



Adventure School

# Adventure School Newsletter

No 11 – 27 June 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 DATES

Friday 28 June	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b> for Matariki
Tuesday 2 July	Regional Athletics Nīkau Matariki Trip
Thursday 4 July	Nīkau Swimming Yr 7 & 8 Formal Dance evening
Monday 22 July	First day of Term 3 Production rehearsals begin
Wednesday 24 July	Yrs 5-8 Swimming Sports (optional)

### Featuring in this Issue –

- Keeping Our Kids Safe  
(Social media/ Online Activity)
- Kapa Haka
- Term 3 Learning  
Conversations
- School Alert Programme
- Thankyou's
- Kōwhai Spot

*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:** Cadie Schilder & Sarayu Perugu

**TŌTARA:** Alyssa Brown

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

It's hard to believe we are now halfway through the year! It's been a busy term and over the past two weeks we've certainly been hit hard with Winter illnesses. I'd like to acknowledge our fantastic teachers who have done an amazing job at having additional children in their class and postponing their scheduled release when a relief teacher wasn't available. Also, a very huge thank you to our wonderful parents for helping us to keep the bugs and ills away from school these past couple of weeks. The holiday break will give us all a chance to recuperate and come back fresh for an exciting Term 3.

### Keeping Our Kids Safe – Social Media / Online Activity

We have become aware that some of our students are using social media platforms to share messages and images. We believe many parents will be unaware of this. Although this isn't happening at school, it can have quite a significant impact on friendships, mental wellness and learning. I strongly encourage you to regularly check in with your children and monitor their cell phone usage.

This is not an issue unique to our school - it is something all schools and families encounter at times. If we become aware of a child's involvement, we will endeavour to contact their parents.

Many of you attended Rob Cope's session last year on Cyber Safety. His message was hard-hitting and shocked most. Here is the [link](#) to a summary of Rob's information

Further information and parent support can be found at-

- Our Kids Online <https://www.ourkidsonline.info/>
- Netsafe <https://netsafe.org.nz/parenttoolkit/>

Please contact your child's teacher, Syndicate Leader or me if you have any concerns or would like more information. It is crucial we work together to keep all our children safe.

### **Kapa Haka**

Last Tuesday we enjoyed a performance from our Kapa Haka and what a spectacle of a performance it was!

This was their last session with Mr McManaway and his final day at Adventure, and they certainly did him proud. Carl has done a superb job over the years in growing our Kapa Haka and something we are very grateful for.

**We are looking for a new Kapa Haka Tutor so we can continue growing this wonderful group.**

**If you have skill in this area and are interested or know of someone who may be, I'd love to have a chat. You can either contact me through the office or message [principal@adventure.school.nz](mailto:principal@adventure.school.nz)**



I hope you all have a lovely break. I'm really looking forward to an exciting Term 3, particularly working with the years 3-8 on our school production!

Ngā mihi o Matariki, te tau hou Māori.

*Ngā mihi nui*

Tania Cox

*Principal – Tumuaki*

## COMING UP

### TERM 3 LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

#### Thursday 1 August (Week 2)

In order to fit all the appointments in, on **Thursday 1 August**, the first appointment will be at **1.15pm**.

Therefore, we are asking those parents who can, to pick their child(ren) up early at 12.30pm that day. We will have a small number of staff available on site to provide supervision for those children who can't be picked up early.

#### Thursday 8 August (Week 3)

Interviews will begin at **3.15pm** on this day.

Further details will be sent out next week.

