



Adventure School

Adventure School Newsletter

No 17 - 24 October 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

Friday 24 October	9am Girls Cricket 11am Adventure's Got Talent Finals 2.00: Assembly: Rms 20 + 9
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Monday 3 November	9am: Mihi whakatau (new families) tbc
Thursday 6 November	Parumoana Athletics (Yrs 5-8)
Friday 7 November	5-7pm: Sunset Disco (School Hall)

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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

Firstly, I'd like to acknowledge the disruption caused by the school closure for yesterday's strike - thank you for your patience and support.

What a wonderful buzz Book Week created! Our whole school was bursting with imagination, laughter, and creativity as favourite book characters leapt off the pages and into classrooms.

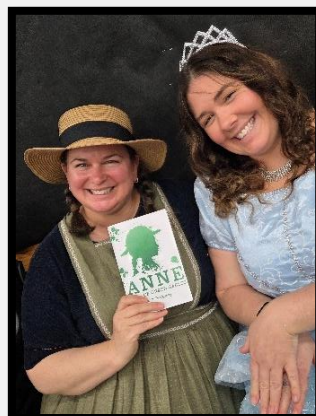
The Book Fair was bursting at the seams – over \$6,000 worth of books were sold, raising an amazing \$2,000 in book credits for our school!

A huge thank you to our students, staff, and families for making it such a memorable week of fun and community spirit.

Special thanks to Erica Leggett, who spearheaded this event; to Wilmeri, for her magic in transforming the Library; and to the Student Leadership Team and Librarians for working together to help make the week jam-packed with fun!









Procedure for Picking Children Up Early

Schools are busy places. It would be helpful if you could please-

- **phone the office ahead so we can have your children ready for you at the office reception.**



(emailing the teacher well in advance would also be helpful)

If you need to pick your children up during school time **you must come to the office first.**



1. Sign your child(ren) out using the Vis-Tab at the office
2. The office staff will phone the classroom teacher for your child to meet you at the office.

During Breaks

Please try to phone ahead so we can arrange for your child(ren) to be waiting for you.

It would be super helpful if you could **pick up at 1pm or 2pm instead of during the lunchtime** when it is a real challenge to find one child amongst 500 others in our very big outdoor space.

For safety, we also need to be aware of visitors on the school grounds.

Our break times are:

Morning Tea: 10.25 – 10.50am

Lunchtime: 1.00pm – 1.55pm

Thanks so much for working with us - we really appreciate your care and understanding.

Upcoming Surveys - Opportunities for Sharing Information & Feedback

Next week, we'll be asking for your input into **Home-School Learning (Homework)** as we plan for what this could look like in 2026.

Later in the term, there will also be an opportunity to share information for consideration in 2026 class placements. (More details on this in the next newsletter.)

2025 Health & Physical Education Survey Results



Many thanks to everyone who completed the Health and PE Survey. While only a very small number of the 124 respondents provided comments, we truly value every suggestion. Most feedback was unique to an individual, but a few ideas were raised by at least at least 3 people, showing a common thread.

