



Adventure School

Adventure School Newsletter

No 6 – 11 April 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 12 April	Last day of Term 1
Monday 29 April	8.55am: Start of Term 2
Wednesday 1 May	Kāhui Ako Rangatahi Rōpū
Thursday 2 May	Learning Conversations
Tuesday 7 May	7.00pm: PTNi Meeting (Staffroom)
Thursday 9 May	Learning Conversations
Friday 10 May	Mihi Whakatau (to welcome new families)

Featuring in this Issue –

- Our New Playground!
- SPOTLIGHT ON
 - Kōwhai Team
 - Tōtara Team
- GRIP Leadership Conference
- SPORTS SPOT

For a full list of Term 2 event dates, please refer to the EVENT CALENDAR towards the end of this newsletter.



***Kia ora, Namaste, Talofa, Guten Tag, Giddyay, Vannakkam, ni Hao,
Bula, Malo e lelei, Kia orana, Mālo ni, Hola, Goeie Dag, Bonjour,
Καλημέρα, Sat Shri Akal, Shalom, привет, Hello!***

It's been a great term, and we are proud of what our children have achieved in their learning, their social interactions and their working with others, as well as their willingness to give things a go even when it's hard.

I'd like to acknowledge the many of you who have helped out in some way this term – parent helpers at camp - coaching - team managing - transporting - working to get the playground finished - helping at the duathlon – sponsoring - donating items... You are all amazing and we are very grateful!

We decided to have some fun with a mock evacuation down to the bottom court yesterday to surprise the kids and let the teachers loose on the new playground....

Our new senior playground is finally finished!



THANKS TO
EVERYONE
WHO HELPED
OUT!

As you can see, we are still waiting for the fencing to be removed!



During the past couple of days Years 3-8 have had some allocated time to explore to avoid the expected chaos!

For safety, we have banned the wearing of crocs and enforced no climbing on the outside or top of the slide.

We will have an official opening early next term

I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable time with family during the break and we look forward to seeing you all refreshed and ready for the new term.

Ngā mihi nui
Tania Cox
Principal – Tumuaki

IMPORTANT: We still parents who have not yet signed up with HERO

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

COMING UP

Learning Conversations



Please Note: All bookings need to be made through the HERO App.

Term 2 - Week 1 Thursday 2 May

Week 2 Thursday 9 May

**KŌWHAI
SPOT**

Kōwhai - Year 0/1

Authors and Illustrators



We have been very lucky in Year 0/1 to have authors and illustrators visit us: students from Rimu and Nīkau.

These creative boys showed us how to make books so that we can be authors and illustrators too!

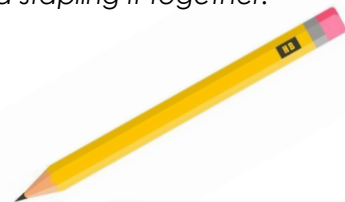


This Rimu student showed the Year 1's how to make books by folding paper and stapling it together.

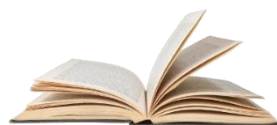


We discovered that we can be authors and illustrators too!

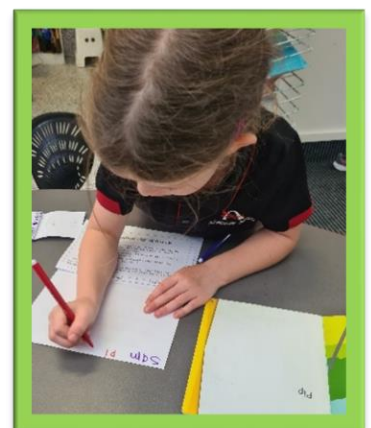
We learnt that books have titles, page numbers, a front, back and spine.



This student used his knowledge of letters and sounds to write: "uh a crep" aka "Ugh! A Creeper!" Later, he read his book to the Room 8 and 9 students.



This student used the books we read to help write some of the words she knows.



