



Adventure School

NEWSLETTER

Term 2 – Week 3 7 May 2026

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Upcoming Events

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| Tuesday 12 May | 10.30: School Cross Country |
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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

Our school community thrives on the dedication of our staff who have recently been putting in an extraordinary effort behind the scenes.

Our teachers are working hard to navigate significant government-led changes to the curriculum, assessment frameworks, and reporting expectations. Working through these shifts - often while managing rapidly changing or conflicting information - is no small feat.

I am incredibly proud of the tenacity and professionalism our teachers have shown. Despite these "shifting sands", they have remained steadfast and positive, keeping their focus exactly where it belongs: on the education, well-being, and success of our Tamariki.

Staffing Updates

Huge congratulations to Shane and Holly Dalton on the early arrival of their baby boy! Holly has been an exceptional ESOL teacher this year, and while we will certainly miss her, we wish her all the best as she begins her maternity leave.

Nicola Swain is moving on to resume her former career path. She has been an incredible asset to our Teacher Aide team, and she too will be missed. We are thrilled to welcome Karyn Smith, an experienced Teacher Aide, to our team in a part-time role.

Learning Support at Our School

At Adventure we work tirelessly to ensure that every dollar of funding, every hour of Teacher Aide (TA) support, and every resource is strategically placed to make the greatest impact on student success. We want to share a look "behind the curtain" at how we navigate the complex puzzle of resource allocation.

Ngā mihi nui
Tania

Partnering for Success: Learning Support at Adventure

At Adventure, we're incredibly proud of the vibrant, diverse range of learners in our classrooms. We know that every child's journey is unique, and our goal is to make sure everyone has the right support to reach their potential.










To make this happen, we take a team approach with Teacher Aides (Learning Assistants), part-time teachers and classroom teachers all working collaboratively. We are constantly looking at how we can best wrap our resources around our students, whether that's through classroom adaptations, intervention programmes, or extra hands in the classroom.

Understanding the Funding we Receive

We are often asked whether a specific need will attract funding for additional support. It's helpful to know that, in most cases, funding isn't actually tied to a specific diagnosis (like dyslexia, ADHD, autism, or dyspraxia). Instead, the Ministry of Education provides funding to schools based on specific criteria. Here is a breakdown of the different funding "buckets" -

| Individual Funding (Targeted) | School-Wide Funding (Flexible) |
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| ORS (Ongoing Resourcing Scheme) For complex, intensive needs. | Support for Inclusion For students with moderate learning needs; primarily used to fund Teacher Aides. <i>NB: The Board of Trustees tops this up each year</i> |
| ESOL: (English Speakers of Other Languages) For English Language Learners. | |
| High Health For specific medical needs. | ICS (In-Class Support) For complex needs not covered by ORS (2 places per year are allocated to Adventure School) |
| IRF (Interim Response Fund) - short-term Bridges the gap while schools develop a plan. | Part-time Specialist Teachers to provide intervention programmes in Literacy and Mathematics <i>NB: these roles are 50% funded by the Board of Trustees, with the Ministry of Education meeting the remaining half of the costs.</i> |
| Speech Support For significant speech, language, or communication difficulties. | |

Our Teacher Aides (Learning Assistants)

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|  Andrea Matheson |  Fiona Albiston |  Jasmine Nichols |  Taria Kie Tonga |  Catherine Ballin |
|  Wilmeri Olivier |  Rosie Bates |  Gail Eastwood |  Karyn Smith | |

At Adventure, we keep a close eye on progress across the whole school to make sure our Teacher Aides are exactly where they're needed most.

Getting Our Balance Right

Our Deputy Principals look at the big picture to decide how to share out our support hours. We focus heavily on early intervention in those first three years of school, as we know this sets our Tamariki up for the best possible future. However, we also ensure support is provided where it is needed for our older students.

Tailored for Each Team

Tailored for each team: Our teaching teams "drill down" into their own classroom data. They work together to decide how their allocated Teacher Aide (TA) hours will best help their specific students. This may or may not involve working directly with a Teacher Aide.

Always Evolving:

Support at Adventure isn't static. Our teams regularly check in on how students are doing and shift their focus as needs change. This ensures that as children grow and evolve, our support does too.

In the Classroom:

Our Teacher Aides are a seamless part of our daily teaching team. Your child might work with them in one of several ways, including:



Working with Small Groups:

Targeted sessions for literacy, maths or social skills.



Lowering Ratios:

An TA may support the whole class so the teacher can focus on a specific group.



1-on-1 Support:

Specific, targeted support for students with individual funding.

Because our TAs are so integrated into our "everyday" routines, we don't send home notifications when a child spends time with one. If your child mentions working with another adult, it's simply a sign that we are being responsive to the needs of the whole class. It's all about getting the right support to the right student at the right time!

Our Intervention Teachers



Holly Dalton, Clare Spencer, Carly St Laurent



Natasha Carroll

Clare Spencer: **Literacy Intervention (Years 0–2)**

In 2025, we were pleased to have a new Literacy support role at Adventure. Our specialist teacher, Clare, uses this part-time position to give an extra boost to our Year 1 and 2 students because getting help early makes the biggest difference.

