

Adventure School Newsletter

No 19 -20 November 2025



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Friday 21 November	NO ASSEMBLY TODAY
Triday 21 November	Sausage Sizzle
Sunday 23 November	9am -12: Working Bee
Monday 24 November	8.50am: Mihi Whakatau (new families)
Tuesday 25 November	Regional Athletics
	Y2 Botanical Gardens EOTC trip
Wednesday 26 November	9am -12: Rangatahi hui
Thursday 27 November	Regional Athletics pp
	LIBRARY NOW CLOSED
Friday 28 November	Please return all books before this day
	Nīkau Athletics
	9.30: Paramoana Speech Competition
Tuesday 2 December	Nīkau Athletics pp
Thursday 4 December	Kōwhai Carol Singing
Friday 5 December	1.45: Prizegiving
	5.30pm: PTNi Movie Night (at school)

Featuring

- Our New Welcome Boards
- Principal Awards
- SHOWCASE 2025
- Writer's Corner (Yrs 1 & Yrs 3/4)
- Sports Spot: Parumoana Athletics
- Coming Up
- PTNi Page
- Board of Trustees Page



Kia ora e te whānau

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, npuseτ, Assalaam alaikum, Hello!

Welcome to our new students-

Kōwhai: Niko Tautari, Piper Azzato, Avyaan Sehdev

Nīkau: Leilani Nofoaiga

The past two weeks have certainly been filled with memorable moments! Our first ever school Showcase was a huge success, providing an incredible experience for both our talented performers and the packed audience. The dedication and spirit on display were truly inspiring! Furthermore, our students excelled at the recent Athletics events, showing outstanding sportsmanship and grit. I am deeply proud of our school, our children, and our supportive community who embraces and compliments all that we do. We hope you enjoy the photo montage!

Look out for the stunning welcome signs on the school fence as you arrive! These magnificent, winning designs were chosen from many entries in a schoolwide competition, and were also beautifully painted by the children themselves, under the guidance of Amanda-Lee Lemmon, Vanessa Clark, and Emma Harris. They extend a warm and inclusive welcome to our school using the native languages of our students. A special thanks also goes to Joel Harris for expertly installing them! We hope to continue adding to these wonderful signs.

Also check out our Writer's Corner later in the newsletter for some very cool young authors at work!

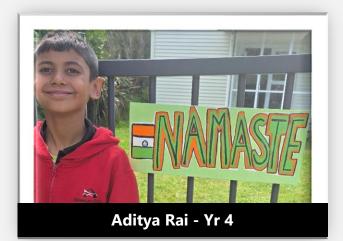
















Cooper Zeng, Erik Wang & Liam Xuan - Yr 5/6

Aldoné Möller - Yr 5



Lilly Meachen, Isabel Dowd, Vicky Guan - Yr 7/8



Nawaf Alasqah - Yr 3





Our Artists at Work!

















Principal's Awhi Awards

Congratulations to these superb Adventurers who were presented with Principal's Awhi Awards last term for naturally showing the values within the Adventure Way Traits.





Addison Parish, Aldoné Möller, Peyton Uys, Alexis Langhout

Hadleigh Jimmieson, Jaba Mubea, Loretta Tausilla & Abigail Tausilla

Ngā mihi nui Tania Cox Principal – Tumuaki

Showcase 2025







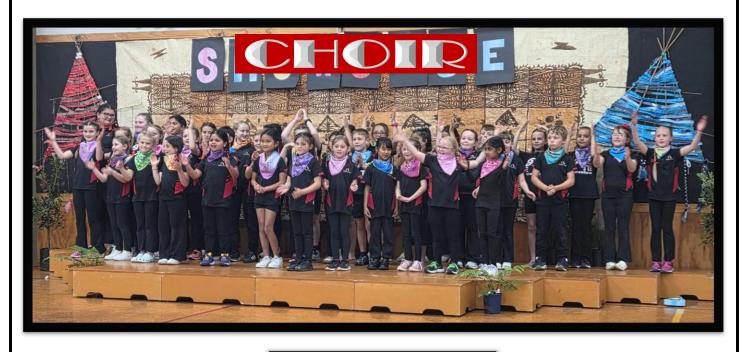






















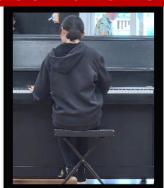












A huge THANK YOU to our wonderful tutors and teachers for making this event possible-

