



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 1 March	Nikau Syndicate: Basketball Sausage Sizzle St John's 1 st Aid Training (Rms 16, 17 & 18) 2pm: Assembly
Monday 4 March	5.30: BOT Meeting (Staffroom)
Tues 5 - Fri 8 March	Tōtara Syndicate at Makahiki Camp
Friday 8 March	Nikau Syndicate: Basketball St John's 1 st Aid Training (Rms 4, 5 & 19)
Tuesday 12 March	GRIP Leadership Conference

Featuring in this Issue –

- Government's policy direction
 - Cell phones & Smartwatches
 - 1 Hr of Reading, Writing & Maths daily
- Teachers as Learners
- Our Board of Trustees
- Croc Problems
- Movin' March

For a full list of Term 1 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, привет, Hello!



Welcome to our new students-

KŌWHAI: Audren Shah, Elaine Gebhard

NĪKAU: Aviana Donaldson

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

Term One is certainly in full swing and already our children have been enthusiastically engaged in several new learning experiences.

You will no doubt be aware of the new government's education policy, marked by two significant actions to be implemented within the first 100 days.

For Adventure, there won't be the need for a lot of change because Literacy and Mathematics have always been a priority.

Cell Phone Ban in Schools

Cell phones and smart watches with communication capability are not allowed to be used by students whilst on school grounds and are given to classroom teachers at the start of the day. This has been an expectation at Adventure for some time now. Please see our policy in SchoolDocs for specific information.

Parents and students are still able to communicate with each other, if necessary, but need to do this through the school office.

Hour a Day for Reading, Writing and Maths

Reading, Writing and Maths already take a key place in learning throughout the day across all year levels. Our teachers are committed to providing quality teaching and learning experiences that focus on individual needs and in contexts that are meaningful and relevant.

As per the government policy, the hour includes:

- dedicated time for teaching core knowledge and skills in Mathematics and Literacy
- opportunities to integrate and apply new learning to the wider curriculum

We are striving to develop competent, engaged Mathematicians, Readers, and Writers who naturally transfer skills.

Board of Trustees 2024

We are grateful to our committed and diligent Board for their work in supporting staff to put our children at the heart of everything we do.

Congratulations to Chris Eastham, newly appointed Presiding Member (Board Chairperson).

A heartfelt thank you to former Presiding Member, Andrew Myers for his commitment and ongoing great work in this role.

Our current board is-

Chris Eastham – Presiding Member

Tania Cox – Principal

Andrew Myers – Parent Representative

Ainsley Thomson – Parent Representative

Karyn Andreassend – Parent Representative

Lynaire Parish – Parent Representative

Pasanka Wickremasinghe – Parent Representative

Cathy Murray – Staff Representative

Our next Board meeting is Monday 4 March at 5.30pm in the Staffroom.

You are welcome to attend.

Teachers are Learners Too ...

As teachers, we never stop learning... and we have fun have doing it!

Recently number of us participated in an after-school St Johns 1st Aid training course. Here are some highlights.



Croc Problems...

We are aware Crocs are the latest craze in footwear, especially with the addition of Jibbitz charms. However, wearing them to school is causing conflict among several children who are engaging in trading and buying Jibbitz.

We also have concerns around the safety of Crocs for physical activity. They are not permitted at the Yr 7 & 8 Technicraft as closed in shoes are a must for safety.

We are asking for parent support in managing this. If it is necessary that your child wears Crocs to school, we ask that

- Jibbitz be removed
- they also bring to school shoes suitable for PE and Sport

Thank you, we really appreciate your support.



Ngā mihi nui
Tania Cox
Principal – Tumuaki

Teachers Paid Union Meeting

A communication was sent yesterday about the upcoming teachers' Paid Union Meeting on Wednesday 20 March. As this will involve all teachers, for safety, we ask that you please arrange for your child/ren to be picked up at 12.50pm.

For children normally attending Afterschool Fun Club or Kelly Sports that day, lunchtime will be supervised by Teacher Aides and **Fun Club and Kelly Sports will both start at 2pm.**

As safety is paramount, we ask that you submit a google form (link below) to let us know the arrangements you will have for your child/ren. [PUM arrangements 20 March](#)

SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations

Sebastian Smit

Sebastian competed in the Upper Hutt Medal Day on the 22nd of Jan, the first event on the Wellington Athletics calendar for 2024 and had some great results.

- 3rd for 200m
- 3rd for Long Jump

We would love to celebrate and acknowledge special or personal achievements, so please do share these with us. (Email principal@adventure.school.nz)

COMING UP



WHEN: Friday 1 March - 2pm

WHERE: Our Hall

HOSTED BY: Head Students



Let's Get Movin' in March!



We're a Movin'March school and we are counting down to Friday 1 March when we will start stamping passports at the gate as part of the Walk or Wheel Passport Challenge all through March.

Walking or wheeling to school is a great way to get active, know your neighbourhood, grow confidence, kick start learning for the day and take care of the environment.

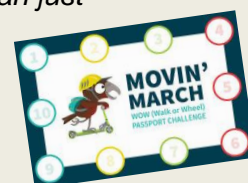
This year we intend to be more vigilant about stamping passports.

