



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 16 May	Nīkau Swimming begins
Friday 17 May	PINK Shirt Day
Monday 20 May	St John's session with Rms 16, 17 & 18
Wednesday 22 May	Tough Guy n' Gal
Thursday 23 May	Nīkau Swimming
Friday 24 May	11am: School Cross-Country 2pm: School Assembly
Monday 27 May	Samoa Language Week Space Dome visit for Rimu
Tuesday 28 May	11am: School Cross-Country postponement
Thursday 30 May	Nīkau Swimming
Friday 31 May	SCHOOL CLOSED: Teacher Only Day

Featuring in this Issue –

- Guide to keeping children at home when they are unwell
- Mihi Whakatau
- Upcoming Events
- Autism Awareness



*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: Kassie Graham, Shivaye Arora, June Wilkie, Mason Swain.

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

Along with other local schools, we are being hit with a wave of sickness in both staff and children at the moment. As a parent, it can be difficult to determine if your child is well enough to attend school. Importantly, **your child must stay away from school for 48 hours following their last vomit or diarrhoea episode.**

While regular attendance is important, it's crucial that children stay home if they are truly unwell so we can prevent spreading illnesses to others.

Here are some useful links to help guide you -

[Student attendance: A guide for parents and caregivers – Ministry of Education](#)
[Infectious Diseases](#)

If unsure, please feel free to contact the school office.

Learning Conversations

Thank you for coming along to your child(rens) Learning Conversation over the last two weeks. The teachers have enjoyed the opportunity to share learning and progress with you and have appreciated the overwhelmingly positive feedback.

If you did not manage to meet with your child's teacher, please do make contact with them -we see these meetings as valuable for connecting with families and working together to support our children.

Staffing Change

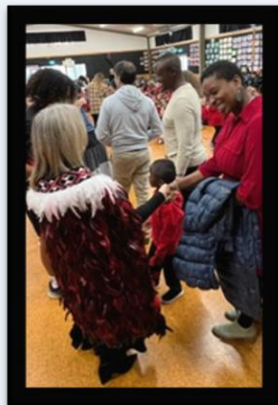
Sadly, Carl McManaway has tendered his resignation, his final day being Tuesday 18 June. Carl has been a committed teacher and has led and contributed much in te au Māori at Adventure for the past 10 years.

We do thank Carl for all he's contributed to Adventure and wish him all the very best for his future endeavours.

We are currently going through a recruitment process and are aiming to have a new teacher for Room 16 from the start of Term 3.

Mihi Whakatau

It was lovely to formally welcome our newest families at last Friday's Mihi Whakatau.



Ngā mihi nui
Tania Cox
Principal – Tumuaki

Coming Up

PINK SHIRT DAY Friday 17 May



We would love you to help your child turn our school into a sea of pink to show our support for Pink Shirt Day!

Children are invited to wear something **PINK** to school

Voluntary gold coin donations will be collected for the Mental Health Foundation.



By taking part you will be helping to stamp out bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusion.

Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora!
Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!



School Cross-Country

Friday 24 May

(postponement: Tuesday 28 May)

Starting at 11am Finishing by 1pm

This will be held on and around the school grounds, as well as around the lakes for older children.

You are welcome to come along to support your children.

RACE ORDER

- ➔ Year 8s
- ➔ Year 2s
- ➔ Year 3s
- ➔ NE/Year 1s
- ➔ Years 4s
- ➔ Year 5s
- ➔ Year 6s
- ➔ Year 7s





We are proud to be a KiVa School



KiVa is an evidence-based programme from Finland, designed to prevent bullying and to tackle cases of bullying effectively.

As a KiVa school, we are committed to actively following the KiVa programme and promoting anti-bullying.

Our classroom lessons focus on-

- ➔ changing attitudes and behaviours
- ➔ increasing student empathy and understanding
- ➔ developing strategies and confidence to move from being a bystander to a defender.

BULLYING is...

Harmful behaviour/
degrading treatment that is

- ➔ deliberate
- ➔ repeated
- ➔ targeted at a relatively defenceless or a less powerful person

BULLYING is not...

- ➔ a conflict
- ➔ an argument
- ➔ a fight

We have a trained KiVa team who follow a proven process when bullying incidents are identified. The process is targeted specifically to the children who have been involved in bullying, as well as several classmates who are challenged to support the victim.

