



Adventure School

NEWSLETTER

Term 2 – Week 1 23 April 2026

Our children will discover who they can be...

**THE ADVENTURE
WAY**

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

Upcoming Events

20 April – 8 May	LIFE EDUCATION Bus (Weeks 1-3)
Friday 24 April	Science Roadshow (Yrs 3-8)
Monday 27 April	SCHOOL CLOSED: ANZAC
Thursday 30 April	Syndicate newsletters shared
Friday 1 May	2.pm: Assembly (Rms 2 & 25 item)
Monday 4 May	Tough Guy n' Gal Event
Tuesday 5 May	7pm: PTNi Meeting (staffroom)
Friday 8 May	Nikau Bake Sale 8.30pm: AIMS Team Movie Fundraiser

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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!

Nau mai, hoki mai – a warm welcome back for Term 2, although the wild weather was an unexpected dampener for the start of the new term! A few days on and it is wonderful to see the school grounds buzzing with energy again. We hope your children all had a restful break and are feeling recharged for the new term.

The coming weeks are packed with some great exciting experiences! Between sporting opportunities, new lunchtime activities, the Science Roadshow, and Life Education sessions, alongside the fantastic learning our syndicates have planned, our Tamariki are in for an engaging term!

Syndicate newsletters will be shared next Thursday, giving you more detail on what's coming up for your child's year group.

The break has given us the opportunity to have contractors onsite to work on some maintenance around the school and it is certainly noticeable!

Rm 19 weathertight reclad has been completed and certainly looks amazing! Laura Treeby and her Yr 5 & 6 class are enjoying their new classroom space!

Beyond the ongoing external painting, work has been carried out to trim trees and refresh the adventure playgrounds with a new layer of bark. The entrance has also received a facelift with new tiling around the carpark garden. Inside, we have addressed ongoing flooring issues by re-laying the carpet tiles throughout the Nīkau block, while high-level maintenance continues with lichen treatment across the school roofs to ensure their longevity.

We are also thrilled to unveil our second mural, now beautifully installed outside Room 19. The piece is based on Annebelle Olivier's winning entry from the Carus Mural Design competition, with the final design and painting masterfully executed by artist Margaret Tollard.

A huge thank you to Carus for sponsoring this incredible prize and to Margaret for bringing this vision to life!



Learning Conversations

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Learning Conversations in the last week of term one. The exceptionally high turnout was a great testament to the wonderful commitment you have toward your child's education.

We are always looking for ways to make these conversations more meaningful for you. If you have any thoughts on how the meetings went or how we can improve them for next time, please feel free to email me directly - (principal@adventure.school.nz).

Welcome to Our Newest Students

KŌWHAI: Eimaan M, Otis P, Mabel T and Billie H

NĪKAU: Sydney P **TŌTARA:** Zeita P & Ameliah L



It's lovely to have you join our Adventure whānau!

Ministry of Education Attendance Tracking



Attendance Matters – Supporting Every Day at School

As we head into Term 2, we continue to closely track attendance and lateness in line with Ministry of Education requirements. This information is now uploaded to the Ministry daily. Regular attendance is vital for every child's learning, wellbeing, and sense of belonging. When Tamariki are at school regularly, they're more likely to feel connected, keep up with their learning, and build strong relationships with teachers and friends.

The school day starts at 8.55am. This is the time teachers mark the roll. Please help your child to get to school in plenty of time to be in their classes when the roll is taken.

What are the expectations?

The Ministry of Education has set a national attendance goal of 90% or higher for all students. That means attending school for at least 9 out of every 10 days, or no more than 5 days away per term. Falling below this can have a real impact on learning progress and confidence.

Why does it matter?

Even missing just one day every two weeks adds up to a month of learning lost each year. Over time, this can affect literacy, maths, friendships, and how confident students feel in class. Consistent attendance builds habits for success—both now and in the future.

What if my child needs to be away?

We understand that sometimes absences are unavoidable due to illness or family circumstances. If your child is going to be away, please notify the school office through the HERO app to let us know the reason.

