



Adventure School

# Adventure School Newsletter

**No 14 – 28 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 DATES

Thursday 28 August	Nikau - St John's 9.30 - 10.30
Friday 29 August	Yr 7 Gardasil Immunisations Nikau & Yr 2 Swimming 2.00: Assembly: Rms 16 +11 item
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## Featuring...

- Learning Conversations
- Principal Awhi Awards
- Health & PE Survey
- In the Spotlight: Mathswell
- Performing Arts: ArtSplash
- Spotlight on Nikau
- Library Week – Book Buzz

*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, nruvet, Assalaam alaikum, Hello!*



**KŌWHAI**

**Welcome to our new students-**

**Hunter Beachen, Atticus Craze,  
Olivia Goodwin**



Kia ora e te whānau

Thank you so much for the kindness shown on Principal Appreciation Day. Your thoughtfulness and messages meant so much and truly brightened my day! I'm grateful to be part of such a supportive school community, and it is a true pleasure to work alongside dedicated staff, enthusiastic learners, and engaged families.

All the best to our AIMS Games netballers heading to Tauranga next week! We are looking forward to hearing all about it when you return!

## Learning Conversations

It was great to see such high attendance at our Learning Conversations last week, with 96% of families taking part. This highlights the strong commitment of our school community to supporting our Tamariki in their learning. Thank you for taking the time to connect with teachers and whānau - your involvement truly makes a difference.

Feedback from both teachers and parents has been extremely positive, which is fantastic to hear. If you do have any further thoughts or suggestions to share, please don't hesitate to email me; your perspectives are always valued and appreciated.

## Health & PE Survey

Yesterday you were sent information via HERO about our Health & Physical Education survey. Your input helps us ensure we're offering activities and learning that support the health and well-being of your children and meet the needs of our students.

We'd love your thoughts. Here is the link in case you missed the HERO notification.



[LINK](#)

The survey will be open until **9am Thursday 4 September**

## Staffing Update



In Week 9, we'll be opening our next New Entrant class, and we're delighted that Laura Treeby, already a well-known member of our staff, will be taking the class. Laura is currently working in an ORS teacher role, which will be partially covered by part-time release teacher, Natasha Carroll.

We're also delighted to welcome Gail Eastwood as a Teacher Aide, and also to have Nicola Swain returning to our Teacher Aide team.

We feel very fortunate to be fully staffed and look forward to the contributions each of these staff members will bring.

## Principal's Awhi Awards

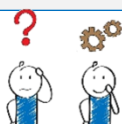
Congratulations to these wonderful Adventurers who were presented with a Principal's Awhi Award at our recent school assembly for naturally showing the values within the Adventure Way Traits.



Clara Dolan, Cooper Elder, Norah Lieu-Li, Amellia Ho, Jackson Woodcock, Ben Jenkins, Hunter Gadsby, Sasha Eastham.  
**Adventure Netballers:** Annie van Son, Riley Jonco, Keano Moore, Skye Ashby, Mireya Roche, Scarlett Boyd, Rocco de Graaff, TJ Kie Tonga, Keelan Manley, Lauren Brander & Ashlyn van Niekerk

## In the Spotlight

# Congratulations



## Adventure Mathswell Teams



Last week, the Year 5-6 and Year 7-8 Mathswell teams competed against 40+ other schools in the annual competition held at Victoria University, run by the Wellington Maths Association. It was a very busy day with paper and pencils flying in all directions. Our students represented our school exceptionally well, both with their impeccable conduct and their excellent mathematical skills.

Our Year 5-6 team placed 2nd overall in the Plate Round, which saw them on the podium and received great prizes as a result.

School	Score	School	Score
1. Adventure School	13	2. Hutt International Boys School	13
3. Our Lady of the Rosary School	13	4. Papakowhai School	13
5. Penmington School	13	6. Sacred Heart Cathedral School	13
7. Samuel Marsden	13	8. Scots College	13
9. South Wellington Intermediate School	13	10. St Benedict's School	13
11. St Brigid's School	13	12. St Mark's Church School	13
13. St Olav's College	13	14. St Teresa's School	13
15. Wadsworth School	13	16. Wellesley College	13
17. Victoria University	13	18. Ferguson Intermediate	13

*We love our Victoria University hoodies!*



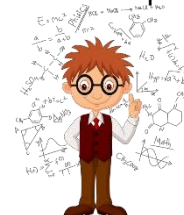
**Year 5-6 Team:** Jackson Paul, Hannah Robertson, Chloe Lieu-Li, Nikau Anderson, Brisha Mehta & Mike Allcock.



