



Adventure School

NEWSLETTER

Term 1 – Week 1 12 February 2026

Our children will discover who they can be...

**THE ADVENTURE
WAY**

• **CURIIOUS** • **CREATIVE** • **SELF-AWARE** • **SELF-DIRECTED** • **COLLABORATIVE Adventurers**

Upcoming Events

Monday 16 February	NE & Yr 7 hearing & vision 5.30pm: BoT Meeting
Tuesday 17 February	7pm: PTNi Meeting
Friday 20 February	9.10am: Mihi Whakatau
Monday 2 March	5.30pm: BoT Meeting

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Kia ora, Namaste, Talofa, Guten Tag, Nǐ hǎo, Xin chào, As-salām, Kamusta, Vannakkam, Bula, Malo e lelei, Kia orana, Mālo ni, Hola, Goeie Dag, Bonjour, Sat Shri Akal, Shalom, Assalaam alaikum, Hello!



Kia ora e te whānau

A very warm welcome to the start of 2026! It was such a joy to see the school come alive as our children streamed through the gates with so much energy and excitement! This first newsletter is a quick read, but it's packed with important reminders and a look at our upcoming events.

Our teachers enjoyed catching up with families at last week's Meet n' Greet. We believe a strong connection between home and school is the key to every child's success. We look forward to our partnership and are excited to see the progress we'll achieve together this year!

The staff spent two action-packed days during the holidays preparing for the year ahead. To be great educators, we must first be great learners, and it was energising to unpack the latest developments in the Maths curriculum and focus on Te Reo Māori and the evolving landscape of AI for teachers.

We were also excited to introduce our revised Adventure Way Posters. We've spent focused time re-imagining these as more than just wall displays; we've improved them to be a dynamic, living resource that helps our students unlock their full potential.

By using these posters as a platform to reinforce and guide our behaviour plan, we have created the essential building blocks to develop our very own school values. We are linking all of these elements together to build on the incredible foundation of our school, ensuring it remains a place where every student feels genuinely happy, supported, and incredibly proud to belong.

This is an ongoing journey, and we'll be continuing these rich conversations at both a whole-staff and team level throughout the term. Keep a close eye on our next newsletter for a first look at the new posters!

You may have noticed our school has been a hive of activity over the holidays with some building projects. Weathertight recladding for Room 19 is well underway and is on schedule to be finished before the end of the term. We've also made the most of the break to address several maintenance projects which have certainly enhanced our environment.

2026 Staff

Staffing Changes

Joyce Goggin has made the decision to step down from her Teacher Aide role. Joyce has been a dedicated member of the Adventure family for the past five years. We are incredibly grateful for the care, patience, and support she has provided to our Tamariki during her time here and wish her the very best for the future.

2026 STAFF

Leadership Team

Tania Cox	Principal
Diane Pepperell	Deputy Principal (Yrs 0-4) - SENCO Yrs 0-4 - ORS Specialist Teacher
Erica Leggett	Deputy Principal (Yrs 5-8) - SENCO Yrs 0-4 -Rimu Team Leader (Yrs 5-6)
Rebecca St. Clair	Kōwhai Team Leader (Yrs 0-2)
Toni Bennett	Nīkau Team Leader (Yrs 3-4)
Mark Hughes	Tōtara Team Leader (Yrs 7-8)

Kōwhai Syndicate Yrs 0-2

Teacher	Yr	Rm
Rebecca St Clair (Team Leader)	Yr 1	10
Tania Sibley	Yr 1	8
Nadine Amorangi	Yr 1	9
Cathy Murray	Yr 1	11
Alesha Wilson	Yr 2	13
Amanda-Lee Lemmon	Yr 2	14

Nīkau Syndicate Yrs 3/4

Teacher	Yr	Rm
Toni Bennett (Team Leader)	3/4	4
Richard McQueen	3/4	2
Solé du Plessis	3/4	3
Amy Churchill	3/4	5

