



Adventure School

Adventure School Newsletter No 12 – 31 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

- Interim Reports & Learning Conversations
- 2026 Enrolments
- Keeping Our Kids Safe
- Spotlight on Rimu
- Sport Spot: Swimming Sports
- PTNi: Movie Night Fundraiser



Kia ora, Namaste, Talofa, Guten Tag, Gidday, Vannakkam, ni Hao, Bula, Malo e lelei, Shalom, Hola, Kia orana, Mālo ni, Goeie Dag, Bonjour, Καλημέρα, Sat Shri Akal, привет, Assalaam alaikum, Hello!

Welcome to our new students-

KŌWHAI: Gurshaan Kaur & Sienna Brady



Kia ora e te whānau

We extend our deepest sympathies to Sharyn Woodmass, one of our wonderful office staff, following the passing of her husband. Our thoughts are with her and her whānau during this time of loss. With Sharyn on bereavement leave and Sharon Arrell away overseas, we are collectively working together to maintain smooth day-to-day operations. A big thank you to Wilmeri (our wonderful Librarian) for also stepping in to support Jean in the office.

Just a reminder, if you have any concerns - whether they're about learning, friendships, anxiety, suspected bullying, or anything else - please reach out. We're here to support your child and can act quicker when we're aware of a situation. It's much easier for us to help when concerns are shared directly with the school. Together, we can work to make sure your child feels safe, supported, and confident at school. In most instances, your first point of contact is the class teacher before the team leader, or Deputy Principals (Diane Pepperell - Yrs 1-4 or Erica Leggett - Yrs 5-8) or me.

We're looking forward to meeting with you at our upcoming Learning Conversations. I strongly encourage you to read the following information and book a time to meet with your child's teacher.

Interim Reports & Learning Conversations

2025 Interim Reports

Working together to support your child's learning and success

Before we share interim reports, we'd like to remind you of some key changes to the curriculum this year.

At the start of 2025, we began introducing the refreshed New Zealand Curriculum in Literacy and Mathematics. This includes some new approaches to teaching, as well as updated learning goals set out in year levels. As a result, your child's report is different from previous years. Because this is a new curriculum with raised benchmarks, progress and achievement can't be directly compared to previous years.

What to Expect

This report provides a well-rounded picture of your child's progress and achievement.

It includes:

- A reflection based on the *Adventure Way* trait of Self-Direction
- Curriculum achievement statements for Reading, Writing, and Mathematics
- A general comment outlining their contributions in class and across the school, with insights into specific curriculum areas
- An overview of their approaches to learning in each curriculum area

Our Report and Learning Conversations aim to show where your child is at in their learning, where they're going next, and how we can work together to support that journey.

Interim Reports will be shared via HERO on Monday 11 August. We encourage you to take time to read the report and join us for upcoming learning conferences. These conversations are an important part of how we work together to support your child's success.

While change can bring uncertainty, please be assured that our focus remains on high-quality teaching and learning that supports every child to thrive.

LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

WHEN	Wednesday 13 August (2.15 - 7.30pm) & Thursday 14 August (2.15 - 6pm)
WHO	Years 5-8: parents with their child Yrs 1-4: parents only (<i>a space will be set up for children to wait</i>)
	<i>Your child's teacher will contact you if your child's reporting / teacher meeting will be different. (e.g. School Entry Interview/ IEP)</i>

TO MAKE A BOOKING

Please go to the **HERO** app and select "**School Bookings**". From there you can select a suitable time to see your child's teacher.

Important

- Time slots are tight, so please only book **one slot per student**.
- Please **leave a gap between sibling** bookings to allow time to move between classrooms.

If bookings pose a challenge for split families, please contact the class teacher before making one.

Bookings will close 24 hours beforehand

Ngā mihi nui

Tania Cox

Principal – Tumuaiki

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've received numerous enquiries about out-of-zone enrolments. We are currently reviewing our capacity and considering whether we can offer a small number of places in some year levels. We'll share more information in the next newsletter.

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

Thank you!



AIMS Games – Netball Team Non-uniform Day

A huge thank you for your wonderful support to get our team to the Aims Games in August.

You helped us raise over \$500!



Adventure School

School Board Elections Parent Election Notice

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

All eligible voters will have received a nomination form to nominate themselves or someone in their community, as well as 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

Keeping Our Kids Safe – Our School Safety Reminders

We'd like to remind everyone of the important safety expectations we have for all members of our school community.

There are many ways we can all ensure the safety of our students as they walk to and from school, as well as showing consideration to all our parents who transport their children to school.

Key Safety Rules - Let's Work Together



■ 2-Minute Zone



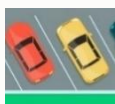
This area is for quick drop-offs and pick-ups only (max. 2 minutes). Please don't leave your vehicle to go and meet your children.

■ Bus Stop



- We are working with PCC to have this changed to a drop-off zone.
- For now, it remains an official bus stop and PCC will issue tickets if you are caught parking here.

■ Crossing to get to Angle Parks



- Only children heading to cars in the angle parks should be crossing the road directly in front of the driveway.
- Please meet your child to help them cross safely.

■ Stopping in the Middle of the Road



- Please don't stop in the middle of the road to let your children in the car - This is really unsafe, stops the flow of traffic and causes frustration to other drivers. Park properly, even if it means looping around again.

■ Yellow Lines



- Parking on yellow lines, even for a moment, blocks visibility and slows traffic.

■ Crossing the Road



- Please walk around the cul-de-sac. Crossing through the angled parks or across the bottom of Longitude Place is unsafe and makes it difficult for drivers to see pedestrians.

