



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 21 March	School Photos 2pm: School Assembly (Rms 10 & 5)
Tuesday 25 March	7pm: PTNi AGM (staffroom) - all welcome!
Friday 28 March	Sausage Sizzle
Monday 31 March	Blake NZ VR Visit - Tōtara Team
Wednesday 2 April	ASB Sports - Tōtara Learning Conversations
Thursday 3 April	Learning Conversations

Featuring

- **Kathryn Berkett** - *Tolerable Stress & Resilience*
- **Curriculum Update**
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- **Staffing Update**
- **Principal's Awhi Awards**
- **Spotlight on Kōwhai Syndicate**



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: Ezran Pahetogia

Dougal Davidson - the last of 8 Davidson children to start at Adventure!

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

Kia ora e te whānau

We were delighted to have over 120 parents attend our Katherine Berkett evening on "Raising Resilient Children". The feedback has been tremendous!

Kathryn emphasised the importance of building resilience in children by allowing them to experience "tolerable stress." This is something we are actively focusing on at school, especially when it comes to navigating friendship conflicts and taking on new or challenging tasks.

As teachers and parents, we play a key role in helping children develop tolerable stress in a way that builds resilience. By introducing manageable challenges in a supportive environment, we can help our children learn to cope, adapt, and grow stronger. This could be giving them tasks that stretch their abilities without overwhelming them, encouraging problem-solving, and offering guidance when needed.

The aim is to help children face stress in a healthy way, allowing them to build confidence in their ability to overcome difficulties. Over time, this process teaches them how to handle future life challenges, fostering resilience and emotional strength.

Curriculum Update - The Refreshed New Zealand Curriculum



You may have seen or heard discussions in the media recently about the refreshed curriculum and new approaches to teaching. We are pleased to share that, based on the work we had already done, the transition has been a natural progression and has strengthened our foundation for future progress.



We do feel fortunate to have made significant shifts in our teaching practices over the past few years that are reflected in the direction of the refreshed curriculum. These changes have been driven by our ongoing commitment to meeting the needs of our students, grounded in current research. Moving forward, a key focus for our teachers will be adjusting to the now increased expectations at each year level.

Last week, our teachers had a productive day unpacking the refreshed Mathematics and Statistics Curriculum. Maths continues to be a strength across the school; our students are showing strong progress, and our teachers have deep knowledge and capability in this area. Our workshop facilitator recognised the great strides already made. This workshop built on previous professional learning and provided valuable time to reflect and plan. We're looking forward to our next Curriculum Day on the Tuesday after King's Birthday Weekend. Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated, and we look forward to sharing more updates as we continue this journey.

One of our concerns is we have not yet been provided with assessment tools aligned with the refreshed curriculum. Our teachers will continue to closely observe your children to determine what they understand, know and can do, then set next steps. However, we are not yet able to provide detailed information on their achievement levels. This requires an embedded knowledge of the new progress outcomes at each year level and aligned assessment tools, which are yet to be released.

Learning Conversations - 2 & 3 April



At our upcoming learning conversations, the focus will be on strengthening the partnership between home and school. Teachers will share how your child has settled into the new school year, highlighting their strengths and the connections they've made. They will then explore the "Self-Directed" Adventurer trait, with both students and teachers reflecting on their growth, and teachers explaining how this trait is being nurtured. Finally, your child's current learning goals in Reading, Writing, and Maths will be shared, along with strategies to support their progress at home. This is a chance to work together in supporting your child's success.



I do encourage you to take this opportunity to meet with your child's teacher.

As always, I will be available on both nights if you'd like to pop in to say hello or have a chat!

Staffing Update

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Mrs. Alice Tankersley as our New Entrant (Roll Growth) teacher in Room 11, starting from Term 2, Week 4.

We look forward to welcoming Alice to our team and are excited for her to spend time with us over the coming weeks as she gets to know our pre-school visitors and prepares for her new class.



Principal's Awhi Awards

Congratulations to these wonderful Adventurers who were presented with a Principal's Awhi Award at our recent school assembly for naturally showing the values within the Adventure Way Traits.



Indigo Eastham, Liam Connor, Gabby Pos, James Glass, Ollie King & Dylan Rowe

Ngā mihi nui
Tania Cox
Principal – Tumuaki

Coming Up

Whānau Learning Conversations

Week 9

- Wednesday 2 April (from 3.00pm)
- Thursday 3 April (from 3.00pm)

Please Note: Booking information will be sent out Monday 24 March



Kōwhai Toy Sale



Friday 4 April

Kōwhai teachers are still accepting donations of old toys

All proceeds go towards Kōwhai curriculum resources.

Thanks so much for your support!



Ever wondered why your child is exhausted when they come home from school?

Introducing: A day in the life of a Kōwhai student...

8.55am - 9.10am

All children participate in a mat time hui which can involve te reo, karakia and waiata.



9.10-9.30am

We launch into a literacy mat time which involves handwriting, phonics and spelling.



9.30 - 10.30am

Children engage in both teacher-directed and student-led activities of literacy (Year 0-1) and mathematics (Year 2). During this time, the teacher calls small groups of children to the 'jellybean' table for learning.

10.25am - 10.50am

Morning tea - children eat their kai before heading off to outside play.



10.50am - 1.00pm



In Year 0-1, children begin their Learning Through Play collaboration time, where teachers promote and coach targeted areas of our Adventure Way traits. During this time, teachers take small groups of children for mathematics learning. In Year 2, children participate in both teacher-directed and student-led literacy activities while the teacher takes small literacy groups. This is also when Year 2 students take part in independent writing.



