



Adventure School

Adventure School Newsletter

No 1 – 1 February 2024

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

HERO

ASAP – please sign up

Tuesday 6 February

Wednesday 7 February

Thursday 8 February

Monday 12 February

Tuesday 13 February

Waitangi Day: SCHOOL CLOSED

5.30pm: Family Picnic/Teacher Meet n' Greet

Tōtara Team Technicraft begins

5.30: Board of Trustees Meeting

7.00: PTNi Meeting

IMPORTANT in this Issue –

HERO – new SMS

2024 Staff

Important Reminders



***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!***

Kia ora koutou

A very warm welcome to 2024! It was a joy to see your wonderful children excitedly pouring through the gates this morning!

Whilst I know most of you have enjoyed a wonderful break spending time with friends and family, I am also aware that the holidays have not been such a happy time for some.

Our hearts and best wishes go out to our caretaker, Mikaele, whose partner unexpectedly passed away a couple of weeks ago. We were also very saddened to attend the funeral of former pupil, 17 year old Ryan Schulz, who was tragically killed in a motorcycle accident.

This is a relatively brief newsletter, but I wanted to share a few important reminders as well as some up-coming events.

During the holidays, the school was certainly a hive of industry, and your children were very excited to explore their new environments today. I will share more in the next newsletter!

IMPORTANT: Have you set up your login to HERO yet?

Adventure is now a  **Hero School**

What is HERO?

HERO is our new Student Management System. This is the place parents notify absences, make payments, and receive school notices from the start of Term 1.

To have access, each caregiver will need to set up a login using their individual email address.

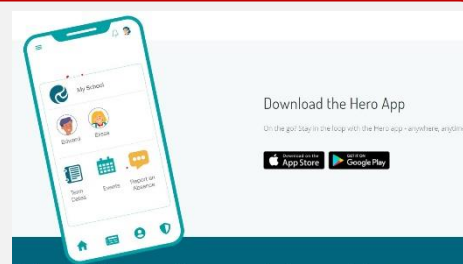
Logging in

HERO can be downloaded via the App store/ Google Play or accessed on any web browser. Simply

- download the HERO app
- add the email address you have given the school (*select 'new user'*)
- follow the prompts

or if logging in via a web page

- search or type hero.linc-ed.com to be taken to the log in screen



What do you need to do?

Once you have a Login,

We will start with the basic services first, such as notices, absences and making payments.

Please bear with us while we set up the system for success.



Notifying an Absence

This will become our preferred method of reporting your child's absence.

Instead of emailing, texting or phoning, **please use the App.**

- Go to the **Home** section of your profile
- Click the **Yellow** button
- Follow the prompts

There will be a PIZZA LUNCH PRIZE
for first class to have all parents signed up to
HERO!



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 Tania Sibley Amanda-Lee Lemmon Cathy Murray	NE/Yr1 NE/Yr1 Yr 1/2 Yr 2	9 8 13 15

Nīkau 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
Alisa Schilder	5/6	18
Carla Nickson (Tues: Erica Leggett)	5/6	20
Andrea Nichols	5/6	21

Tōtara 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	Joyce Goggin
Chloe Tinney	

Part-time Teachers

Holly Dalton (Rm 24 Team Leader release & Tōtara teacher release)
Tania Bourke (Nīkau teacher release)
Deb Wilson (Rm 2 Lead Tchr release & Rm 17 & 18 Tchr release)
Vanessa Clark (Rm 14 Lead Tchr release & Tchr Release)
Carly St Laurent (ORS / ESoL Teacher)
Laura Treeby (ORS Teacher)
Georgia Vaughan (ESoL Teacher)

Support Staff

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



Welcome to our new students-

KŌWHAI: Harley Burnett, Hadleigh Jimmieson, Brendon Ng, Spencer Pickering, Nathan Burgess, Georgina McKee, Yunay Delwadia, Willow George, Saisha Sharma, Xavier Rosedale, Mackenzie Crockford, Amelia Ho

NĪKAU: Lydia Goh, Adam Lowther, Jane Park

RIMU: Benjamin Li, Sofia Ho, Emily Glynn, Sia Park, Jorja Tierney

TŌTARA: Adrian Ah Sam, Kayden Chetty, Cameron Tierney, Charlie Giles, Jennie Park, Cayleigh Belling, Kyshi Christopher

Coming Up



Teacher Meet n' Greet

Wednesday 7 February

5.30: Picnic dinner on bottom court

6.15-7pm: An opportunity to visit your child's classroom and meet their teacher.

