



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

**A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS**
and Happy New Year!



***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!***

This will be our final newsletter for 2023.

I wish to extend my gratitude to our exceptional staff - teachers, leaders, Teacher Aides, Office Staff, and Caretaker. Their unwavering dedication and passion have shone throughout the year, as they have tirelessly worked to foster and facilitate the holistic development of our tamariki. Working with such a committed and skilled team is a genuine privilege.

I also want to express my appreciation to the Board of Trustees and to the PTNi for their superb work in supporting the school throughout the year.

To the students, and whānau who are moving on to new schools, we wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

Lastly, a heartfelt thank you for your tremendous support. Connecting with you at our numerous events has been truly uplifting, and we deeply value the feedback you've provided. We are very excited about 2024 and the new adventures that we have planned.

I hope you get to enjoy a safe, relaxing and fun time with family over the Christmas break.

Noho ora mai - Stay well

Ngā mihi o te wā Kirihihi me te Tau Hou - Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Tania Cox
Principal – Tumuaki

2023 Prizegiving Recipients

Congratulations to our 2023 award recipients, presented at Prizegiving last week.

All Round Adventurer Awards – Teacher Chosen

Kōwhai

Room 8	Angelina Scully	Evie Brown
Room 9	Maddison Hamilton	Anaya Kaushik
Room 10	Rhodes Alexander	Luke Bailey
Room 11	Olivia Coburn	Joshua Halson
Room 12	Sasha Eastham	Spencer Chhim

Mānuka

Room 13	Chloe Coburn	Mika Wrighton
Room 14	Peyton Uys	Theo Goddard
Room 15	Max McKay	Benjamin Halson

Nīkau

Room 2	Prisha Pandya	Rosie Hunt
Room 3	Sloan Alexander	Arisha Syed
Room 4	Cooper Zeng	Charlotte Fraser
Room 5	Eva Wicken	Knox McPeake
Room 19	Avyann Attri	Tal Wrighton

Rimu

Room 16	Annabella Rigarlsford	Lucas Tait
Room 17	Samantha Halson	Jake Ford
Room 18	Lennox Manase	Sienna Timmins
Room 20	Sam McKee	Michael Atkinson
Room 21	Annabelle Grundy	Luke Zhang

Tōtara

Room 24	AJ McFadyen-Rew	Eita Mone
Room 25	Esther Ravikumar	Scott Uys
Room 26	Dermott Davidson	Alexandra Griffiths
Room 27	Lucas McKee	Carmelle Cohen-Ronen

All Round Adventurer Awards – Chosen by Class

Mānuka

Thomas Briggs & Micah Treeby

Nīkau

Room 2	Charlie Marsh
Room 3	Chloe Lieu-Li
Room 4	Patrick Bexley
Room 5	Theo Frew
Room 19	Indigo Eastham

Rimu

Room 16	Grace Collins
Room 17	Lars Fenemor
Room 18	Max Yi
Room 20	Isabella Frew
Room 21	Ginny Rosedale

Tōtara

Room 24	Rose Bonar
Room 25	Matiu Mone
Room 26	Xavier Goggin
Room 27	Riddick Rautenbach

Cups & Trophies

Citizenship Awards

Kōwhai Friendship	Zara Glass
Junior Resilience	Mila Thompson
Junior Citizenship	Charlotte McKee
Nīkau Challenge	Hannah Robertson
Nīkau Creativity	Liam Collins
Rimu Endeavour	Mireya Roche
Tōtara Citizenship	Ashley Jackson

Sports Awards

Rimu Sports Person	Lennox Manase
Tōtara Male Sports Person	Justin Wang
Tōtara Female Sports Person	Zarna Parish

Academic Awards

Year 6 Academic	Isabel Dowd
Year 7 Academic	Sumvidh Bharadwaj
Year 8 Academic	Hanna Incze

School Contribution Awards

Kapa Haka Trophy	Madison Hadfield
Performing Arts	Valu Aliva
Kia Kaha Cup	Eli Haran
Rangatiratanga Cup	Eita Mone
Whanaungatanga Cup	Takaetali Finau
Contribution to School Life	Libby La'ulu
Principal's Outstanding Adventurer	Mireya Roche

2023 HOUSE SHIELD

Longitude – Alexandra Griffiths (House Captain)



Sports Spot

Regional Athletics Results

We are very proud of our team of 19 Yr 5-8 students who represented Parumoana at the recent Regional Athletics.

Many of our athletes placed in the top 10 for their individual events.