- Pasifika Tutors, Breed Music, supported by Shane Dalton
- Kapa Haka Tutors, Todd & Ihipera Parata, supported by Jen Squire
- Choir Teachers, Solé du Plessis & Alisa Schilder

Thanks also to

- Leecroft Nurseries for kindly lending us plants to adorn the stage.
- Our amazingly talented former students who made a guest appearance in both Kapa Haka & Pasifika items!





KOWHAI - SPOOKY WRITING

READER BEWARE:

Our Year 1 writing might give you nightmares!



In the haunted house the door creaked open and a skeleton crept out of the door at me. I was trying to get out but the door was locked! By Ethan.

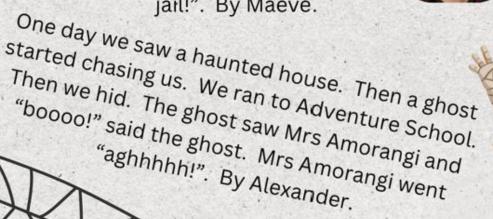


I saw a freaky house. It was a haunted house. The door creaked open. I was scared. I was very scared because a skeleton said "I am out of jail!". By Maeve.



I am out of iail!







THE SECRET TOMB CREATIVE WRITING FROM ROOM 4



One time me, Luke, Jack, Jaxton and Milad were in Egypt. There was a secret pyramid. We walked inside... there were cobwebs and it was as cold as an open refrigerator. I stepped in and then... "Axes have been thrown" said the robot. "Ahhhhhhhh! Noooo! ouch!". I was alive but my butt hurt. I opened my eyes and I saw... mummies and the real sphinx's nose. I saw a golden teapot. I rubbed it and... then a shirtless blue guy came out. "Woahh, I've seen him before, he is from Aladin!!!" said Milad. The genie said "I am a genie, I can give you anything, just don't be a meanie". We all said one thing. "Rich" said Luke. "King" said Milad. "Gamer" said Jack. "Super smart" said Jaxton. "Super fast" said me. "Yayyyyy!" said all of us. By Alifaleti Finau.



Hi, my name is John and I am an archaeologist. I was just wandering around Egypt and I found a pyramid. I searched the pyramid up and down and I found a secret lever. It was connected to redstone. I walked inside and then... I fell on a tripwire. It triggered three pressure plates. Snake food and scorpion food launched on me as well as gold also shot out of dispensers. I couldn't go under or across! I thought for a second and then... I jumped over. My eyes were blinded by the gold, it was amazing! I saw a chest. It was filled with gold and gems. I took the gold for myself. Just tricking! I gave it to the museum.

By Locky Harding.

The Secret Tomb of Tofo

As I entered the pyramid I felt kind of cold, it was still so hot. As I walked down the hall I heard a click and I heard the door slam. All I had was a pickaxe and a small shovel. You see I was walking in the desert and I saw a small pyramid in the distance, when I got close I saw it was massive. Then I entered and... you know the rest.

Any way, I walked down and saw a tomb. I opened it and I saw so much treasure, gold and a sarcophagus. I opened it and saw a mummy, it was real!!! There were hieroglyphics on the wall that said "This tomb is the tomb of Pharaoh Tofo. Warning! This tomb is booby trapped and any intruder will get punished severely." That was the end of the hieroglyphics.

As soon as I picked up a vase a scorpion came out and was trying to sting me! I ran! I stepped on a pressure plate and arrows flew everywhere! One arrow hit the scorpion in the head. A baby crawled out of its back and they got hit too. I ran some more and stepped on another pressure plate, the walls closed in. I had to sprint to the exit and I got away just in time!