Please Note: This is not intended as a time for individual meetings with teachers. Please arrange another time if needed.

I will be in my office (opposite the main office door, in Nīkau block) from 6.15pm for any one who would like to pop in for a chat or just to say hello.




A Few Start of the Year Reminders...

Our School Day

The gates are **open from 8.30am** to allow time for teachers to prepare for the day.

School starts at 8.55am. It is important for children to be at school in plenty of time to organise their belongings and connect with their teacher and friends before the 8.55am bell.

<u>Bell Times</u>			
Gates Open	➔	8.30	
Spell 1	➔	8.55 – 10.30	(1 hr 35 mins)
Morning Tea	➔	10.30 – 10.50	(20 mins)
Spell 2	➔	10.50 – 11.50	(1 hr)
Brain Break	➔	11.50 – 12.00	(10 mins)
Spell 3	➔	12.00 – 1.00	(1 hr)
Lunch	➔	1.00 – 1.55	(55 mins)
Spell 4	➔	1.55 – 3.00	(1 hr 5 mins)

Children arriving after 8.55 need to report to office.



Our School Uniform



As a school, we have always felt proud of the way our students wear their uniform and we have had much positive feedback from the community.

Please do talk to your child's teacher if a problem arises where your child is unable to wear a piece of the uniform so we can find a way to help.

Our uniform consists of the following:

Tops <i>any combination of the following</i>	Bottoms	Other
Adventure School: -Red zip-up hoodie -Red polar fleece -Red with white polo shirt -Black with white polo shirt	- Any plain black bottoms NOTE: Please NO - denim jeans - logos (eg Nike, Adidas, etc) - patterned, sparkly, studded clothing	Hats Adventure School: -School bucket hat -Black or red beanie
Year 7/8 - Adventure School Black zip-up hoodie Sports hoodies are not part of our school uniform		

Student Cellphones

Once children have entered the school grounds, their cellphones

- must be turned off.
- handed to the class teacher



Cell phones will be kept in the school office and returned at 3pm.

Cellphones are not permitted on class trips, camps or sporting events.

If children need to contact parents during the school day or vice versa, this can be done via the office.

Reporting Your Child's Absence

Please notify the school of your child's absence through



Sun Safety



Hats

- For sun safety, all children are expected to wear school uniform bucket hats during Term 1 and from Labour Weekend Term 4.
- School bucket hats are available for purchase at the office.



Sunblock

- Although sunblock is available in every classroom, we encourage children to come to school already sun-blocked and then to reapply during the day.

Severe Nut Allergy

Just a reminder, Adventure is a **"Nut Free"** school as we have a number of 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.



Food/ Drinks

We encourage healthy eating and drinking of water.



We have a 10 minute "Brain Break" at 11.50am and during this time, children are able to snack on a piece of fresh vegetable or fruit.

Please support our request that children **do not bring** the following items to school:

- Chewing gum
- Sweets/ chocolate
- Carbonated drinks
- Birthday celebration cakes / treats

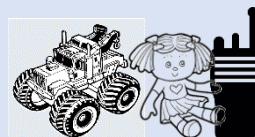


As we have many children with severe allergies and special dietary requirements, as well as some families not able to supply such treats to the entire class, please do not send class birthday cakes or treats to school.

Toys & Personal Items

We ask that children do not bring toys and precious items to school.

The school can take no responsibility for any such items if they go missing or are damaged.

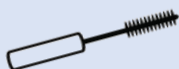


Dogs in School Grounds

Dogs are not permitted on school grounds except as part of a specialised, pre-arranged programme.



