



Adventure School

Adventure School Newsletter

No 2 – 15 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

Friday 16 February	Nikau Basketball starts 2.00: Whole School Assembly
Tuesday 20 February	Yr 7 & NE Hearing & Vision testing
Friday 23 February	Nikau Basketball
Tuesday 27 February	Yr 7&8 vaccinations Dental Van in school (until 12 Apr)
Friday 1 March	Sausage Sizzle 2.00: Whole School Assembly

Featuring in this Issue –

- New in the Playground
- Serious Safety Concern
- Mihi Whakatau
- 2024 Student Leaders
- Meet n' Greet photos

*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, привет, Hello!*



Welcome to our new students-

KŌWHAI: Horomona Tipene-Yates, Findlay Boyd, Leo Petrov,
Eli Forsyth

RIMU: Aamaru Tipene-Yates

We are impressed at how quickly our children have adjusted to a new school year and settled into their classes; it's hard to believe we're already at the end of week 3.

The teachers had a great time connecting with families at our Meet n' Greet last week. Children flourish in their learning when they feel connected and content. We look forward to strengthening our partnerships with you and are excited about the positive impact we can collectively make on your child's learning journey.

Please, if you have any concerns whether it be around learning, social, anxiety, bullying or other, reach out so we can work together and address issues quickly. In most instances, your first point of contact the class teacher before the team leader, or Deputy Principal (Diane Pepperell – Yrs 1-4 or Erica Leggett – Yrs 5-8) or Principal.

In line with our Strategic Plan, we have made a start on improving our outdoor areas and creating spaces and places that enhance learning and engagement. The children have certainly been very excited to explore these.

You may have noticed some of the work carried out over the holiday break-

- The Hall floor has been freshly sealed, and the foyer, doors and toilets repainted
- New drinking fountains outside Tōtara Learning Studio
- A colour change to many exterior window ledges and doors

We have also been working to cull out-dated furniture and replace with modern, fit for purpose items, especially in the central learning spaces.

We are thrilled with the new playground markings. They have been designed to be used in multiple ways, and with a range of equipment in different areas of the school.

Our teachers put their collaborative and creative skills together to explore possibilities across the curriculum on one of our Teacher Only days.





New Senior Playground - Update

We are almost there! Installation was completed during the holidays, and it is certainly looking magnificent! The final step is to extend the surround and reinstate the bark for safety and we are hoping to have this in place over the next few weeks. We will hold a special opening and will share more information as this unfolds.



2024 Student Leadership Team

Congratulations to our 2024 Student Leadership Team, elected by their peers and the staff at the end of last year.

HEAD STUDENTS



Takaetali Finau



Payton Bradley

HOUSE CAPTAINS

Crowsnest



Issie Squire

Longitude



Dermott Davidson

Latitude



Jonty McMullan

Mainsail



Riddick Rautenbach

SAFETY CONCERNS AT 3PM



We have becoming increasingly concerned about safety of our children and lack of care from some drivers after school.

Please help us keep **all children safe** by being a good role model and encouraging your children to **walk around the cul-de-sac to-**

- ➡ get to the far side instead of through the angle parks
- ➡ avoid crossing at the busy entrance to Longitude Place – this is dangerous!

Please **don't park on the Bus Stop**.

Some drivers are parking and leaving their cars. This stops the flow of traffic and causes huge frustration from other drivers.

Please **don't just stop in the middle of the road to wait for your children or get them in the car**. This is dangerous! It also stops the flow of traffic.

We've seen children run across the road in front of a stationary car to get to the angle parks and almost be hit by a vehicle that suddenly starts moving again.

For the safety of others, our children **walk** their bikes and scooters **in and out of the school driveway** and staff carpark. We ask that you please support this and only mount your bike once outside the main gate.

We really appreciate you working with us to keep all children safe.