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I called the museum and gave them the vase and they collected all the treasure and the mummy. They forgot to let me in the helicopter and they took off and left me. I have to walk to the boat. It's l0km. I only have half a water bottle. I was walking when all of a sudden I heard a hiss... it was a snake! I screamed. It tried to bite me but I dodged it. I grabbed it by the head and snapped its fangs off. I kept on walking when I heard something in the sand. It was a scarab beetle. I stepped on it and all the guts came oozing out of its body. "Disgusting!" I said. Finally after 3 hours I saw the boat, I climbed in and fell asleep. I was so tired. I woke up at my house.



The Lost Pyramid of Secrets



I was walking in the deserts until I saw this pyramid with a very pretty blue diamond at the top. It was attracting the sun. I ran over to it. There was no way in. I kept looking around it to see if there were any hidden doors, I couldn't find one but I did see this hand poke out of the sand, the hand told me to come closer with a finger motion. I was very confused! I went over to it.

It grabbed me and pulled me under! I screamed "AHH"! There were more hands pulling me down. When I got down I was in a fully black room. There was a gold door, I went in and suddenly lasers appeared and taps fell from the ceiling. I darted to the left, then the right! I dodged the lasers and reached the end!

There was a chest with a golden screen that said "ENTER CODE". It made me think there was a hidden key in here! I looked on the shelf behind the chest and then I looked behind the pictures, there was a code to open it! I put in the code and then it opened. I looked inside of it and there was treasure, jewellery and diamonds in every colour. I was amazed!

I had another look at the shelf and I saw another code. I put it in and the wall slid to the side! "A secret chamber" I whispered. When it opened fully you wont believe what I saw. I saw the sphinx's nose that had been stolen for so long! I was scared that there was going to be booby traps again, so I put one foot in and two axes fell hanging from the ceiling, and arrows shot from side to side. Then I saw about 10 scarab beetles. I screamed "AHHHH!" I pulled one of the axes from the ceiling and started hitting them.

I was getting very hot and I remembered I had water in my back pack. I drank lots until it was nearly gone. It was boiling in there but I took the sphinx's nose and ran. I let the hands take me up and when I got up I ran to the pyramids in the distance and since it was late no one was there. I got the super-duper-squooper-cuper-pupa gorilla glue out of my back pack and had the rest of my water. Then I glued the sphinx's nose back on.

In the morning I watched everyone's faces, they looked confused about how it's nose just appeared. They also looked happy, all thanks to that pyramid I found.



By Amber Cassidy

SPORTS SPOT





Parumoana Athletics Day

Adventure continues to gain outstanding results at the Parumoana Athletics competition recently, once again emerging as the overall Champs!

Adventure 369 points Plimmerton School 250points Papakowhai School 178 points

What an inspiring performance! Our students competed with remarkable grit and focus, demonstrating a level of sportsmanship and poise and composure that truly set them apart. They brought immense spirit to the competition. Their outstanding sportsmanship and sincere gratitude toward all helpers were a perfect embodiment of The Adventure Way's core values. We are very proud of you all!