Physical Experiences

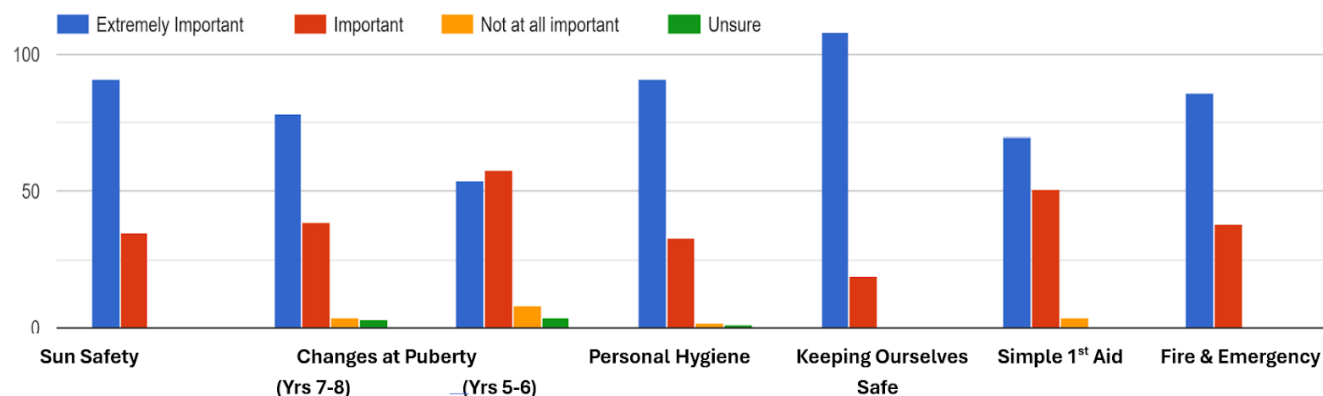
- Views were divided on whether competitive events should be compulsory or optional.
- Some would like to see swimming sports for all children.

Outdoor Education

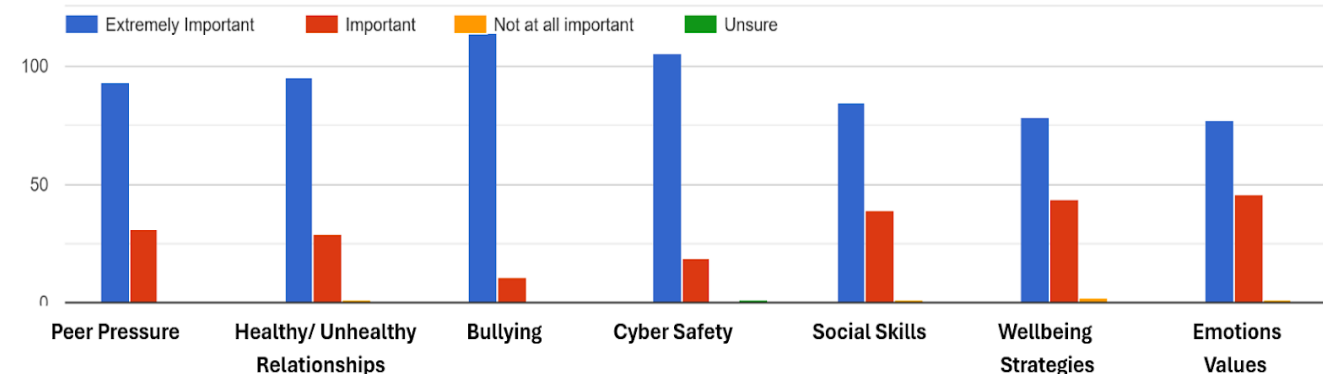
- Some parents would like to see an offsite camp brought back for Years 5–6.

This feedback, together with the overall ratings for each question, will play an important role in shaping our plans for 2026 and helping us create learning experiences that best support our Tamariki.