1.00pm - 1.55pm

Lunch Time - After all that fun and learning, the children are hungry for their kai! We monitor the children while they eat their lunch from 1.00-1.10pm and ensure they eat a 'good amount' before heading off to outdoor play.



1.55pm-3.00pm

Our afternoons in Kōwhai are the most varied part of the day. Our afternoons are made up of physical education (PE), buddy class time, library, assembly, the Arts, or preschool visitors (where applicable). We have also started a buddy reading system with Rimu Syndicate, where big buddies come and listen to little buddies.



And there you have it: A day in the life of a Kōwhai student!

Rebecca St. Clair (Kōwhai Team Leader)



Event Calendar - Important Dates

Please be aware some details may change.



TERM ONE

Week 7	Friday 21 March	9am: School photos 2pm: Assembly Lucky Book Club Issue 2 closes
Week 8	Tuesday 25 March	9.30-11am: Road Patrol refresher 7pm: PTNI AGM. All welcome.
	Friday 28 March	Sausage Sizzle
	Monday 31 March	Tōtara - Blake NZ VR visit
	Wednesday 2 April	Tōtara – ASB Sports
Week 9	Wednesday 2-Thursday 3 April	Learning Conversations
	Friday 4 April	Kōwhai Toy Sale 2pm: Assembly 6pm: PTNi Colour Run
Week 10	Monday 7 April	5.30pm: BoT meeting
	Friday 11 April	Final day of Term 1

TERM TWO

Week 1	Monday 28 April	First day of Term 2 9.10am: Mihi Whakatau for new families
Week 2	Monday 5 May	5.30: BoT Meeting (Staffroom) All welcome!
	Wednesday 7 May	Kōwhai Puppet Show
Week 3	Friday 16 May	PINK Shirt Day 2pm: Assembly
Week 4	Tuesday 20 May	7pm: PTNi Meeting (Staffroom) All welcome!
	Friday 23 May	School Cross Country (a.m.)
Week 5	Friday 30 May	2pm: Strike Percussion Performance
Week 6	Monday 6 June	SCHOOL CLOSED: King's Birthday
	Tuesday 7 June	SCHOOL CLOSED: Teacher Curriculum Day
Week 7	Monday 9 June	5.30: BoT Meeting (Staffroom) All welcome!
	Friday 13 June	2pm: Assembly 5-7pm: Matariki Disco
Week 8	Friday 20 June	SCHOOL CLOSED: Matariki Public Holiday
	Monday 23 June	Matariki Breakfast (tbc)
Week 9	Friday 27 June	Last day of Term 2 2pm: Assembly

2025 Term Dates

Term One:	Tuesday 4 February – Friday 11 April School Closed: Monday 10 March – Maths Curriculum Day
Term Two:	Monday 28 April – Friday 27 June School Closed: Tuesday 3 June – Maths Curriculum Day
Term Three:	Monday 14 July – Friday 19 September
Term Four:	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

Bookings for the After School Fun Club's April 2025 School Holiday Programme will open on Monday 24 March.

Join us for an exciting lineup of activities, including Awesome Bounce, Easter chocolate making, a Harry Potter-themed day, Willy Wonka chocolate bar making plus more. Don't miss out on the fun!!!

Online bookings: www.asfc.co.nz

Email: office@asfc.co.nz

Kelly Sports is back for the April Holiday Programme!

We have another action-packed programme at Porirua's best sports-based Holiday Programme! Come and join Connor E and the Kelly Sports coaches for the best in sports fun.

We have some exciting days planned including:

Dodgeball Derby, Football Fun, Pirate Day, Brain and Game Teaser Day, Medieval Day, Bulls Eye plus a trip to Aotea Lagoon (Splash Pad) where Mr Whippy will be too. Plus, the Bouncy Castle is coming to Kelly Sports!

This sports-based holiday programme will give your child/ren the opportunity to try different sports, learn new skills, build their self-confidence, and most importantly have a huge amount of FUN.

Your child can expect high energy, all-inclusive games and activities to keep them entertained and engaged for however long they are staying!

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

Discovery Kindergarten is celebrating its 50th Anniversary

Saturday 5th April - 1pm

Bush walk to Whitby playground, burying time capsule, kai, music, speeches!

All past and present whanau, Kaiako and community members are welcome to celebrate with us.

Porirua Judo Academy

Judo is a rough and tumble sport which makes use of throwing and grappling techniques which are taught in a safe, structured environment by experienced, committed coaches.

Porirua Judo Academy is located in the centre of the Porirua CBD and is offering lessons for anyone 6 years and older. We offer the first 4 lessons free.

Dojo: Level, 11 Cobham Court, above the RMC Steak House.

Times: Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 5 -6.30pm.

Contact: info@porirujudo.org.nz or 021 081 983 40

FOOTBALL FOR ALL PROGRAMME

The Football For All programme has the primary aim of fostering inclusion, participation and hauora, by using football as a vehicle. The programme has been designed to focus on our refugee and immigrant communities, as well as lower socio-economic families and families facing hardship. Participants who want to play but need a little financial assistance can get involved with the programme by registering with Western Suburbs for the football season. The Junior and Youth seasons are scheduled to start on the 3rd of May and finish on the 31st August. OPEN TO AGES 6- 17

Registration costs Equipment needs Transportation assistance Communication difficulties WHAT CAN BE COVERED?

HOW DO I SIGN UP? Follow the link below to fill out the Registration Form.

Select Western Suburbs as your preferred club. If you have any questions or don't know how to fill out the form, contact Jo Todd operations@westernsuburbs.co.nz - 021 563 274