

Adventure School Newsletter

No 18 ~ 6 November 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 7 November	5-7pm: Summer Sunset Disco
Monday 10 November	5.30: BoT Meeting
Wednesday 12 November	Rimu ASB Financial Literacy sessions
Thursday 13 November	Rimu ASB Financial Literacy sessions 6-7pm: SHOWCASE in hall (Kapa Haka – Pasifika – Choir)
Friday 14 November	9am: Parent Class information Form Closes 2pm: Assembly Rms 13 & 17
Wednesday 19 November	Road Patroller Celebration
Thursday 20 November	Kōwhai Adventure Day

Featuring

- Play Trailer
- 2026 Class Placements
- Principal Awards
In the Spotlight
- Adventure's Got Talent Finals
- Spotlight on: RIMU
- Tōtara Team: Stall Day
- Sports Spot – Senior Athletics
- Coming Up: Showcase

*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

Welcome to our new students-

Kōwhai: Rayyan Azimullah & Saoirse Scott



There was no shortage of smiles last week – new football nets – a Play Trailer experience – rehearsals for our first ever Adventure Showcase in full swing - and some sunshine at last!

The Adventure Way was in full swing as classes visited the Play Trailer, a no cost experience offered by the Porirua City Council! The Trailer is stocked to the brim with a wide range of fun play equipment - from giant Jenga, hula hoops, frisbees, and jumping sacks, to sports gear like football, volleyball, cricket, ki o rahi, and Rippa rugby, plus loose parts for creative play such as carpet, tubing, pipes, tyres, and wooden planks.

Creativity and curiosity were in abundance as our Year 2–6 children dived in, explored the equipment, collaborated with friends, embraced new challenges, and used their imagination to make every moment their own adventure.



2026 Class Placements

Over the next few weeks, our teachers will be sharing information to help with 2026 class placements. This is a complex process as we consider each child's academic, physical, social, and emotional needs while also ensuring balanced classes. It's important to note that being with their closest friends doesn't always lead to the best learning outcomes for children.

Our teachers are professionals who know your child(ren) in their school environment, and management, team leaders and teachers work together to consciously choose the class that holistically best fits the needs of each child.

As in previous years, I would like to give parents the opportunity to share any specific or unique information they feel may impact their child's classroom placement. Tomorrow, you will receive a communication through HERO with a Google Form link and important information about this. If you don't receive a notification or would prefer a paper copy, please contact the school office. (We ask that you please follow this process rather than communicating with your child's teacher.)

Please be aware, that there are a range of factors considered in this process, and while we will take all information and requests into account, we cannot guarantee that every specific request can be accommodated. What one parent suggests could be contradictory to another parent's request or teacher insights.

Please note, this is not an opportunity to choose a specific teacher, and all forms must be completed by **9am next Friday, 14 November** in order to be considered.

Unfortunately, due to the complexity of the process, we are unable to accept late requests.

2026 – Tentative Class Teachers

KŌWHAI	NĪKAU	RIMU	TŌTARA
NE – Yr2	Years 3/4	Years 5/6	Years 7/8
Team Leader: Rebecca St. Clair	Team Leader: Toni Bennett	Team Leader: Erica Leggett	Team Leader: Mark Hughes
Rebecca St. Clair (Yr 1) Tania Sibley (Yr 1) Nadine Amorangi (Yr 1) Cathy Murray (Yr 1) Amanda-Lee Lemmon (Yr 2) Alesha Wilson (Yr 2)	Toni Bennett Solé du Plessis Amy Churchill Richard McQueen	Keegan Martin Emma Harris Alisa Schilder Carla Nickson Andrea Nichols	Mark Hughes Jen Squire John Kelleher Shane Dalton

IMPORTANT

To help with forward planning, please let us know now

- **if your child is in Years 1-7 and will not be returning to Adventure next year**
- **you have not yet enrolled a sibling starting in 2026**

Principal's Awhi Awards



Walker Nicol, Bash St. Clair, Leo Martin, Kylie Kun, Finn Sutton, Quinn Murphy



In the Spotlight

TJ Kie Tonga (Yr 7)

At the end of last term, TJ travelled to Auckland to represent Samoa at the First Nations Polynesian Basketball Competition.

After finishing as runners-up last year, the boys dedicated extra time to training in the lead-up to this year's event. Their hard work paid off, with the team winning every game and claiming first place in the 11U grade!

TJ's outstanding performance was also recognised as he was awarded MVP.



TJ with former students
Joshua & Jacob Penno

Patrick Bexley (Yr 5)

Patrick has been selected to train alongside New Zealand's most promising young classical ballet dancers in the New Zealand School of Dance Scholars programme in 2026.



We are so proud of you all!

We would love to celebrate and acknowledge special or personal achievements, so please do share these with us. (Email principal@adventure.school.nz)

Ngā mihi nui
Tania Cox
Principal – Tumuaki

ADVENTURE'S GOT'S TALENT

AGT 2025 - What a Show!