Children need to have genuinely walked/ wheeled to school a distance more than just

- from the school gate
- having been dropped off at the bottom of or close to Longitude Place

Check out the Movin'March website for more information:

<https://schooltravel.gw.govt.nz/walk-or-wheel-programmes/movinmarch/>



SCHOOL POLICIES

Adventure School uses SchoolDocs to maintain a comprehensive, up-to-date set of policies and procedures.

Our SchoolDocs policies can be accessed through the school website under the "Our School" tab.

Reviews

- All school policies are reviewed on a three-year cycle, with some policies reviewed each term.
- Reviews are open to board, staff, and the school community.

2024 Reviews

- All schools will review the Legislation and Administration section and the Curriculum and Student Achievement throughout the year.
- Anyone in our school community can review any policy/procedure that has a red, review flag. (The board has some policies they must focus on.)
- If you would like to give feedback on the following policies, log in to SchoolDocs and follow the review instructions.

TERM ONE

- Parent Involvement
- Communicating with Parents
- Community Conduct Expectations
- School Planning and Reporting
- Reporting to Parents on Student Progress and Achievement



Event Calendar - Important Dates

Please be aware some details may change.



TERM ONE

Week 5	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	Tuesday 12 March	GRIP Leadership conference
	Friday 15 March	School photos 2pm: Assembly
Week 8	Tuesday 19 March	Kōwhai Toy Sale
	Wednesday 20 March	12.50pm finish for PUM
	Friday 22 March	Duathlon
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

Roar and Snore at Te Papa

Fri 15 – Sat 16 Mar 2024, 7.00pm–9.00am

Dinos probably didn't roar, but the kids will at this one-of-a-kind, whānau-friendly sleepover at Te Papa!

Roar & Snore is an extraordinary opportunity to sleep among the dinos of *Ngā Taniwha o Rūpapa - Dinosaurs of Patagonia*. Bed down next to tiny Manidens, ferocious Tyrannotitan, or the colossal 30-metre-long Patagotitan. *Whānau Day, 2023. Photograph by Jo Moore. Te Papa.*

Explore the exhibition after hours, hear kōrero from Te Papa's scientists and researchers, and enjoy a hot drink and treat. Roar & Snore offers a unique way to engage with prehistory. Tickets are limited, so book your spot now for the sleepover of a lifetime!

Continental breakfast included

<https://www.tepapa.govt.nz/visit/whats-on/events/roar-snore>

Coding NZ

In today's world, it's essential for young people to learn how to create technology not just consume it. Coding NZ's lessons empower students with the tools they need and help give students the best chance at being successful in our increasingly digital age. Extend your child's awareness and horizons. Free trial lessons available now at codingnz.com/signup

Mana Music Centre – lesson spots available

Mana Music Centre operates after school Weds and Thurs at Discovery School, Whitby and on Saturday mornings at Maraeroa School, Cannons Creek. We offer low-cost music lessons designed to give primary age students (up to Year 8) an affordable opportunity to try out music - \$20 per term. We have beginner lesson spots available for Sat **keyboard and guitar**. Please contact Larcy at themanamusiccentre@gmail.com (Maraeroa enrolments). You can also check out www.manamusiccentre.org.nz for more details.

St Theresa's School Gala – 16 March, 11am – 3pm

St Theresa's School in Plimmerton is gearing up for our biggest event of the year ... our annual March Madness Fair on Saturday 16 March!

We're excited to bring our community together for another great day out filled with lots of fun, delicious foods, games to play, entertainment to enjoy as you grab some of the many bargains on offer, and so much more.

Registration for the Tawa Junior Hockey Club 2024 season is now open

If you have any tamariki interested in playing hockey and are not affiliated with a school team, we have teams suitable for players from year 3 to year 8. No previous hockey experience is needed.

Games are played on Saturday mornings with one weekly training session in the evening.

For more information or to register please email info@tawajuniorhockey.org.nz or check out the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/tawajuniorhockeyclub>

Tawa Junior Squash Thriving

Junior club night is humming at Tawa Squash on most Friday's during the school term (not on tournament weekends.) Free for junior members, \$5 for non members (first week free).

5:00pm - 5:30pm 5-8 year old beginners with coaching, 5:30pm - 6:30 pm more accomplished kids with coaching, 6:30pm - 7:00pm casual hits with other kids supervised by parents (no coach.) Next club night Friday March 8th.

Go to our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/tawasquash/>), find the promotion and tag a friend to go into the draw for a free one month membership for both you and your tagged friend.

Tawa Squash, 67 Main Road Tawa (next to St Francis Xavier School) www.tawasquash.co.nz 04 232 8200

Goodtime Music Academy

Get ready to ignite your child's musical passion! Goodtime Music Academy teaches at Adventure School and is offering award-winning in-school music lessons. Say goodbye to post-school commutes! Dive into the world of music in a vibrant group setting with the following instrument lesson: Drums, Guitar, Keyboard, Ukulele, or our 'Intro to Music' course. But the excitement doesn't stop there! Your child will have the chance to shine in our thrilling concerts.

Act fast, as spots are limited. Enrol now at www.goodtimemusicacademy.co.nz/learn-at-school or call us at 04 568 2237. Your child's moment in the limelight awaits!