



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 - (For a full list of Term 1 event dates, please refer to the **EVENT CALENDAR**.)

Friday 15 March	School Photos Nīkau Syndicate: Basketball 2pm: Assembly
Tues 19 March	Kōwhai Toy Sale
Wednesday 20 March	12.50: EARLY FINISH- Teachers Union Mtg
Friday 22 March	Nīkau Syndicate: Basketball St John's 1 st Aid Training (Rms 3, 2& 13) 5pm: SCHOOL DUATHLON
Monday 25 March	St John's 1 st Aid Training (Rms 14, 15, 8 & 9)
Tuesday 26 March	Girls Futsal Festival - Nīkau & Rimu 7.00: PTNi AGM
Wednesday 27 March	2pm: Aotea College - Sport with Tōtara
Thursday 28 March	Opera in Schools performance (Yrs 1-6)

Featuring in this Issue –

- **Our new Library**
... we are now open!
- **Health & PE Survey Feedback**
- **SPOTLIGHT ON**
- Nīkau
- **SCHOOL DUATHLON**

Important Reminder **Teacher's Union Meeting – School closed for instruction**

Wednesday 20 March - School will finish at 12.50pm

We need to know the arrangements you will have for your child/ren. If you have not already done so, please fill in the google form ASAP [PUM arrangements 20 March](#)

*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: Nathan Brunette, Chari Sriram, Krisha Patel,
Bella Olivier

NĪKAU: Hunter Penney **RIMU:** Erin Penney

TŌTARA: Menghout Srun

Camp Makahika – what a rewarding experience for our Year 7 & 8 children last week. The kids were amazing - they turned challenges into opportunities. They showed amazing courage and determination as they stepped out of their comfort zones into new experiences, from physical tasks to new foods and working with different people. And they had fun doing it!

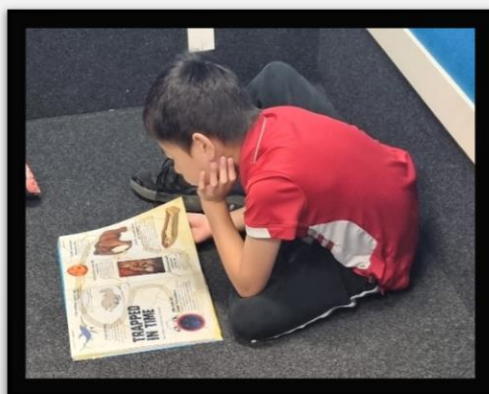
A huge thank you to the exceptional team of teachers and parent helpers, led by Mark Hughes, all of whom gave it their all to make sure the children felt supported, safe, and celebrated in their achievements.

What's New...

Our new ... LIBRARY

We are very excited to finally have a Library the whole class can fit in!

Wilmeri, our new Library Assistant, has done a wonderful job transforming Room 7 into a fully functioning Library space.



Health & Physical Education Community Survey Findings and Analysis - 2023

Thank you to the families who took part in this survey – there were an outstanding 187 surveys completed!

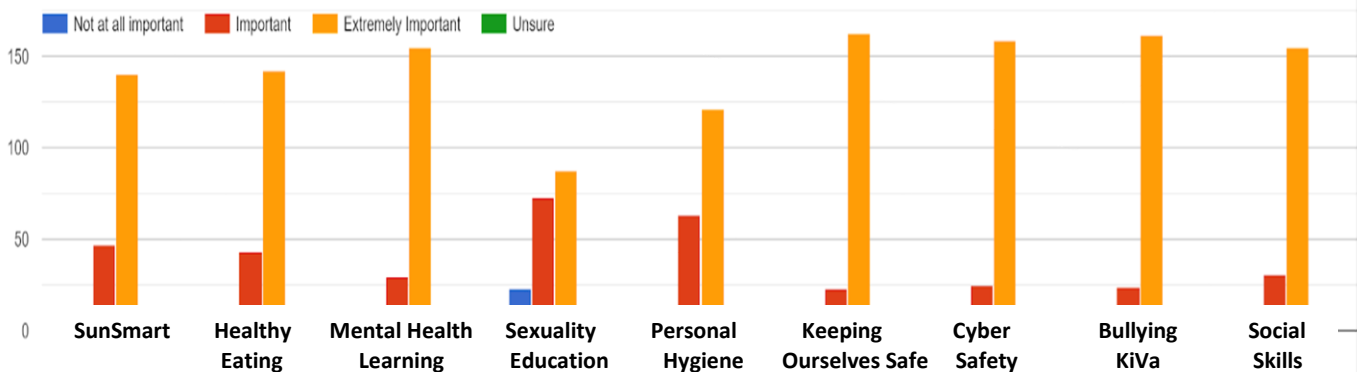
Although most participants did not offer comments, of those submitted, many were positive and affirming of the programmes and opportunities the school offers our children.

