



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 DATES

Friday 7 March	Yr7 immunisations 12.30-1.30: Poly Club begins
Monday 10 March	SCHOOL CLOSED - Teachers' Curriculum Day
Monday 17 March	<b>IMPORTANT - Parent Evening</b> <b>"Growing Resilient Children"</b> <b>(Kathryn Berkett)</b>
Wednesday 19 March	9.00-10.30: Open Morning for NE Rangatahi Rōpū Ākonga Hui
Thursday 20 March	GRIP Leadership Conference

## Featuring in this Issue –

- Coming Up
- Important Safety Concerns
- Spotlight on Rimu
- Tōtara Students Create  
Exciting Challenges for Kōwhai!
- In the Spotlight



***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, Assalaam alaikum, Hello!***

### Welcome to our new students-

**KŌWHAI:** Ellanè Moller & Cameron Burgess

**Tōtara:** Vicky Guan

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

Kia ora e te whānau

What a fantastic experience for the Rimu team on their two-day EOTC adventure!

It was a magnificent sight to see the bottom field transformed into an impressive Tent City for our year five and sixes to stay overnight. They showed great resilience embracing the challenges of outdoor sleeping, working together to set up camp and fully immersing themselves in the experience. The fun continued with a lively camp concert and an exhilarating game of spotlight; what wonderful, unforgettable memories were created!

I'm always grateful for our amazing teachers and parent volunteers who all work together to create these great experiences for our children.

Our "Growing Resilient Children" parent evening with Kathryn Berkett is less than two weeks away. Building resilience has never been more essential in today's world. I can't stress enough how valuable this will be and strongly encourage you to attend, no matter your child's age. A separate notice with more information and an RSVP will be brought home by your child next week.

Our teachers are looking forward to their Mathematics Curriculum Day on Monday. This is one of two Ministry of Education allocated days dedicated to introducing and exploring the refreshed Mathematics and Statistics Curriculum. We appreciate your support in keeping children at home, allowing our staff to engage fully in this valuable professional learning.

*Ngā mihi nui*  
Tania Cox  
Principal – Tumuaki



## Teacher Only Curriculum Day

**Monday 10 March**

*School will be CLOSED this day.*

*This is the one of two days allocated by the Government for schools to engage in professional development around the new Mathematics & Statistics curriculum.*

*Please Note: There will be a second Teacher only Maths Curriculum Day in Term 2 (Tuesday 3 June, the day after King's Birthday).*

## PARENT EVENING

Please don't miss this opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of how we can support the next generation in building strength, adaptability, and emotional well-being. Make sure to set aside the time - you won't regret it!

## Raising Resilient Children

**12 days  
to go!**

**Monday 17 March 7-8.30pm**

**(Adventure School Hall)**

**Presenter: Kathryn Berkett**

*Kathryn is a highly regarded national and International speaker and educator specialising in neuroscience, resilience, and mental well-being.*

**This year we will be working to build children's resilience so they can face challenges with confidence, adapt to change, and bounce back from setbacks and friendship challenges.**

## Office Assistant Vacancy

We are looking for someone warm, welcoming, and highly organised to work in our office Monday to Friday for up to 25 hours a week. The ideal person will have strong administrative and communication skills, be computer literate, and have the ability to be flexible. If you enjoy working in a dynamic environment and have excellent interpersonal skills to engage with students, staff, and families, we'd love to hear from you! If interested, please download the application form and job description from [www.adventure.school.nz](http://www.adventure.school.nz)

## Please Keep Our Kids Safe



A few parents/ caregivers have been driving into the staff car park to drop children off before school. In some cases, drivers are parking and leaving their vehicles, limiting the availability of spaces for staff. There have been some near misses when a vehicle has backed out or pulled away, not noticing a child.

We ask that you please **park outside the grounds** and encourage your children to walk up the driveway.



Also, for safety, just a reminder we have talked to the children about **walking their bikes up and down school driveway**. It is extremely busy, particularly the start and end of the school day and riding their bike, weaving in and out of people, too much of a hazard!

**Thank you for helping us keep our kids safe**

## Update: Parking Safety Signs Trial

There has been a lot of positive feedback about our trial signs; they certainly seem to have made a noticeable difference to traffic flow and children's safety getting into vehicles.