Rimu Syndicate Yrs 5/6

Teacher	Yr	Rm
Erica Leggett (Team Leader)		
Keegan Martin	5/6	1
Emma Harris	5/6	17
Alisa Schilder	5/6	18
Carla Nickson	5/6	20
Andrea Nichols	5/6	21

Tōtara Syndicate Yrs 7/8

Teacher	Yr	Rm
Mark Hughes (Team Leader)	7/8	24
Jen Squire	7/8	25
John Kelleher	7/8	26
Shane Dalton	7/8	27

Part-time Teachers

Vanessa Clark (Kōwhai Teacher release)
 Tania Bourke (Nīkau Teacher release)
 Becca Allen (Rimu Teacher release)
 Natasha Carroll (Tōtara Teacher release - ORS Tchr)
 Clare Spencer (Literacy Intervention Teacher)
 Carly St Laurent (Maths Intervention Teacher)
 Holly Dalton (ESoL Teacher)

Learning Assistants

Andrea Matheson
 Catherine Ballin
 Taria Kie Tonga
 Gail Eastwood

Jasmine Nichols
 Fiona Albiston
 Nicola Swain

Support Staff

Jean Hutchinson	Business Manager
Sharon Arrell	Office Manager
Sharyn Woodmass	Office Assistant
Wilmeri Olivier	Librarian
Mikaele Pule	Caretaker/ Cleaner
Faye Yee	Cleaner

2026 Student Leadership Team

Congratulations to our 2026 Student Leadership Team, elected by their peers and the staff at the end of last year.

HEAD STUDENTS



Tayne Bishop



Annie van Son

HOUSE CAPTAINS

Latitude



Samantha Halson

Longitude



Gabby Pos

Crowsnest



Sam McKee

Mainsail



Sammy Ourn

Welcome to Our New Students!



KŌWHAI: Eliza S, Margot S, Sanita-Bethay T, Izaan S, Kaira B, Alexis B, Victoria K & Sofia G

NĪKAU : Aiden S, Mahi R, Abbey S & Noah B, Chenyu W & Taimana M

RIMU: Dinah B

Attendance & Lateness

Working Together

You may be aware that the Ministry of Education has made attendance a major focus across New Zealand. The Ministry's goal is for students to attend school at least 90% of the time - this consistency is the key to both social and academic success.

We all want your child to feel happy, confident, and connected at school. To support this, we have followed **Ministry of Education guidelines** to develop a school **Attendance Plan**. This plan helps us spot any challenges early so we can support your family.

Keeping in touch

We know that life happens and sometimes an absence is unavoidable. If your child can't make it to school, please just let us know as soon as you can (message the teacher or office via the HERO app) to let us know they'll be away and also including the reason. It helps us keep our records accurate and, more importantly, lets us know your child is safe.

How we can help

While we understand there are genuine reasons for missing school, being away often can make it a little harder for students to keep up with their friends and their learning.

If we notice your child is missing school more frequently, we'll reach out - not to be difficult, but because we care and want to see them back at school! We are fully committed to supporting you and your family.

If you're finding it a bit of a struggle to get your child(ren) to school, please don't feel you have to handle it alone. You can reach out for a chat or extra support by-

- Calling the office
- Emailing your child's teacher directly to share what's going on.
- Asking for a quick meeting so we can look at some solutions together.

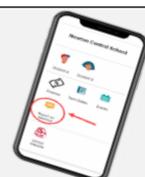
Adventure School Attendance Plan will be shared in the next newsletter.



Reporting Your Child's Absence



Please notify the school of your child's absence through the HERO ap.



A Few Start of the Year Reminders

We are a Nut-Free School

Please help us keep our children safe! Adventure is a nut-free school to protect several children with life-threatening allergies. Even trace amounts of nut residue on surfaces can cause a severe reaction. We appreciate your care in keeping all nut products out of lunchboxes and classrooms.



Bell Times

The school day starts at 8.55am.

It is important children are in classes before this time, so they are marked present when teachers take the roll.

