



Adventure School

# Adventure School Newsletter

No 7 – 2 May 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

Thursday 2 May	Learning Conversations World Vision Youth Conference
Tuesday 7 May	7.00pm: PTNi Meeting (Staffroom)
Thursday 9 May	Learning Conversations
Friday 10 May	9.00: Mihi Whakatau 2pm: Assembly
Monday 13 May	5.30: BOT Meeting
Thursday 16 May	Nīkau Swimming begins
Friday 17 May	<b>PINK Shirt Day</b>

### Featuring in this Issue –

Setting your child up  
for success:

-Getting to School On  
Time

- Attendance

*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, 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:** Afshin Kawa, Mylo Ritchie, Sophie Brouard

**NĪKAU:** Arnavi Chopard, Lucas Lanthong, Emily Rathnayake

**TŌTARA:** Karl Gestida

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

A very warm welcome back! We are all excited to launch into Term 2 refreshed and ready to grow our learning. The teams have all been busy over the break planning exciting opportunities to engage and inspire our tamariki. You will hear about these in the syndicate newsletters also sent out today.

### Getting to School on Time

The school day starts at **8.55am**. It is important your child(ren) arrive at school in plenty of time to connect with their teacher and friends, as well as get themselves organised for the start of the day.

*If your child arrives 30 minutes late every day, they will have missed half a day's learning each week.*

It is important we work together to set them up for success, so please also reach out if this is something you are finding to be a challenge with your child(ren).

## Importance of Regular Attendance

You may be aware of the government strategy to improve student attendance.

*If a child misses school for one week every term, by the time they are 16 they will have missed one year of schooling.*

Regular school attendance makes a big difference. Every day counts, and research shows that missing too many days leads to

- lost opportunities to learn, resulting in lower achievement
- poorer well-being and increased anxiety
- a decreased sense of belonging and social connection with peers

**Patterns of attendance start early and carry through for a learner's time at school.** If your child is struggling to get to school for reasons other than being unwell, please reach out and talk to their teacher, a team leader, Deputy Principal, or myself so we can work together to get them to class.

## New Staff

We are pleased to have appointed four additional Teacher Aides to join our wonderful learning support team.

A very warm welcome to Rania Davids, Jann Brouard, Tessa Koschak and Jasmine Nichols – we are very excited to have you supporting our tamariki's learning journey!

*Ngā mihi nui*  
Tania Cox  
Principal – Tumuaki

## Coming Up

### Learning Conversations

**Week 1** Thursday 2 May

**Week 2** Thursday 9 May

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

### Mihi Whakatau

**Friday 10 May – 9am**

**A special welcome to our newest families**

*Invitations with details have been sent to new families.*

*Please contact the Office if you have not received one.*

## REMINDER

## We are a “Nut-free” School

### Severe Nut Allergy

Just a reminder, Adventure is a “Nut Free” school as we have several children with severe and life-threatening allergies to nuts. For some of these children, coming into contact with nuts or nut products, even by touching nut residue left on surfaces, can trigger a life-threatening allergic reaction.

We take every practical precaution to keep these children safe and we really appreciate your understanding in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office.



*Please check packaging for “Nut products” or traces of nuts.*



## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

## Congratulations

### Jacob Penno

A great achievement, Jacob in your MVP achievement for the Porirua Heat Club, playing in Wellington's top basketball league, the Te Tai Hou Basketball League.

**We are very proud of you!**



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

Tōtara Syndicate is organising a Carboot and Garage Sale Fundraiser on Sunday the 9th of June. If you have any items you would like to donate to the sale, feel free to have your child deliver them to the Learning Studio over the next few weeks. If you or someone you know would like to secure their own space to sell items, please email Mark Hughes ([mhughes@adventure.school.nz](mailto:mhughes@adventure.school.nz)) and he will forward all necessary information.

***Adventure School***  
**CARBOOT AND  
GARAGE SALE**



**Trash and treasure you may need!**

**Sunday the 9th of June**  
**9am - 1pm**

**18 Longitude Place, Whitby, Porirua**

**Sausage Sizzle, Coffee Cart**  
**Gold coin donation for in school parking**





## Event Calendar - Important Dates

Please be aware some details may change.



### TERM TWO

Week 1	Thursday 2 May	Learning Conversations World Vision Youth Conference
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	<b>PINK Shirt day</b>
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
	<b>Friday 31 May</b>	<b>Teacher Only Day – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Week 6	<b>Monday 3 June</b>	<b>Kings Birthday – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
	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
	<b>Friday 28 June</b>	<b>Matariki – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
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 is back in Term 2 with our fun and exciting classes! 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](http://www.kellysports.co.nz) email [adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz)

### **St Mary's Open Day – Tuesday 28 May, 9-11am**

Registration is required. Please visit our website to register –

[www.stmw.school.nz](http://www.stmw.school.nz)

### **BIGAIR GYMSPORTS**

**If your child thrives on the energy of cartwheels, handstands, trampolining, flips, dancing, or even the art of parkour, they'll find their perfect match at Bigair Gym!** Bigair Gyms classes not only promote fun, focus, and fitness but also provide a platform for children to acquire new skills and cultivate personal confidence and a sense of accomplishment. Safety and proper technique are paramount in the structured sessions, catering to everyone from beginners to those mastering advanced skills. Through Bigairs Gym Programme, children experience focused learning and tangible progress, fostering a sense of achievement. The diverse range of classes includes **Gymnastics, Trampolining, Tumbling, Free Running (yes, parkour with flips!), and Cheerleading.** Inquire about Bigair **BIRTHDAY PARTIES** too!

**Book online for Term 2 Gym Classes at [www.biqairgym.co.nz](http://www.biqairgym.co.nz)**

Bigair Gym Tawa: ph. 232 3508, e. [office@biqairgym.co.nz](mailto:office@biqairgym.co.nz) at 10b Surrey Street, Tawa.