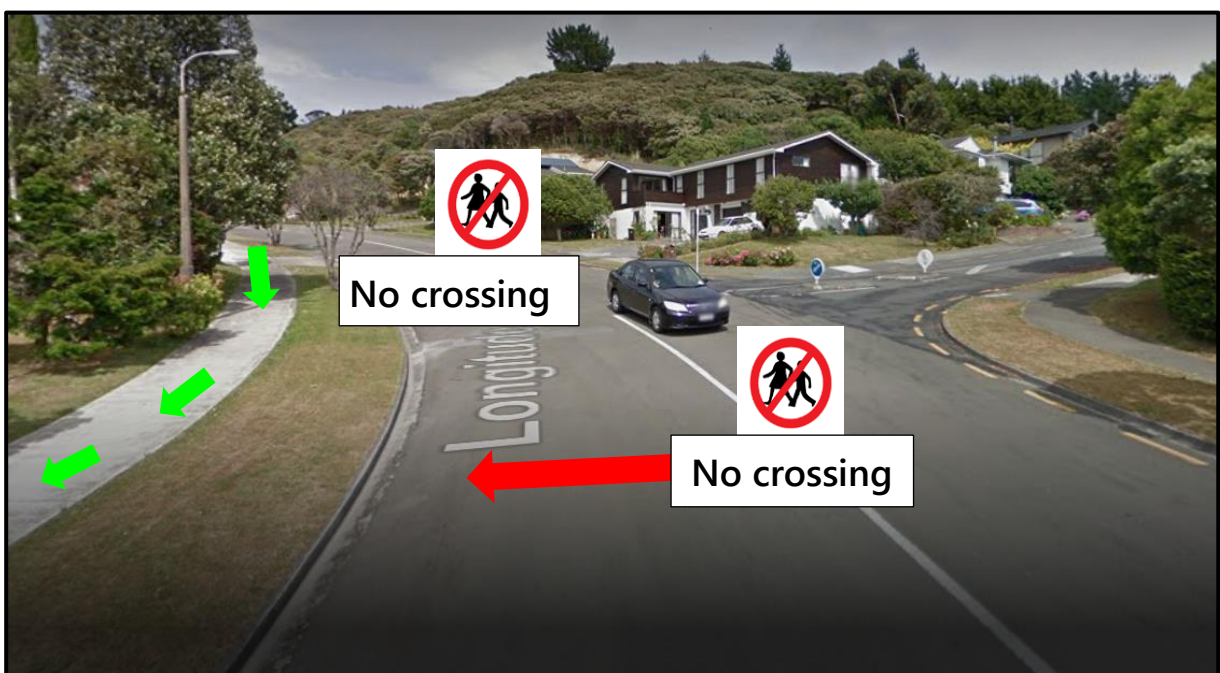
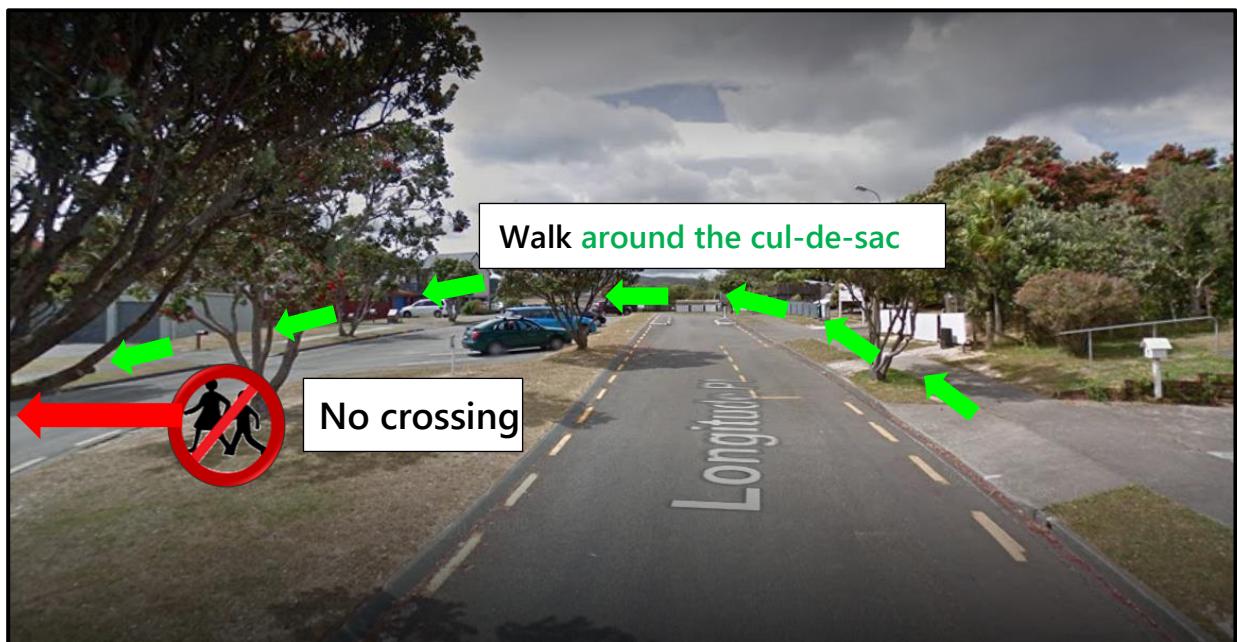
Your support and patience around drop off and pick up times have been really appreciated - thank you!