If your child is late, they will need to sign in at the office before going to class.

Gates Open at 8.30am		
Block 1	8.55 – 10.25	(90 mins)
Morning Tea	10.25 – 10.50	(25 mins)
Block 2	10.50 – 11.50	(60 mins)
Brain Break	11.50 – 12.00	(10 mins)
Block 3	12.00 – 1.00	(60 mins)
Lunch Break	1.00 – 1.55	(55 mins)
Block 4	1.55 – 3.00	(65 mins)

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**

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

1. Please try to phone ahead so we can arrange for your child(ren) to be waiting for you at the office.
2. It would be super helpful if you could avoid picking up during the lunch break when it is a real challenge to find one child in our very big place.

Our break times are:

Morning Tea: 10.25 – 10.50am

Lunchtime: 1.00pm – 1.55pm

Student Cellphones – Smart Watches with Communication Capability

Helping Our Students Stay Focused and Connected

To help our students stay fully engaged with their learning and social time, we follow the Government's "Away for the Day" guidelines regarding cell phones and smartwatches. Our goal is to create a space free from digital distractions so our Tamariki can focus on what matters most.



How it works at Adventure

- **The "Gate to Gate" Rule:** From the moment students enter the school grounds until the 3pm bell, all cell phones and communication-capable smartwatches must be switched off.
- **Safe Keeping:** Upon arrival, students should hand their devices to their class teacher. We keep these safely in the office and return them at the end of the day.
- **Learning Beyond the Classroom:** To keep the focus on teamwork and adventure, the same rules apply on all school trips and EOTC.

Important Reminders:

- **Communication:** If you need to get an urgent message to your child, or if they need to reach you, our school office is always available to help.
- **Responsibility:** While we take great care of handed-in devices, please keep in mind that the school cannot be responsible for any lost or damaged items.
- **Keeping it Positive:** If a device is used during the day, we will hold it in the office for your child to collect after school. For repeat instances, we'll ask a parent or caregiver to pop in and collect it from the Principal so we can chat about how to get back on track.

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.***



Sunsmart Reminder



For sun safety, all children need to have a named, **school uniform bucket hat** to wear during breaks and PE and sporting activities.

(Please, no caps)



Keeping Our Kids Safe – Our School Parking Safety Reminders

We'd like to remind everyone of the important safety expectations we have for all members of our school community.

There are many ways we can all ensure the safety of our students as they walk to and from school, as well as showing consideration to all our parents who transport their children to school.

Key Safety Rules - Let's Work Together



■ 2-Minute Zone



- This area is for quick drop-offs and pick-ups only (max. 2 minutes).
- Please don't leave your vehicle to go and meet your children.

■ Bus Stop



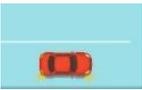
- We are working with PCC to have this changed to a drop-off zone.
- For now, it remains an official bus stop and PCC will issue tickets if you are caught parking here.

■ Crossing to get to Angle Parks



- Only children heading to cars in the angle parks should be crossing the road directly in front of the driveway.
- Please meet your child to help them cross safely.

■ Stopping in the Middle of the Road



- Please **don't stop in the middle of the road** to let your children in the car - This is really unsafe, stops the flow of traffic and causes frustration to other drivers. Park properly, even if it means looping around again until you can park.

■ Yellow Lines



- Parking on yellow lines, even for a moment, blocks visibility and slows traffic.

■ Crossing the Road



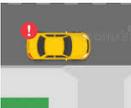
- Please **walk around the cul-de-sac**. Crossing through the angled parks or across the bottom of Longitude Place is unsafe and makes it difficult for drivers to see pedestrians.

■ Staff Carpark



- Because visibility is limited and the area is quite busy, we ask that parents avoid entering this space.
- Our Disability Carpark is used daily for our children with accessibility needs.

■ Be Kind to Our Neighbours!



- Please avoid blocking driveways or accessways. We really want to maintain a positive relationship with our local community.