### School Alert Programme

*Our school has opted in to a new Wellbeing focused initiative lead by the Ministry of Education and Police across the Porirua area.*

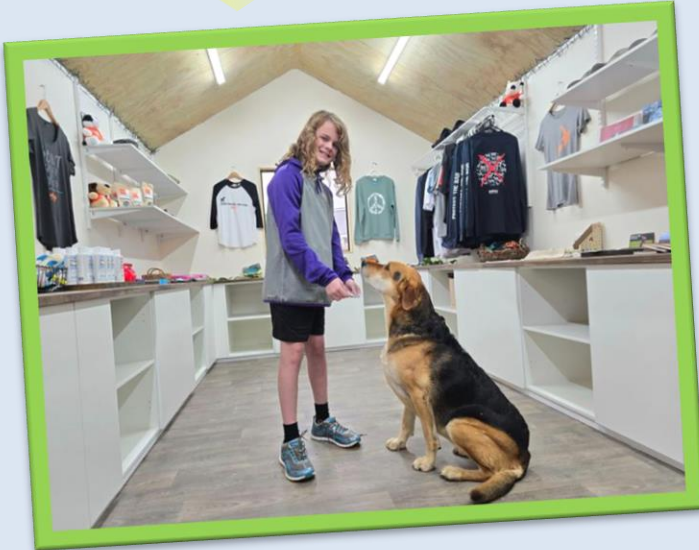
The purpose of the Programme is to notify schools in a timely manner when one of its students has been affected by a family harm episode. The Ministry of Education will manage and monitor alerts from Police and send a notification to the enrolling school or kura with no other detail other than the students name. As a result of these notifications the school or kura is then aware that a child has experienced an event within the last 24 hours and is then better able to assist these students through more appropriate and sensitive behaviour management, and the provision of additional supports when required. This programme fits within our Child Protection policy requirements and supports a small number of selected staff to support tamariki who may require a little extra care. The school has created a process to ensure information is kept private and safely stored.

Please contact Tania ([principal@adventure.school.nz](mailto:principal@adventure.school.nz)) if you have any questions about the process.

## Spotlight

### A very cool Adventurer!

**McKenzie Thomas**



*Ethel says thank you on behalf of all the animals at HUHA!*

*"A very thoughtful young man called Mac popped up to our new Haywards site this afternoon to drop off a donation. He had sold some items on TradeMe and decided to share the profits with animals in need."*

HUHA

**We are super proud of you!**

HUHA - Helping You Help Animals - is a charitable trust and New Zealand's leading no-kill animal shelter. Since their founding in 2001, they've advocated for, rescued, rehabilitated, rehomed and released tens of thousands of domestic and wild animals in need.

## Thank You's

### SCHOOL DISCO

A huge thank you to the PTNi Disco committee for the planning and hard work that went into making the Disco a great success! Thanks also to the fabulous parents who helped out on the night – you are all amazing!

**YOU HELPED US RAISE**

**\$2 000** towards our playground



### Nīkau Bake Sale

**Thank you  
so much!!!**

We raised

**\$1,700**

towards our Term 4 EOTC activities



## KŌWHAI SPOT

# Kōwhai – Art Rotations

Over the past two terms, Kōwhai students have been taking part in art rotations. Classes spend 3 sessions with each teacher, learning about all of the New Zealand Curriculum Arts areas.

## Drama with Mrs Amorangi

- Children demonstrate an awareness that drama serves a variety of purposes in their lives and in their communities.
- They explore the elements of role, focus, action, tension, time, and space through dramatic play.



## Dance with Whaea Tania

Students will improvise and explore movement ideas in response to a variety of stimuli.

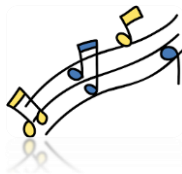


## KŌWHAI SPOT

### *Kōwhai – Art Rotations*

#### Music with Ms Burn

Children explore how sound is made, as they listen and respond to the elements of music: beat, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, and tone colour.



#### Ti Rākau with Mrs Murray

Children recognise that music serves a variety of purposes and functions in their lives and in their communities.



#### Visual Arts with Mrs Lemmon

- Explore a variety of materials and tools and discover elements and selected principles.
- Investigate visual ideas in response to a variety of motivations, observation, and imagination.







More details  
coming  
soon...



