



Adventure School

Adventure School Newsletter

No 11-17 July 2025

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

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Featuring

- Absences - How did we do in Term 2?
- Principal Awards
- Non-Uniform day – Aims
- PTNi Clothing Grab
- Sports Spot – Netball + Basketball
- Spotlight on Tōtara
- Java Dance Company Visit
- School Board Elections

***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: Jesslyn Jacob, Elise Thomson, Gianna Ramdin,
Bansky Humphries-Shaw, Mila Olivier,
Albie Hanify, Manaia Moanaroa & Bhagya Pappala

Nikau: Jerick Jacob **Rimu:** Jennifer Jacob **Tōtara:** Millie Day



Kia ora e te whānau

Welcome back! We hope you all had a fantastic break. It's wonderful to see the school buzzing with energy again as we kick off Term 3.

The school was certainly a hive of activity over the holidays! It's exciting to see new paving and spaces taking shape, and garden areas all cleared and ready for planting. I will share photos as these are completed, and the weather improves.

As you'll see from the many activities and events on the calendar, it's going to be a fun and exciting term! Syndicates newsletters will be sent out tomorrow with more information.

We loooooove
our new seat!!



It is so
AMAZING!



Term Two Attendance - How did we do?



As we head into Term 3, we're keeping a close eye on attendance and lateness, as required by the Ministry of Education. This information is shared with the Ministry each day.

Being at school regularly is so important for your child's learning, wellbeing, and sense of belonging. When tamariki are here every day, they're more likely to stay connected, keep up with their learning, and build stronger friendships with their peers and teachers.

We do appreciate your support in making sure your child arrives on time and attends school regularly - it makes a big difference for their success and happiness at school.

Term 2 Summary

How many students regularly attended school this term?

Regular Attendance

78%

Compared to 48% in Term 2, 2024

Irregular Absence 14%

Compared to 36% in Term 2, 2024

Moderate Absence 4%

Compared to 11% in Term 2, 2024

Chronic Absence 3%

Compared to 5% in Term 2, 2024

What were the main reasons given for absence this term?

1. (M) Illness / Medical Absence 68%
2. (G) Holiday 16%
3. (J) Explained and Approved 8%
4. (E) Accepted (but unjustified) 7%
5. (T) Unexplained / Trivial 1%

How many students were on time to class?

78% of students were on time to class

Definition of lateness depends on school attendance policy.

Principal's Awhi Awards

Congratulations to these superb Adventurers who were presented with Principal's Awhi Awards last term for naturally showing the values within the Adventure Way Traits.



Kian Donaldson, Charlie Marsh, Finn Sutton, Ruby Woodcock, Julia Wang, Indigo Eastham, Maisie Forsyth, Tayne Bishop

Ngā mihi nui

Tania Cox

Principal – Tumuaki

Coming Up

Whole School Assembly

WHEN: 2pm - Friday 18 July

Featuring Buddy Classes: Rms 18 & 8



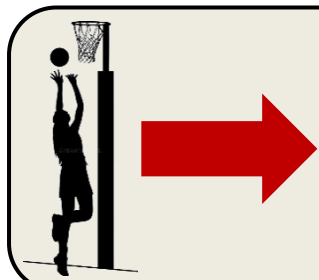
Mihi Whakatau to welcome new students and their whānau

Monday 21 July

•8.45: Briefing

•9.10: Mihi Whakatau begins

(All families of new students should have received an invitation. Please contact the office if yours did not appear.)



Non-Uniform Day Fundraiser

- **Friday 25 July**

- **Gold coin donations** will help get our school netball team to the Aims Games

(See info on next page)



“Uniform-Free Day” - Friday 25 July

Supporting Our Netball Team to Get to AIMS!

On the **Friday 25 July**, we're holding a Uniform-Free Day to raise funds for a very special cause – helping our school netball team get to the Zespri AIMS Games in Tauranga!

The AIMS Games is one of the largest intermediate-aged sporting events in the Southern Hemisphere, bringing together students from all over the country to compete, connect, and showcase their skills on a national stage. It's an incredible opportunity for our players to grow in confidence, experience high-level competition, and proudly represent our school.

Gold coin donations collected from this uniform-free day will go directly towards the costs of travel, accommodation, and other expenses to help get our team to the games.

We're incredibly proud of the effort and commitment our players have shown leading up to this tournament, and your support will help make this experience possible.

Let's get behind our team – bring a gold coin, wear something crazy, and show your school spirit for the non-uniform day!

Thank you for your support!



The team with amazing sports gear donated by the ANZ Bank.



Our first barbeque fundraiser!

PTNi Fundraiser

Our Kids Clothing Grab is almost here!