What an incredible showcase of talent we had at this year's Adventure's Got Talent! The calibre of performances was nothing short of outstanding, with a record number of entries from students across the school. From singers and dancers to musicians, comedians, and magicians, the creativity, courage, and confidence on display made for a truly memorable event.

Our students had a tough job narrowing down the finalists, and an even harder time selecting the winners - every act brought something unique and entertaining to the stage. Huge congratulations to Ruby, our Senior Winner, whose performance wowed the crowd, and to Kian our Junior Winner, who impressed everyone with his fantastic stage presence and flair. A special shoutout also goes to Vicky and the dynamic duo Chloe and Josie, who received the Judges' Highly Commended Awards for their outstanding performances.

A massive thank you to everyone who participated, supported, and cheered from the audience - it was a wonderful celebration of the many talents within our Adventure School whānau. Bring on next year's show!

Kōwhai

- Sophie Brouard
➔ *Dance*
- Charlie Tanner
➔ *Dance*
- Kian Donaldson
➔ *Dance*

Nīkau

- Chloe & Josie
➔ *Dance*
- Sasha Eastham
➔ *Drums*
- Thivein Suhasvin
➔ *Song*

Rimu

- Isla Ritchie
➔ *Song*
- Lawrence Hanify
➔ *Piano*
- Ruby Woodcock
➔ *Acro*

Tōtara

- Vicky Guan
➔ *Piano*
- Bronagh Davidson
➔ *Violin*
- Scarlett Boyd
➔ *Dance*

Junior Winner



Kian



Senior Winner



Ruby

Kōwhai



Nikau



Rimu



Tōtara



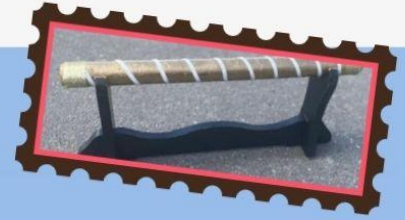


RIMU SYNDICATE

Update



Adventurers in Action: Golden Effort, Great Reads, and Growing Confidence!



Term 3 ended with a bang - or should we say, a brilliant golden shine! After weeks of detective work, the Great Golden Baton Mystery was finally solved. Our students poured their energy into analysing clues, cross-examining suspects, and piecing together the evidence presented. The final lab reports were hand-delivered by lab specialist Professor Herman Adelphi from our local Whitby Labs.



Whilst sharing his findings, Mr Hughes was spotted by our eagle-eyed detectives scootering around the school hall. Detainment was swift, and without a single question asked, he launched into a heartfelt confession, much to the delight of our investigation team. The case cracked wide open when Mr Hughes admitted to borrowing the baton for a much-needed makeover! It has since been safely returned to the syndicate - gleaming brighter than ever.



Term 4 began with a hiss and a roar as Book Week took over! Our classrooms were buzzing with quizzes, bingo boards, and cosy tuakana-teina reading hideouts. The week wrapped up with a fantastic Book Character Dress Up Day - what a joy to see so many creative and colourful costumes bringing stories to life!

Book Week 2025!



RIMU SYNDICATE

Update



Next came our Senior Athletics Day, a true showcase of effort, perseverance, and sportsmanship. Whether sprinting down the track, leaping into the long jump pit, or cheering from the sidelines, our students demonstrated courage, teamwork, and pride in giving their absolute best.



Now, our focus has turned to speeches - a challenge that stretches confidence and builds character. We know standing up to speak in front of others can feel daunting, but we're already seeing students rise to the occasion with courage and creativity. It's wonderful to watch them discover the power of their voices and ideas.

It's been an action-packed and inspiring stretch of learning - and we're only halfway through the term!

Writer's Corner

Preface

I had no idea what to do. I couldn't think straight nor breathe properly. Stranded in the sea, knowing rescue might never come, realisation struck. I would have to survive, but I had a feeling everything was soon going to change...

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I woke up to the rumbling thunder and chaos in the plane. The ground shook as the plane descended rapidly. Screams and cries rang in my ears, bouncing off the walls of the plane. As I desperately fumbled around to look for anything that could help me, I was suddenly hit by a blast of wind, flung out of the plane, and plummeting towards my death.

The wind whipped my hair across my face. The thin air tasted salty and prickly on my tongue. Just then, I splashed into the still water. On impact, the water felt like a smooth, solid stone and it quickly pulled me underneath. I choked up some sea water and it burned in my throat. The ripples of the crashing debris vibrated through the dusty water as I slowly swam up. Then, when I opened my eyes, I froze...

By Chloe

TŌTARA SYNDICATE

Stall Day

Wednesday the 22nd of October

Tōtara Syndicate hosted Stall Day in Week 3 of this term. We were incredibly lucky with the weather. Some suggested we were in the eye of the storm that hit the region on virtually every other day that week.

Tōtara students had been preparing for the fundraising event since the middle of last term - collecting in preloved goods, making trinkets, doing financial analyses of their offerings to ensure they actually made some money on the day.