Congratulations to Sebastian Smit for placing 3rd in the Yr 6 Boys Long Jump, the Yr 6 Boys Relay Team (Leo Brell, Lennox Manase, Josh Penno and Sebastian Smit) for placing 1st, and the Yr 5 Boys Relay Team (Jacob Penno, Alex Arbidans, Hugo Banner, Rocco de Graaff) for placing 3rd.

A huge thank you to John Kelleher and all the parents who supported on the day.

REMINDER

Friday Fun Day

PLEASE NOTE: Parents are welcome to attend all or part of the day, but this is very much optional. We are aware this is a busy time of year and several of you have already taken time off work to accompany classes on trips.

We know most parents will not be able to attend. Your children will still have a fun day even if you are not able to be part of it.



Friday 15 December
9.30-2.00



12.30: Picnic lunch on top field (weather permitting)

■ 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)

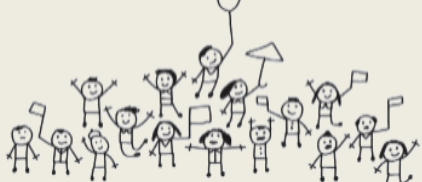
-roller-skates / rollerblades / skateboards
scooters + a helmet (mandatory for all
wheels)



(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

HURRICANES VISIT

Recently, Adventure School had a visit from the Hurricanes. We had four generous Hurricanes at our school: Losi Filipo, Siale Lauaki, Kyle Preston & Isaia Leawere-Walker.



Why? Well, Room 16 entered a colouring competition to design the new Hurricanes kit. We had to include patterns like the Mangopare pattern (hammerhead shark) and the Niho pattern (shark's teeth). We spent around two weeks designing these shirts and it paid off. One of the designs really stood out to the Hurricanes: Isabel Dowd's. She was told that her design should be shown to Christopher Luxon!



So last Wednesday we high fived the 4 players when they came through the school gate.

We took them to the court behind the hall to play Seaweed against them. The huge crowd was fierce, just like the eye of the hurricane. Mr Mac challenged the Hurricanes that if they let any of the Room 16 kids get past all four of them then Room 16 would win. When he won, Lucas, Liam D, Bhagat and some others threw Hugo high into the air!

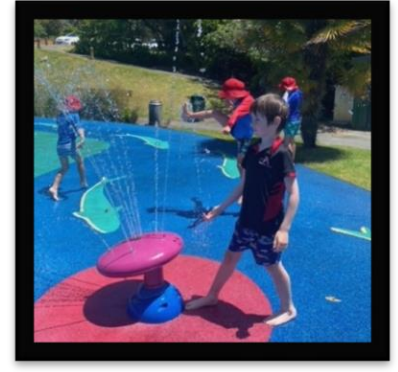
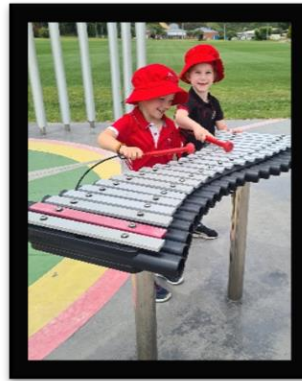
Then, in the hall, our class got to ask the Hurricanes some questions. Issy was quite funny.

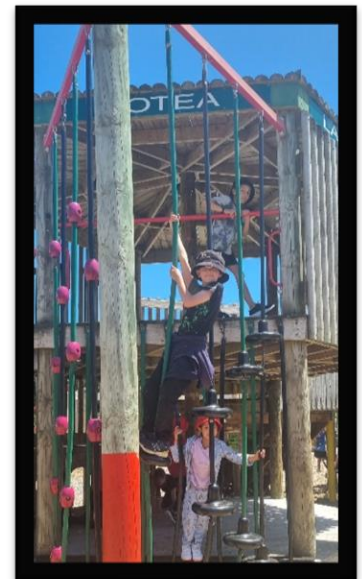
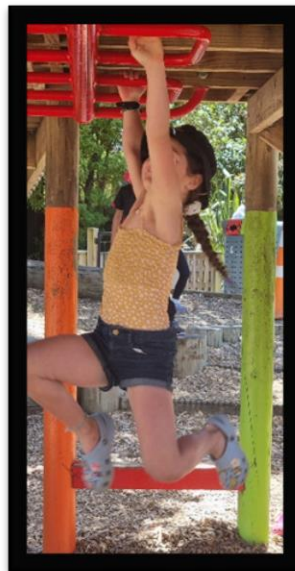
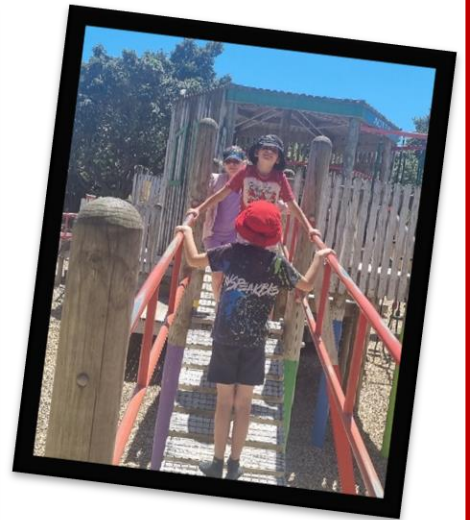
When the Q&A was over we all went outside and the Hurricanes gave the whole school autographs. The lines were super long, because everyone wanted a signature. We were so lucky because they gave us heaps of merchandise! They gave us Hurricanes flags and limited-edition lunchboxes.