Although many comments were stand alone, please be assured all information is valued and will be considered. Comments that had a familiar thread with more than 5 responses have been shared below.

HEALTH PROGRAMMES *(27 comments overall)*

- There were several comments with opposing views around Sexuality Education, being taught in schools, particularly for Yrs 7 & 8.

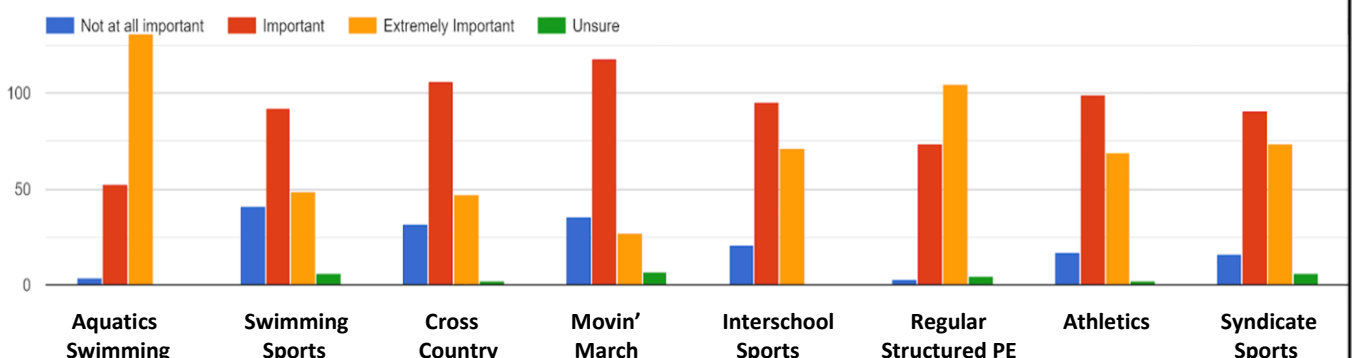
How important do you rate learning the following HEALTH topics/ themes



PHYSICAL ACTIVITY *(28 comments overall)*

- Most deemed physical activity important
- A few people thought Athletics / Cross Country should be optional
- Some would like to see more interschool and other sporting opportunities offered

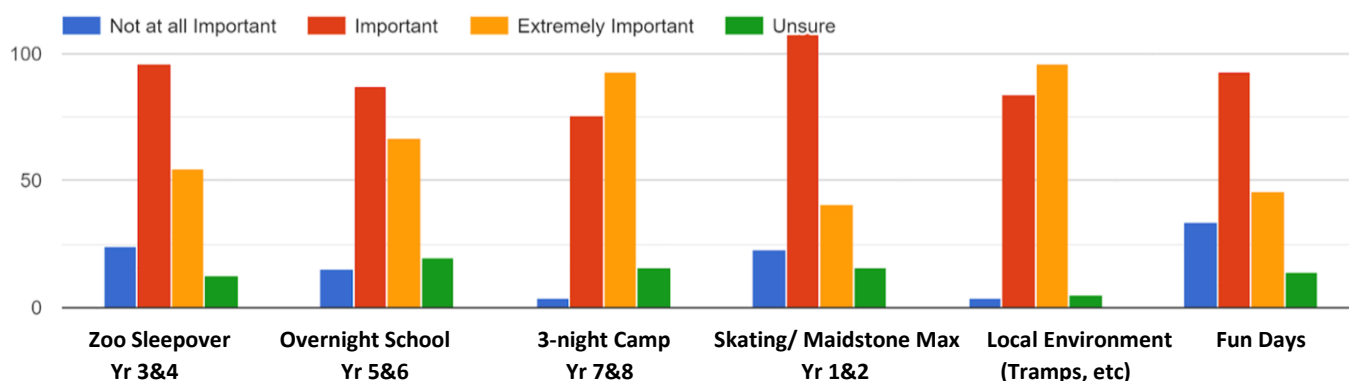
How important do you rate the following PHYSICAL experiences