Let's Keep Everyone Safe

By following these simple guidelines, we are:

- looking out for every student's safety.
- setting a great example for our children.
- showing kindness and support for one another.



Upcoming Events

A Special Welcome for our new students and their families: Our Mihi Whakatau

We are so excited to officially welcome our new students and their whānau into our school family! Please join us for a **Mihi Whakatau** on **Friday 20 February**. This is a special time for us to connect, share our school spirit, and ensure our new arrivals feel right at home from day one.

- **8:45 AM:** Briefing for new families
- **9:10 AM:** Mihi Whakatau begins

Invitations have been sent out to all families of new students. If yours hasn't arrived yet, please pop into the office or give us a call - we'd love to make sure you have all the details!

Cyber Safety Parent Evening

Rob Cope

(Author, Parent & Filmmaker (2020 Documentary "Kids Online".))

This is a message every parent needs to hear
... whether your kids are 5 or turning 13

Thursday 5 March - 6pm
Whitby Collegiate gymnasium

Building a digital and physical safety net for our children, together.

Please save
this date!

More details
coming
soon...



RUN BIKE RUN!

Adventure School
DUATHLON
FRIDAY 20 MARCH

food stalls • spot prizes • sign up on Kindo

MAJOR PRIZE - A NEW BIKE FOR THE TOP FUNDRAISER!



Kōwhai Toy Sale!

Tuesday 24th March

THE DAILY NEWS
EXTRA! EXTRA!
BACK BY
POPULAR
DEMAND

Please put aside any toys you would like to donate.
We will let you know when we are ready to accept donations.

Thanks so much for your support!

Upcoming Sporting Opportunities



PRE-SEASON NETBALL READINESS SESSIONS For Year 7 and 8 students

For those senior year 7 & 8 students who intend to register to play netball for Adventure School in 2026, we have arranged a series of 4 pre-season readiness sessions starting Friday 13th February 2026.

These sessions are designed to help students be ready for trials, develop match fitness, practice skills, build rapport with their peers, and enjoy some game play.

These sessions are voluntary, but we do encourage the students to attend as many sessions as possible in the lead up to trials.

The Pre-season Netball Readiness Sessions will be held on (school netball courts outside the senior hub):

Friday 13th February 2026, 3.00pm - 4.30pm

Friday 20th February 2026, 3.00pm - 4.30pm

Friday 27th February 2026, 3.00pm - 4.30pm

Friday 20th March 2026, 3.00pm - 4.30pm

If you have any questions, please email Steve Allerby allerbysteven@hotmail.com

Tough Guy and Gal (Yrs 3-8 only)

Entries are now open for the Annual Junior Tough Guy and Gal event held at Camp Wainui in Wainuiomata.

We have a School Team of 125 booked for **Monday 4 May**.

- Parents/Caregivers enter and pay for children online.
- It is VERY IMPORTANT the correct entry/day and venue is selected - Adventure School is booked in to compete on Monday 4 May.
- Please select **THE TEACHER WILL PICK UP THE RACE NUMBER** when they come to the bib collection question and write our school's name in FULL - **Adventure School**.
- If these steps are followed every Adventure student that enters will be linked together and everything will be waiting for John Kelleher to pick up from the event registration.
- Please use this link to enter: <https://eventpromotions.co.nz/tggc-junior-wellington/>
- All the information about the event is on this website. Please read all details carefully before entering your child/ren.



Transport

It is the responsibility of the parents/caregivers to organise transport. I suggest you work with other families as there is limited car parking space and this is only made worse by wet conditions.