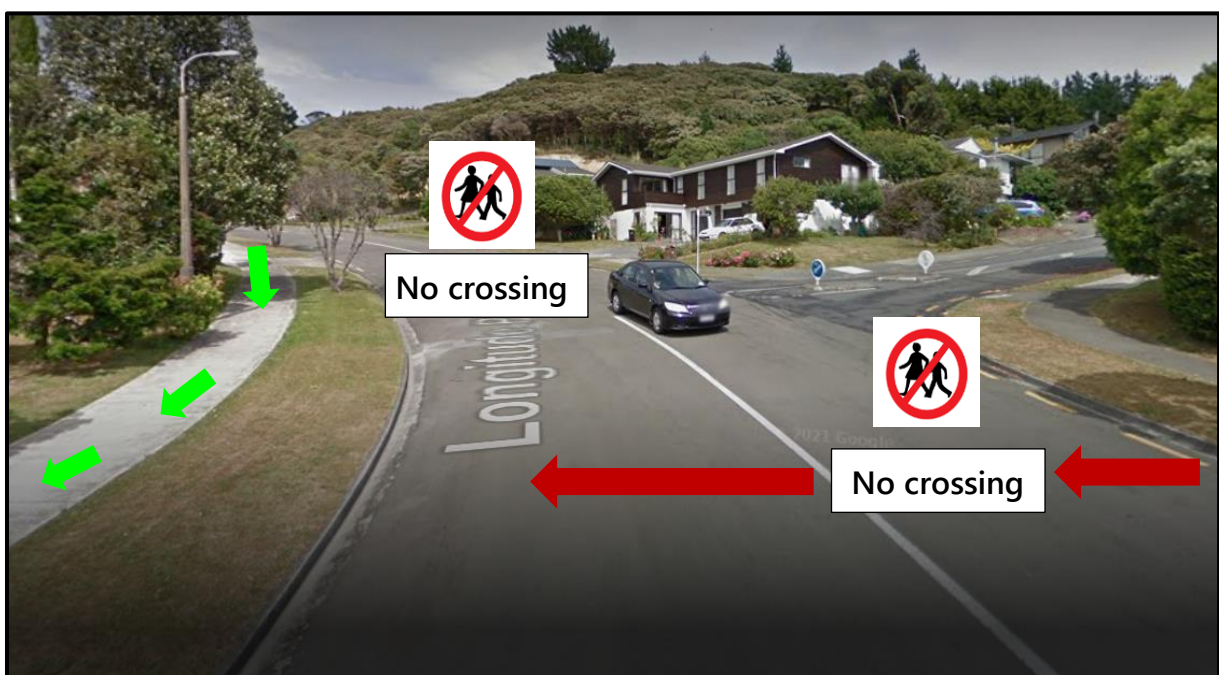
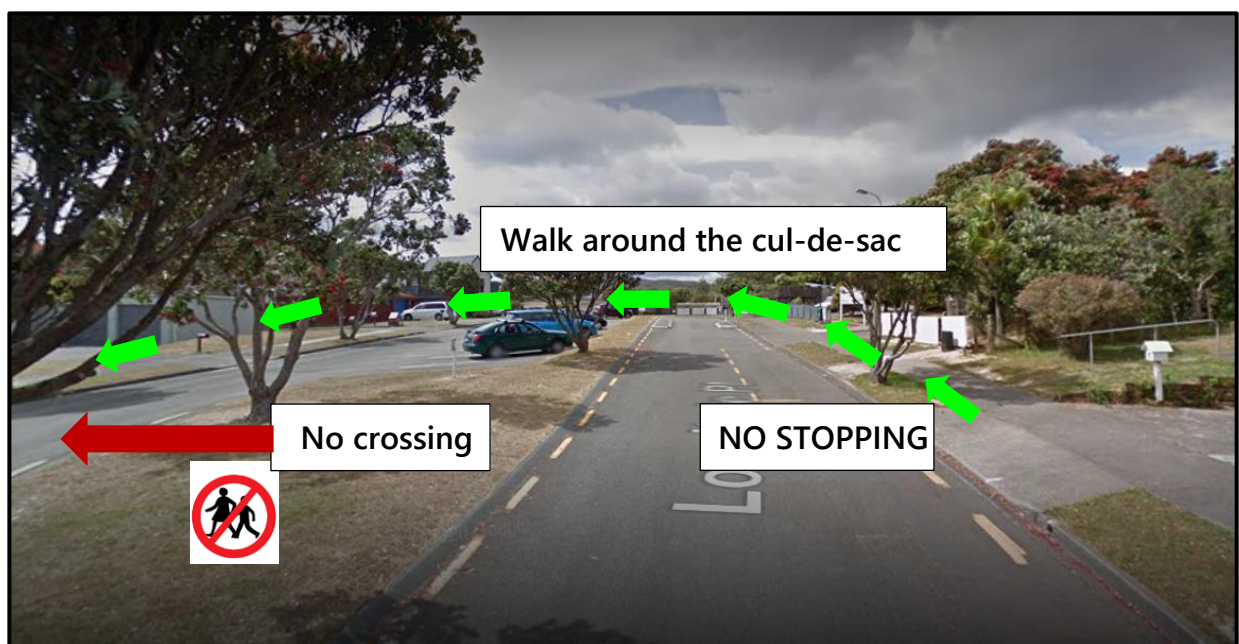
Road Safety – Longitude Place

Longitude Place becomes extremely congested particularly around drop-off and pick up times.