Individual Results

	Manaia Temarama	2nd - Vortex 1st - Quoits
Year 5	Lawrence Hanify	1st - 200m 1st - 800m
	Thomas Robinson	1st - Shotput
	Hannah McMaster	1st - Quoits
	Charlotte Fraser	2nd - Vortex
	Quinn Spalding	1st - 100m 1st - 200m 1st - 800m
	Indigo Eastham	1st - Long Jump 1st - High Jump 2nd - 800m 3rd - 200m
	Relay Team:	1st - Year 5 Girls
	Charlie Marsh	3rd - 200m
Year 6	Brody Burrows	1st - 800m
	Oliver Griffiths	2nd - 100m
	Maisie Forsyth	2nd - Long Jump 2nd - 100m 2nd - 200m 2nd - 800m
	Relay Team:	3rd - Year 6 Boys
	Finley Dredge	1st - 1500m
	Tayne Bishop	2nd - Vortex
	TJ Kie Tonga	2nd - Shotput
Year 7	Luca McMaster	1st - 200m 1st - 100m 2nd - 1500m 3rd - Shotput
	Elsie Cassidy	1st - High Jump
	Annie Van Son	1st - Long Jump 2nd - High Jump 2nd - 100m 3rd - 1500m
	Relay Teams:	1st - Year 7 Boys 2nd - Year 7 Girls
Year 8	Spencer Bush	1st - 1500m 2nd - Vortex 3rd - 200m
	Lennox Manase	1st - High Jump 2nd - 100m
	Relay Team:	1st - Year 8 Boys





On Tuesday 4 November a group of 40 students from Tōtara and Rimu represented our school at Adventure Park for Parumoana Athletics. They faced many other students from other local schools: Whitby Collegiate, Rangikura, Plimmerton, Pauatahanui, Papakōwhai, St Theresa's, Paremata, Pukerua Bay, Postgate and Discovery School.

They competed at events like 100m & 200m sprints, 800 & 1500m, high jump, long jump, discuss, vortex, shot put and relays.

Our Adventure students represented our school perfectly and showed great sportsmanship. Their hard efforts paid off, and we came back to school with the 1st overall trophy in hand.

It was a great day, and I hope everyone went home proud of themselves.

Annie van Son (Yr 7)













Coming Up

Mihi Whakatau to welcome new students and their whānau

Monday 24 November

8.45: Briefing

•9.10: Mihi Whakatau begins

(All families of new students should have received an invitiation via HERO/ email)

Please contact the office if you did not receive the invite.



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.

GLUTEN FREE

Drinks and refreshments will be provided.

Emergency Food Supplies

As a school, we are well equipped for a Civil Defence emergency. It is now time to renew our stock of emergency food. We would really appreciate your support in sending the following to school with your child-

WHAT: Yrs 0-7: 2 tins of food per child (sweet or savoury)

Please Note: Tinned food only (non-perishable)

Please don't personally name these as they will go into the school

communal pool of emergency food.

For Special Dietary Requirements only

Please write child's name on tinned food and send in a separate bag, clearly named, with dietary requirement or condition stated.

WHEN: before FRIDAY 5 DECEMBER please

WHERE: your child's classroom

Please note: Our current stock will be donated to the Food Bank once sufficient new supplies have been brought in.



From our PTNi



BYO Picnic Dinner

(Bring Blankets, Low Chairs/ Bean Bags)

The PTNi will be running a sausage sizzle with popcorn & drinks etc



November 2025 - Board of Trustees Update

The new Adventure School Board formed on 20 October, and we extend our thanks to staff rep Cathy Murray, and Chris Eastham and Andrew Myers for their service to the school, both having served as Presiding Members. We also welcomed Tania Sibley as staff rep, and new parent reps, Liz Brown and Ben Doherty-Jones. At this meeting, I was nominated and elected as Presiding Member (Chair) and at our November meeting Lynaire Parish was confirmed as Deputy Presiding Member.

We covered a lot at this meeting, and we plan to have regular communications to the school community to share more of what we do to govern the school. We unanimously agreed that we will be sharing the agendas online for the meetings and that the minutes of the meetings are able to be accessed at the office.

We say farewell to Pasanka Wickremasinghe

We would like to also share that Pasanka Wickremasinghe will step down from the board after the final meeting of the year. Pasanka has brought a depth of finance knowledge that most boards can only dream of, and we are grateful for his contribution - it's not a goodbye forever as Pasanka will stay in touch.