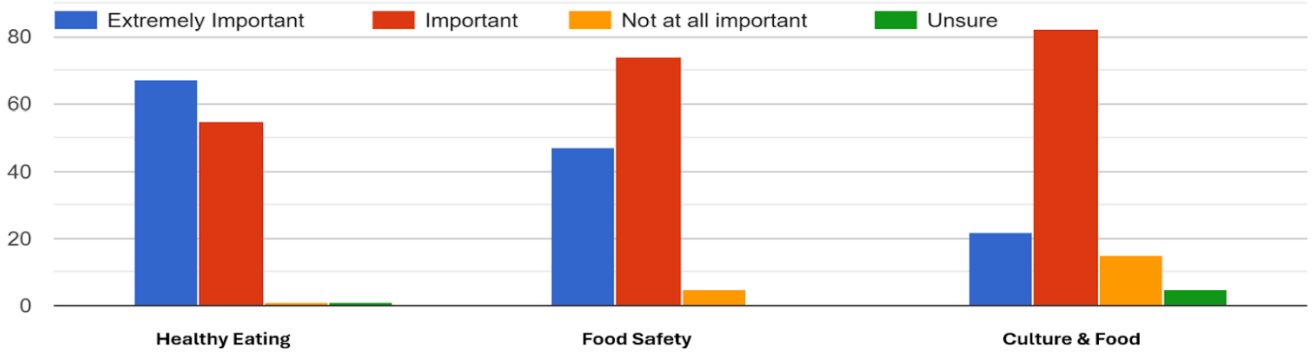
Personal Health & Safety



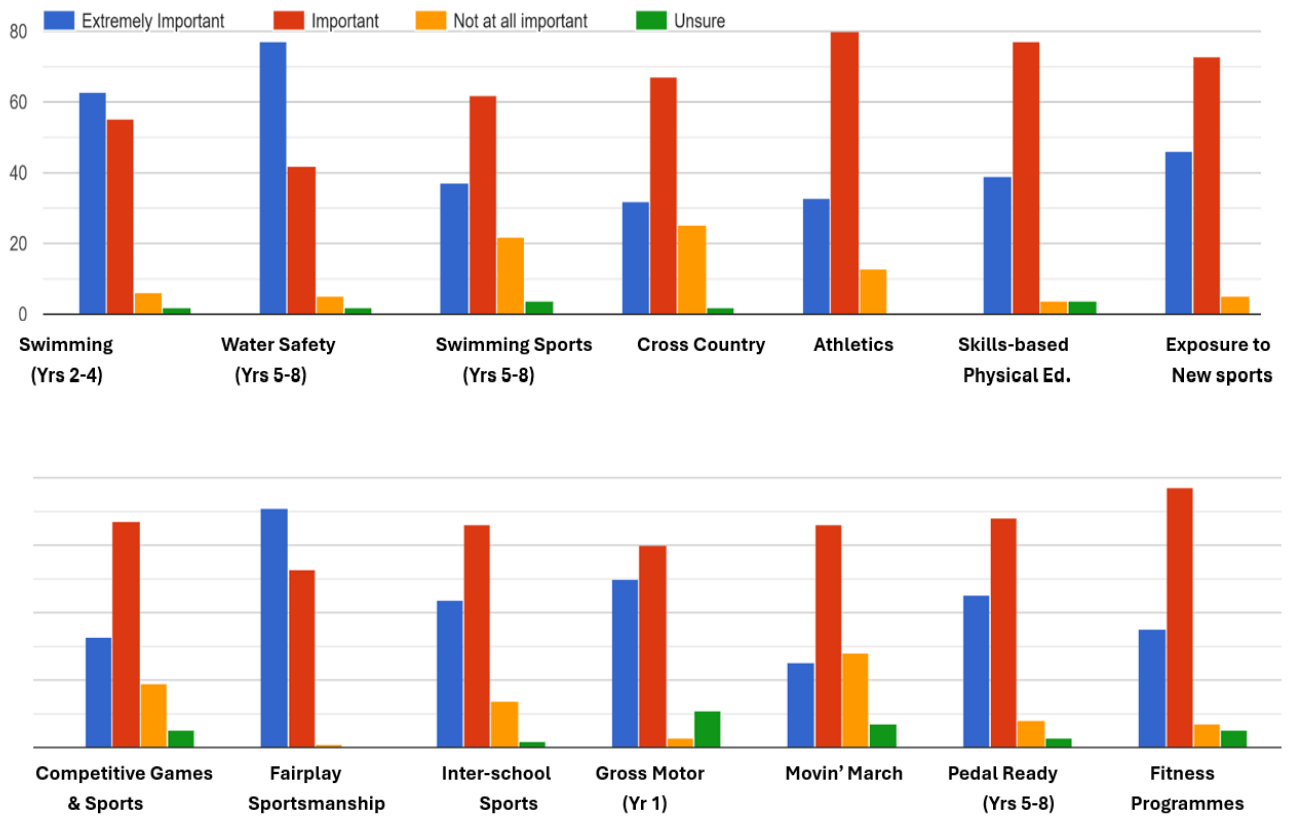
Relationships & Emotional Wellbeing



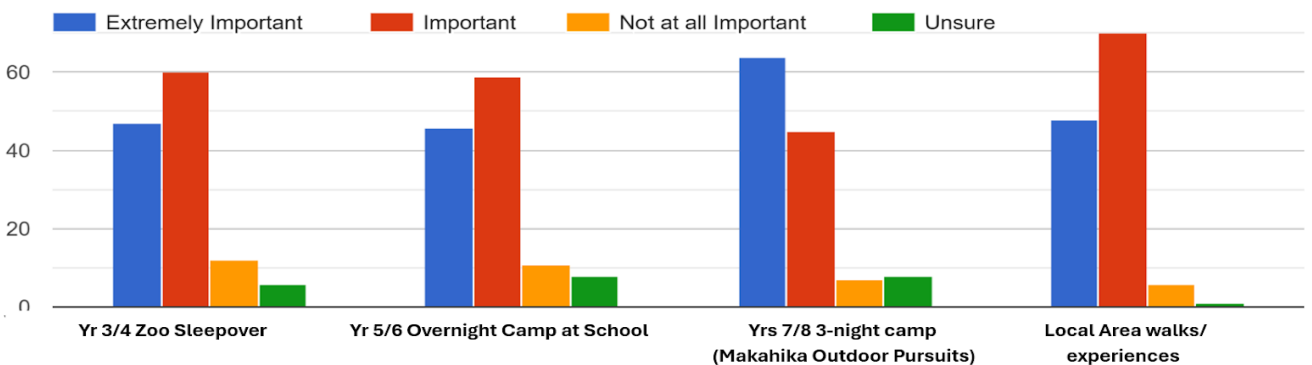
Food & Nutrition



Physical Experiences



Outdoor Education – Overnight Camps (Building Resilience/ new experiences)



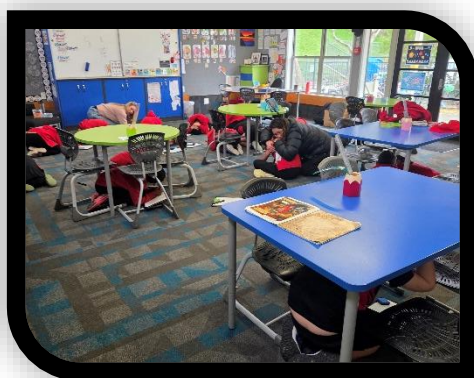
National Shake Out!



New Zealand's national earthquake and tsunami drill took place on 16 October at 9.30am. Workplaces, schools, and households across the country practiced DROP, COVER, and HOLD, just as they would in a real emergency.

Our kids were amazing and confidently knew exactly what to do in their classrooms.

ME TAKATŪ MŌ TE



Ngā mihi nui
Tania Cox
Principal – Tumuaki

Coming up



Adventure School
learning for life

SHOWCASE 2025

Kapa Haka, Pasifika, and Choir

13 November, Thursday, 6:00 PM
Adventure School Hall

Join us for a vibrant showcase of culture, unity, and performance.

Sport's Spot

Regional Swimming Event

Congratulations to our amazing Adventure Swimmers who did us proud representing Parumoana at the recent Regional Swimming competition.