Please support the school community to keep all our children safe by-

- ➡ *reminding your children to **walk around the cul-de-sac** to get to the far side of the road*
- ➡ *being a good role model*

PLEASE don't stop in the middle of the road to let your kids get in the car.



RECENT EVENTS

MIHI WHAKATAU

We were very proud of our Head Students and tamariki as they welcomed our new families, students and staff at our recent Mihi Whakatau. Here are some highlights.



Whānau Picnic & Teacher Meet n' Greet



Ngā mihi nui
Tania Cox
Principal – Tumuaki

SPORTS SPOT

PRE-SEASON NETBALL READINESS SESSIONS

In order to have the students ready for trials we are offering two after school pre-season netball readiness sessions. These are for Year 7 & 8 students only. These sessions will help the students build match fitness, practice their skills and enjoy some game play. These sessions are voluntary, but we do encourage the students to attend at least one session before the trials, if not both.



The Pre-season Netball Readiness Sessions will be held on:
Thursday 29 February, 3.00pm - 4.15pm
Thursday 14 March, 3.00pm - 4.15pm

If you have any questions, please email namorangi@adventure.school.nz

TRIALS:

In order to get things underway, we will run netball trials again this year for Year 7 & 8 students.

Trials will be held on:

Thursday 21 March, 2.00pm - 4.15pm

Please make sure your child keeps that day free to attend. The students give us an indication of their preferred positions prior to trials. We then trial them in at least their top two preferred positions on the day.



Tough Guy and Gal

Entries are now open for the Annual Junior Tough Guy and Gal event held at Camp Wainui in Wainuiomata. We have a School Team booked for Wednesday 22 May.

- Parents/Caregivers enter and pay for children online.
- It is VERY IMPORTANT the correct entry/day and venue is selected - Adventure School is booked in to compete on Wednesday 22 May.
- Please select THE TEACHER WILL PICK UP THE RACE NUMBER when they come to the bib collection question and write our school's name in FULL - Adventure School.
- If these steps are followed every Adventure student that enters will be linked together and everything will be waiting for John Kelleher to pick up from the event registration.
- Please use this link to enter: <https://2024juniortggc.events.mygameday.app/>
- All the information about the event is on this website. Please read all the details carefully before entering your child/ren.

Transport

It is the responsibility of the parents/caregivers to organise transport. I suggest you work with other families as there is limited car parking space and this is only made worse by wet conditions.

John Kelleher

jkelleher@adventure.school.nz



JUNIOR TOUGH GUY AND GAL
CHALLENGE
EXTREME OFF ROAD RUNNING EVENT



COMING UP

Kōwhai Toy Sale!

Tuesday 19 March



Kōwhai teachers are now accepting donations of old toys
All proceeds go towards Kōwhai curriculum resources.

Thanks so much for your support!

No matter how young or old your kids are, this is a message every parent needs to hear.

Kāpiti College presents:

The Ultimate Parents Guide to...

Understanding our kids **Online World**
and how to keep them safe.

**Cyberbullying
Social Media
Gaming
Online Predators
Online Porn
Smartphones
Filters
Boundaries**

Come and hear Filmmaker & Author Rob Cope in
what promises to be a hilarious, straight talking
Parent to Parent talk

Watch the promotional video here - [Our Kids Online Parent Evening.](#)

TUESDAY 5TH MARCH 2024 | 7PM - 9PM
TE RAUKURA KI KĀPITI, COASTLANDS THEATRE
34A RAUMATI ROAD, PARAPARAUMU

**OUR KIDS ONLINE TICKETS CAN BE
PURCHASED AT [Eventfinda](#)**



FREE Dental Checks!

Adventure School

The Bee Healthy Dental Mobile will be parked at your school in term 1 from 27 February to 12 April 2024.
We want all children to have a positive experience when they have a dental check.

Please call us on 0800 825 583 to discuss any special considerations about your child that we need to be aware of. Special considerations may include ASD, sensory issues, developmental delay, anxiety or ADHD.

We would also like to know if your child has a medical condition or is taking medication we may not be aware of.

Our privacy policy can be found on our website:
<https://www.beehealthy.org.nz/contact-us/privacy-policy/>

If your child is **not** enrolled in the service please check their bag for an enrolment form. This is to be completed and returned to the school office so that we can see your child for their free annual checkup.

To update your contact details, please call **0800 TALK TEETH (825 583)**

Private Bag 31907 Lower Hutt
www.beehealthy.org.nz | 0800 TALK TEETH (825 583)



Event Calendar - Important Dates

Please be aware some details may change.