Family Holidays During the Term

Family holidays during the school term are considered **unjustified** absences under Ministry of Education guidelines.

If you are planning time away during the school term, **contact needs to be made in writing with the Principal in advance.** (principal@adventure.school.nz)

Need support?

If you're facing challenges with getting your child(ren) to school and on time, we're here to help – please just reach out.

Let's work together to build great attendance habits and set our Tamariki up for success!


Term One Attendance – How do we do?

Every school receives an attendance summary from the Ministry at the end of every term. Term One, being the start of the year after a long break, attendance is really high with less illness and children away on holidays.

It was good to see attendance was at 79% for Term One again this year!


Term 1 Summary

How many students regularly attended school this term?


 Regular Attendance

79%


Compared to 79% in Term 1, 2025

 Irregular Absence 16%

Compared to 17% in Term 1, 2025






 Moderate Absence 4%

Compared to 3% in Term 1, 2025

 Chronic Absence 1%

Compared to 1% in Term 1, 2025

What were the main reasons given for absence this term?

-  (M) Illness / Medical Absence 55%
-  (J) Explained and Approved 29%
-  (G) Holiday 11%
-  (E) Accepted (but unjustified) 4%
-  (T) Unexplained / Trivial 1%

How many students were on time to class?

91% of students are arriving on-time regularly (i.e. over 90% of the time)

Government Target: 80% of children attending 90% of the time

% of Students Attending 90% or more				
	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
2023	74%	67%	57%	68%
2024	81%	48%	61%	75%
2025	79%	78%	56%	78%
2026	79%			
TARGET → 80%				



In the Spotlight

Athletics

- Annebelle (Year 4) competed in Wellington Junior Athletics Champs last term and achieved some outstanding results-
- 1st Gold - 100m
- 1st Gold - 200m
- 1st Gold - 60m
- 1st Gold - Long-jump
- 2nd Silver - Shot-put

She also received the overall Grade 8 girls trophy for 1st in her age group with the most points for the season.

A superb achievement Annebelle!



We always love hearing about special or personal achievements, so please share these with us!
(Email principal@adventure.school.nz)

Ngā mihi nui

Tania Cox

Principal – Tumuaki

STUDENT LEADERS AT THE GRIP LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



At the end of last term, we attended the GRIP Leadership Conference at Te Papa. As soon as we arrived, Nadine, one of the conference organisers, greeted us at the entrance.

Throughout the day, we learned many ways to be inspiring leaders and positive role models. We were given a booklet to help us remember what we learned and to support us in putting these ideas into action at school. The games played throughout the day kept things fun and engaging.

A key takeaway was the 5 A's: Always tell the truth, Aim for high standards, Apologise for mistakes, Act according to your values, and ensure your Actions match your words.

We are very grateful for the opportunity to attend - it was a great experience.

Your 2026 Student Leaders
Annie, Tayne, Sam, Samantha, Gabi and Sammy.

**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

**Whole School
Assemblies**

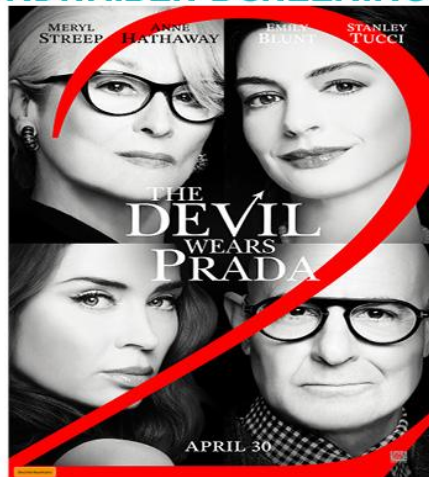
WHEN: 2pm - Friday 1 May

Featuring Buddy Classes: Rms 2 & 25

You are very welcome to join us!