KŌWHAI SPOT

Kōwhai - Rms 13, 14 & 15 Statistics

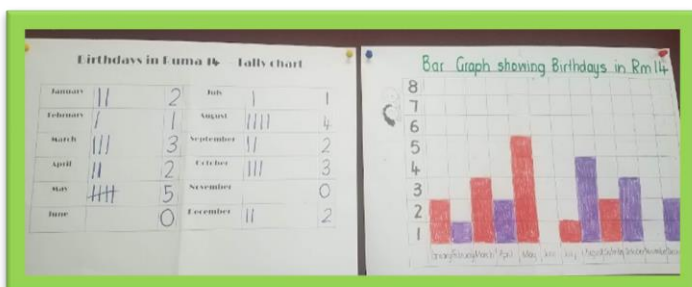
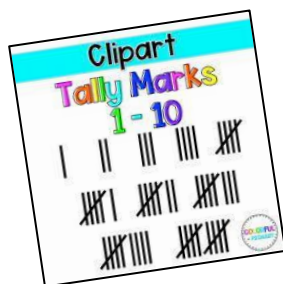
Every Friday each class has been focussing on “**Statistical Investigations**” using the statistical enquiry cycle. During the term we have been gathering information about our classes by generating questions like, “What is the most common hair colour in Room __?” and “How many children have a birthday in ____ month?” The children have had opportunities to:

- Pose and answer questions
- Gather, sort, count and display data
- Discuss and interpret the results

We have used a variety of ways to represent our data including:

- Pictographs
- Tally charts
- Bar graphs
- Venn diagram

Knowing how to make tally marks has been an important skill. This helps the children to skip-count in 5's when representing larger numbers. It is also visually easy to see and count.

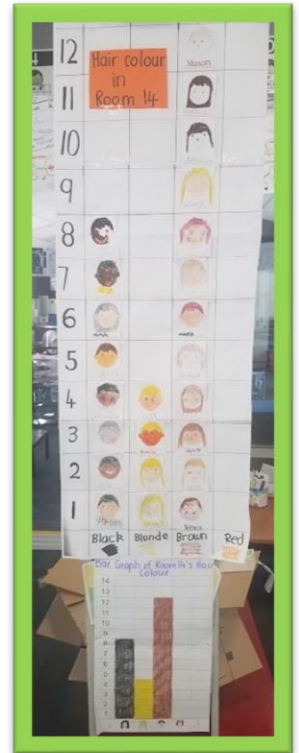


What do you notice about the birthdays in Room 14? Which month has the most children having a birthday in it? Which months have 3 children? Which months have no birthdays? How many more children have a birthday in May compared to April?



Favourite ice cream flavours

What do we notice?
 3 people like vanilla
 Room 14.
 Strawberry has the most
 people who like that
 flavour. 8 people like strawberry
 There are 7 people who
 like mint.
 6 people like chocolate.
 Strawberry and chocolate
 have even numbers (6) (8)
 The total number is 24.
 2 more children like strawberry
 than chocolate

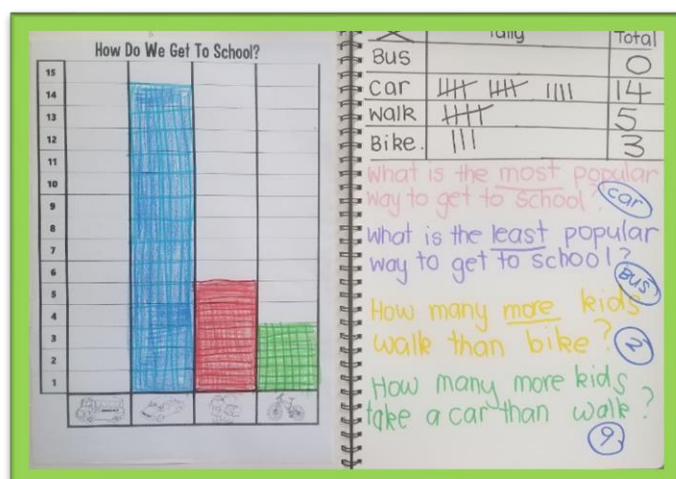


An important aspect about Statistics is noticing and interpreting what the data shows and being able to verbalise this in sentences. The children have been learning to think carefully about what key words need to be mentioned e.g. numbers, people, most, least, popular, more than, less than, total, compared to, topic words like eye colour, birthdays, months. Simple statements would be:

- There are 8 people who have black hair.
- Brown hair is the most popular hair colour.

More advanced statements would be noticing and comparing e.g.

