



Adventure School

## NEWSLETTER

**Term 1 – Week 7    26 March 2026**

Our children will discover who they can be...

**THE ADVENTURE  
WAY**

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

### Upcoming Events

Friday 27 March	Tōtara Food For Thought Sausage Sizzle Assembly
Tuesday 31 March	Kōwhai Fancy Feet Parade Learning Conversations
Wednesday 1 April	Learning Conversations
Thursday 2 April	Last day of Term One

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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

What a great display of grit and heart at our recent Duathlon!

Our children truly shone last Friday, stepping up to the challenge with courage and supporting their peers every step of the way. We couldn't be prouder of their "can-do" attitude.

A heartfelt thanks to the P.T.N.i. for making it all possible. We are always eager to welcome new members to the committee - the more hands we have, the more we can achieve for our kids!

We also want to acknowledge our sponsors, teacher and student helpers, as well as the extended whānau who joined us. Whether you helped behind the scenes or cheered from the track, thank you for being part of our village.

### Homework

It has been great to see so many children diving into the homework option. Thanks to everyone who returned the "opt-in/opt-out" slips; this helps us to efficiently organise our homework material each week.

### Learning Conversations

We are looking forward to our Learning Conversations next week. It's a wonderful chance to connect with your child's teacher and talk about what they've noticed about your child as a learner this term and also for you to share your hopes and aspirations for the year ahead.

My door is always open! If you have any questions or just want to have a quick chat, please feel free to drop by my office - you are always more than welcome.

## A Taste of The Arts: Our free Opera in Schools Performance



What an amazing experience our children had with last week's performance of Red! The interactive retelling of Little Red Riding Hood was specially created for primary-aged Tamariki, and our children were absolutely captivated from start to finish.

We are so grateful to have been offered this performance at no cost. With its modern twist and vibrant music, the show delved into important themes like intergenerational connection and courage. It was a joy to see our children so highly engaged in such a colourful, high-energy display of the arts.



# Duathlon



We are still tallying the final sponsorship contributions, but we are thrilled to announce that all funds raised will go directly toward our new basketball court!





**DUATHLON**

**THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS**

## Welcome to Our Newest Students

**KŌWHAI:** Elliot S, Aubrey H, Georgie W & Jasraj S



### In the Spotlight

### Swimming Achievement

Recently Julia went to 2026 NZ Junior Festival All Stars Swimming competition and achieved some great results!

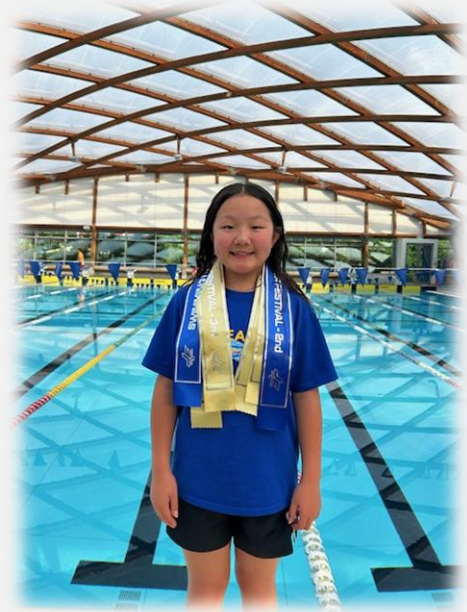
🏆 Girls 11 years old - 200m backstroke: **2nd**

🏆 Girls 11 years old 50m freestyle: **3rd**

🏆 Girls 11 years old 200m freestyle: **3rd**

In all 8 of her events, she achieved personal bests!

**A super achievement Julia!**



### In the Spotlight

### Scouting Achievement

At the end of last year, Bash received his **Kōwhai Kea Award** in Scouts.

This award is the highest award that can be presented to a Kea (5 - 8 years bracket) in Scouts.

To achieve this award, Bash had to-

- complete 8 hours community service
- finish his Bronze, Silver and Gold Kea Awards
- complete 10 adventure skills badges 4 Better World Badges, and lastly, he planned and took part in a 3-hour Adventurous Journey which was a walk around Red Rock Coast, Wellington.

