

## Adventure School Newsletter

No 16 – 9 October 2025



#### **COMING UP**

	Book Character Dress Up Day	
Friday 10 October	Regional Swimming Event	
	2pm: Assembly	
Tuesday 14 October	Yr 5-8 Athletics (Adventure Park)	
	7pm: PTNi meeting	
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Thursday 16 October	National Shake-out Day	
Friday 17 October	NE & Yr 7 Hearing checks	
	ONE Pasifika Invitational Event	
Monday 20 October	5.30pm: BoT meeting	
Tuesday 21 October	Tōtara Syndicate Stall Day	
Thursday 23 October	Strike Day (school closed)	
	11am: Adventure's Got Talent Finals	
Friday 24 October	2pm: Assembly: AGT Winners announced	

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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, ηρυβετ, Assalaam alaikum, Hello!



### Welcome to our new students-

Kōwhai: Khu-Twar Reh, Marlow Crump, Beau Jimmieson, Elijah Russell, Adhiti Gunaseelan. Ellie Wright, Mila Tovey Zara Stephenson

Nīkau: Caroline Ann Abraham Rimu: Chriswin Sam Abraham & Wai Yan Nga

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

Nau mai, hoki mai – a warm welcome back for Term 4!

Hopefully you've had an enjoyable couple of weeks, despite the unpredictable weather. We're very much looking forward to a term full of exciting events for our Tamariki. There's something for everyone – from leadership and mentoring opportunities to Sports and Performing Arts – along with new experiences that will help build resilience, creativity, and strong social connections.

Later this term we'll be hosting a **Showcase** in the hall, featuring performances from our **Kapa Haka**, Pasifika group, and Choir. Save the date – Thursday 13 November (6-7pm). Everyone welcome!

### **Term Three Attendance**

### How did we do?



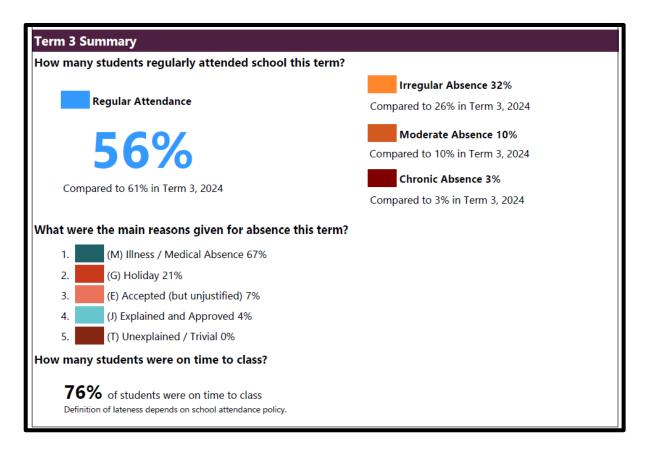
Throughout Term 3, both children and staff experienced significant illness, and many families took children out of school for holidays. This is reflected in our attendance rates.

As Term 4 begins, we are continuing to monitor attendance and punctuality closely, as required by the Ministry of Education, with daily reporting in place.

Everyday attendance makes a real difference - children who are at school consistently are more settled, engaged, and confident in both their learning and friendships. Arriving on time also helps them start the day calmly and connected with their class.

The school day starts at 8.55am. At that time, teachers mark the roll. Please help your child to get to school in plenty of time to be in their classes when the roll is taken.

2030 Government Target: 80% of children attending 90% of the time



% of Students Attending 90% or more				
	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
2023	74%	67%	57%	68%
2024	81%	48%	61%	75%
2025	79%	78%	56%	
2030 TARGET → 80%				



**Safety Alert:** Please park with care - children have been put at risk by cars backing to leave the bus stop.



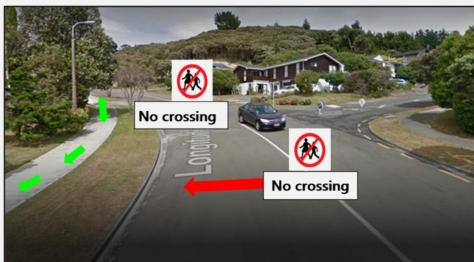
### **Parking and Safety Reminder**

Towards the end of last term, we received several complaints from parents and neighbors about inconsiderate and unsafe parking, particularly around 3pm. On the last day of term, 13 parking infringement tickets were issued by parking wardens.

Last year I made a submission to Porirua City Council to improve traffic flow, including the possibility of turning the bus stop into a pull-in/pull-out zone. There is, however, a significant backlog, meaning progress is slow. In the meantime, parking on the Bus Stop is still considered illegal by the Police and Porirua City Council.

*Please*, park carefully and considerately so we can all look after our children and our community.