TERM ONE		
Week 3	Friday 16 February	2pm: Assembly
Week 4	Tuesday 20 February	NE & Yr 7 Hearing & Vision testing
	Friday 23 February	Lucky Book Club Issue 1 orders close
Week 5	Tuesday 27 February	Dental van onsite until 12 April Year 7 Boostrix & Gardasil vaccinations
	Friday 1 March	Sausage Sizzle 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
	Tuesday 19 March	Kōwhai Toy Sale
Week 8	Thursday 21 March	6pm: Whānui Hui
	Friday 22 March (NEW DATE)	Duathlon (more details to come)
Week 9	PTNI AGM	7pm.: in Staffroom. All welcome
	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

BigAir Gymsports

If your child loves doing cartwheels, handstands, trampolining, flips, dancing, or parkour, then they will thrive at Bigair Gym! Bigair Gym classes are excellent for fun, focus and fitness! Children learn new skills and develop personal confidence and self-achievement! Strong focus is given to safety and technique, ranging from fundamentals to advanced skills. The structured classes follow a Bigair Badge Programme, which creates focused learning, and allows children to achieve and feel personal progression! Bigair classes include **GYMNASTICS, TRAMPOLINING, TUMBLING, FREE RUNNING** (that's parkour with flips) & **CHEERLEADING!** Inquire about Bigair **BIRTHDAY PARTIES** too! Book online for Term 1 now at www.bigairgym.co.nz or please contact us for any inquiries: Bigair Gym Tawa: ph. 232 3508, e. office@bigairgym.co.nz at 10b Surrey Street, Tawa.

ARTY FARTY KIDS, Term 1 2024, Local Art Classes

ABSTRACT ART - Art Delight, 9.30am - 10.45am, Ages 5-10 years
REFLECTIONS - a technical painting class, 11.00am - 12.30pm, Ages 10-15 years
Starting Saturday 17th February (an 8 week course)

ABORIGINAL ARTWORK - 3.30pm - 5.00pm
Starting Sunday 18th February, Ages 5-15 years

Arty Farty Kids LTD
022 174 8558

Encore Drama Academy (*previously known as Helen O'Grady Drama Academy*)

Encore Drama Academy based in Wellington is all about giving children self confidence to succeed in life. Our classes help build creative thinking and literacy skills while also teaching children positive social skills including effective team interaction, leadership, confidence and public speaking. Our programme also helps every child to develop performance skills, overcome shyness, develop positive self esteem, grow imagination, and make new friends in a fun filled learning environment. After-school classes for 5 – 17 year olds are held in Khandallah, Tawa, Whitby, and Lower Hutt. If you wish to enroll or require more information please visit our website www.encoredramaacademy.co.nz.

All welcome for FUN, FRIENDS and FOOD at North Porirua Baptist Church

New Junior youth Group for year 7 and 8 students.
When: 5-6:30 pm 16/02, 01/03, 15/03, 05/04
Contact Church office: 04 234 7336 or Vee: 021 1433 488

Porirua Cadet Unit is holding an open day on Wednesday 28th February at 19:00-2030hrs, at Brandon Intermediate School in Driver Crescent.

Teens and parents are welcome to come along and see what cadets is like. If it looks like it's for you, we can arrange for you to come to a few parade nights to test it out. You can join from 13 years old. If you're not old enough, still come and check us out for the future. Make friends, learn skills, earn awards, work as a team, and develop your confidence and leadership. The NZ Cadet Force is a national youth organisation, with the local Porirua unit proud to be national winners in 2023. For enquiries contact cporcu@cadetforces.org.nz

PAREMATA-PLIMMERTON RFC, JUNIOR RUGBY REGISTRATIONS 2024

We'd like to invite all new and returning players to register for the 2024 junior rugby season! Club rugby grades are based on your school year. Grades range from Nursery (aged 3yrs +) to Year 8. Year 3 is the first year of tackle rugby. We continue to have Rippa Rugby available for all ages which provides a great way for all to stay in the game.

Please register now online and remember to upload a current photo.
<https://www.paremataplimmertonrugby.club/juniors/junior-registrations>

Once you have registered and paid online, come to one of our rego days to collect your playing top, purchase any merch and to ask any questions.

Registration fees need to be paid before you can receive your playing top.

REGO DAYS at Pare-Plim RFC, Ngati Toa Domain

Tues 12th March 5.00 – 7.00pm Saturday 16th March 11am – 1pm

If you have any questions, please email: juniors@pareplimrugby.co.nz