By the time everything was tidied away at the end of Spell 3, I am happy to report that the school had been fed and entertained, many had been face painted and some had found a new soft toy for their collection at home.

Over \$1,500 was raised for the Senior Camp next year. We greatly appreciate the support everyone gave to this fundraising event.

Thank you on behalf of Tōtara Syndicate.

Mark Hughes



Rimu & Tōtara Athletics

What a brilliant day we had for our Senior Athletics! The sunshine certainly added to the energy and enthusiasm on the field. A big thank you to John Kelleher for his organisation and to our amazing teachers and supportive parents who helped run events and cheer on the athletes.

Ka rawe to all our students for giving it their all – your perseverance, effort, and positive attitude made us proud, especially those who pushed through challenges and kept going.

Certificates will be presented at assembly on Friday 14 November

Results

Congratulations to the following children who gained a 1st, 2nd or 3rd placing overall in their year groups.

Year 5 Girls: 1st Indigo Eastham
2nd Quinn Spalding
3rd Charlotte Fraser

Boys: 1st Lawrence Hanify
2nd Manaia Temarama
3rd= Frankie Pyke & Thomas Robinson

Year 6 Girls: 1st Maisie Forsyth
2nd Jessica Harrald
3rd= Heidi Lunn

Boys: 1st= Oliver Griffiths & Brody Burrows
3rd Charlie Marsh

Year 7 Girls: 1st Annie Van Son
2nd Jordan Elimelech
3rd= Kelsey Cotter & Ameliah Barker

Boys: 1st TJ Kie Tonga
2nd Luca McMaster
3rd Finley Dredge

Year 8 Girls: 1st Ashlyn van Niekerk
2nd Ciara Daly-Houghton
3rd Jennie Park

Boys: 1st Spencer Bush
2nd Lennox Manase
3rd Aidan van Niekerk



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.

**Whole School
Assembly**

WHEN: 2pm - Friday 14 November

Buddy Class Item: Rms 13 +17





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**To be eligible, your school needs to have the following number of participants linked to your school group:
15+ for a school roll over 100, 10+ for a school roll between 51-100 or 5+ students for a school roll under 50.

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*



SUMMER SUNSET DISCO

\$5
ENTRY



7 NOVEMBER

TROPICAL SUMMER THEME

JUNIORS
YEAR 1-4
5-6PM

SENIORS
YEAR 5-8
6:30-8PM



HOT CHIPS • HOTDOGS • PIZZA • ICEBLOCKS • GLOW



Please come along to our

WORKING BEE

Sunday 23 November: 9 -12

BYO gardening tools



We'd love you to come and help out 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.

Drinks and refreshments will be provided.

SCHOOL POLICIES – Term 4 Review

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. If you would like to give feedback on the following policies, log in to SchoolDocs and follow the review instructions.

- Bullying and Harassment (Board)
- Behaviour Management (Board)
- Searches, Surrender and Retention of Property
- Minimising Physical Restraint (Board)
- Stand-down, Suspension, and Exclusion
- Staff Wellbeing and Safety



Event Calendar - Important Dates

Please be aware some details may change



TERM FOUR

Week 5	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
	Friday 21 November	Parumoana Speech competition Sausage sizzle lunch Lucky Book Club Issue 8 orders close
	Sunday November 23	9am-12pm: Working bee
Week 8	Monday 24 November	9am: Mihi Whakatau tbc
	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 – all 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
Week 10	Monday 8 December	Yr 0/1 to Battle Hill 9.30am: Road Patrol training 5.30pm: BoT meeting
	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

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.

School Holiday Activities

Pre Xmas STEM Holiday Programme



4 Projects
Across 4 Days
Just Before
Xmas



Scuttie Bug Robot



Portable Sound FX Board



Run From Our
Kilbirnie Space



LED Matrix Clock



Code Crack Safe

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MINI GOLF FUNDRAISER EVENT!

Dates: Sunday 2 and Saturday 8 November 2025
Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm
Place: Avalon Park Mini Golf
Prices: \$5 adults, \$3 children

Enjoy a fun morning of mini golf while supporting a great cause. Bring the whānau, play a round, and enjoy our refreshments table with home baking, drinks, and a classic sausage sizzle. Every dollar raised goes to Nourish Trust to provide food hampers for families in need.

No bookings needed – just turn up on the day!






This event is brought to you by the
PAPAKOWHAI HOME & SCHOOL COMMITTEE
email: homeandschool@papakowhai.school.nz

7:30pm
Saturday
8th
November

IT'S BACK!!!

Ladies

Clothing

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PAREMATA SCHOOL CAKE AND TOY SALE



SATURDAY
22ND NOVEMBER
9:30AM - 1PM





**CAKES
FOR SALE**



**PRE-LOVED
TOYS FOR
SALE**



**SAUSAGE
SIZZLE**



**COFFEE
CART**

GAMES

**PRIZES FOR
BEST CAKES**



Donations of pre-loved toys to the Paremata School office.
Cake boxes can be picked up from the office,
all cakes to be dropped off by 3pm Friday 21st Nov.