The Year 7-8 team placed 5th overall in the Plate Round, a highly competitive bracket where they managed to answer the first round with a perfect score of 13/13 within the time frame. A fantastic performance!



**Year 7-8 Team:** Isabel Dowd, Hieu Tran, Declan Farrell, Annabella Rigarsford, Gabi Pos & Samantha Halson



**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))**



# Performing Arts



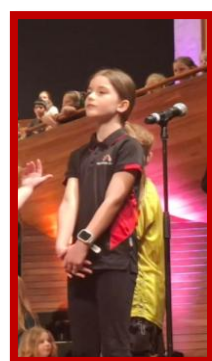
## ArtSplash Choir Performance



We are so proud of our Adventure School ArtSplash Choir, who represented our school with such energy and enthusiasm at the Michael Fowler Centre this week. Their hard work, commitment, and love of music shone through in their performance, and it was wonderful to see them take the stage alongside choirs from across the region.

A huge thank you to our 40 choir members for their dedication during practices, and to Solé du Plessis, who coached, led and organised the group, with support from Alisa Schilder.

A special mention to Chloe Colburn who was chosen to be part of a special singing group, and Hunter Gadsby for being the only child ukulele player across all schools – we are so proud of you!



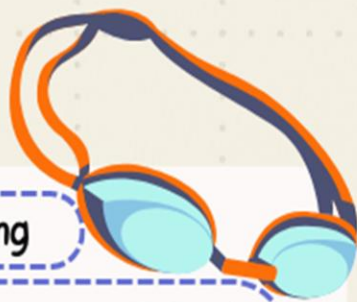
Ngā mihi nui  
Tania Cox  
Principal – Tumuaki



# Nikau News



## Swimming



Nikau students take part in Swimming lessons every Friday at Cannons Creek Pool. We have lots of fun and are learning new skills to keep us safe.



## Touch Rugby

Nikau have been lucky to have Bronwyn and Tyrone from Total Touch teaching us Touch Rugby skills.



## Move and Groove Festival

On Tuesday, some of us were lucky to go to Move 'n' Groove, which is a sports festival where we tried lots of different sports. We only had one break ALL day.

We started with basketball and did some dribbling practice, and then played a game called Ghosts and Goblins. In tag, one person stood in the middle ripping off tags as we ran past. Cricket was next with buddy challenges and Build a Bridge. At Touch rugby we practised defending and "squashing the banana."

We also played Rob the Nest in soccer, practised passing and shooting in netball, scored tries in rugby, and played King of the Court in volleyball. Jedi Dodgeball was the best. We had to save our team-mates using a pool noodle. We finished with gymnastics which was more like parkour and then we came back to school. It was a great day.

Norah and Amellia Room 1





# Nikau News



## Inquiry - Natural Disasters



### TSUNAMIS

By Lucia Brown

Tsunamis are a big wave, often caused by underwater earthquakes. When Tsunamis reach land they can be faster than a jet plane (that's fast!). Tsunami is a Japanese word meaning harbour wave. Sometimes Tsunamis are strong enough to demolish buildings.

Before a Tsunami there is often warnings to keep people safe! During a Tsunami, heaps of houses and areas get wrecked. It is very sad. During a Tsunami people can die and others are badly hurt and need rescuing. Before a Tsunami make sure you know how to stay safe.

#### Staying safe

Tsunamis are really dangerous and you need to know how to stay safe in one, so read the rest! Before a Tsunami some people like to go to the beach for "a swim." But, if you know about a Tsunami, NEVER go to the beach. If its too late and your already in the Tsunami, grab a floating object and hold on. One more tip, get to any high ground you can find! Now you know Tsunamis are one of the most dangerous natural disasters in the world.

### Tsunami

By Dian Lemmon

A tsunami is a big, big wave that is very strong. It can take over buildings and knock them over. Tsunamis can travel very fast and can travel a very long way across the ocean.

There are many reasons that tsunami occur and earthquakes are the most common situation.

#### How to Stay Safe In a Tsunami:

- 1: First of all, get to higher ground, or into a tall building.
- 2: Stay in the building until you are told to come out.
- 3: If there is no higher ground, run inland as far as you can.
- 4: If you are in the water, find something to hold on to.