Come along to this fun event and pick out some great 'new to you' clothes for your kids!

Sunday 2 August at 1:30pm with the event kicking off at 2pm



How does it work?

Tickets are available on Kindo or cash at the door
(Everyone selecting clothing will need their own ticket) <https://shop.kindo.co.nz/>

The Clothing Grab runs in rounds:

- Everyone starts at one end of the room.
- You'll make your way through and select 5 items.
- Once you've chosen your 5 items, head back to the starting point and wait for the next round.

It's a great way to refresh your kids' wardrobes sustainably and affordably. We'd love to see you there!

DONATIONS:

Have your kids outgrown their clothes?

We're collecting quality kids' clothing for this event! If you've been meaning to do a wardrobe clear out, now's the perfect time. **Donations will be accepted from the start of Term 3.**

Donations can be dropped off to the box outside 19 Longitude place (directly across the road from the Kindy, down the shared driveway)

HELPERS:

We will need some extra hands to help sort the clothes for this event, if you can help out with this please let us know!

NOTE: This isn't a 'clothes swap' - you don't need to have donated clothing to attend. Everyone is welcome!

Whānau Learning Conversations

Week 5

- Wednesday 13 August
- Thursday 14 August

Please Note: Booking information will be sent out closer to time.

Netball



A huge congratulations to our wonderful Pulse netball team for:

- finishing as runners-up in the recent Hutt Valley McDonald's competition, and
- placing second in their grade at the Monarch Hutt Valley Netball Tournament.

What fantastic achievements - well done, team!



Basketball

A huge congratulations to our basketball superstars for winning the Division 2 plate of the Parumoana competition at the end of last term - what a fantastic achievement!



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Science Fair 2025

WEDNESDAY 16 JULY

Tōtara Syndicate has had a fast start to Term 3, hosting their biennial Science Fair in the school hall this week.

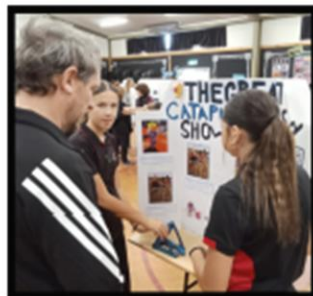
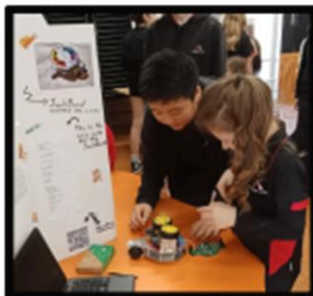
The vast majority of the learning, experimentation and preparation had taken place over the previous term. An additional highlight included the innovation of QR codes that linked through to a website with digital extras the students had compiled.

Visitors to the Hall got to learn all about Fair Tests, Experiment Design and Scientific Procedure. Many left wondering how clean their kitchen surfaces actually were at home, how much caffeine was in their beverage of choice and whether they should attempt to build their own potato cannon.

The day was a great success and a credit to the effort put in by students and teachers.

Mark Hughes (Team Leader)

CLICK THE QR CODE
ON THE RIGHT TO
FIND A HOST OF
STUDENT SCIENCE
EXTRAS



Java Dance Company Brings the Tantrum to Our School

At the end of last term, we were thrilled to welcome Java Dance Company to our school for a special performance of their latest show, The Tantrum. This unique blend of live music, theatre, and contemporary dance captivated our students and sparked some great conversations!

Java is an award-winning, internationally touring dance company with over 15 years of experience working with schools. As part of their Porirua schools tour (17–19 June), they generously offered this performance free of charge. We're grateful for the opportunity to experience professional live performance right here on our own school grounds.





School Board Elections

Parent Election Notice

Nominations are open for the election of **3** parent representatives to the school board.

All eligible voters will soon receive a nomination form to nominate themselves or someone in their community. You will also receive a nomination cover letter calling for nominations. Information on who is not eligible to be a board member is provided with the nomination form.

If you need more nomination forms, contact the school office.

Nominations close at **12pm on Thursday 7 August**. You may provide a signed candidate statement and photograph with your nomination.

The electoral roll is held at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

As nominations are received, there will be a list of candidates' names for you to view at the school office up until election day.

Voting closes at **4pm on Thursday 11 September**.

Diane Leggett

Returning Officer



Event Calendar - Important Dates

Please be aware some details may change.