**Congratulations Bash – we are really proud of you!**

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



**Ngā mihi nui**

**Tania Cox**

**Principal – Tumuaki**



Rimu Syndicate

# TERM 1 UPDATE



## Year 6's at Technicraft

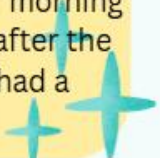
While our Year 7/8 students were away at camp, our Year 6 students had the exciting opportunity to attend Technicraft at Brandon Intermediate. This provided a valuable taster of the learning experiences available to them when they move into Tōtara. Students embraced the chance to try something new across a range of areas including art, music, sewing, cooking, hard materials, and science. The cookies were a definite highlight – and yes, we even have proof that dishes were done and kitchens left clean afterwards! It was fantastic to see students stepping outside their comfort zones, showing curiosity, and engaging so positively in new learning experiences.



### Tech

By Tal W and Arisha S

When everyone had come to the hall we were put into separate groups, we were with our friends. When we arrived we thought the school was really big! In our groups we were sent to our stations, ours was woodwork. We made cute little note pads using a drill and a vice. After woodwork came the best part of the day: the Tuck Shop! The line was long, and after morning tea we had sewing. We made bag tassels. Then after the bus ride home, we were glad to be back. We all had a blast and can't wait to go there again next year!



Rimu Syndicate

# TERM 1 UPDATE



## Team Trip to Waikanae Pool

Our recent trip to Waikanae Pools was a fantastic way to kick off the year! The weather held out perfectly right up until the moment we were dressed and heading out - great timing. A huge thank you to our wonderful parent helpers and the ongoing support from our whānau, which made the day run so smoothly. It was a great opportunity for students to build new connections, reconnect with others, and enjoy time together outside the classroom. There was a real sense of team spirit throughout the day, making it a memorable and positive start to the year.

## Highlights from Seamus D

Tons of kids went straight to the inflatable noodle that you run on and slipped off straight away. In the pool there were some big inflatable donuts that we could play on. There was also a hydroslide that was awesome. When you went down the slide it was normal until it turned pitch black and you couldn't see! Scary!!

We played for at least two hours straight and then we got free sausages. After we had lunch we had more time to play and then we had to pack up. Sadly we had to leave. After another 45 minutes we were back. We had to run because it was pouring down with rain. As soon as we got back to class the bell rang and the day of fun was over.

## Kōwhai Toy Sale



**Thank you so much for your contribution to our Toy Sale!**



**You helped us raise  
\$2 000!**

## REMINDER

## Learning Conversations

This will be a great chance to talk about your child as a learner and hear the aspirations you have for them this year.

During the 10 minutes, we will cover:

- How your child has settled into the new school year
- Your child's approach to learning (in Reading, Writing and Maths)
- Reflections on our Adventure Way Traits of Collaboration - Self-Awareness - Self Direction
- Their attendance

<b>WHEN</b>	<b>Tuesday 31 March (3.20 - 6.40pm)</b> <b>Wednesday 1 April (Years 3-8: 2.00 - 5.30pm) (Children will be supervised 2-3pm)</b> <b>(Years 1-2: 3.20 - 5.30pm)</b>
<b>WHO</b>	<b>Years 5-8: parents with students</b> <b>Years 1-4: parents only (a space will be set up for children to wait)</b> <i>Your child's teacher will contact you if your child's reporting / teacher meeting will be different. (e.g. School Entry Interview / IEP)</i>

### TO MAKE A BOOKING

Please go to the HERO app and select "School Bookings". From there you can select a suitable time to see your child's teacher.

### PLEASE NOTE:

- Time slots are tight, so please only book one slot per student.

*If this poses a challenge for split families, please contact the class teacher before making a booking.*

- Please leave a gap between sibling bookings to allow time to move between classrooms.

**Bookings will close 24 hours beforehand.**

### COMING UP IN TERM 2 TERM

**Life Education Mobile  
Classroom**

➔ Weeks 1-3

➔ Years 1-8

**Science Road Show**

➔ Week 1 - Friday

➔ Years 3-8

**Tough Guy n' Girl**

➔ Monday 4 May

## Sports Events

# Girls Futsal Tournament

Last week, 34 girls travelled to Te Rauparaha Arena/Porirua to represent Adventure School at the girls futsal tournament. Everyone had a BLAST! The Adventure Opals even came away with a win at the chant off competition.