Madeline McKee, Quinn Spalding, Indigo Eastham,
Aidan van Niekerk, Luca McMaster,
Hannah McMaster, Julia Wang

Indigo Eastham - Y5

- 1st Equal 25m Freestyle
- 1st 25m Breaststroke
- 5th 25m Backstroke

Quinn Spalding - Y5

- 4th 25m Freestyle
- 4th 25m Breaststroke
- 4th 25m Butterfly

Julia Wang - Y6

- 1st Equal 50m Freestyle
- 4th 25m Breaststroke
- 6th 25m Butterfly

Luca McMaster - Y7

- 5th 50m Freestyle

Aidan van Niekerk Y8

- 7th 25m Butterfly

Girls Y5 Freestyle Relay

- 2nd

(Quinn Spalding, Indigo Eastham,
Hannah McMaster, Madeline McKee)

From our PTNi

GET INVOLVED

THE PTNI COMMITTEE NEEDS NEW MEMBERS!



The PTNi helps bring our school community together through fun events and fundraisers. We're looking for more helping hands, fresh ideas, and keen parents.

Come along to our next meeting - everyone is welcome!

ptni@adventure.school.nz | Facebook: *Adventure School PTNi - Parent & Caregiver Group*

**Coming
up**



A vibrant poster for a 'Summer Sunset Disco' event. The background is blue with a red border. At the top left is a stylized sun with rays. The main text 'SUMMER SUNSET DISCO' is in large, colorful letters. Below it, the date '7 NOVEMBER' is in a white box. The theme is 'TROPICAL SUMMER THEME'. There are two columns of text for 'JUNIORS' and 'SENIORS' with their respective times. At the bottom, there's a list of food items: 'HOT CHIPS · HOTDOGS · PIZZA · ICEBLOCKS · GLOW'. A circular logo in the top right corner says 'GOODTIME DJS' and '\$5 ENTRY'. There are also some starburst graphics and a small sun icon at the bottom right.

**SUMMER
SUNSET
DISCO**

7 NOVEMBER

TROPICAL SUMMER THEME

**JUNIORS
YEAR 1-4
5-6PM**

**SENIORS
YEAR 5-8
6:30-8PM**

HOT CHIPS · HOTDOGS · PIZZA · ICEBLOCKS · GLOW

We'd love you to come lend a hand at our working bee on-
Sunday 23 November: 9 - 12

What We'll be Doing: Weeding and general tidying of the school's
outdoor area

- **BYO** gardening tools, hammer, weed eater, water blaster, chainsaw and wheelbarrow if you have them.

Please come along to our

WORKING BEE

Sunday 23 November: 9 -12

BYO gardening tools



Event Calendar - Important Dates



Please be aware some details may change

TERM FOUR		
Week 3	Friday 24 October	Yrs 3-8 Girls cricket 11am: Adventure's Got Talent Finals 2pm: Assembly Lucky Book Club Issue 7 orders close
Week 4	Monday 27 October	SCHOOL CLOSED - LABOUR DAY
	Wednesday 29 October	NE Open Hour (by arrangement)
	Thursday 30 October	Play Trailer (pp 31 October)
Week 5	Monday 3 November	9am: Mihi Whakatau tbc Rimu & Tōtara bowls
	Tuesday 4 November	Parumoana Athletics (pp 6 Nov)
	Friday 7 November	5-7pm: Disco
Week 6	Monday 10 November	5.30pm: BoT meeting
	Thursday 13 November	6pm: Showcase
	Friday 14 November	2pm: Assembly
Week 7	Wednesday 19 November	Road Patroller celebration
	Thursday 20 November	Kōwhai Adventure Day tbc
	Friday 21 November	Parumoana Speech competition Sausage sizzle lunch
	Sunday November 23	9am-12pm: Working bee
Week 8	Tuesday 25 November	Regional Athletics (pp 27 November) Yr 2 Botanical Gardens tbc (pp 3 December) 6-7pm: Whānau Māori Hui
	Friday 28 November	Library closed - al books to be returned Nīkau Athletics (pp 2 December)
Week 9	Thursday 4 December	Yr 0/2 Carol singing
	Friday 5 December	1.45pm: Prize giving assembly 5.30pm: PTNi Movie night tbc
Week 10	Monday 8 December	Yr 0/1 to Battle Hill 9.30am: Road Patrol training
	Tuesday 9 December	Aotea College Orientation Day Nīkau to Aotea Lagoon tbc (pp 11 December) Year 8 Leavers Dinner
	Wednesday 10 December	Kōwhai Tree Trimming
	Thursday 11 December	Rimu EOTC Reports published
	Friday 12 December	Yr 0/2 Wheels Day
Week 11	Monday 15 December	2pm: Visit 2026 classrooms
	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.