## Event Calendar - Important Dates

*Please be aware some details may change.*



### TERM TWO

<b>Week 9</b>	<b>Friday 28 June</b>	<b>Matariki – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
<b>Week 10</b>	Monday 1 July	5.30pm: BOT meeting
	Tuesday 2 July	Regional athletics (pp 4 July) Nīkau Matariki experience
	Thursday 4 July	Nīkau swimming Tōtara Formal dance
	Friday 5 July	2pm: Assembly 3pm: Term 2 finishes

### TERM THREE

<b>Week 1</b>	Monday 22 July	8.55am: School starts for Term 3
	Wednesday 24 July	Yr 5-8 Swimming Sports
	Friday 26 July	NE & Yr 7 Hearing & Vision testing
<b>Week 2</b>	Monday 29 July	R20 – Rimu Space Place trip
	Tuesday 30 July	7pm: PTNi meeting. All welcome
	Wednesday 31 July	Rimu with Wellington Cricket
	Thursday 1 August	Learning Conversations
<b>Week 3</b>	Monday 5 August	R21 – Rimu Space Place trip 5.30pm: BOT Meeting
	Thursday 8 August	Learning Conversations
	Friday 9 August	R17 – Rimu Space Place trip
	Sunday 11 August	2-4pm: PTNi Clothing Grab tbc
<b>Week 4</b>		
<b>Week 5</b>		
<b>Week 6</b>	Monday 26 August	R16 – Rimu Space Place trip – note date change Yr 7&8 vaccinations
	Tuesday 27 August	Yr 5&6 Parumoana Swimming
	Wednesday 28 August	Yr 7&8 Parumoana Swimming
<b>Week 7</b>	Monday 2 September	5.30pm: BOT Meeting
<b>Week 8</b>		
<b>Week 9</b>	Mon 16–Thurs 19 September	SCHOOL PRODUCTION
<b>Week 10</b>	Friday 27 September	3pm: Term 3 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

Teacher Only Day – Friday 6 December

### **Community Notices**

#### **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](http://www.encoredramaacademy.co.nz).

#### **BIGAIR Gym**

**Is your child bursting with energy for cartwheels, handstands, trampolining, flips, dancing, or even parkour?** Bigair Gym is their perfect playground! Our classes blend fun, focus, and fitness, offering a dynamic environment where kids can learn new skills and build confidence. Each session emphasizes safety and proper technique, accommodating everyone from novices to advanced enthusiasts. At Bigair Gym, children engage in structured learning that promotes progress and a sense of achievement. Our diverse range of classes includes **Gymnastics, Trampolining, Tumbling, Free Running (yes, parkour with flips!), and Cheerleading**. Don't forget to ask about our **Bigair Birthday Parties** too! Join us at Bigair Gym and let your child's gym journey begin!

Bookings are now open for Bigair Gyms popular **Holiday Programme**, with full and half-day sessions available.

**Book online for the July Holiday Programme & Term 3 Gym Classes at** [www.bigairgym.co.nz](http://www.bigairgym.co.nz)

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

### **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!

[www.spotlightperformingarts.co.nz](http://www.spotlightperformingarts.co.nz)

## **School Holiday Activities**

### **Winter Holiday Programme @ Adventure School, 8 - 19 July 2024**

**BOOKINGS OPEN Now!** 2 weeks of popular and exciting activities await your child (e.g. Trip to Cyberpunk Ninja, Laserforce, Southward Car Museum, Trampoline Park, Roller Skating Rink, NZ Police Museum, Movies @ Lighthouse Cinema and much more).

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



### **Holiday Programme @ Adventure School**

Serving communities since 1997

### **KELLY SPORTS JULY 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 including: GOOOOOAAALLLL, Power Play Day, King of the Jungle, Go For Gold, Unleash the Power of Red, Sports of the Tooniverse plus trips to Laserforce, The Lanes Ten Pin Bowling & Te Papa, Awesome Bounce, Movies to see Inside Out 2 plus lots more!