- 4 more children like grapes compared to oranges.
- Bananas and pineapple have the same number of children who like those fruits. They both have 5.
- There are 8 more children who have brown hair compared to blonde hair because $12 - 4 = 8$.



OUR STUDENT LEADERS

Grip Leadership Conference



We learned about the key 4 steps to success in leadership at the GRIP Leadership Conference earlier this term. The four steps are:

step up and use my talents, step in and help when I spot a need, step out and try something new, step closer to befriend others. That's what we want at our kura and need in our leaders.

Payton Bradley



"It's normal to leave things for others to solve, but leaders step forward and want to be involved." That's just one of the many quotes we learnt to be a successful leader and to help progress students who would like to be future leaders! A good leader helps others seek their own path in a positive way – that's the Adventure Way: Whāia te Ara Tika!

Issie Squire

I liked when I was chosen to be on stage and be part of a focus – LOUD NOISES. I enjoyed displaying some leadership skills with other students from across Wellington.

Takaetali Finau



I am grateful for having the opportunity for being part of this conference. It was a great inspiration for leaders and future leaders.

Riddick Rautenbach

GRIP kept the day interesting by incorporating fun games and activities. This helped us to refresh our minds about why we want to help others within our kura.

Jonty McMullen



This conference was really fun and one of the ideas we focused on was to think of more ideas to help improve our kura. We have a lot of items to discuss this year with our tamariki and Kaiako.

Dermott Davidson

TŌTARA SPOT

Tōtara Camp

Tōtara Syndicate returned to Makahika Outdoor Pursuits Centre this term and experienced four fun filled days of tramping, ziplining, bushcraft and bivvy building. For some it was their first experience of high ropes and confidence courses. We all learned valuable lessons about keeping safe in the great outdoors. At the end of the day tall tales were told around campfires and marshmallows were roasted. Then all retired to their bunk rooms and tents for the night.

Thanks to our parent helpers and Tōtara teachers who gave up four days (and three nights) to come to camp. Thanks also to our parent community, Trust House and the Grassroots Charitable Trust, who all made it financially viable for camp to go ahead.

Mark Hughes





IN THE SPOTLIGHT **Congratulations**

Summer Netball League Winners

Congratulations to the six Adventure School players in the Zoomies Netball team who took out the Division 2 Grand Final in the Summer Series Netball League. This series is played over term 4 and term 1 each year. The Zoomies team won 22-21 in a thrilling (but somewhat nail biting) game against Tawa Intermediate School.



Mia Anderson, Sophie Carr, Poppy Dickson, Jorja King, Chloe Po, and Anushka van Niekerk.

A great achievement girls!

Sebastian and Makayla Smit

Sebastian achieved some fabulous results recently competing in the AMW Children Champs held in Palmerston North at the Massey University Athletics Track.

- 100m Gold Medal
- 200m Gold Medal
- 60m Hurdles Gold Medal
- Long Jump Bronze Medal



Sebastian and Makayla attended the Olympic Athletics Club prize giving last Sunday

Sebastian gained 1st on most points for 11-year-old boys
Makayla achieved 4th on points for 8-year-old girls

A Fantastic effort!

Congratulations

Leo Arbidans

Leo successfully completed the Porirua Grand Traverse, a 9km fun run/ walk from Titahi Bay, over the Whitireia Regional Park headlands and coastline.

Leo came first in his age category and received a medal from Anita Baker the Porirua mayor.

He really enjoyed taking part in the event and is looking forward to doing it again next year.

A super effort Leo!



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

SPORTS SPOT

Gold and Gold for the Adventure Cubs Touch Team

Kapiti Gold Cubs Invitational

The Adventure Cubs invitational touch team won the annual Kāpiti Schools Tournament in late March, which included teams from Paraparaumu, Waikanae and Ōtaki. Back-to-back titles at this tournament for the Cubs as they also won in 2023.

The Cubs were undefeated in pool play, progressing to the final against Paraparaumu Beach, with the Cubs ultimately prevailing to win gold in a high-quality final. The standard of touch was strong from all teams.

The Cubs played in grade 12 mixed, and for most of the team, it was their first time playing on a full-size field, with six players per side (3 girls and 3 boys on the pitch at any time). Another milestone was the first-time playing touch for four of the team.

The team gelled from the first game where they drew 4-4 against one of the stronger teams, but it was the final pool game in which everything came together. The team put together their most complete performance of the day, with seamless interplay between the boys and girls, fast settles, a lot of passing, and heaps of off-the-ball movement.