There was even a special guest, CJ Bott, from the Wellington Phoenix. There were lots of questions and if you were the first one to answer you won FREE tickets to the Phoenix game on 29 March, which many Adventure kids won!

Every team came away with many wins, and everyone came out with a smile on their face no matter how many games they won, lost or drew.

### Indigo E, Quinn S & Ruby W (Yr 6)





# Event Calendar - Important Dates



## TERM ONE

<b>Week 7</b>	Friday 27 March	Tōtara Food for Thought trip Sausage sizzle 2pm: Assembly
<b>Week 8</b>	Tuesday 31 March	9am: Kōwhai Fancy Feet parade Learning Conversations
	Wednesday 1 April	9.30am: Rimu Road Patrol training Learning Conversations
	Thursday 2 April	<b>3pm: End of Term 1</b>

## TERM TWO

<b>Week 1</b>	Monday 20 April	Yr 7 hearing & vision testing Life Education educators onsite until 8 May
	Friday 24 April	Science Roadshow Yrs 3-8
<b>Week 2</b>	<b>Monday 27 April</b>	<b>Anzac Day observed. SCHOOL CLOSED:</b>
	Tuesday 28 April	9.10am: Mihi Whakataua tbc
	Friday 1 May	2pm: Assembly
<b>Week 3</b>	Monday 4 May	Tough Guy and Gal challenge
	Tuesday 5 May	7.30pm: PTNi meeting. All welcome
<b>Week 4</b>	Monday 11 May	Dental van onsite until 3 June 5.30pm: BoT meeting
	Tuesday 12 May	10.30am: Whole School Cross Country
	Friday 15 May	<b>PINK SHIRT DAY</b> PTNi Disco
<b>Week 5</b>	Friday 22 May	Mini Cultural Day 2pm: Assembly
<b>Week 6</b>	Thursday 28 May	Parumoana Cross Country (pp 2 June)
	<b>Friday 29 May</b>	<b>TEACHER ONLY DAY. SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
<b>Week 7</b>	<b>Monday 1 June</b>	<b>KINGS BIRTHDAY. SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
<b>Week 8</b>	Monday 8 June	5.30pm: BoT meeting
<b>Week 9</b>	Friday 19 June	2pm: Assembly
<b>Week 10</b>		
<b>Week 11</b>	Monday 29 June – Friday 3 July	Matariki week
	Tuesday 30 June	Regional Cross Country (pp 2 July)
	Wednesday 1 July	Tōtara Formal Dance
	Thursday 2 July	Interim reports posted on Hero
	<b>Friday 3 July</b>	<b>3pm: End of Term 2</b>

## 2026 Term Dates

<b>Term One:</b>	Monday 9 February - Thursday 2 April
<b>Term Two:</b>	Monday 20 April - Friday 3 July <b>School Closed:</b> Friday 29 May – Teacher Only Day
<b>Term Three:</b>	Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September
<b>Term Four:</b>	Monday 12 October – Friday 18 December <b>School Closed:</b> 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.



## **FREE Dental Checks!**

### **Adventure School**

The Bee Healthy Dental Mobile will be parked at your school in term 2 from 11 May to 3 June 2026.

We want all children to have a positive experience when they have a dental check.

Please call us on 0800 825 583 to discuss any special considerations about your child that we need to be aware of. Special considerations may include ASD, sensory issues, developmental delay, anxiety or ADHD.

We would also like to know if your child has a medical condition or is taking medication we may not be aware of.

Our privacy policy can be found on our website:

<https://www.beehealthy.org.nz/contact-us/privacy-policy/>

If your child is **not** enrolled in the service please check their bag for an enrolment form. This is to be completed and returned to the school office so that we can see you child for their free annual checkup.

To update your contact details, please call **0800 TALK TEETH (825 583)**

## Community Notices



Find us on  **Capital BMX**  
www.capitalbmx.co.nz  
capitalbmx.info@gmail.com  
Come and have a go!