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

### **Read Around the World at Porirua Library**

We present *Read Around the World* during the July School Holidays – with story times Read Around the World focussed on Mexico, France, East Asia, and artists from around the globe. There are also two *Digital Discovery* sessions (**RSVP essential**). All events are free of charge. Full details for all our story time/craft.digital sessions are attached. The programme details are online here <https://porirualibrary.org.nz/whats-on/> Keep up to date with daily news and photos of the action here <https://www.facebook.com/groups/PoriruaLibraryChildrensChat>

### **Makeroom STEM Holiday Programme**

My name is Nigel Scott and I run a company called MakeRoom Wallington which, for the last 8 years has offered afterschool, weekend and holiday programme STEM activities to kids from the Wellington region.

These holidays choose from 3 awesome projects in 6 convenient locations:

Miramar, Kilbirnie, Petone, Northland, Newlands, Kapiti.

One day, take home builds for young makers aged 10-14.

Small group sizes with friendly experienced instructors.

\$130 for the day, 12-19 July.

To learn more and book your place, visit [www.makeroomwellington.nz](http://www.makeroomwellington.nz)

### **Arty Farty Kids, Holiday Art session**

"Snuggly Bear" on Friday 19 July @ 10am – 12.30pm, for ages 5-13 years.

For more information and bookings, please contact [office.artyfartykids@gmail.com](mailto:office.artyfartykids@gmail.com)

### **Royal NZ Ballet – Dazzlehands, free performance at Te Papa, 12-13 July**

Celebrated children's book writers Sacha Cotter and Josh Morgan's magnificent Dazzlehands published in 2023 in English and te reo Māori, is being adapted into a new ballet which will premiere as part of the RNZB's free school holiday performances at Te Papa this July.

The Cow says "moo", the Chicken says "cluck" and the Pig says ... "Dazzlehands!"

As hard as the farmer tries, Pig won't go "oink". Instead, Pig gets all the animals moving to phrases like, "Cross hands, floss hands, work it like a boss hands. Bursting with the razzle, gotta liberate these dazzlehands."

To book your free tickets, go to our website and follow the prompts!

[rnzb.org.nz/for-everyone/dazzlehands](https://rnzb.org.nz/for-everyone/dazzlehands)

### **AKOTECH CodeCamps July School Holidays**

Our holiday camp allows children from the ages of 7-12 to develop 21st century skills in a fun and action packed environment. Learn AI, make games, code robots & go to work for a simulated Tech Gaming Studio to build games and apps for a big 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, which includes AI Art & Animation.

Queen Margaret College, Thorndon: 8th-11th & 15th-18th July

Programs: 2 & 4 Day Programs

Book Now at [www.akotech.nz](http://www.akotech.nz)

### **Free marshmallows at Staglands**

Guess what? Those irresistible, fluffy marshmallows you all love so much are back at Staglands!

And here's the sweetest part - we'll be serving them up for FREE to all our visitors throughout the July School Holidays (6th - 21st July).

Come and toast your own on the cozy Barn campfire and enjoy some wilderness haute cuisine in the heart of nature.

We can't wait to share these gooey delights with you soon!

[www.staglands.co.nz/what-s-on/](http://www.staglands.co.nz/what-s-on/)

### **TOYMAKER kids' workshops are back these school holidays!**

Experience hands-on work with real tools, craft amazing wooden toys, learn important skills, and collaborate with others.

Classes at; Khandallah Scout Hall, 11a Station Road, Khandallah.

All classes are limited to 8 children, so book early: <https://www.toymaker.co.nz/book-online>

### **St Patricks Silverstream Open Day**

Our College is holding an open day event at **5.30pm on Wednesday 3rd July** next week.

This event is tailored for parents and their sons who are interested in boarding at St Patrick's College Silverstream in 2025.

The meeting point for the event will be the School Chapel. Should any parents have questions, they are welcome to contact Sam Dean, Director of Boarding and Assistant Rector, on ph 021 0243 8665 or via email at [deans@stream.school.nz](mailto:deans@stream.school.nz).

If there are parents with questions around enrolling their son as a day boy for year 9 2025 please contact

Maria Tough, Executive Assistant to Rector, Email: [toughm@stream.school.nz](mailto:toughm@stream.school.nz)