Notification to change the constitution of the Board

In seeking advice from the school board association, it has come to our attention that the number of parent reps on our board is higher than most schools in our region as most have either four or five, not six. This means a bigger quorum is needed at the Board meetings and we do not have any coopted members presently that provide specialist backgrounds or perspectives, such as a mana whenua representation. Additionally, while essentially a voluntary service, each parent representative is paid a nominal fee per meeting which could go back to the school's operating budget.

After much analysis and discussion about the pros and cons, the board concluded that we will not replace Pasanka's position and formally seek to change the constitution to be:

- 5 elected parent representatives
- 1 staff representative and the
- Principal

The next Board meeting will be on 8 December at 5.45pm in the staffroom. We invite written feedback from the community before the meeting. Please send this to: bot@adventure.school.nz.

In the new year, we will further reflect on how the board might co-opt specific backgrounds that represent our school community.

It has been a big year in education and we would like to thank the leadership team and the staff for their ongoing hard mahi.

It is a privilege to serve our school community, and we look forward to sharing further updates with you.

Nga mihi nui

Karyn Andreassend - Presiding Member on behalf of:

Lynaire Parish, Ainsley Thomson, Liz Jones, Ben Doherty-Jones, Tania Cox, and Tania Sibley



Event Calendar - Important Dates

Please be aware some details may change



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	Thursday 20 November	Kōwhai Adventure Day	
Week 7	Friday 21 November	Sausage sizzle lunch	
vveek /		Lucky Book Club Issue 8 orders close	
	Sunday November 23	9am-12pm: Working bee	
	Monday 24 November	8.50am: Mihi Whakatau	
	Tuesday 25 November	Regional Athletics (pp 27 November)	
		Yr 2 Botanical Gardens tbc (pp 3 December)	
Week 8	Wednesday 26 November	9am-12pm: Rangatahi hui	
	Friday 28 November	Library closed – all books to be returned	
		Nīkau Athletics (pp 2 December)	
		9.30am: Parumoana Speech competition	
	Thursday 4 December	Yr 0/2 Carol singing	
Week 9	Friday 5 December	1.45pm: Prize giving assembly	
		5.30pm: PTNi Movie night	
	Monday 8 December	Yr O/1 to Battle Hill	
		9.30am: Road Patrol training	
		5.45pm: BoT meeting	
	Tuesday 9 December	Aotea College Orientation Day	
		Year 8 Leavers Dinner	
Week 10	Wednesday 10 December	Kōwhai Tree Trimming	
	Thursday 11 December	Rimu EOTC	
		Nīkau to Aotea Lagoon (pp 12 December)	
		2pm: Visit 2026 classrooms	
		Reports published	
	Friday 12 December	Yr 0/2 Wheels Day	
	Tuesday 16 December	11am-1pm: Fun Day tbc	
Week 11	Wednesday 17 December	11.30am: Final Assembly	
		12.30pm: 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.

Community Notices



WE MAKE CHRISTMAS HAMPERS FOR PEOPLE WHO WE FEEL WOULD BENEFIT FROM SOME EXTRA LOVE AT CHRISTMAS TIME.

IF YOU FEEL YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP, YOU CAN DO SO BY:

- CONTRIBUTING GROCERIES TO THE HAMPER,
- MONETARY DONATION AND WE WILL ENSURE MUCH NEEDED ITEMS ARE PURCHASED,
- PROVIDING HOME BAKING FOR THE HAMPERS, OR
- PRAYING FOR THE RECIPIENTS RECEIVING THESE.

COLLECTION SUNDAYS

NOVEMBER 9, 16, 23, & 30 DECEMBER 7

ASSEMBLING OF HAMPERS

SATURDAY, 13 DECEMBER 2-4PM
HOME BAKING CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE CHURCH ON THIS DAY

BANK ACCN # 02-0500-0513240-00 AND USE HAMPERS AS REFERENCE

IF YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO YOU THINK WOULD BENEFIT FROM ONE OF THESE HAMPERS, PLEASE E-MAIL OFFICE@NPBC.ORG.NZ BY TUESDAY, 9 DECEMBER 2025







School Holiday Activities