John Kelleher (Sports Coordinator)

ikelleher@adventure.school.nz



Event Calendar - Important Dates



TERM ONE

Week 2	Monday 16 February	NE & Yr 7 Hearing & Vision testing 5.30pm: BoT meeting
	Tuesday 17 February	7pm: PTNi meeting
	Friday 20 February	9.10am: Mihi Whakatau
Week 3		
Week 4	Monday 2 March	5.30pm: BoT meeting
	Tuesday 3 – Friday 6 March	Tōtara Camp
	Thursday 5 March	Rob Cope Cyber Evening @ Whitby Collegiate
	Friday 6 March	2pm: Assembly
Week 5	Friday 13 March	Rimu EOTC at Waikanae Pool tbc
Week 6	Monday 16 March	Yrs 3–6 Girls Futsal tournament
	Thursday 19 March	GRIP Leadership for Student Leaders
	Friday 20 March	Year 7 immunisations 4.30pm: Duathlon (pp 27 March)
Week 7	Tuesday 24 March	Kōwhai Toy Sale Tōtara Food for Thought trip
	Wednesday 25 March	Tōtara Food for Thought trip
	Friday 27 March	Tōtara Food for Thought trip Sausage sizzle 2pm: Assembly
Week 8	Tuesday 31 March	Learning Conversations
	Wednesday 1 April	Learning Conversations
	Thursday 2 April	End of Term 1

2026 Term Dates

Term One: Monday 9 February - Thursday 2 April

Term Two: Monday 20 April - Friday 3 July

School Closed: Friday 29 May – Teacher Only Day

Term Three: Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September

Term Four: Monday 12 October – Friday 18 December

School Closed: Tuesday 27 Oct – Teacher Only Day

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.

Community Notices



PASIFIKA GIRLS
Football Festival

When?
SATURDAY **14** MARCH
9:30-12PM
Petone Memorial Park

What's Involved?
FUN, FREE morning of Football
All abilities welcome
Music + Cultural Performance
BBQ provided
FREE + shirt for every girl!
FREE tickets to the Phoenix Double Header
FREE bus transport to & from the game
Special thanks to Football For All & the Wellington Phoenix!

Sign up using the QR code below

For any enquiries or questions please contact our Women's and Girls Lead Jenna Reddy
jenna@capitalfootball.org.nz

Capital Football nzct LMT



ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE SILVERSTREAM
YEAR 9 2026

TRY BOARDING - YEAR 8 BOYS REGISTER NOW FOR ONE NIGHT
24, 25, 26 February 2025 or 10, 11, 13 March 2025
REGISTRATION REQUIRED: www.stream.school.nz/boarding/try-boarding

BOARDING ENROLMENTS OPEN 3 MARCH 2025
DAY BOY ENROLMENTS OPEN 23 MAY 2025

OPEN DAY THURSDAY 22 MAY 2025
9 to 10:30am or 1 to 2:30pm
For Year 8 boys and their caregivers/parents.
Meet at the School Chapel. No registration is required.

207 Fergusson Drive Silverstream, Upper Hutt, Wellington 5018
+64 4 939 4224
enrolments@stream.school.nz
www.stream.school.nz

RĀROA MUSIC CENTRE REGISTRATION FOR 2026

Rāroa Music Centre offers Saturday morning group music lessons for primary and intermediate school children at low cost (\$70 per year + \$40 koha or parent volunteering). We offer music basics, cello, clarinet, drums & percussion, flute, guitar, keyboard, orchestra, recorder, saxophone, ukulele, and violin.

To register for 2026 visit our website and enrol online. Registrations close 14th February 2026.

www.raroamusic.org.nz

Note: Classes are funded by the Ministry of Education Out-of-Hours Music and Art Scheme

Porirua City Aquatics Learn to Swim Term One 2026

Our next course of lessons will start on 15 February 2026 and finish on 29 March 2026. Everyone is Welcome.

Class times are 9.15am and 10am with all levels held at each time slot.

On the first day swimmers should arrive at least 15 minutes earlier than their class time to complete the enrollment process.

The course fee is \$50.00

Please note. All participants must be at least 5 years old, 1.1m tall, long hair must be tied back – wearing a cap is preferable. Goggles are essential and can be purchased at the pool.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

For further information email president@swimporirua.co.nz



LEARN MUSIC IN-SCHOOL!!!