## IMPORTANT SAFETY REMINDER - DANGEROUS ROAD CROSSING

Longitude Place becomes extremely congested particularly around drop-off and pick up times.

*Please support the school community to keep all children safe by-*

- ➡ reminding your children to **walk around the cul-de-sac** to get to the other side of the road (not across the road through cars)
- ➡ being a good role model







# Great Rimu Camp Out - A Night Under the Stars!

What an incredible experience we had at this year's Great Rimu Camp Out! We were fortunate to enjoy fantastic weather, making for an action-packed day of outdoor activities. Students took on shelter building, the nightline challenge, cooking on hobo stoves, the stretcher challenge, and a fun-filled water-based team activity featuring Mr. Martin's "broken" hose.

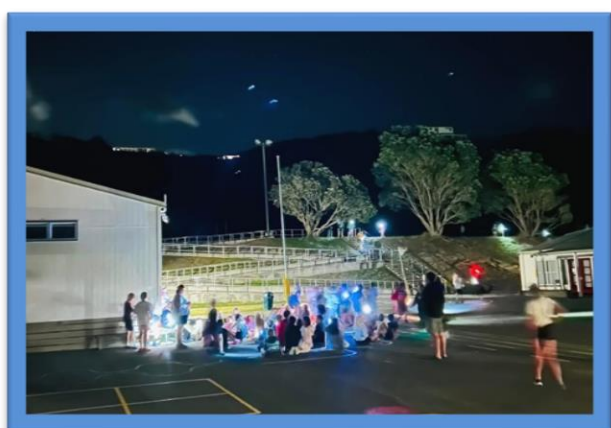








With around 45 tents making up our very own Tent City, it was a sight to behold as it unfolded. While the wind kept things lively overnight, we were relieved to avoid any collapsed tents this time around! The evening wrapped up with a warm milo, a biscuit, and a spirited game of spotlight, some campers are still mastering the art of silent hiding! A nightly patrol ensured all was well, and the wake-up call at 6 a.m. was much more civilised than our previous camp out.



The new day kicked off with a refreshing run around the lake, followed by breakfast and the big pack-up before we jumped into more shared experiences together.

A huge thank you to our amazing parent helpers—whether marking out the tent site, assisting with set-up and pack-down, or staying overnight to help feed our hungry campers, we couldn't have done it without you!

We're already looking forward to the next one!

**Erica Leggett**  
(DP - Rimu Team Leader)

## **Tuakana Teina in Action:** **Tōtara Students Create Exciting Challenges for Kōwhai!**

Our Tōtara students recently took on the exciting task of designing and creating a series of challenges for our Kōwhai learners. From constructing getaway vehicles and navigating treacherous seas to searching for hidden objects and rescuing friends in need, the activities were full of creativity, problem-solving, and teamwork.

It was hard to tell who was having more fun—the big kids or the little ones! Throughout the experience, our Adventure Way traits were on full display, with students demonstrating curiosity, collaboration as well as a huge amount of resilience. It was wonderful to see our older students stepping up as leaders and our younger students embracing the challenges with enthusiasm.

Ka pai to all involved—it was a fantastic example of learning through adventure!





## In the Spotlight

### Congratulations

#### Annabelle Olivier (Yr 3)

Annabelle took part in recent Athletics Events and achieved the following -  
Paraparaumu Track and Field Club Ribbon Day

1st -100m  
3rd- 60m  
3rd- 200m  
3rd- Shot Put

Junior Interclub (Newtown)

1st-100m  
1st-60m  
2nd-200m  
3rd- Shot Put



### Congratulations

#### TJ Kie Tonga - Tayne Bishop (Yr 7)

Congratulations to TJ and Tayne who were selected for the Wellington u13 softball rep team who competed in Palmerston North earlier this month.