■ Staff Carpark



- This is a busy area with limited visibility for drivers.
- The driveway and staff car park are not for student drop-offs or pick-ups.

■ Be Kind to Our Neighbours



- Please avoid blocking driveways or accessways. We really want to maintain a positive relationship with our local community.

Let's Keep Everyone Safe

By following these simple expectations, we are:

- Keeping our students safe
- Modelling good behaviour
- Supporting each other as a school community

Thanks for helping make our school a safe and respectful place for everyone!





RIMU SYNDICATE

Update

Adventurers in Action: Pedal Ready, St John's and an unsolved crime!

Last week, our Rimu students took part in the Pedal Ready cycle programme, learning important skills around how to ride a bike safely and confidently. The sessions were filled with laughter, challenge, and huge enjoyment – and we're already seeing the impact, with a number of students now riding to and from school! We're thrilled at the enthusiasm and are looking forward to making this a regular event for Rimu. A big thank you to our whānau for helping with the organisation of bikes on the relevant days – your support made it all possible.

Rimu students have also had the chance to attend an inspiring First Responders workshop with the amazing Jel from St John's. Students learned how to respond in emergency situations, including how to call for help, basic first aid techniques, and what to do if someone is hurt or unwell. It was hands-on, empowering, and left our tamariki feeling confident about being able to help others in times of need.



Rimu's Golden Baton



Meanwhile, the Golden Baton mystery continues! So far, we have a ransom note, CCTV footage, still images, and some very concerning wood shavings as clues. The investigation is ramping up, but Rimu would love more leads. If anyone has any additional information, please get in touch – every clue counts in cracking this case!

WANTED





RIMU & TŌTARA SWIMMING SPORTS



We were very proud of the swimmers' sportsmanship and immense support towards fellow competitors at our recent Senior Swimming Sports.

Championship swimmers competed in two to four events, including 25m/50m freestyle, 25m/50m backstroke, 25m breaststroke and 25m butterfly.

A huge thank you to Viv Morton, Jo McMaster and the many parents who helped out on the day. Your overwhelming support made this event possible!

Congratulations to the following swimmers whose achievement placed them in the top three for their year group.

Championship Results



YEAR 5	Girls	1st	Quinn Spalding	Boys	1st	Manaia Temarama
		2nd	Indigo Eastham		2nd	Max Bailey
		3rd	Hannah McMaster		3rd	Max Jorgensen
YEAR 6	Girls	1st	Julia Wang	Boys	1st	James Glass
		2nd	Addison Parish		2nd	Brody Burrows
		3rd	Jorja Tierney		3rd=	Vikram Joseph & Oliver Griffiths
YEAR 7	Girls	1st	Clara Dolan	Boys	1st	Luca McMaster
		2nd	Gabi Pos		2nd	Finley Dredge
YEAR 8	Girls	3rd		Boys	3rd	Dylan Harding
		1st	Isabel Dowd		1st	Aidan Van Niekerk
		2nd	Alyssa Brown		2nd	Frank Lunn
		3rd	Ashlyn Van Niekerk			



COMING UP

PTNi Fundraisers



YOU'RE INVITED TO A FUNDRAISER SCREENING OF



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

SCHOOL POLICIES

Adventure School uses SchoolDocs to maintain a comprehensive, up-to-date set of policies and procedures.

Our SchoolDocs policies can be accessed through the school website under the "Our School" tab.

Reviews

- All school policies are reviewed on a three-year cycle, with some policies reviewed each term.
- Reviews are open to board, staff, and the school community.

2025 Reviews

- All schools will review the Legislation and Administration section and the Curriculum and Student Achievement throughout the year.
- Anyone in our school community can review any policy/procedure that has a red, review flag. (The board has some policies they must focus on.)
- If you would like to give feedback on the following policies, log in to SchoolDocs and follow the review instructions.

TERM THREE

- Child Protection (board)
- Abuse Recognition and Reporting (board)
- Food and Nutrition
- Safety Checking (board)
- Police Vetting
- Missing Student Procedure

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



Event Calendar - Important Dates

Please be aware some details may change.



TERM THREE

Week 3	Friday 1 August	Rimu: St John Wellbeing workshops Tōtara: Pedal Ready 9-12.30 Year 2 & Nīkau swimming starts NO ASSEMBLY this week
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	Friday 15 August	Kōwhai St Johns Wellbeing workshops Year 2 & Nīkau swimming 2pm: Assembly (tbc)
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	Nīkau: St John Wellbeing workshops
	Friday 22 August	Kōwhai: St Johns Wellbeing workshops Year 2 & Nīkau swimming PTNi Sausage Sizzle
Week 7	Monday 25 August	12-1.45pm: Choir rehearsal 7.30pm: ArtSplash Choir performance
	Tues 26 August	Tōtara Pizza & PJ Day
	Tues 26 & Wed 27 August	Tōtara: St John Wellbeing workshops
	Thursday 28 August	Nīkau: St John Wellbeing workshops
	Friday 29 August	Kōwhai: St John Wellbeing workshops Year 2 & Nīkau 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 & Nīkau swimming
Week 9	Monday 8 September	5.30pm: BoT meeting
	Tues 9 & Wed 10 September	Tōtara: St John Wellbeing workshops
	Wednesday 10 September	PTNi Movie Night Fundraiser @ The Lighthouse ("The Roses")
	Thursday 11 September	BoT Elections: voting closes at 4pm
	Friday 12 September	Year 2 & Nīkau 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 & Nīkau swimming End of Term 3