**CAPITAL BMX CLUB**

**HAVE A GO**  
**Love riding bikes?**  
Keen to develop your riding skills?  
Looking for a fun & family friendly Club?  
Come on down to **CAPITAL BMX**

Check out our new development straight  
And get tips from our coaches  
Training Thursday evening  
every 4th night onwards

**Club Day Sunday Morning From 0930**  
BMX bikes, helmets & gloves available to use  
You just need long sleeves & long pants  
GET THE WHOLE FAMILY INVOLVED  
**2026 CLUB DAYS START SUNDAY 18TH JAN**

Find us on  **Capital BMX**  
www.capitalbmx.co.nz



 **Music Therapy Week**  
10th - 15th April, 2026



**Little Musical Caravan Open Morning**  
Friday 10 April 2026  
In celebration of Music Therapy Week (10-15 April)  
10.00 am - 12.00 pm at Mana Therapy Hub  
116 Mana Esplanade, Mana, Porirua

If you have a child or student who is Neurodivergent, has additional learning needs or is in need of emotional support and you would like to find out more about how music therapy might support them, this is your chance!



Come and talk with the team at the Little Musical Caravan to find out more about music therapy and our approach.

Cost: FREE!  
NO BOOKINGS NEEDED!  
Please park offsite - parking available along the road on Mana Esplanade and at Mana Station



**Firewood Fundraiser**

Aotea College 1XI Boys' Hockey is selling firewood

**3m3 Trailer load delivered locally for \$350 (NOT stacked)**  
(Pauatahanui to Tawa)

**Pinecones** also available **\$20 sack**

Delivered with firewood or can be collected from Aotea location.  
**PRE ORDERS with Date TBC**

The wood is not fully seasoned but chopped to fit medium sized wood burner.  
Will need time for wood to dry before use.

**Orders to Kirsten at [Kirst.r72@gmail.com](mailto:Kirst.r72@gmail.com) or text 027 2372277**



**Does your child like to sing, dance, act and perform?**

**Would you like your child to build more confidence and make more friends?**

Performing arts classes led by a London West End performer!

After school and weekend classes in Aotea, Johnsonville, Karori, Newtown, Lower Hutt, and Upper Hutt!

Two-week trials available.

For more information, please visit  
[www.spotlightperformingarts.co.nz](http://www.spotlightperformingarts.co.nz)

**SPOTLIGHT**  
PERFORMING ARTS

## School Holiday Activities





**HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**  
TUESDAY 7TH APRIL - FRIDAY 17TH APRIL

Reedy, Sei, Rumi

BOOK ONLINE AT  
**KELLYSPORTS.CO.NZ**





**STEM Holiday Programme** 

Ancient Roman Puzzle Box    Ultrasonic Theremin    Fibre Optic Desk Lamp

**This Holidays Choose from 3 Awesome Projects in 3 Convenient Locations**

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One Day, Take Home Builds For Young Makers Aged 10-15

Small Group Sizes With Friendly Experienced Instructors

\$135 For The Day, 8th April - 17th April

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[www.makerroomwellington.nz](http://www.makerroomwellington.nz)

# HELP!

## A Monster Ate My Story

The delightful words and pictures of award-winning Wellington author and illustrator Ruth Paul (Lion Guards the Cake, Stomp, Anahera, I Am Jellyfish) have thrilled young readers for many years.

Now all the fun is coming to the stage in a brand-new play for children. With your HELP! Ruth and favourite characters LION, JELLYFISH, T-REX and KIWI will join forces against the MISH-MASH MONSTER to stop it eating their stories!

Romping through the April school holidays, these fun-loving creatures will leap from the page to the stage in a celebration of creativity, imagination and collaboration.