They played against teams from North Harbour, Manawatu, Hutt Valley, and other regions.

The boys made it to the finals, and only just lost to Counties Manukau in the last innings 2-3. We are very proud they came away with second place!



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) )



# MUSIC TUITION in SCHOOL



**TUTOR: Mark Hanify | One Man Band**

**Where: Adventure School**

**When: Wednesdays & Thursdays  
(during the school day)**



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 and Thursday.

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



**Mark Hanify - ONE MAN BAND**

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## FREE Dental Checks!

### Service Disruption

The Bee Healthy Dental Mobile unfortunately is off the road due to vandalism. At this stage we do not know when the Van will be made available.

We apologies for any inconvenience. We invite you to call us to make a booking at our Brandon clinic.

Please phone **0800 825 583** or **04 587 2841**.

Our privacy policy can be found on our website:

<https://www.beehealthy.org.nz/contact-us/privacy-policy/>.

If your child is not enrolled in our service, you can do this online at

<https://www.beehealthy.org.nz/enrol/>

To update your contact details, please call **0800 TALK TEETH (825 583)** or **(04) 587 2841**

Private Bag 31907 Lower Hutt  
[www.beehealthy.org.nz](http://www.beehealthy.org.nz) | 0800 TALK TEETH (825 583)





## Event Calendar - Important Dates

Please be aware some details may change.



TERM ONE		
<b>Week 5</b>	Friday 7 March	Yr 7 immunisations 12.30-1.30: Poly Club begins
<b>Week 6</b>	Monday 10 March	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED – Teacher Curriculum Day</b>
<b>Week 7</b>	Monday 17 March	7.00 – 8.30pm: <b>Parent Evening:</b> Resilience
	Wednesday 19 March	9-10.30am NE Open Morning Rangatahi Rōpū Ākonga Hui
	Thursday 20 March	GRIP Leadership Conference (Student Leaders)
	Friday 21 March	9am: School photos 2pm: Assembly
<b>Week 8</b>	Tuesday 25 March	9.30-11am: Road Patrol refresher 7pm: PTNI AGM. All welcome.
	Friday 28 March	Sausage Sizzle tbc
<b>Week 9</b>	Monday 31 March	Tōtara - Blake NZ VR visit
	Wednesday 2 April	Tōtara – ASB Sports
	Wednesday 2-Thursday 3 April	Learning Conversations
	Friday 4 April	Kōwhai Toy Sale 2pm: Assembly 6pm: PTNi Colour Run
<b>Week 10</b>	Monday 7 April	5.30pm: BoT meeting
	Friday 11 April	Final day of Term 1

### 2025 Term Dates

<b>Term One:</b>	Tuesday 4 February – Friday 11 April <b>School Closed:</b> Monday 10 March – Maths Curriculum Day
<b>Term Two:</b>	Monday 28 April – Friday 27 June <b>School Closed:</b> Tuesday 3 June – Maths Curriculum Day
<b>Term Three:</b>	Monday 14 July – Friday 19 September
<b>Term Four:</b>	Monday 6 October – Wednesday 17 December

### **School will be closed for the following Public Holidays-**

**Waitangi Day** –Thursday 6 February

**Easter** – Friday 18 April – Tuesday 22 April (during holidays)

**Anzac Day** – Friday 25 April (during holidays)

**King's Birthday** – Monday 2 June

**Matariki** – Friday 20 June

**Labour Day** – Monday 27 October

## Community Notices

### St Theresa's School March Madness Fair – Saturday 22 March

11am – 3pm, James Street, Plimmerton

We are beyond excited to be able to bring our community together to enjoy a great day out filled with lots of fun, delicious foods, games to play, entertainment to enjoy as you grab some of the many bargains on offer in our toys and clothes rooms, and so much more.

All money raised from this event will support the refurbishment and upgrade of the swimming pool area and facilities. We wish to continue creating an outdoor environment that will support our students' creativity and complement our natural surroundings.

### BIGAIR GYMSPORTS

#### Calling All Kids!

Whether you're a dancer, an active go-getter, or just love to move – **Enhance Your Skills at Bigair with Gym and Tumbling Classes!** If you haven't booked your child's spot for Term 1 Gym Classes at Bigair Gym yet, there's still time! Classes are almost fully booked, but the great news is we still have spaces left. But that's not all – these classes build resilience, confidence, determination, and the ability to receive and apply feedback – valuable life skills for school, sports, and all life's adventures.