Make-up & Jewellery



Please support the school by ensuring your children do not wear makeup or unnecessary jewellery to school. For safety, please only wear studs as earrings.

Ngā mihi nui

Tania Cox

Principal – Tumuaki



Event Calendar - Important Dates

Please be aware some details may change.



TERM ONE		
Week 2	Tuesday 6 February	SCHOOL CLOSED for Waitangi Day
	Wednesday 7 February	Subway lunch orders start again 5.30pm: Whānau picnic and Meet & Greet
	Thursday 8 February	Year 7/8 students start Technicraft at Brandon
Week 3	Monday 12 February	5.30pm: BOT meeting in staffroom
	Tuesday 13 February	7pm: PTNi meeting in staffroom
	Friday 16 February	2pm: Assembly
Week 4		
Week 5	Tuesday 27 February	Dental van onsite until 12 April Year 7/8 vaccinations
	Friday 1 March	2pm: Assembly
Week 6	Monday 4 March	5.30pm: BOT meeting in staffroom
	Tuesday 5 - Friday 8 March	Tōtara camp
Week 7	Friday 15 March	School photos 2pm: Assembly Duathlon (tbc)
Week 8	Thursday 21 March	6pm: Whānui Hui
Week 9	Friday 29 March	GOOD FRIDAY - School closed
Week 10	Monday 1 April	EASTER MONDAY - School closed
	Tuesday 2 April	EASTER TUESDAY - School closed
	Friday 5 April	2pm: Assembly
Week 11	Monday 8 April	5.30pm: BOT meeting
	Friday 12 April	Term 1 finishes at 3pm

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

KELLY SPORTS TERM 1 – BACK TO SCHOOL SPORTS!!

Kelly Sports is back for Term 1 with our fun and exciting classes! Kelly Sports encourages children to have fun, build confidence and to give sport a go.

We believe that sport and physical activity has so much to offer young people; it improves fitness, develops communication skills, team work and gives them a place to channel their energy.

Back to School Sports (Years 0-4) – Wednesday's 3.05pm-4.05pm – The sports we will focus on this term are: ***Athletics, Ultimate Frisbee, Turbo Touch and Dodgeball.***

It's a great way to try new sports, learn new skills and improve ability. We use games & drills to teach game sense and team play. Your child will learn the basic fundamental skills for all sports – throwing, running, jumping, striking, balance and many more – all while having a great time!

Sessions start on Weds 14 Feb 2024 and runs for 8 weeks.

For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit www.kellysports.co.nz email adminwqtn@kellysports.co.nz.

Tawa Junior Squash

Looking for a new sport that's not weather dependent? Come give junior squash a try at Tawa squash club. We have two programmes available for juniors from 5-19 years old. All gear is provided apart from shoes - please wear non-marking shoes i.e. no black/dark coloured soles.

Monday afternoon coaching

When: Beginners 4-4:45pm, Experienced 4:45-5:30pm.

What: Professional coaching by Matt Green. Trial your first lesson for free and then \$100 for the full term or a discounted rate if starting later in the term.

Where: Tawa squash club. 67 Main Road Tawa

Friday Club Night

When: 5-5:30pm for 5-8 year olds, 5:30-6:30pm for all other juniors.

What: Fun social squash and games run by professional coach, Matt Green. Free for club members or \$5 for non-members. No need to sign up, just show up.

Where: Tawa Squash Club. 67 Main Road Tawa

Any questions? Please email Abby, the junior squash coordinator: wrabby@outlook.com.

Porirua Grand Traverse – 7 April

Need a new goal for the New Year?

Fun Run/Walk? Paddle? Mountain Run? Mtn Bike? Multisport or Duathlon ?

Pick your passion at the Porirua Grand Traverse - April 7th.

[Click Here 2 Enter Now !](#)

Wonderplay

Wonderplay has places available for kids drama in Churton Park on Tuesdays at Churton Park Community Centre; 4pm Star Players (7-14 year olds). Contact Debs debs@wonderplay.co.nz

021-172-2836, www.wonderplay.co.nz