camp as she had just turned 13.

Ash was surprised to be selected and will now attend 6 training camps from Feb-Apr 24 to prepare for the big event.



A wonderful achievement!

Amazing Adventure Dancers!

Congratulations to Lexi Schofield, Harper Pullen and Zara Glass for being presented awards after The Academy's final show.



A great achievement!



Thanks to all of you who were able to come along to support the Junior Athletics day. Many thanks to Toni-Marie Bennett and her team of helpers for making this a fun and successful event.

Congratulations to our 2023 Years 2-4 Athletics champions.

Results

YEAR 2	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Girls	Ashley Gibbons	Aria Pahetogia Quinn Murphy	
Boys	Brooklyn Po	Jack Griffiths	Austin Li Steven Harrauld
YEAR 3	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Girls	Quinn Spalding	Charlotte Fraser	Indigo Eastham
Boys	Finn Sutton	Jake Johnson	Thomas Robinson Manaia Temarama
YEAR 4	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Girls	Maisie Forsyth	Addison Parish	Jessica Harrauld
Boys	Charlie Marsh	Oliver Griffiths Freddy Doherty-Jones	





Event Calendar - Important Dates

Please be aware some details may change.



TERM FOUR

Week 9	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 & Maidstone Max trip Mānuka Nga Manu Reserve 5.45pm: Tōtara Leavers Dinner
	Thursday 14 December	2.15pm: Students visit their 2024 classes Reports sent home
	Friday 15 December	Friday Fun Day
Week 11	Monday 18 December	11am: Final/Leavers assembly 12pm: School finishes for 2023

TERM ONE

Week 1	Thursday 1 February	School starts at 8.55am 9.10am: Mihi Whakatau
Week 2	Tuesday 6 February	School closed for WAITANGI DAY

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

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
FUN CLUB Holiday Programme @ Adventure School

Imagine This! Porirua Libraries Summer Festival, 3-26 January 2024

Follow the behind the scenes news and keep up with any updates by joining the Porirua Libraries Facebook page Children's Chat Group

here <https://www.facebook.com/groups/PoriruaLibraryChildrensChat> , or check out the What's Happening section of the Porirua Libraries web page here <https://porirualibrary.org.nz/whats-on/>

Goodtime Music Academy Holiday Programme

is your child in years 1-8? join goodtime music academy's epic holiday programme. every day is jam packed with fun! you'll create art, play epic games, make videos, dance, sing, play music & make loads of friends

popcorn machine | basketball shootouts | arcade game battles | foosball | air hockey
the programme is run by professional musicians and teachers at goodtime music academy in Alicetown, Lower Hutt.

when: December pre Xmas 18th - 21st. January 23rd - 26th available too.

full day: \$70 (9.00am- 4pm)

Early start: \$10 (8.00am - 9.00am)

Kelly Sports Pre-Christmas and January 2024 School Holiday Programme!

Come join Connor and the Kelly Sports team for another action-packed programme!! It's going to be the best programme yet!!! We have some fantastic days planned including:

Pre – Christmas Holiday Programme

Super Hero Day, Summer Camp Day, All Out Athletics Day plus a trip day to Avalon Park for a Picnic and Mr Whippy will be there for an ice cream!

January 2024 Holiday Programme

Ball Blast, Ready, Set, Splash!, Kids Choice, Tag Your It!, Sports Mash Up, Basketball Superstars, March To Victory, Kiwiana Summer, H2O Let's Go!

Plus trips to:

Wellington Zoo, Laser force, Ice Skating, Movies (Movie to be confirmed), Ten Pin Bowling plus lots lots more!!

You can enrol for the Pre Christmas & January 2021 Holiday Programme at:

www.kellysports.co.nz

Coding NZ - Free Coding Holiday Activity

With the increasing amount of digital technology in our world today, we believe every student deserves a chance to enjoy discovering more about how coding works. Our free holiday workshops are a great way for students to stretch their existing coding skills, or to get started for the first time.

Ages 9&10, 11&12, 13&14. Limited spots. Sign up for free at: <https://codingnz.com/freeactivity>

GKR Karate Free Trial

Attend a free trial class during the summer break. This will give you an excellent introduction into the self-defence and safety awareness benefits of karate training. Beginner kids 5+, teens & adults are all welcome.

Trials are at Johnsonville Prime, 33 Johnsonville Road, between 10-11am. Choose your free trial from these dates: Thursday 28 December, Saturday 30 December, Thursday 4 January, Sunday 7 January.

To book in, contact Sensai Anthony, cellphone 027 765 3935.

BIGAIR GYMS popular December Drop & Shop Holiday Programme is back,

running Mon 18th – Wed 20th December 2023! Full day and half day sessions are available. This is a wonderful opportunity for kids to keep active, while you get those final pre-Christmas preparations done! BIGAIR GYMS January Holiday Programme is also running Mon 8th – 26th Jan 2024. Bookings are open online now at www.bigairgym.co.nz

Please contact us with any inquiries:

Bigair Gym Tawa: ph. 232 3508, e. office@bigairgym.co.nz at 10b Surrey Street, Tawa.

Badminton

Hey kids, want to learn how to play the super fun, fast and action packed sport of badminton???

Lessons for term 1 2024 start Tuesday 29 January at our stadium in Tawa.

Classes cost just \$90 per term and kids can play from aged 6+

Register at <https://www.wnba.org.nz/learn/junior/> or email babette@wnba.org.nz for more details.

WORD- Youth mountain biking Adventures!

Term programmes- Holiday Camps- Leadership WORD ([World Off Road Riding Department](http://WorldOffRoadRidingDepartment)). WORD is a youth mountain bike charity founded in 2013 in Wellington and is now working with over 1000 kids a year! We provide after school programmes, holiday camps, youth leadership opportunities and adventure trips for 7-17 year old tamariki and rangatahi across Aotearoa. We are committed and passionate about creating awesome experiences to build youth confidence, develop new friendships, and foster a life-long love of mountain biking. For more info on our life changing programmes, check out www.word.org.nz

CodeCamp Summer Holiday Programmes

We super excited to announce our upcoming holiday program in January, where children will embark on an interactive and educational journey to explore the world of technology.

[Click here to view yours](#) **[BOOK HERE!](#)**

New holiday venues: - Silverstream School, Upper Hutt & Khandallah Town Hall

Secure your child's spot today for an unforgettable experience that combines fun and learning, equipping them with essential skills for the future.

Our summer programs book out fast so don't miss out—limited spaces available!

We have two prices now for our programs.

2 Days \$230 & 4 Days \$395 -EARLYBIRD SPECIALS SAVE UP To 21%