#### Classes to Help Your Child Shine:

- **Pocket Rockets Gym Classes (3-4 years)** – Start building coordination and confidence early!
- **Gravity Busters Gym Classes (5+ years)** – Perfect for beginners looking to develop fundamental gym and tumbling skills.
- **Team Extreme Gym Classes (Advanced)** – For those ready to take their skills to the next level.
- **Free Running (5+ years)** – Enhance agility and aerial awareness through **parkour** and flips.
- **Trampoline (5+ years)** – Boost spatial awareness and acrobatic abilities.
- **Recreational Cheerleading (5+ years)** – Build strength, flexibility, and performance skills.
- **Tumbling (5+ years)** – Focused on mastering walkovers, handsprings, aerials, and more – perfect for dancers, mastering fundamental tumble moves like walkovers, aerials, and handsprings which can significantly enhance performance, flexibility, and overall stage presence.

Hurry – **Book Now Before Spots Run Out!** Don't miss out on the chance to help your child grow, learn, and have fun at Bigair Gym! Contact us at: **Bigair Gym Tawa:** ph.232 3508, e.[office@bigairgym.co.nz](mailto:office@bigairgym.co.nz) at 10b Surrey Street, Tawa.

### BRAIN PLAY

Brain Play has just arrived in Wellington & we are very excited to bring our hands-on STEM sessions to even more Kiwi kids. Our tech-mad team teaches coding, robotics, science experiments, and all things STEM through after-school classes and holiday programmes + in 1:1 sessions. Our after-school classes are launching soon. We are collecting locations of interest so be sure to share your location by emailing our team ([info@brainplay.co.nz](mailto:info@brainplay.co.nz)). Our 1:1 sessions are up and running, and are the perfect activity for our neurodivergent learners, students looking for extension opportunities, and any families looking to ignite a new passion or hobby for their child. Our 1:1 sessions can be run in-home, at a local community space, online, or at your child's school, and our after-school classes will be coming to a school near you soon.

For more info or to get in touch: <https://www.brainplay.co.nz/>.



## Paremata Plimmerton RFC are excited to open their registrations for 2025

We welcome all returning and new players to the club!

How to register:

- Head to <https://auth.rugbyexplorer.com.au/login?clientId=portal&codeChallenge=&redirectPath=/>
- Login or create your profile
- Click register
- Search Paremata Plimmerton Juniors
- There is a great video on **YouTube** that can help you with how to register: [https://m.youtube.com/watch?si=TH\\_svku1xM-nej9k&v=icjP-8UVvZY&feature=youtu.be](https://m.youtube.com/watch?si=TH_svku1xM-nej9k&v=icjP-8UVvZY&feature=youtu.be)

We have Nursery, Ripa and Tackle for all ages!

You can also register as a coach or manager at the same time!

Check out our website for more

information <https://www.paremataplimmertonrugby.club/juniors/junior-registrations>

- **Club Day** Saturday 1 March 12 - 1:30pm
- **Rego/Jersey Collection** Thursday 6 March 5 - 7pm
- **Coaches and Managers Meeting** Wednesday 12 March 6 - 8pm
- **Rego/Jersey Collection** Tuesday 18 March 5 - 7pm
- **Rego/Jersey Collection** Sunday 23 March 10am - 12

## Western Suburbs Football registration

Calling all football lovers and those just wanting to give it a try! We have teams available for all ages from Tamariki new to football or the competitive ones who always have a ball at their feet. The winter season runs from May to September.

Our Registrations are now open on our website [www.westernsuburbs.co.nz](http://www.westernsuburbs.co.nz) We also offer Part payment options for families who wish to spread the cost of registering. To do this please email [office@westernsuburbs.co.nz](mailto:office@westernsuburbs.co.nz) and we can help with your registration.

We understand that sport is expensive and to help families with that we have a program called Football For All that removes barriers to our Tamariki playing football. We can offer assistance with their playing fees, gear to play and also transport costs if these are a barrier to playing club sport. Information for families:

The Football For All programme, delivered in partnership between Capital Football and the Wellington Phoenix, has the primary aim of fostering inclusion, participation and hauora by using football as a vehicle.

The programme places tamariki and rangatahi from ages six to 17 into football clubs, futsal teams and school teams by removing potential barriers to active play and recreation.

Football For All focuses on the following barriers:

- Registration costs
- Equipment needs
- Transportation assistance
- Communication difficulties

You can read more about the Program and register here: [Football For All](#)

Select Western Suburbs as your preferred club and we can help you on this journey.