THE KIVA TEAM

Diane Pepperell
Toni Bennett
Mark Hughes



Erica Leggett
Vanessa Burn
Jen Squire
Rebecca St. Clair

Parents' Guide ➔ available on the KiVa website: <https://newzealand.kivaprogram.net/parents-guide/>

Please do come and talk to us if you think your child is being a bullied.

Students report bullying to a teacher or someone on the KiVa Team

The teacher fills in a screening form. This provides the KiVa team with information regarding the bullying.

The KiVa team uses the form to decide if what has been reported is bullying or a conflict.

A KiVa Team teacher will meet separately with both students to check the behaviour has changed.

The KiVa Process

Classroom teachers are informed of conflicts, and they then work through the issues with the students involved.

Two KiVa Team teachers-

- Meet with the student who has been reported as the bully to discuss their behaviour.
- Prompt the student to identify what they can do to change this behaviour.
- In most instances, contact this student's parents.

If it is thought bullying has occurred, a KiVa Team teacher:

- Has a discussion with the student being bullied
- Contacts the student's parents
- Informs the classroom teacher

TEACHER ONLY DAY

Friday 31 May

Please note, school will be CLOSED this day.

This is the first of two days allocated by the Government for schools to engage in professional development around the refreshed curriculum.

Please Note: There will be two Teacher Only Days in Term 4 for curriculum development and planning for 2025. Friday 25 October & Friday 6 December



TŌTARA CARBOOT & GARAGE SALE

As mentioned in last newsletter, Tōtara Syndicate is organising a Carboot and Garage Sale Fundraiser on Sunday the 9th of June. If you have 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. Please be aware that we are after more than just toys and children's items. If you have items of merchandisable quality such as books, non-electric/electronic goods, smaller items of furniture or the like, and they are cluttering your house, please consider donating them to the sale.





WHEN: Thursday 24 May- 2pm
WHERE: The Hall
HOSTED BY: Head Boy & Head Girl



CONGRATULATIONS to Room 2 winning a Pizza lunch for being the first class to have all families using



Goodtime Music Performance

All classes were treated to a performance by Goodtime Music tutors last week. Goodtime Music provide group lessons in their music bus every Thursday. It was certainly very interactive and loads of fun!



15-20% of the population is neurodiverse and we have neurodiverse children in every classroom. This includes children with autism, dyslexia, dyscalculia, ADHD and anxiety.

The challenges faced by neurodiverse students, and those who support them, is currently in the news. As a school, we acknowledge the ongoing resourcing challenges and try to remain solutions focussed. We strive to have well informed staff who can provide the support and adaptations required to ensure all children are respected, celebrated and uplifted amongst their peers, and that their interests and abilities are nurtured. Our Adventure Way traits reinforce these values across our school community. Empathy and advocacy across our school for differently abled and neurodivergent children will be critical future skills for our students to support others in the community and future workforce.

In this newsletter, we are celebrating our students with autism.

Autism is a lifelong neurodevelopmental condition that impacts how a person perceives the world around them. People with autism have challenges with social interactions, social communication, and restrictive or repetitive behaviours. They also have some amazing skills, and they are as individual and unique as neurotypical people.

Here are just some of the amazing skills that autistic people may possess. You may be astounded by these micro-skills when you notice them!

- ➡ Attention to detail and recall of information that others might miss
- ➡ Deep focus and freedom from distraction when engaged in high interest tasks
- ➡ Noticing fine details, patterns, and connections
- ➡ Often experts in their field of interest through an excellent retention of facts
- ➡ Possessing enhanced visual recall and retention
- ➡ Unique problem-solving abilities due to a different perspective of the world
- ➡ A distinctive imagination and unique expression of their thoughts and creativity
- ➡ Tenacity and determination in overcoming adversity and challenging the norms
- ➡ Less likely to judge others, an intrinsic trait of telling the truth and a loyalty to those they form deep connections with
- ➡ Memorising and learning new information quickly

Celebrating a different way of thinking!



Autism – Taonga Takiwatanga: Gifted/a gift, in his or her own time and space



Viewing the world
through a different lens



A diverse spectrum of skills, talents, interests, and strengths



Event Calendar - Important Dates

Please be aware some details may change.