Ngā mihi nui Tania Cox Principal – Tumuaki

### **Coming Up**

Whole School Assembly

**WHEN:** 2pm – Friday 10 October





Time Limits

Yrs 1-4: up to 2 mins

Yrs 5-8: up to 3 mins





FINALS: 11am Friday Week 3
24 October
(2 performers/ syndicate)





### Reminders



### **Book Week**



Our Book Week celebrations will end with a favourite tradition - **Dress Up Day!** Students can come dressed as their favourite book character and take part in a day of imagination, celebration, and fun.



#### **Scholastic Book Fair**

Friday will be the last day for ordering books. You are welcome to come in and look at the books before ordering. 8.30 - 9am & 2.45 - 3.15pm.

### Let's be Sunsmart in Term 4

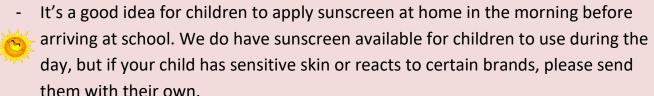
### Hats



In Terms 1 and 4 (from Labour Weekend) we need all children to have a named, school uniform bucket hat to wear during breaks and PE and sporting activities.



### Sunblock





Just a reminder, Adventure is a "Nut Free" school as we have children with severe and life-threatening allergies to nuts. For some of these children, coming into contact with nuts or nut products, even by touching nut residue left on surfaces, can trigger a life-threatening allergic reaction.

We take every practical precaution to keep these children safe, and we really appreciate your understanding.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office.

Please check packaging for "Nut products".



#### Food/ Drinks

We encourage healthy eating and drinking of water.



We have a 10 minute "Brain Break" at 11.50am and during this time, children are able to snack on a piece of fresh vegetable or fruit.

Please support our request that children **do not bring** the following items to school:

- Nuts and foods containing nuts
- Chewing gum
- Sweets/ chocolate
- Fizzy drinks
- Birthday celebration cakes / treats



As we have many children with severe allergies and special dietary requirements, as well as some families who not able to supply such treats to the entire class, **please don't send class** birthday cakes or treats to school.

# Te wiki o te reo Māori





## Adventure Kura had a fantastic end to term 3 celebrating te wiki o te reo Māori!



### Te Ao Māori at Adventure

Throughout the week our tamariki perfected their pepeha in class time. It was great to see and hear Māori kupu around our school!

Our cultural leaders set up a fun day on Rāapa (Wednesday) in week 10. There were Māori sport games such as Tiaki Ariki, Tapu Ae, Ki o Rahi and cultural games with Poi and Maui Matau.

"I enjoyed being more connected to my culture, celebrating through song, haka and pepeha. I liked having the opportunity to teach a Māori game like Tapu Ae" Harry Squire, Yr 7.

Jen Squire

### Kapa Haka Rōpu

Our Kapa Haka Rōpu ended our week with a showcase performance including waiata and haka. The performance was led by our dedicated tutors Todd & Ihipera Parata.









### In the Spotlight





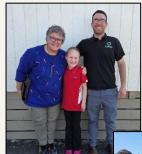
Winning 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Carus Mural Design competition!

And the prize... another stunning mural for our school, painted by Margaret Tolland!

The final design will be a special collaboration between Annebelle and Margaret.

We are grateful to Carus for sponsoring this amazing prize.





### Well done - We are so proud of you!

We would love to celebrate and acknowledge special or personal achievements, so please do share these with us. (Email <a href="mailto:principal@adventure.school.nz">principal@adventure.school.nz</a>)

### **Teachers us Aims Netballers**





### Sport's Spot Inter-Regional School Cross-Country

On Friday 19 September, four Adventure School runners travelled to Christchurch for the Inter-Regional School Cross Country. Competing against teams from Canterbury, South Canterbury, and Tasman, representing Adventure were Maisie Forsyth (Year 6 Girls), Brody Burrows (Year 6 Boys), Lawrence Hanify (Year 5 Boys), and Indigo Eastham (Year 5 Girls).

The Wellington team of over 90 kids arrived in style, marching off the bus with their team chant echoing loud and proud - it set the tone for an exciting day!

The 2km course at Ascot Park was no small challenge for the year 5 and 6 runners, with three steeple jumps, sandy patches to power through and a classic mix of "four seasons in one day" weather! Our runners gave it everything and made us proud, with Maisie finishing 25th, Brody 25th, Lawrence 14th, and Indigo 15th, and some speedy personal bests along the way. To top it all off, Wellington won both the overall team championship and the highly sought after Dave Dixon Baton Relay.

It wasn't all about the racing though. There were chant offs against the other regions, a skit night, loads of new friendships, and plenty of fun and laughter.