Community Notices

PORIRUA CITY AQUATICS LEARN TO SWIM


Learn to Swim classes will start at the Cannons Creek Pool on Sunday 2 November and run through to the 14 December 2025. The fee for the course of seven lessons is \$50.00.

Classes are half an hour starting at 9.15am and 10am. Enrolments will be taken on the first day.

Swimmers must be at least 5 years old and 1.1m tall. Long hair is to be tied back and goggles are required.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

For further information email president@swimporirua.co.nz



Porirua Judo Academy

Level 1, 11 Cobham Court
Porirua CBD

Judo is a super fun and rewarding activity for kids! It mixes getting fit with learning to focus. In this martial art, kids not only learn cool self-defence moves, but they also pick up important values like respect, patience, and self-control. Imagine the thrill of safely doing throws and holds while using up all that energy in a fun and safe way! Judo classes are all about working together and making new friends, helping kids improve their social skills.

Email: info@porirujudo.org.nz
Phone or Text: 021 081 983 40



Porirua Fire Brigade EMERGENCY SERVICES EXPO

Saturday 25 October 2025
10am-2pm

Te Rauparaha Arena
17 Parumoana Street

Bring the whole whānau!

- Food trucks • Fun activities • Giveaways • Fire safety advice
- Emergency vehicles & equipment • Volunteering information

Hato Hone St John 4110m NZ BLOOD WELLINGTON FIRE AMBULANCE HEART FOUNDATION MASSEY UNIVERSITY AND MORE...



Expired car seats

Porirua annual collection

All of November 2025

Please hand in your damaged or expired car seats and booster seats FREE at: **Trash Palace**
20 Broken Hill Road, Kenepuru, Porirua.

Drop off at reception
Monday to Friday 8.30am-5pm
Sunday 9am-5pm

For more information call 04 978 8355
or email paulette.pavelich@porirucity.govt.nz

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We're excited to welcome entries from all primary-aged students in the Wellington Region for our 2025 Ring Animal Showing!

Enter here: lambandcalfday.co.nz/ring-animal-entry/

Who can enter:

- Students in Years 0–8 enrolled at a Wellington Region school.
- Lambs, calves, and other eligible animals born no earlier than 1st March 2025.
- Competition highlights:
- Animals judged in combined year groups, with 3 placings per group.
- First-place winners in each group go forward to the 'Best In Show' competition – don't disappear after your group placing!
- Optional Dress Up category – dress your animal and yourself for extra fun!

Entry & Rules:

- No cost to enter.
- Students must lead and control their animals around a small course and answer care questions.
- Animals must wear a halter or lead when not in pens.
- Entries close: 5pm Sunday 26th October 2025.

Event Day Details:

Date: Saturday 8th November 2025

Time: 10am – 2pm

Location: Top field, Pāuatahanui School

- Animal check-in: 7:30AM – 8:15AM (all animals must be in pens by 8:15AM)
- Practice/familiarisation: 8:30 – 9:00AM
- Judging starts: 10:00AM (age groups, then Best in Show, followed by Dress Up)
- Animal collection: from 2:30PM, must be collected by 4:00PM

We'll provide water, shade, and a vet on site – please bring any extra feed your animal needs. For safety, animals must be walked, not driven, onto school grounds.