Throughout the day the Cubs more than held their own, mixing individual skill with teamwork, but it was their defence that was the day's standout quality.

The Cubs had a great day, and friends and whānau showed them heaps of support.

Kapiti Gold Cubs Invitational



Monday Night Gold for the Year 5/6 Cubs

The following day the Cubs won Gold in the Total Touch Wellington Monday night Division 1-year 5/6 module (after five weeks of round-robin competition). The Monday night module included schools from Porirua, Newlands, Johnsonville, and northern Wellington.

The Cubs were stellar all season amassing 70 tries over five games, and only conceding three. Again, it was back-to-back titles as the Cubs won in term 4 last year (trophy proudly displayed in the office).

Congratulations to Annie Van Son who was the team's Most Valuable Player, and to Keelan Manley who was voted the Most Impressive Player.

The Cubs look forward to term 4 where they will again play in the Total Touch Wellington Monday night module, along with the annual Touch JAM, and of course the Kapiti tournament in 2025.

Mahi tika ana Cubs. Steve Allerby and Tea Kie Tonga (Coaches)

Monday Night Gold for the Year 5/6 Cubs; Annie, Liam, Rocco, TJ, Jacob, Keelan



Year 7/8 Bears Touch Team Win the Grade

Success also for the Adventure Bears, the Year 7/8 mixed touch team, who won their Total Touch Wellington Monday night grade.

Many were new to touch, but they quickly picked up the key skills and played brilliantly in the grade final to win 8-4 over Newlands Intermediate. Impressively every player had stand-out moments either on attack with lots of breakaway tries or solid defence holding the line. Congratulations team, awesome fun this term and lots to be proud of!

Special mention to Cody Scott and Poppy Dickson who were awarded Most Valuable and Most Impressive Players respectively.

Ka tino pai Bears. Kirsten Thomlinson (Coach)



Year 7/8 Bears Touch Team Win the Grade; Back: Poppy, Jorja, Skye, Evan, Front: Carter, Huntley, Connell, and Frank (Cody absent)

Steve Allerby

NETFIT keeping our young netballers on their toes

Ngā mihi to Georgia Trent from NETFIT NZ who ran a pre-season fitness and skills session for our budding year 6 Adventure School netballers in late February.

The session focused on footwork, ball-handling skills, body movement drills, and an overview of muscle stretching and warm-ups.

Georgia is a passionate netballer and the kids fed off her energy as they pushed themselves to learn new drills and techniques.

The session was lots of fun and was filled with laughter and competitive spirit, and the kids certainly put in the mahi. All the kids enjoyed themselves!

The session was a great way to build excitement for the upcoming netball season, roll on May!



About NETFIT

Partnering with Netball NZ, the global [NETFIT](#) brand launched in NZ in 2022 to unite netballers nationwide by running clinics, training sessions, and upskill drills, along with providing resources to players and coaches. Along with a deep repository of online collateral, the NETFIT brand is designed to get into the community by running face-to-face sessions.

Steve Allerby



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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Event Calendar - Important Dates

Please be aware some details may change.



TERM ONE

Week 11	Friday 12 April	3pm: Term 1 finishes
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TERM TWO

Week 1	Monday 29 April	8.55am School starts for Term 2
	Wednesday 1 May	Kāhui Ako Rangatahi Rōpu
	Thursday 2 May	Learning Conversations
Week 2	Tuesday 7 May	7pm: PTNi meeting. All welcome
	Thursday 9 May	Learning Conversations
	Friday 10 May	9am: Mihi Whakatau 2pm: Assembly
Week 3	Monday 13 May	5.30pm: BOT meeting
	Thursday 16 May	Nīkau swimming
	Friday 17 May	Pink Shirt day
Week 4	Wednesday 22 May	Tough Guy and Gal Challenge
	Thursday 23 May	Nīkau swimming
	Friday 24 May	11-1pm: Cross Country 2pm: Assembly
Week 5	Thursday 30 May	Nīkau swimming
	Friday 31 May	Teacher Only Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
Week 6	Monday 3 June	Kings Birthday - SCHOOL CLOSED
	Wednesday 5 June	Opera in Schools
	Thursday 6 June	Nīkau swimming Parumoana Cross Country (pp 11 & 13 June)
	Friday 7 June	2pm: Assembly
	Sunday 9 June	Car Boot and Garage Sale
Week 7	Monday 10 June	5.30pm: BOT meeting
	Thursday 13 June	Nīkau swimming
	Friday 14 June	Nīkau Bake Sale 5-7pm Disco
Week 8	Thursday 20 June	Nīkau swimming
	Friday 21 June	2pm: Assembly & Matariki launch
	Friday 21 - Sunday 23 June	40 Hour Famine
Week 9	Thursday 27 June	Nīkau swimming 2pm: Matariki Sharing assembly
	Friday 28 June	Matariki - SCHOOL CLOSED
Week 10	Monday 1 July	5.30pm: BOT meeting
	Thursday 4 July	Nīkau swimming Tōtara Formal dance
	Friday 5 July	2pm: Assembly 3pm: Term 1 finishes