A huge congratulations to our Adventure School runners for their determination, enthusiasm, and team spirit!











### Sport's Spot



### **TENNIS**



These Adventurers had lots of fun proudly representing the school at the Wellington Primary School Tennis Tournament last term.



### **Cricket**

Aditya Singh Rai (Year 4) took part in the World Series Indoor Cricket 2025 competition at Hutt Indoor Sports, which ran through Terms 2 and 3.

Teams were allocated countries and given shirts to represent for the season, and Aditya played in the South Africa Year 3/4 team.

On Finals Day (Saturday 13 September), his team reached the Grand Final against Australia and came away as winners  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Medals  $\mathbb{Y}$  were awarded on court after the match.

Aditya trained and played consistently well across the season, showing great commitment, teamwork, and sportsmanship. He was very proud to contribute to his team's success and to be recognised at prize giving.







### **Swimming**



All the best to our seven swimmers representing Parumoana at the Regional Swimming competition tomorrow!

Year 5: Quinn Spalding, Hannah McMaster, Madeline McKee & Indigo Eastham

Year 6: Julie Wang Year 7: Luca McMaster Year 8: Aidan Van Niekerk

### **Board of Trustees**

Congratulations to our newly elected board members! We're excited to have you join our team and look forward to you working with us.

We sincerely thank our outgoing board members, Chris Eastham, Andrew Myers and Cathy Murray, for their dedication, insight, and service to our school community. Your commitment has helped guide our school through important decisions and growth.

A special acknowledgment goes to our two presiding members, Andrew and Chris, whose leadership and vision have been invaluable. Your guidance has made a lasting impact, and we are deeply grateful for your service.

Thank you all for the time, energy, and passion you have shared with our Tamariki, staff, and whānau. We wish you all the very best in your next chapter.



#### **ADVENTURE SCHOOL**

### **School Board Triennial Election**

**Parent Elections Results Declaration** 

#### **Parent Representative Votes (3 vacancies)**

Andreassend, Karyn 65 Brown, Elizabeth (Liz) 82 Clark, Matthew (Matt) 51 Coburn, Scott 64 Doherty-Jones, Benjamin (Ben) 73 Eastham, Chris 64 INVALID VOTES 0

#### There being 6 candidates and 3 vacancies, I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Elizabeth (Liz) Brown Benjamin (Ben) Doherty-Jones Karyn Andreassend

#### **Staff Representative (1 vacancy)**

Sibley, Tania 18 Wilson, Alesha 15 INVALID VOTES 0

#### There being 2 candidates and 1 vacancy, I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Tania Sibley

Diane Leggett Returning Officer

### **Upcoming Strike Day - 23 October**

Kia ora e te whānau.

As Adventure School teachers, management and support staff will be participating in the NZEI Te Riu Roa union strike on Thursday, 23 October, the **school will be closed** for the day.

We apologise for the disruption this may cause for families and appreciate your understanding and support.

Ngā mihi nui,

Adventure School Board of Trustees

### PTNi - Upcoming Events





Order your Christmas cookies today!

Available on Kindo - delivery tbc but will be early December



# Come join us for our Summer Sunset Disco!

### Dress code: Tropical Summer Fun!

Pull out your Hawaiian shirts, colourful leis, grass skirts, floral dresses, beach hats, board shorts, bright sunnies, tropical print tees, or even a cheeky flamingo shirt! The brighter and bolder, the better.

We are doing it a bit differently this time... we are splitting the year levels into a junior and senior session:

Yr 1-4: 5-6pm Yr 5-8: 6:30-8pm

Tickets are now available on Kindo: shop.kindo.co.nz

Don't forget to get a prepaid PTNi card as well as we are **cashless** inside the hall.



