



Adventure School

# Adventure School Newsletter

**No 13– 14 August 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

## IMPORTANT DATE

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***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!***



Kia ora e te whānau

We're looking forward to our second evening of Learning Conversations with families. While bookings are now closed, if you haven't yet made one, please get in touch with your child's teacher. These conversations are a key part of supporting your child's learning.

Over the past couple of weeks, as I've wandered around the school, it's been wonderful to see our children embracing the wide range of opportunities on offer. The feedback from children, teachers, parents, and visitors has been so encouraging.

Here's are some recent snapshots from around the school-



**Welcome to our new students-**

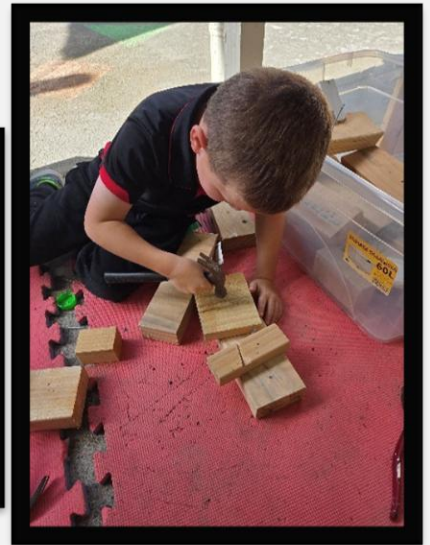
**George Hall**

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





**Kōwhai Self-Direction**



**Nikau Total Touch**



**Nikau Move n' Groove**



**Chip Butties with Mrs Cox**



**Fun Fitness in Rm 21**

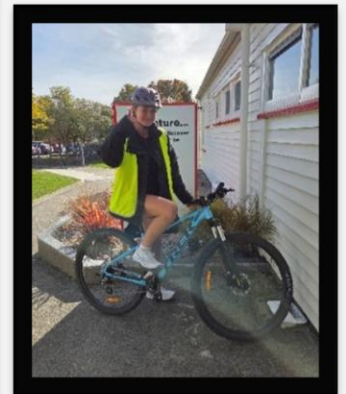
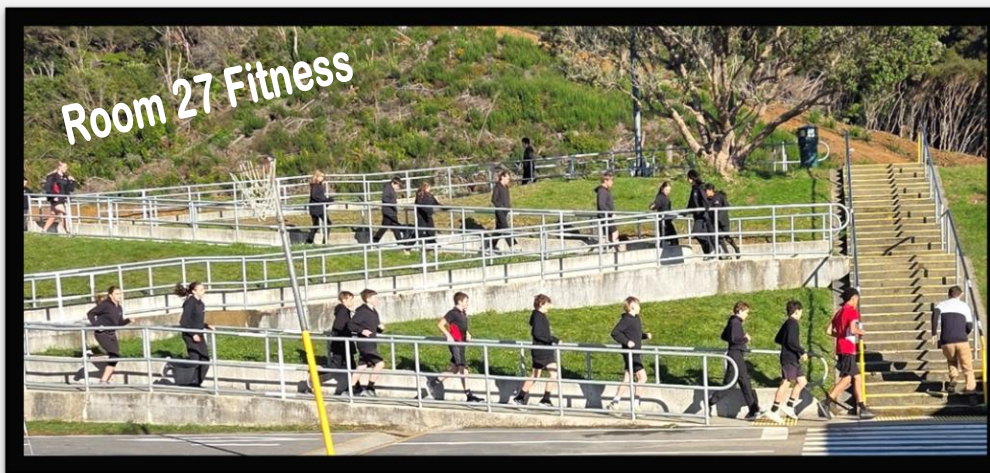




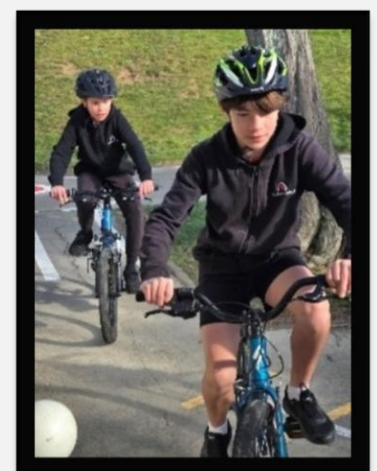
## Rimu Scientists



## Kapa Haka Magic



## Tōtara Pedal Ready



### **Paid Union Meetings**

Paid union meetings are being held primarily to enable NZEI Te Riu Roa members to discuss current issues in education, plans to address them and to participate in collective activities to support this.

These involve Teachers, Office Staff, Teacher Aides and Principals and are scheduled for next week in the afternoon. To avoid having to ask parents to pick children up early, staff will attend different meetings across the week and combine classes for coverage during the afternoons.

### **2026 ENROLMENTS**



To help with forward-planning for 2026 classes, we would greatly appreciate you letting the office know, **as soon as possible**, if you have a child who-

- ➡ turns five during 2026 and you have not already given pre-enrolment details to the office
- ➡ is currently in Yrs 1-7 and **will not be returning** to Adventure in 2026

#### **Out of Zone Enrolments**

Throughout the year we receive enquiries about out of zone enrolments. The board have agreed to a limited number of out-of-zone placements for 2026. Most of these places are likely to be in Yrs 3/4 and Yrs 7/8.