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	Saturday 2 August	2-4pm: PTNi Clothing Grab (Hall)
Week 4	Monday 4-Friday 8 August	Tōtara Pedal Ready
	Tuesday 5 August	Tōtara Pizza & PJ Day
	Tues 5 & Wed 6 August	Tōtara St John Wellbeing
	Thursday 7 August	BoT nominations close – 12pm
	Friday 8 August	Year 2 & Nikau swimming Rimu: St John Wellbeing workshops
Week 5	Monday 11 August	Interim Reports posted on HERO 5.30pm: BoT meeting
	Monday 11-Friday 15 August	Tōtara Pedal Ready
	Tuesday 12 August	Nikau Move & Groove
	Tues 12 & Wed 13 August	Tōtara St John Wellbeing
	Wednesday 13 August	Learning Conversations
	Thursday 14 August	Nikau St John Wellbeing workshops Learning Conversations
	Friday 15 August	Kōwhai St Johns Wellbeing workshops Year 2 & Nikau swimming 2pm: Assembly
Week 6	Monday 18 August	Tōtara Pedal Ready
	Tuesday 19 August	Mathswell Competition Yrs 5-8 Yr 5-6 Parumoana Swimming Sports
	Tues 19 & Wed 20 August	Tōtara St John Wellbeing workshops
	Wednesday 20 August	Yr 7-8 Parumoana Swimming Sports
	Thursday 21 August	Nikau St John Wellbeing workshops
	Friday 22 August	Kōwhai St Johns Wellbeing workshops Year 2 & Nikau swimming
Week 7	Monday 25 August	12-1.45pm: Choir rehearsal 7.30pm: ArtSplash Choir performance
	Tues 26 & Wed 27 August	Tōtara St John Wellbeing workshops
	Thursday 28 August	Nikau St John Wellbeing workshops
	Friday 29 August	Kōwhai St John Wellbeing workshops Year 2 & Nikau swimming 2pm: Assembly (Rooms 11 & 16)
Week 8	Monday 1-Friday 5 September	AIMS Games
	Monday 1 September	Parent Evening: Executive Function
	Tues 2 & Wed 3 September	Tōtara St John Wellbeing workshops
	Thursday 4 September	Rimu Science Roadshow
	Friday 5 September	Year 2 & Nikau swimming
Week 9	Monday 8 September	5.30pm: BoT meeting
	Tues 9 & Wed 10 September	Tōtara St John Wellbeing workshops
	Thursday 11 September	BoT Elections: voting closes at 4pm
	Friday 12 September	Year 2 & Nikau swimming 2pm: Assembly
Week 10	Monday 15 September	Yrs 3-6 Girls Futsal
	Thursday 18 September	1.30pm: Team/Group & R11 photos
	Friday 19 September	Year 2 & Nikau swimming End of Term 3

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

FROSTY FUN, WINTER SPORTS WARM-UP!

A great way to challenge and improve your child's motor skills and coordination within a FUN environment. We aim to develop & enhance ball skills, catching, kicking, throwing, co-operative skills and teamwork while improving strength, flexibility, hand/eye co-ordination and spatial awareness. It's the best way to learn, is challenging and FUN! The sports we are focusing on in term 3 are:

Traditional Māori Games, Football, Athletics – Jumping, Athletics – Throwing!

Sessions start Wednesday 23 July 2025 for 8 weeks.

To enrol go to www.kellysports.co.nz



Building Confidence, Learning & Achievement Through Gym!

From cartwheels, flips, and tumbling, to tramp tricks and parkour — Bigair Gyms classes are all about fun, strength & fitness, and learning & achievement. At Bigair Gym, kids gain more than just gym skills, they build resilience & determination, confidence & assertiveness, and pride & achievement.

Classes to Help Your Child Shine:

Crashmat Kids Sessions (walking-4 years) – Great for little ones to become familiar with the gym.
Pocket Rockets Gym Classes (3-4 years) – Start building coordination and confidence early!
Gravity Busters Gym Classes (5+ years) – Learn the fundamentals of gymnastics and tumbling.
Team Extreme Gym Classes (Advanced) – Take your skills to the next level!
Free Running (5+ years) – Parkour + flips = epic agility and body control.
Trampoline (5+ years) – Boost spatial awareness and acrobatic abilities.
Recreational Cheerleading (5+ years) – Strength, flexibility, performance - Cheer style!
Tumbling (5+ years) – Learn walkovers, handsprings & aerials - perfect for Cheerleaders and Dancers.

Don't miss your chance to help your child grow, achieve, learn, and have fun at Bigair Gym!

Booking online for Term 3 is quick and easy at www.bigairgym.co.nz

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

Arty Farty Kids Art

Do you have a budding artist in your whānau?

Then come and join us in our learn to paint sessions by a trained teacher with over 20 years of experience.

Our sessions are warm, welcoming and relaxed

There are two sessions available, starting Saturday 26th July.

- 10.00am - 11.15am - 11.30am - 1.00pm

Limited spaces available!

Please contact me for further info via messenger or email:
office.artyfartykids@gmail.com