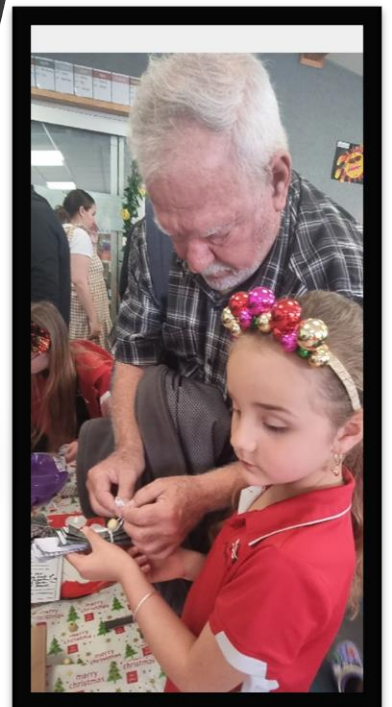
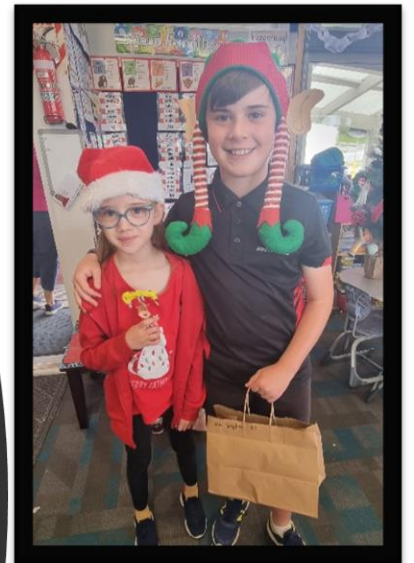
What an exciting day!

By Room 16

End of Year Out & About







Rimu

One of Rimu's major learning focus this term was around force and motion. Our students collaboratively designed and built their own Co2 dragster, aerodynamics taking the major consideration in their design, however sometimes this was overtaken by the appearance. With the range of designs we had it sure made for an interesting race day. Amongst the racing lineup was a slick pencil, a carrot complete with leaves, a variety of cars featuring spoilers and wings, and a "mini"! Our races began with the Rimu Class Championship – where each class raced to identify the top three cars. From here the winners progressed to the Nickson Trophy Challenge, identifying the top 3 cars across Rimu Syndicate. Each race required a photo finish, it was an incredibly stressful time for Mr Mac analysing the footage.



First Place - Class Championship Winners



2nd Place - Class Championship Winners



3rd Place - Class Championship Winners

Congratulations to our Nickson Trophy Co2 Dragster winners...

1st Place – Evan Grant-Fargie and Tayne Bishop (Room 18)

2nd Place – Amaan Razvi and Thomas Jenkins (Room 21)

3rd Place – Conor Dillon and Spencer Bush (Room 16)

Well done to our Rimu Class of 2023 students! You have had such a fantastic year of learning, and we are so very proud of you. It is nearly time for a well-deserved break!!



Event Calendar - Important Dates

Please be aware some details may change.



TERM FOUR

Week 10	Friday 15 December	Friday Fun Day
Week 11	Monday 18 December	11am: Final/Leavers assembly 12pm: School finishes for 2023

TERM ONE 2024

Week 1	Monday 29 January	9am-6pm – School office open
	Tuesday 30 January	9am-3pm – School office open
	Wednesday 31 January	School closed for Staff Development Development
	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