DID YOU KNOW YOUR KIDS CAN LEARN MUSIC HERE DURING THE SCHOOL DAY !?!

LEARN: Guitar, Ukulele, Drums, Keyboard – or try them all in our Intro to Music class (Y1–2)**
GROUP LESSONS: Up to 5 students, with personalised teaching & fun with mates.
INTERACTIVE WORKBOOKS: Created by our musicians for easy at-home practice.

\$225 PER TERM*
YOU'LL LEARN ON OUR MUSIC BUS OR IN A SCHOOL SPACE
VISIT: WWW.GTMA.CO.NZ

Goodtime MUSIC ACADEMY

ZONE

DANCE ACADEMY

EST. 2005

ENROLMENTS OPEN!

Join the joy of dance! Our classes build confidence, creativity, and technique in a fun, supportive environment for all ages and levels.

JOIN TODAY!

CONTACT US

027 550 2241

www.zonedanceacademy.com

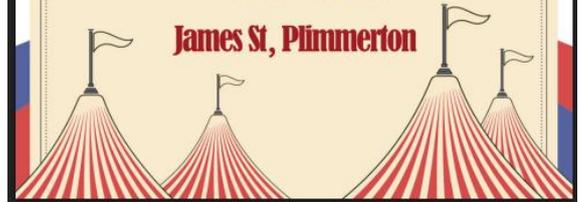


St Theresa's School March Madness Fair

Saturday 21st March 2026

11am - 3pm

James St, Plimmerton



**BECOME A
BROWNIE
TODAY**

girlguidingnz.org.nz

Brownies 7-9.5 year olds

Building resilience and leadership skills through fun, adventure and friendship.

We have places available for youth to join Brownies across Porirua in Term One. Brownies is an amazing opportunity for 7 & 8 year old girls to get outdoors, learn new skills, be active in the community, challenge themselves, and make new friends.

Our local units are:

- Paremata Brownies, Monday 4.30pm - 6pm at St Barnabas Church Hall
- Titahi Bay Brownies, Tuesday 4pm - 5.30pm at Tireti Hall
- Papakōwhai Brownies, Wednesday 5.15pm - 6.45pm at Tairangi School Hall
- Whitby Brownies, Thursday 5pm - 6.30pm at Western Suburbs Football Club

To arrange a free visit, please contact Katrina at katrinaclokie+ggnz@gmail.com or 0220963973 (text only) or enquire via the Girl Guide website (scroll down to the form): <https://girlguidingnz.org.nz/join-us/>

**ONLINE REGISTRATIONS
NOW OPEN**

FOOTBALL

REGISTRATION
OPEN DAY

Western Suburbs FC

Western Suburbs Football Clubrooms
Endeavour park, Whitby

WEDNESDAY | 18.02.2026

4.30PM - 7.00PM

WWW.WESTERNSUBURBS.CO.NZ

Porirua Judo Academy Level 1, 11 Cobham Court



Judo classes for kids are up and running for 2026. For coaches who have decades of experience teaching kids and a training environment that is safe, supportive and structured, look no further than PJA.

Peewee Judo (4 - 5 years) Mon - 4.30 - 5.00pm
Junior Judo (6 - 13 years) Mon, Wed, Fri - 5.00 - 6.30pm.

For more information contact us

info@porirujudo.org.nz 021 081 983 40



Encore Drama Academy (Previously known as Helen O'Grady Drama Academy)

Encore Drama Academy based in Wellington is all about giving children self confidence to succeed in life. Our classes help build creative thinking and literacy skills while also teaching children positive social skills including effective team interaction, leadership, confidence and public speaking. Our programme also helps every child to develop performance skills, overcome shyness, develop positive self esteem, grow imagination and make new friends in a fun filled learning environment. After-school classes for 5-17-year-olds are held in Khandallah, Tawa, Whitby. If you wish to enrol or require more information please visit our website: www.encoredramaacademy.co.nz