Please support our netball team to get to AIMS

**YOU'RE INVITED TO A
FUNDRAISER SCREENING OF**



**LIGHT HOUSE PAUATAHANUI
3 PAEKAKARIKI HILL ROAD
FRIDAY 8TH MAY 8.30PM**

ARRIVE AT 7.45PM | PUNCTUAL IS CHIC!

**TICKETS \$25 AND COMES WITH A SWEET TREAT, BECAUSE GOOD
FASHION (AND FUNDRAISING) IS ALWAYS IN GOOD TASTE.**

Fundraising for: Adventure School netball team AIMS fundraiser

Have some extra cash on hand for drinks, lollies, and our raffle — fashion is all about the finishing touches.

To purchase tickets email gford13@gmail.com

Sports Events

Term One Senior Touch Teams

Gold for the Senior Touch Girls!

The Year 7/8 Sun Bears took out the Porirua Touch Module Senior Girls Division in Term 1 - a fantastic result.

This team was built around friendships, with the girls keen to play together. It included a mix of experienced players and some giving touch a go for the first time.

Off the back of that, they learned quickly and picked up the ins and outs of the game in no time. Much to their surprise, they won their first game — all while smiling, laughing, and just enjoying being out there. The focus stayed on the basics (including “squashing the banana”), and it paid off.

In the final, they came up against a well-drilled Tawa Intermediate side, who jumped out to an early 4–0 lead. To the girls’ credit, they stuck at it, worked their way back into the game, and went into halftime level. The second half saw some tough defence, and with a late try, the Sun Bears got the win.

Awesome effort from the girls — a great Term 1 and something to build on. Looking forward to seeing them back out there in Term 4.

Congratulations to Layla and Olivia on their well-deserved awards. A special mention as well to Charlotte (Sam’s sister), a Year 6 student who stepped up and more than held her own playing with the older girls.

*LTR: Layla, Charlotte (year 6!),
Annie, Ameliah, Ava, Olivia,
Sam, Elsie*



Strong Season for Senior Boys Touch

Our senior boys touch teams had a strong Term 1, competing in the Porirua Touch Module Senior Boys Division over six weeks at Onepoto Park in Titahi Bay.

The Adventure Bears finished an impressive 3rd overall, while the Adventure Pandas (pictured below) also had a great campaign, coming in 5th.

Both teams showed great development across the season. The senior boy’s grade is a tough competition, with most games between the top sides decided by just a few points, which made for excellent learning and growth for the boys.

Wells done to Luca and Finlay, who picked up the Bears team awards, and Harry and Dyllan, who were recognised for the Pandas.

A solid season all round - roll on Term 4.



LTR: Erik, Wian, Dyllan, Lachie, Harry

Steve Allerby

Senior Netball

ADVENTURE PULSE NETBALL SUCCESS – Steven Allerby (Coach) & Gemma Forsyth (Manager)

The Adventure Pulse (year 7/8) netball team had a fantastic day out in late March, winning the Porirua Intermediate School Tournament against 14 primary schools from across the region.

The team went unbeaten through pool play to finish top of their division. In the semi-final, they came up against a strong Paremata side and held their nerve in a tight finish to win by one goal. The final saw them face Papakowhai (who they had also met in pool play), and the team delivered again, winning by three goals to lift the trophy.

While the result was a great reward, just as important was the opportunity to get some quality pre-season game time as the team builds towards a big winter season and the AIMS Games. It also gave us the chance to try players in different positions, which is key to building depth and confidence across the group.

Most pleasing of all was the way the team carried themselves throughout the day - they represented the school with real pride, both on and off the court.

A big thanks to Kapi Mana Netball for hosting the tournament at the Mungavin courts. It was a well-run day with plenty of great netball on display, especially this early in the season, and most importantly, it was a lot of fun for everyone involved.

We'll be looking to attend again in future years.



LtR: Ameliah, Annie, Keano, Riley, Kaden, TJ, Keelan, Maisie, Layla, Jorja

PRE-SEASON NETBALL SESSIONS

Ngā mihi to Emma Thompson (midcourter) and Madi Thomas (defender) from the Central Pulse for running a series of pre-season fitness and skills sessions for our Year 7/8 senior netballers.