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 2 – SPRING INTO WINTER SPORTS – Wednesday's 3.05pm-4.05pm

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, they try new sports and learn new skills, great team work and gives them a place to channel their energy.

The sports we will focus on this term are: **Netball, Football, Basketball and Ripa Rugby.**

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 8 May 2024 and run for 8 weeks. For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit www.kellysports.co.nz email adminwgt@kellysports.co.nz

Porirua City Football Club Registrations Now Open!

For Boys and Girls ages 5-12 years.

Season starts 4th May 2024.

Registration forms available on our website and facebook.

Porirua City Football Club Fees -

- First Kicks - \$75
- 7 / 8 year olds - \$90
- 9 /10 year olds - \$100
- 11 / 12 year olds - \$100

We would love you to join us!

www.porirucityafc.co.nz

Email - porirucityfootballclub@gmail.com

Facebook - Porirua City AFC

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.

Kapiti Kids Sport Shoe Bank

The Cubs Touch Team recently donated 10 pairs of boots to this charity which distribute them to families to remove the barrier of buying shoes/boots to participate in sports.

[Kapiti Kids Sports Shoe Bank | Facebook](#)

[Kāpiti Kids Sport Shoe Bank up and running - NZ Herald](#)

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

Arty Farty Kids – amended sessions

Please note the amended times and sessions.

Bookings are open and sessions are filling up quickly. Let me know asap if your child would like to join me in the creative fun! Please contact office.artyfartylods@gmail.com for further information.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon

- **FOX ARTWORK** - Monday 22nd April & Tuesday 23rd April @ 10.00am - 12.00pm
- **AUTUMN OWL** - Monday 22nd April & Tuesday 23rd April @ 2.00pm - 4.00pm
- **CAMPING ARTWORK** - Wednesday 24th April & Thursday 25th April @ 9.30am - 11.30am

BigAir Gym

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** (thats parkour with flips) & **CHEERLEADING!** Inquire about Bigair **BIRTHDAY PARTIES** too!

Bookings are open now for Bigair Gyms popular Holiday Programme. Full & Half Day sessions are available.

Book online for the April Holiday Programme and Term 2 Gym Classes at www.bigairgym.co.nz

Bigair Gym Tawa: ph. 232 3508, e. office@bigairgym.co.nz at 10b Surrey Street, Tawa.

Newlands Junior Rugby Club running a holiday program the second week.

This is open to players from any club - come join us for some skills, drills and fun!

All skill levels catered for and ages 5-14! All clubs, Yr 9's and new players welcome.

The holiday programme will be held at Johnsonville Rugby Football Club, Helston Rd, Paparangi.

Costs are as follows:

1 day (8:30am - 3pm) - \$30 2 players* 1 day (8:30am - 3pm) - \$50 Pay for 3 days, get the fourth free.

Register here: <https://forms.gle/L2TPt47nXnVdNgw37>

It's time to channel your inner explorer and join the Staglands Treasure Hunt!

Every correct entry wins a prize and there are heaps up for grabs!

To enter download the **Treasure Hunt Sheet** from our [website](#) or ask for one at the Ticket Office when you visit.

Take your completed sheet to the Ticket Office to claim your prize from our Treasure Chest!

Don't forget to enter our bonus draw too for the chance to win a Staglander Annual Family Pass valued at \$220!

Offer runs 13th – 28th April 2024. So many prizes for so little time...

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