## Nga Puia (Volcano) Science Experiments & First Aid Training



Toni Marie Bennett (Nikau Team Leader)



## Library Week - Book Buzz!



**THANKS, Mrs O, we love what you do in our Library!**



**You make our Library a cool place to be!**





## Coming Up

### Whole School Assembly

**WHEN:** 2pm - Friday 29 August  
**Featuring Buddy Classes:** Rms 11 & 16



## TERM 3 WHĀNAU MĀORI HUI



**Nau mai, haere mai**

**You are invited to Adventure Kura's  
Whānau Māori Hui**

**Tuesday 9 September**

**6.30 pm - 7:30 pm**

**Adventure School Staffroom**

*Tamariki welcome!*

The hui is a great opportunity for you to meet and network with others.  
During the evening, you'll have the opportunity to:

- Hear about our commitment to, and initiatives in, te ao Māori
- Contribute your aspirations for your tamariki to help us continue shaping a culturally responsive and inclusive learning environment

Drinks & nibbles will be provided.

For more information, feel free to contact Tania Cox ([principal@adventure.school.nz](mailto:principal@adventure.school.nz))

**Please return RSVP slip to the office by Monday 8 September**



# REMINDER



## School Board Elections

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

**A ballot box is in the office reception area for hand delivered voting slips**







# Spring Daffodils

**Monday 1st Sept**  
3pm at the main gate  
**GOLD Coin Donation**

*Thank you to the Hooper Smith / Glass whanau  
for supplying the daffodils*



**NEW DATE! 21 SEPTEMBER**

**KIDS CLOTHING GRAB 2 AUGUST**  
BABIES KIDS TEENS  
ADVENTURE SCHOOL HALL  
facebook.com/AdventureSchoolPTNI  
2-4 PM

## DONATIONS STILL NEEDED

We're still collecting quality, gently worn kids' clothing your kids have outgrown. Please drop any donations into the box in the school office, our outside 19 Longitude Place - thank you!





## Event Calendar - Important Dates

*Please be aware some details may change.*



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Week 7	Thursday 28 August	Nikau: St John Wellbeing workshops
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	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	Y2-6: Cricket Wellington 1.30pm: Team/Group & R11 photos
	Friday 19 September	Year 2 & Nikau swimming Assembly: Kapa Haka Performance (all welcome!) End of Term 3

### 2025 Term Dates

**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-**

**Labour Day** – Monday 27 October

### 2026 Term Dates

**Term One:** Monday 9 February - Thursday 2 April

**Term Two:** Monday 20 April - Friday 3 July

**Term Three:** Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September

**Term Four:** 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

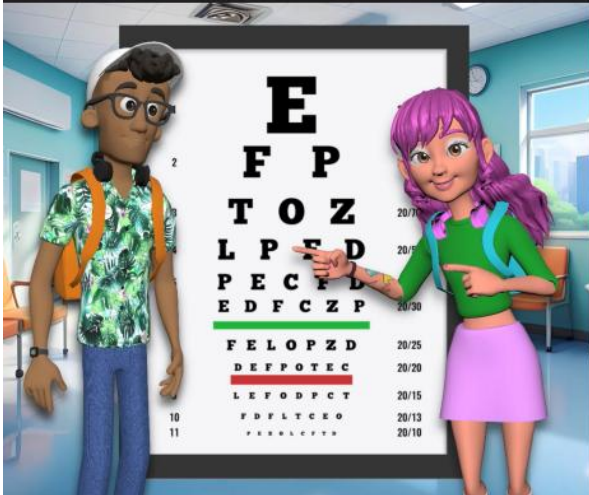
**Please Note:** Waitangi Day, Easter and Matariki occur during school holidays.



## Community Notices

### Be eye smart

1. Spend time outside everyday
2. Less screen time - take a break
3. Book an eye test
4. Wear sunglasses



Logos at the bottom: Eye Health Ambassador, YOUR EYES YOUNG PEOPLE, POTTER MADING TEST, Specsavers



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## School Holiday Activities



### HANDS-ON ECO FUN THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

22nd September - 5th October

These school holidays, Ngā Manu is hosting a series of hands-on, family-friendly events that inspire a love for nature and sustainable living. From building cosy bug hotels to cooking with the power of the sun, and enjoying a heartwarming puppet show, there's something for everyone.

You can also join us for our daily *Lil' Explorer trail*, *eel feeding* plus our *experiences* throughout the holidays including: the *Native Bird Close Encounter* and *Kiwi Night Encounter*.

[FIND OUT MORE](#)

Bookings are recommended during the school holidays to secure your spot!