



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

Thursday 28 March	Opera in Schools (postponed until 5 June)
Friday 29 March	SCHOOL CLOSED for EASTER
Monday 1 April	SCHOOL CLOSED for EASTER
Tuesday 2 April	SCHOOL CLOSED for EASTER
Wednesday 3 April	7pm: New Parent Information Evening 7pm: PTNi AGM
Friday 5 April	2pm: School Assembly
Monday 8 April	5.30pm: BOT Meeting (Staffroom)
Tuesday 9 April	5.45pm: Whānau Māori Hui (Staffroom)

Featuring in this Issue –

- OUR DUATHLON
- SPOTLIGHT ON
- Rimu Team

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: Sanaa Kanwar, Jaba Mubea, Fleur Zhu

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

What a wonderful Duathlon event the P.T.N.i. made happen last Friday.

The weather was perfect, and our children put on a real display of courage, resilience, and determination.

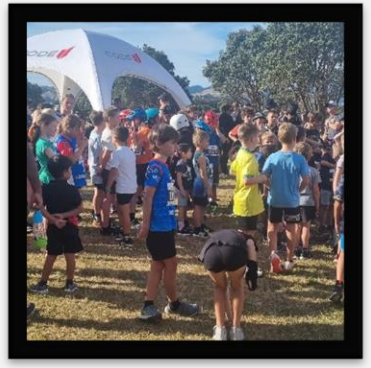
I am so proud of our kids for giving it their all, for stepping out of their comfort zones, being brave to have a go, and for giving such amazing encouragement and support to each other along the way.

A very heartfelt thank you to our P.T.N.i. – we are so grateful for all you do for our school!

We would love to grow our PTNi, the more the merrier, so please reach out if you would like to know more about joining this amazing group.

Thanks also to the many parents, grandparents and extended whānau and teachers who helped out or just came along to support this great community event. There were also many sponsors who supported the Duathlon, so a special thanks to them. (see Pg3)







THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING STUDENT HELPERS

Our Yr 7 & 8 students, Pearl Albiston, Addison Ibell, Lily Cox, Issie Squire, Payton Bradley, Brianna Knox, Moana Kie Tonga, Scarlett Boyd, Lauren Brander, Cara Johnstone and Krystal Prince did an outstanding job helping out across the course marshalling, manning the food stall and encouraging participants.

THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL SPONSORS

Hangdog
Lower Hutt

PCC Pool

Cannon Point
Development Ltd



Thank
you!

Easyswim
Swim School

Wellington
Beds

Principal's Awhi Awards

Congratulations to these fantastic Adventurers who were presented with a Principal's Awhi Award for naturally showing the values within the Adventure Way Traits at our last school assembly.



Lilly Meachen, Alexis Gilbert, Thomas Jenkins, Luca McMaster, Kyshi Christorpher, James Glass, Daniel Huang, Ioane Sutton, Cole Bailey, Patrick Bexley, Imogen Harris

Ngā mihi nui
Tania Cox
Principal – Tumuaki

COMING UP

Learning Conversations

Term 2 - Week 1 (Wednesday & Thursday)

Details will be sent out next week.

Please Note:

All bookings will need to be made through the **HERO App**.



St John's at Adventure



Learning how to call for help in an emergency is such an important life skill, certainly one that we hope to never have to use of course! In Rimu, our students have been working with the fantastic and incredibly passionate Jel from St John's.

We learnt about what to do if we are the first to respond to an emergency and how to assess a patient using the DRSAB (leaving out the C which is around delivering CPR). Jel went through calling 111 in the event of an emergency and how to roll someone on their side into the safe side position (previously known as the recovery position).

Finally, we ended our time with Jel learning about what to do if someone was choking and how to treat burns. The light-hearted approach to such a serious subject went down so well with our students. Thank you Jel, for your knowledge and expertise in this area as well as your ability to completely capture a class of students like it was a theatrical performance!



Local Histories- Blake NZ: VR Experience



Wearing a VR headset, students experienced a number of underwater experiences through 360° videos that compared and contrasted different marine environments. They learnt what causes ocean damage and what actions can be taken to protect the marine environment. Students came away from the session with a deeper understanding of kaitiakitanga and practical actions they can take to help protect the environment. With a handful of students, as well as a teacher, feeling a tad "sea sick" (motion sickness) the experience created some brilliant discussion and connected beautifully to our learning about our local history.



SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations

Siobhan Bexley

Siobhan competed in the recent regional novice Dance-A-Holic competition with some fantastic results!