TERM TWO		
Week 3	Friday 17 May	PINK Shirt day Lucky Book Club, Issue 3, orders close
Week 4	Wednesday 22 May	Tough Guy and Gal Challenge
	Thursday 23 May	Nīkau swimming
	Friday 24 May	11-1pm: Cross Country (pp 28 May) 2pm: Assembly
Week 5	Monday 27 May	Rimu – Spaceward Bound Space Dome visit
	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	Sausage sizzle 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 2 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 – 18 December

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 ab
Teacher Only Day – Friday 6 December

Community Notices

Plimmerton Kindy Fundraising - MidWinter Dip T-shirt

Get yours now in time for the dip on Sunday 16 June!

Kids sizes 2-14, \$35 per shirt or 3 for \$100

Adults sizes XS-5XL, \$45 per shirt

https://bit.ly/MWD_tshirt

Orders close Friday 24 May

Chess Classes

We have some great chess classes available after-school this term, delivered by awesome Chess coaches! **Magic Mondays** for beginners, and **Wild Wednesdays** for experienced players. What's more - they are really affordable.

MAGIC MONDAYS - Less than \$11/session (40% off)

Designed for beginners. Includes a fun-filled lesson focussed on chess principles and a tournament game.

WILD WEDNESDAYS - Less than \$16/session (40% off)

Designed for intermediate and advanced players. Includes a tactics-filled challenging lesson and a tournament game.

Want your child to be an expert Chess?

Join the **NZ Chess Academy**! Structured, curriculum-based chess training with expert coaches. From complete beginner through to the best juniors in New Zealand. You choose the squad that best suits your child. All classes run ONLINE on Saturdays.

Have a free trial today!

<https://www.chesspower.co.nz/>

Wonderplay Drama

Wonderplay has places available for kids drama in Churton Park on Tuesdays at Churton Park Community Centre; 4pm (7-14 year olds). Join us this term for introduction to Shakespeare, Swordplay and Stage combat! First class free to try. Also ask about our teen acting programme. Contact

Debs debs@wonderplay.co.nz www.wonderplay.co.nz

Tawa College Information Evening – 19 June

Prospective students for Year 9 in 2025 and their whānau are warmly invited to an INFORMATION EVENING to be held on WEDNESDAY 19th JUNE 2024

Tawa College will be open between 4pm and 6.30pm for you to explore and experience our college. You will be met by our tuakana who will provide assistance throughout the evening.

Presentations by our Tumuaki in the school hall will begin at 5pm and 6pm.

You are encouraged to tour the school and attend one of the presentations from our Tumuaki.

No visitor parking is available on the school grounds. Car parking is available in the student car park on Duncan Street and at Tawa Intermediate School.

A reminder to all whānau to complete your online enrolment application prior to Wednesday 24 July 2024. We look forward to seeing you at the Open Evening.

Andrew Savage, Tumuaki

STARTCARE Asthma Study

Does your child have asthma? Perhaps they might be interested in joining a world-leading study led by the @MedicalResearchInstituteofNewZealand.

The START CARE Study is looking for children aged 5-11 to participate in research comparing two different inhalers to determine which one is more effective at preventing asthma attacks in kids. By participating in this study, your child will contribute to a groundbreaking study that could change how we manage childhood asthma worldwide.

Watch the little video https://youtu.be/dbYNYUm_SSs or click the link below for more details on how your child could be part of this important study. Let's work together to improve asthma care for our tamariki. FIND OUT

MORE <https://tinyurl.com/bdhrnjvx>

#MRINZ #STARTCAREStudy #AsthmaResearch #AsthmaPrevention #KidsHealth #JoinTheStudy

Anxiety & ADHD Survey invitation

Has your child received support for Anxiety or ADHD?

We are researchers and postgraduate students from AUT, currently investigating treatments for anxiety and ADHD> Parent (of children aged 5-11, living in NZ, with anxiety and/or ADHS symptoms) are invited to participate in the anonymous online survey.

Click to particate or learn more: https://aut.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1Cip0TC9wLfEIXc

Tell us about their experiences and you could win 1 of 20 \$30 vouchers!

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