EOTC PROGRAMMES (25 comments overall)

- Many commented EOTC was valuable in giving children opportunities to connect, experience new activities, grow independence and resilience.
- Family Fun Days are a challenge for working parents to join in.
- Term 4 is busy with a lot of events occurring at the same time.

How important do you rate the following EOTC (Education Outside the Classroom) Experiences



Future Planning

The information received has been valuable and will contribute to informing future planning and resourcing for Health and Physical Education.

Please be assured, we **do not** teach Sex Education in Primary School.

We **do** focus on Relationships and at Year 7 & 8, "Changes at Puberty". We will be reviewing the content of this programme ahead of it being taught in Term 4.

In Year 5 & 6 the children lightly touch on some changes at puberty, with the girls learning about periods.

As these are topics that require parental permission for participation, information will always be shared prior to sessions.

Ngā mihi nui
Tania Cox
Principal – Tumuaki

NĪKAU NEWS

Capital Basketball

Nikau students have been very lucky to have Coach Noah from Capital Basketball come in teach us everything there is to know about basketball.



Basketball on a Friday is fun. We have learnt to dribble to ball, which means bounce the ball as we are running. *Addison*

We have played lots of games. My favourite is ABC where Coach Noah calls a letter and we had to run. *Quinn*

Coach Noah is good. He lets us play fun games. *Jack.G*

We look forward to having basketball on Fridays. I have learnt some basketball skills and I have learnt you can't win without your team. *Lawrence*

"It's Creative Time!"



Our Library is open!

Room 4 enjoying our Library.



**UPCOMING EVENTS:
SWIMMING LESSONS AT
CANNONS CREEK**



COMING UP



WHEN: Friday 15 March - 2pm

WHERE: Our Hall

HOSTED BY: Head Students

BUDDY CLASS ITEM: Rooms 2 & 24



Kōwhai Toy Sale: Tuesday 19th March

Thank you so much for your toy donations!

Our toy sale is on Tuesday 19th March.

Children can bring money on Tuesday to purchase any items they choose.

All toys cost either \$1, \$2 or \$5.

We recommend your child brings a named wallet or plastic bag with their money in it and a shopping bag to put any purchases.

Please continue to bring in any donations up until Monday 18th March.

Classes are assigned a time to visit the Toy Sale across the day.

All proceeds go towards Kōwhai curriculum resources.





The PTNI appreciates the school community and wider community support over the past years as fundraising efforts have increased to help raise funds to contribute to the new senior playground. The PTNI has a number of fundraising activities planned for 2024 to help us achieve the \$32,000 we have remaining on our playground contribution.

We are excited to be running the Adventure School Duathlon on Friday 22nd March.

Prior to COVID, the PTNI successfully ran a Duathlon every second year, with the last one in 2019. The event is a major fundraiser and funds raised will help to cover the PTNI's contribution to the Senior Playground. The event is a fun challenge for all abilities and gives children a sense of achievement.

How it works:

Each entrant collects individual sponsorship prior to the event and records details on the attached sponsorship form. Entrants then collect the sponsorship money after the event.

There will be a major prize of a new bike for the student that raises the most sponsorship funds. There will also be spot prizes on the day. All entrants will receive a finisher ribbon when they cross the line.

On the day:

Entrants will assemble on the top field at 4.30pm, ready for a 5pm start. Races will be in year groups.

All events are run within the school grounds. There will be a sausage sizzle and bake stall.

How to enter:

Entry is via kindo.