➔ 1st restricted under 12 Lyrical ➔ 2nd novice lyrical ➔ 3rd restricted & novice jazz

She was awarded a special judge's choice award for performance quality and passion on stage. She also received a trophy for most promising junior restricted dancer.



**well done
Siobhan!**



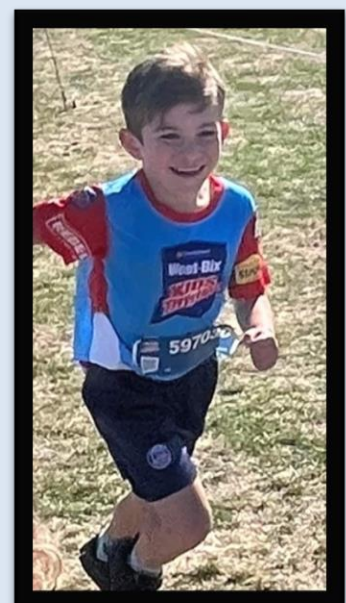
Congratulations

Mason Stevenson

Mason participated in the Weetbix Triathlon recently, doing the Splash & Dash (50m swim followed by a 1.5km run). He did so well & really enjoyed the day.

Archie Tovey, below, also took part in the event.

A Fantastic effort!



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



MUSIC TUITION in SCHOOL



TUTOR: Mark Hanify | One Man Band

Where: Adventure School

When: Wednesdays (during school hours)



Mark Hanify | One Man Band is a professional musician and itinerant music teacher. He has taught music for more than 20 years in schools across Lower and Upper Hutt including Chilton St James School and Maidstone Intermediate where his band won first place in the 2023 Wellington Intermediate Battle of the Bands.

Mark specialises in guitar, drums, singing, piano and ukulele.

Now a Whitby local with children at Adventure School, Mark is offering individual or paired lessons for your child. He is available for tuition at school during school hours each Wednesday.

Please get in touch with Mark if you're interested in lessons for your child.



Mark Hanify - ONE MAN BAND
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Kōwhai Toy Sale

Thank you so much for your contribution to our Toy Sale!

*With your help we
raised over \$1,500!*



Event Calendar - Important Dates



Please be aware some details may change.

TERM ONE

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
	Wednesday 3 April	7pm: Community information evening in Staffroom 7pm: PTNi AGM in Nīkau Gallery
Week 11	Friday 5 April	2pm: Assembly
	Monday 8 April	5.30pm: BOT meeting
	Tuesday 9 April	5.45pm: Whānau hui
	Friday 12 April	Term 1 finishes at 3pm

TERM TWO

Week 1	Wednesday 1 May	Learning Conversations
	Thursday 2 May	Learning Conversations
Week 2	Tuesday 7 May	7pm: PTNi meeting. All welcome
	Friday 10 May	9am: Mihi Whakatau 2pm: Assembly
Week 3	Monday 13 May	5.30pm: BOT meeting
	Friday 17 May	Pink Shirt day
Week 4	Wednesday 22 May	Tough Guy and Gal Challenge
	Friday 24 May	11-1pm: Cross Country 2pm: Assembly

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

JUNIOR SQUASH NIGHT AT MANA SQUASH CLUB.

Squash is a great, social sport for kids and is perfect for fitness and developing hand-eye co-ordination. Every Friday night during the school term from 6pm-7:30pm we run a Junior Club Night. Here kids will learn the basics of squash including the rules, serving, practicing different shots and games. Rackets, balls and eyewear are provided, you just need a pair of non-marking shoes.

Come check it out for a few weeks before deciding if you want to sign up - membership is cheap at only \$70/year for kids aged 10 and under, or \$100/year for over 11s. Bring a friend or come make some new ones!

Mana Squash Club also offers a coaching programme for junior players.

For information contact: Ben Jansen (Junior Convenor)

email: juniors@manasquash.co.nz

WELCOME TO NORTH CITY KNIGHTS CHESS CLUB

Where: North Porirua Baptist Church, 69f Discovery Drive, Whitby.

If you love chess and enjoy a friendly and safe environment with fine people from different walks of life, gender and background come and join us.

When: Tuesday evenings 7-9pm (Note we understand that it is late on a school night for young children, so there is no pressure to stay for the full timeframe. Many children only come for an hour or an hour and a half and that is perfectly acceptable.)

All casual visitors and new members are welcome. Most club nights are assigned to a regular series of competitive tournaments. They also feature at least some informal chess that guests can participate in. We run throughout the year including school holidays only shutting down from when school finishes for the year.