The sessions covered a great range of areas including footwork, ball-handling, body movement drills, as well as stretching, warm-ups, and some more advanced game strategies. It was awesome exposure for the players to learn from athletes performing at a high level.

Emma and Madi brought great energy to each session, and the kids really fed off it — challenging themselves, picking up new skills, and having a lot of fun along the way. There was plenty of laughter, a bit of healthy competition, and most importantly, a lot of mahi put in.

These sessions led into our senior trials, where 22 players were selected across two teams - Adventure Pulse and Adventure Mystics. Congratulations to all those selected.

Overall, the pre-season sessions and trials have been a great way to build excitement heading into the senior netball season... roll on May!



Event Calendar - Important Dates

Please be aware some details may change



TERM TWO

Week 1	Friday 24 April	Science Roadshow Yrs 3-8
Week 2	Monday 27 April	Anzac Day observed. SCHOOL CLOSED:
	Friday 1 May	2pm: Assembly
Week 3	Monday 4 May	Tough Guy and Gal challenge Lucky Book Club Issue 3 closes
	Tuesday 5 May	7pm: PTNi meeting. All welcome
	Friday 8 May	Nīkau Bake Sale 8.30pm: AIMS team movie fundraiser
Week 4	Monday 11 May	Dental van onsite until 3 June 9.10am Mihi Whakatau tbc 5.30pm: BoT meeting
	Tuesday 12 May	10.30am: Whole School Cross Country
	Friday 15 May	PINK SHIRT DAY PTNi Disco
Week 5	Friday 22 May	Mini Cultural Day 2pm: Assembly
Week 6	Thursday 28 May	Parumoana Cross Country (pp 2 June)
	Friday 29 May	TEACHER ONLY DAY. SCHOOL CLOSED
Week 7	Monday 1 June	KINGS BIRTHDAY. SCHOOL CLOSED
	Friday 5 June	2pm: Assembly
Week 8	Monday 8 June	5.30pm: BoT meeting
Week 9		
Week 10	Thursday 25 June	Rimu Night at the Museum tbc
	Friday 26 June	2pm: Assembly
Week 11	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
	Friday 3 July	3pm: End of Term 2

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



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)**

Private Bag 31907 Lower Hutt
www.beehealthy.org.nz | 0800 TALK TEETH (825 583)

Community Notices

Zennin Tawa

Interested in giving martial arts a go?

Come and try one of our classes held in the **Tawa School Hall (Oxford Street, Tawa)**. Whether you've trained before or you're a complete beginner, **all skill levels are welcome**.

What is Zennin?

A martial art that blends **self-defence**, **kata**, and **kickboxing techniques** to build confidence, discipline, and practical skills.

What is Muay Thai?

A dynamic combat sport focused on **kickboxing**, **self-discipline**, and **self-defence**, all while giving you a full-body workout.

Class timetable

Junior Zennin

Tuesdays

Ages 5 years and above
5.30pm - 6.30pm

Intermediate & Senior Zennin

Tuesdays

Ages 15 and above
6.30pm - 7.30pm

Muay Thai (kickboxing)