Written by Ruth Paul • Music by Charlotte Yates  
Directed by Jacqueline Coats • Designed by Fifi Colston  
Lighting Design by Janis ChongYan Cheng  
Produced by Emma Robinson • Starring Tadhg Mackay, Te KuraHuia Henare-Stewart and Ruth Paul

**CIRCATWO 7-19 APRIL 2026**

Q&A with the cast after the 1.30pm show Thursday 9 April

**BOOKINGS**  
1 TARANAKI ST  
WELLINGTON  
04 801 7992  
circa.co.nz

**Tues 7 - Sun 19 April** (no shows Friday 10 April)  
**Tues - Sat** 11.30am & 1.30pm  
**Sunday 12 & 19 April** 1.30pm & 3.30pm  
\$20pp, \$70 for a family pass (4 tickets)  
children aged 2 and under free

**CIRCA**  
THEATRE



BY ARRANGEMENT WITH  
**PLAYMARKET**  
HE Kōwhiri TĀUTOKO TĪTO  
WHAKAARI O AOTEAROA

**BIGAIR**  
GYMSPORTS

### Empowering Kids Confidence, Learning & Achievement Through Gym!

From cartwheels, flips, and tumbling to tramp tricks and parkour — Bigair Gym's classes are packed with fun, fitness, and focus. Kids learn cool skills, achieve goals, and build resilience and unstoppable confidence in a safe, supportive space.

#### 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 early! Great prep for 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.

#### April Holiday Programme:

Dates: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April

Session Times: Half Day (8:30am – 1:00pm / 1:00pm – 5:30pm) | Full Day (8:30am – 5:30pm)

**Term 2 Gym Class & Holiday Programme Bookings are open NOW.** Don't miss your chance to help your child grow, achieve, learn, and have fun at Bigair Gym! Booking online is quick and easy at [www.bigairgym.co.nz](http://www.bigairgym.co.nz)

Bigair Gymsports Kapiti: ph. 297 0400, e. [kapiti@bigairgym.co.nz](mailto:kapiti@bigairgym.co.nz) at 4 Manchester Street, Kapiti.  
Bigair Gym Tawa: ph. 232 3508, e. [office@bigairgym.co.nz](mailto:office@bigairgym.co.nz) at 10b Surrey Street, Tawa.  
Bigair Gym Wellington: ph. 383 8779, e. [wgtn@bigairgym.co.nz](mailto:wgtn@bigairgym.co.nz) at 14 Landfill Road, Owhiro Bay.

**School HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**  
Safe, Exciting, and Lots of Fun!  
all 5-12 year olds welcome

**Prompt Payment discounts available**  
[www.asfc.co.nz](http://www.asfc.co.nz)

Welcome to our After School Fun Club family! Come and join us on fun adventures these School Holidays!!! Book now to avoid missing out!!!

**Join the Programme Now!!!**

- ♥ Grow their confidence and creativity
- ♥ Meet new friends
- ♥ Exciting day trips
- ♥ Learn new skills through hands-on activities

**LOCATION:**  
Adventure School Hall, 18 Longitude Place, Whittby

**BOOK ONLINE**  
[www.asfc.co.nz](http://www.asfc.co.nz)

**Ngā Manu**  
Nature Reserve

# The BIG Easter Weekend!

Over \$3000 of prizes to be won!

## FOUR DAYS OF WHĀNAU FUN!

- Annual Easter Rock Hunt
- Easter Hub for the kids
- Face Painting
- Sausage Sizzle

[ngamanu.org.nz](http://ngamanu.org.nz)

74 Ngā Manu Reserve Road  
Waikanae

# Clue Hunt Challenge



free kid's meal  
for every  
completed  
challenge  
sheet!



MINI WATERCOLOUR SESSIONS  
WEDNESDAY 8TH + THURSDAY 9TH APRIL  
10.00AM - 12.00PM EACH DAY  
\$85

Easter Eggstravaganza



St B's Holiday Club  
15, 16 & 17 April 2026  
Wednesday-Friday, 9.00am - 3.30pm  
For all kids school years 0-8  
Awesome fun time of games, crafts & activities!

*"No matter what!"*



St Barnabas Presbyterian, Paremata.  
\$40 per day (discount for 3 days)  
Register at  
<https://forms.gle/Jtvxgrtbv3YqKsny7>  
Phone the church office: 04 233 8572  
or email Co-ordinator Silvia Purdie:  
[silvia.purdie@gmail.com](mailto:silvia.purdie@gmail.com)