Fees:

Club nights - \$3 per night - this covers hall hire, refreshments and biscuits. First Night Free.

For further information either pop into one of our club nights or contact our president Gerry

Ryan. Email: gerryryanwgtn@gmail.com or phone 022 366 4609

LOOKING FOR A NEW SPORT FOR YOUR CHILD? Give marching a go!!! (At no cost)

Marching Wellington Association is reintroducing marching to communities. We are trialing a give-it-a-go where children can try out marching and learn a routine to perform at the end of the term for family and friends.

Marching is a uniquely kiwi sport that was hugely popular in the 1960s & 1970s. These days it provides people with a form of fitness, fun and making new friends. As marchers progress through the grades, there becomes more opportunities to travel around New Zealand to perform.

When: Term 2, Thursdays 4.30pm – 6.30pm

Location: Newlands/J'ville (TBC)

If your primary school aged child may be interested, please contact Ema on 027 362 5683 or wellington@marching.co.nz for more information.

FIREWOOD FUNDRAISER

Aotea College Boys Hockey is selling pine firewood. 3m3 trailer load delivered Johnsonville to Pukerua Bay for \$300. This wood is not fully seasoned but chopped to fit medium sized woodburner. Will need to allow time for wood to dry before ready for use.

Orders to Leigh at: leighr999@gmail.com or phone 021 280 2783.

SPOTLIGHT PERFORMING ARTS - your local performing arts school

Dance, Drama and Singing for students aged 4-15 yrs old.

Led by a London West End performer!

AOTEA-JOHNSONVILLE-KARORI-LOWER HUTT-NEWTOWN-UPPER HUTT

Book your child's two-week trial for next term NOW!

Ngā Manu Nature Reserve – Easter Weekend: 29 March – 1 April

Hunt for the hidden Easter eggs to win. With over \$4000 of prizes to give away and Daizy Design face painting available.

We will have a sausage sizzle and barista coffee on site. Bring a picnic blanket and make a day of it!

A colouring competition and the Lil' Explorer Trail offer more chances to win.

Eel feeding at 12pm and 2pm. Plus...take a selfie with our giant kiwi!

www.ngamanu.org.nz

School Holiday Activities

Autumn Holiday Programme @ Adventure School, 15 – 26 April 2024

BOOKINGS OPEN Now! 2 weeks of popular and exciting activities await your child (e.g. Trip to Laserforce, Trampoline Park, Roller Skating Rink, Magic & Illusion, Rimutaka Gym, Minigolf @ Pirates Cove, Movies @ Lighthouse Cinema and many more).

BOOK ONLINE: www.asfc.co.nz or for more information e-mail holprog@asfc.co.nz or call 027-454-6975. Our opening times are 7.30 am – 5.00 / 5.30pm. Children from all schools are welcome 😊

AFTER SCHOOL

FUN CLUB Holiday Programme @ Adventure School

GOODTIME MUSIC ACADEMY - APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME!!!

Is your child in years 1-8? Join our epic holiday programme. Every day is jam packed with fun! you'll create art, play epic games, make videos, dance, sing, play music & make loads of friends.

The programme is run by professional musicians and teachers at Goodtime Music Academy in Alicetown, Lower Hutt.

when: April 15th - 19th Full day: \$70 (9.00am- 4pm) Early start: \$10 (8.30am - 9.00am)

<https://www.goodtimemusicacademy.co.nz/holiday-programme>.

ARTY FARTY SCHOOL HOLIDAY ART PROGRAMME

22 & 23 April, 10am -noon and 2-4pm

24 & 25 April, 9.30-10.30am

Send me an email if you are interested in signing up your Arty Farty Kid to one of these sessions that we are running in Whitby. office.artyfartykids@gmail.com

Arty Farty Kids LTD, phone 022 174 8558

FEEL BRAVE STORY TIME PROGRAMME AT PORIRUA LIBRARY

We're plucking up our courage to present the *Feel Brave Story Time Programme*, with special guest author and publisher of the fabulous *Feel Brave Books* series, Avril McDonald. You can learn more about Avril and her empowering and internationally recognised work here <https://www.feelbrave.com/> She will be selling and signing her books when she performs – with her Feel Brave puppets - at City Centre Library on Thursday 18 April at 10AM.

Keep up to date with daily news

here <https://www.facebook.com/groups/PoriruaLibraryChildrensChat> We look forward to facing our fears together with you, and coming out the other side a little bit braver each day.