Please check our website for further information around the application process.

### **The Board has approved the following dates for 2026.**

#### **2026 Term Dates**

<b>Term One:</b>	Monday 9 February - Thursday 2 April
<b>Term Two:</b>	Monday 20 April - Friday 3 July
<b>Term Three:</b>	Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September
<b>Term Four:</b>	Monday 12 October – Friday 18 December

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

**Anzac Day** – Monday 27 April

**King's Birthday** – Monday 1 June

**Labour Day** – Monday 26 October

**Please Note:** Waitangi Day, Easter and Matariki occur during school holidays.

*Ngā mihi nui*  
Tania Cox  
Principal – Tumuaki



## Term 3 Mihi Whakatau

We were so proud of our Student Leaders, Kapa Haka group, and all our tamariki as they warmly welcomed our new whānau at our recent Mihi Whakatau.

Here are some highlights.





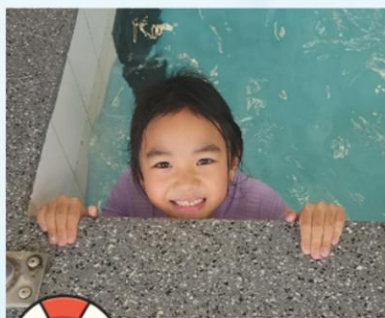
# Year 2 Swimming



Kōwhai Syndicate



We have kicked off our Year 2 swimming for the term and the children are loving it!



Look at some of the cool skills we're working on-

- Water safety awareness: understanding how to stay safe in and around water.
- Floating and basic survival skills - learning how to float and stay calm in the water
- Stroke development - building correct technique in strokes like freestyle and backstroke
- Breath control - learning how to breathe confidently and effectively while swimming
- Confidence in the water - becoming comfortable and relaxed in various water conditions

Rebecca St. Clair (Kōwhai Team Leader)



## Sport's Spot

### Our Amazing AIMS Games Netball Team Fundraising

Recently, our netball team ran a food stall at the Ngāti Toa courts to raise funds for the AIMS Games - and they made a big impression! We received this lovely message from another school:

*"I just wanted to send a quick message to say how impressed I was with the Adventure School netball students running the food stall at Ngāti Toa courts over the weekend.*

*They were kind, courteous, and spoke so warmly and respectfully to everyone. A real credit to your school. As an intermediate teacher myself, I know how tricky it can be for ākonga to interact confidently and appropriately with the public, but your students absolutely nailed it.*

**CONGRATULATIONS** Ashlyn, Skye, Scarlett, Mireya,  
Riley, Annie, Kayden, Rocco, TJ, Keelan

## Board of Trustees Elections



### School Board Elections

We are pleased to have received six parent nominations for the upcoming BOT election.

In alphabetical order-

Karyn Andreassend  
Liz Brown  
Matt Clark  
Scott Coburn  
Benjamin Doherty-Jones  
Chris Eastham

Information packs with nominee profiles and voting forms will be sent out to all eligible voters this week.

Voting will close **4pm** on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September**.



# PTNi Page

## PTNi Facebook Group

Have you joined our group yet?

We've created this group to be our main space for sharing updates with Adventure School families - think discos, fundraisers (like our upcoming movie night or Family Pies), Icy Friday updates and events like the Colour Run, Duathlon, and Clothing Grab.

We'll still keep the original Page for public facing updates (like thanking local sponsors or sharing community events), but this group is where you'll find everything you need to stay in the loop.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1B2bEGf1ju/>

**Thanks for supporting our school and community events!**

**YOU'RE INVITED TO A FUNDRAISER SCREENING OF**



**PTNi** **LIGHT HOUSE CINEMA**

**WED 10 SEPTEMBER**  
**LIGHT HOUSE PAUATAHANUI**  
**8:30PM ARRIVE FROM 7:30PM**

**Purchase your tickets on Kindo for \$20**  
**Ticket price includes a lolly bag**

**SNACKS ★ RAFFLES ★ SPOT PRIZES**

All proceeds go to Adventure School, thank you for your support





## Event Calendar - Important Dates

Please be aware some details may change.



TERM THREE		
Week 5	Thursday 14 August	Nikau: St John Wellbeing workshops Nikau: Total Touch Learning Conversations
	Friday 15 August	Kōwhai St Johns Wellbeing workshops Year 2 & Nikau swimming 2pm: Assembly
Week 6	Monday 18 August	Tōtara: Pedal Ready
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	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
	Wednesday 10 September	<b>PTNi Movie Night Fundraiser @ The Lighthouse ("The Roses")</b>
	Thursday 11 September	BoT Elections: voting closes at 4pm
	Friday 12 September	Year 2 & Nikau swimming 2pm: Assembly (Rooms 4 + 26)
Week 10	Monday 15 September	Yrs 3-6 Girls Futsal
	Thursday 18 September	Y1-6: Cricket Wellington 1.30pm: Team/Group & R11 photos
	Friday 19 September	Year 2 & Nikau swimming End of Term 3

### 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

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**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