# **Event Calendar - Important Dates**Please be aware some details may change



TERM FOUR			
Week 1	Friday 10 October	Book Character Dress Up Day Regional swimming event 2pm: Assembly	
Week 2	Tuesday 14 October	Yr 5-8 Athletics (pp 16 & 20 October) 7pm: PTNi meeting	
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	Friday 17 October	NE & Yr 7 Hearing & Vision checks ONE Pasifika Invitational event	
	Monday 20 October	5.30pm: BoT meeting	
	Tuesday 21 October	Stall Day	
Week 3	Thursday 23 October	SCHOOL CLOSED - Strike action	
	Friday 24 October	11am: Adventure's Got Talent Finals 2pm: Assembly	
	Monday 27 October	SCHOOL CLOSED – LABOUR DAY	
Week 4	Wednesday 29 October	NE Open Hour	
	Thursday 30 October	Play Trailer (pp 31 October)	
	Monday 3 November	9.10am: Mihi Whakatau tbc	
Week 5		5.30pm: BoT meeting	
	Tuesday 4 November	Parumoana Athletics (pp 6 Nov)	
	Friday 7 November	2pm: Assembly	
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Week 6	Thursday 13 November	6pm: Showcase	
Week 7	Thursday 20 November	Kōwhai Adventure Day tbc	
	Friday 21 November	Parumoana Speech competition	
	Tuesday 25 November	Regional Athletics (pp 27 November)	
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Week 8	Friday 29 Naytombor	6-7pm: Whānau Māori Hui	
	Friday 28 November	Library closed	
	Manday 1 Dagarahar	Nīkau Athletics (pp 2 December)	
	Monday 1 December	5.30pm: BoT meeting	
Week 9	Tuesday 2 December Thursday 4 December	Aotea College Orientation Day Yr 0/1 Carol singing	
vveek 9	Friday 5 December	1.45pm: Prize giving assembly	
	Friday 5 December	PTNi Movie night tbc	
	Monday 8 December	Yr O/1 to Battle Hill	
	Tuesday 9 December	Nīkau to Aotea Lagoon tbc (pp 11 December) Year 8 Leavers Dinner	
Week 10	Wednesday 10 December	Kōwhai Tree Trimming	
	Thursday 11 December	Rimu EOTC	
	<b>_</b>	Reports published	
	Friday 12 December	Yr O/1 Wheels Day	
	Monday 15 December	2pm: Visit 2026 classroom	
Week 11	Tuesday 16 December	11am-1pm: Fun Day tbc	
	Wednesday 17 December	11am: Final Assembly	
		Noon: School finishes for 2025	

### 2025 Term Dates

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.

The school will be closed for 2 Ministry of Education approved Teacher Only Days to for professional development to support implementing the refreshed curriculum. Dates are yet to be confirmed.

### **Community Notices**

#### **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) – Build coordination and confidence, while learning to follow instructions,

listen to feedback, and work in a group led by a coach—provides amazing prep prior to starting school!

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.

Bigair Gym - Helping kids grow, achieve, learn, and thrive.

Booking online for Term 4 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.

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#### **SPRING INTO ACTION!**

This weekly programme gives children the skills and confidence in a fun and enjoyable environment. It also encourages their enthusiasm for sport and the life skills that such involvement brings, Giving them the confidence to join sports clubs and teams in the future.

The sports we will focus on this term are:

Cricket, T-Ball, Basketball, Football (2 weeks of each).

Starts Wednesday 15 October 2025 for 8 weeks.

www.kellvsports.co.nz

#### Porirua City United Softball Club registrations for the 2025/2026 season are now open!

We welcome new and returning players of all ages. If you're keen to play this season, simply click on the link below to register.

Sibling discounts are available for children playing in Under 9's to Under 15's.

All you need to start is a softball glove.

The season begins on 1st November 2025.

If you have any questions, please email us at: poriruacityunitedsoftball@gmail.com

Register here: www.sporty.co.nz/pcusoftball

#### **Eating Disorder Recovery Coaching**

As a parent, watching your child struggle with an eating disorder can feel overwhelming and exhausting. I know this journey personally, both from lived experience and from supporting a loved one, and I also know that full recovery is possible.

Through eating disorder recovery coaching, I walk alongside young people and their families, helping them make peace with food, movement, and their bodies. You and your child can be supported every step of the way.

Let's connect and arrange a free consultation today.

Rebecca, WithLoveED, Ceretified Eating Disorder Recovery Coach (CCIEDC)

withloveed.com

#### **ARTY FARTY KIDS - TERM 4 Art Classes are now open!**

Your Arty Farty Kid will learn - drawing skills / colour theory / painting techniques by an experienced Art Teacher & Fully Qualified Primary School Teacher. Your child will create high quality art in a fun, safe & welcoming environment.

Term 4 sessions start on Saturday, 18th October and are as follows -

Junior Sessions
'Folk Art'
ages 5 - 10 years
@ 10.00 am - 11.15 am

Senior Sessions
'Gems and Disco Balls
ages 10 – 15 years
@ 11.30am – 1pm

Please get in touch ASAP as we have limited spaces available. Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Arty Farty Kids LTD, 022 174 8558

#### Papakowhai Brownies

We have places available for girls to join us at Papakōwhai Brownies. Brownies make lifelong friends, discover the thrill of outdoor adventures, and learn skills that will shape their future. Papakōwhai Brownies meet on Wednesday 5.15pm - 6.45pm at Tairangi School Hall. Fees are \$110 per term at all levels of Guiding. Get in touch to come along for a free visit.

Email <u>browniepapakowhai@gmail.com</u> or enquire via the Girl Guiding website at <a href="http://ggnz.org.nz">http://ggnz.org.nz</a>