Thursdays

Ages 15 and above
6.30pm - 7.30pm

For more details, contact us on

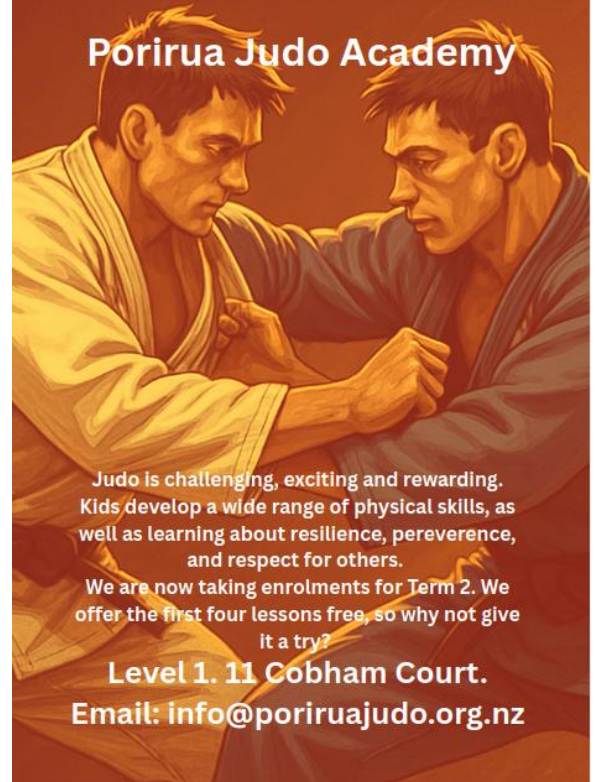
zennintawa@gmail.com | www.zennin.net



Tawa Junior Hockey Club is looking for more Year 3/4's to make up another team (5) in the 2026 season. The Year 3/4 age group play at 10am on a Saturday morning at Elsdon, Porirua. If you have a Year 3/4 interested in playing this season, please contact us

on: info@tawajuniorhockey.org.nz.

Porirua Judo Academy



Judo is challenging, exciting and rewarding. Kids develop a wide range of physical skills, as well as learning about resilience, perseverance, and respect for others.

We are now taking enrolments for Term 2. We offer the first four lessons free, so why not give it a try?

Level 1. 11 Cobham Court.

Email: info@porirujudo.org.nz

SHORTER DAYS, BIGGER PLAYS!

STARTS WEEK 2
WEDNESDAY'S, 3:05PM - 4:05PM

- Hockey
- Handball
- Netball
- Football

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Shake Off the Autumn Grey with a Burst of Colour!

Is your child ready to get messy, get creative, and master the art of printing? This term, we're diving into the vibrant world of Print & Pattern—the perfect antidote to those chilly Autumn mornings!

Your young artist will explore professional techniques in a warm, friendly, and super-creative environment:

- ❖ Gel Plate Printing – The magic of monoprinting.
- ❖ Stencilling & Layering – Building depth and design.
- ❖ Patterned Rollers & Stamps – Creating unique, repeatable art.

Where: Whitby

When: Starts Saturday 2nd May,

Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm

Spaces are limited! Email us today to secure your child's spot for a term full of colour and imagination.

office.artyfartykids@gmail.com

Papakōwhai Brownies are having an Open Night.

We welcome 7 & 8 year old girls to come along for free to experience our International Amazing Race. Wednesday 29 April, 5.15pm - 6.45pm at Tairangi School Hall.

Please RSVP with dietary requirements to browniespapakowhai@gmail.com or text 0220 963 973



VIARD ART WORKSHOP

START DATE : 5TH MAY - 23RD JUNE
TERM 2, EVERY TUESDAY (3.30PM - 5PM)

8 WEEKS \$120
REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

EACH WEEK WE WILL EXPERIMENT WITH DIFFERENT MATERIALS WHILE CREATING IMAGINATIVE, ONE OF A KIND ARTWORKS AS WE DIVE INTO CLAY MODELLING, PAINTING, DRAWING, 3D SCULPTURE, COLLAGE AND PRINTMAKING.

WHETHER THEY'RE SHAPING CLAY, PAINTING COLORFUL SCENES OR TRYING OUT NEW TEXTURES AND TOOLS, YOUR CHILD WILL BUILD CONFIDENCE, DEVELOP CREATIVE THINKING, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, HAVE A BLAST!

Register Now!

ARTWORKS@VIARD.SCHOOL.NZ

APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIP
WE HAVE LIMITED SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE EACH TERM TO SUPPORT YOUNG ARTISTS ON THEIR CREATIVE JOURNEY. TO RECEIVE MORE INFO PLEASE EMAIL US AT:
ARTWORKS@VIARD.SCHOOL.NZ

AFTER SCHOOL ART CLASSES DESIGNED FOR AGES 8-11 LED BY ART TUTOR

RHYANNE

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