Entry is \$15 for an individual entry. As we will need a number of helpers for this event, entry is **reduced to \$30 for an individual entry if a parent/caregiver commits to helping.** Help is needed to set up on the Friday (either 9am-12pm or 1-4pm), pack down, help around the course at the event, MC, take photos, help with bike mechanics, do baking etc). We will make sure you don't miss your child's race if you help at the event.

Entry fees are capped at \$30 per family.

Event Sponsorship:

We are on the lookout for sponsors for our prizes and costs for the event. There are a number of options such as, naming sponsor for race bibs, sponsoring ribbons and specific prizes, donating goods or services for spot prizes, or cash donations. Please contact us if you're keen.

We appreciate your support to make this a fun and inclusive event for the whole school community.

Any questions please contact ptni@adventure.school.nz



Distances

Year 1-2

- Run 300m
- Bike 400m

Year 3-4

- Run 300m
- Bike 400m
- Run 300m

Year 5-6

- Run 600m
- Bike 1km
- Run 300m

Year 7-8

- Run 800m
- Bike 2km
- Run 400m



Event Calendar - Important Dates

Please be aware some details may change.



TERM ONE

Week 7	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	Lucky Book Club Issue 2, orders close Duathlon
Week 9	Tuesday 26 March	Girls Futsal Festival – Nikau & Rimu 7pm: PTNI AGM in Staffroom. All welcome
	Wednesday 27 March	Tōtara sports with Aotea College
	Thursday 28 March	Opera in Schools Years 1-6
	Friday 29 March	GOOD FRIDAY - School closed
Week 10	Monday 1 April	EASTER MONDAY - School closed
	Tuesday 2 April	EASTER TUESDAY - School closed
	Wednesday 3 April	7pm: Community information evening
	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

Pukerua Bay School Gala, 23 March, 11am – 2pm

Pukerua Bay School, 89 Rawhiti Road.
Proudly supported by Jennian Homes
@pukeruabayschoolgala

Easyswim Swim School - Learn to Swim

Learn to Swim at Easyswim Swim School!

We offer lessons from Early Childhood right through to adults in our warm private pools set to 33 degrees.

We operate out of six different pools -

Plimmerton, Tawa, Rewa Rewa, Johnsonville, Khandallah and Newtown School Pools.

For more information visit www.easyswim.co.nz to book call 2347946 or email book@easyswim.co.nz .

Tawa Junior Hockey Club

Tawa Junior Hockey Club will be holding pre-season training and an open day at Elsdon Turf. All are welcome and please make sure you bring a mouth guard and shin pads so we can keep safe as we play.

Pre-season training dates: 10 am-11 am Sunday & 17th and 24th March

Open day and BBQ

Saturday, April 6 from 10am

School Holiday Activities

AKOTECH CodeCamps April School Holidays - EARLY DISCOUNTS

Our holiday camp allows children from the ages of 7-12 to develop 21st century skills in a fun and action packed environment. Create and train your own AI Avatars, make games, code robots & go to work for a simulated Tech Gaming Studio to build games for a big pretend client.

Develop confidence & initiative through design, creativity, solving problems, presenting & collaboration. Create your own games, worlds and apps to make our world a better place.

We also have **Literati Lab** just for girls

Venues: Queen Margaret College, Thorndon

Dates: 15th - 18th & 22nd - 26th April

Book Now at www.akotech.nz

EarlyBird Save Up to 21% Until 22nd March

Siblings Save 6%

KELLY SPORTS APRIL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Kelly Sports Holiday Programmes focus on giving children aged between 5 and 13 the opportunity to do things they enjoy in a safe, supportive and encouraging environment.

The programme is packed with activities to entertain and inspire children.

We have some exciting days planned: *Running Rampage Day, Adventures on Wheels Day, Pirate Sports Day, Dodgeball Blitz Day, Football World Cup Day* and trips to *Zealandia, Police Museum, Aotea Lagoon plus Zappo the Magician and the Kelly Sports Bouncy Castle* are coming to Kelly Sports!

To enrol www.kellysports.co.nz email admin@kellysports.co.nz or call [021 972 728](tel:021972728)