We keep a close eye on everyone's learning to see who might benefit from this support. Clare works with these students in small groups (and sometimes one-on-one) for 30 minutes, three times a week.

Clare also works collaboratively with the Kōwhai teachers to ensure classroom programmes provide the strongest possible foundation for every child.

Carly St Laurent: **Maths Intervention (Years 5–8)**

This year, we're excited to receive new funding that allows us to also offer additional support in mathematics. These 12-week "intensives" are all about maximising teacher time and encouraging students to learn from one another. We'll be running two more cycles throughout the year, and our classroom teachers are working alongside the program to make sure these new skills stick. Two groups of students are benefitting:

- From our Year 7 & 8s: Selected students are working in intensive sessions three times a week, using a mix of expert teaching and specialised online tools to strengthen their skills.
- From our Year 5 & 6s: We've introduced targeted small-group sessions (5–6 students) designed to help those who need an extra boost to meet curriculum goals.

Holly Dalton: **English Language Learners Support Programmes (Years 0-8)**

NB: Holly has recently taken maternity leave, and this role is now shared by Clare Spencer and Natasha Carroll.

Many of our students speak more than one language and, while being multilingual is a huge advantage, we know it can take a little extra time to feel fully confident in English literacy. To help bridge that gap, we receive dedicated funding for eligible students whose primary language at home isn't English or Te Reo Māori.

These students typically receive this support for up to three years. Most of our learners work in small groups with our ESoL teacher(s) twice a week, while others receive one-on-one help from a Teacher Aide to ensure they're getting exactly what they personally need.

Our Yr 7 & 8s Doing Adventure Proud!

Adventure School Students Help Shape National ANZAC History Website



Last year, a group of 10 Adventure School students were invited to take part in an exciting partnership with the National Library of New Zealand, helping to develop and provide feedback for a new digital platform designed to spark young people's curiosity about New Zealand's history.



Through collaborative workshops, our students worked alongside researchers and designers to share how children engage with history online, what captures their attention, and what makes learning meaningful and enjoyable. Their ideas and feedback played an important role in shaping this innovative space, ensuring the platform would connect with young audiences in engaging and authentic ways.

This year, our students were once again invited to contribute feedback as the project evolved - a wonderful testament to the value of their voices and insights.

As a special recognition of their involvement, our students were honoured to attend the official launch of the new website alongside The Hon Brooke van Velden. This was an incredibly special and moving experience, as students were given the rare opportunity to view precious artefacts from the National Library's collections, including handwritten letters from soldiers, war medals, powerful artwork, and original wartime log books. These tangible connections to the past brought New Zealand's history to life in a profound way and made our students' contribution feel even more meaningful.

We are incredibly proud of the way our students represented Adventure School throughout this project - with curiosity, maturity, and thoughtful insight.

We encourage all whānau to explore this remarkable new website together and discover the stories that helped shape our nation: <https://natlib.govt.nz/history-explorer/anzac-stories>



Lest we forget



SPOTLIGHT ON KŌWHAI



Kōwhai Syndicate



Last term we learnt about New Zealand through our Sciences and History Curriculum. The Year 0-1s found out about tools used by the first New Zealanders, while the Year 2s explored myths and legends.

First we whittled our sticks. Then we used flax, paper, wood and string to make our tools.

Year 2 students wrote about New Zealand Myths and Legends.



Kōwhai Fancy Feet Parade

To mark the end of Movin' March, Kōwhai had a Fancy Feet Parade. Check out these creative feet! We can't wait till next year!





In the Spotlight

Dance

A huge congratulations to **Eloise, Harper, and Sophie** from Elite Dance for their stellar performance at the DanceNZMade competition held at the St James Theatre this past weekend.

Competing in a massive field of 125 troupes, our talented trio secured a spot in the top five for their age group and earned a 3rd place finish in their category final.

Placing third among such a high volume of competitors is a fantastic achievement. We are so proud of your hard work and artistry!



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

Duathlon Fundraiser Winners

A huge congratulations and thank you to these two amazing duathlon participants! They raised the most funds through sponsorships to help build our new basketball court.

1st

(A bike)

Matilda (Yr 1)



2nd

(Whitby New World Hamper)

Sam (Yr 5)

Total funds raised were approximately \$ 2, 600!

COMING UP

Mihi Whakatau to welcome new students and their whānau

Monday 11 May

•8.45: Briefing

•9.10: Mihi Whakatau begins

(All families of new students should have received an invitation. Please contact the office if yours did not appear.)

🌸 Pink Shirt Day – Friday 15 May 🌸



Kia ora Adventure School whānau,

On Friday, May 15th, we're celebrating **Pink Shirt Day!** Pink Shirt Day is when Aotearoa comes together to take a stand against bullying. Since 2012 the Mental Health Foundation of New Zealand (MHFNZ) has been inspiring tangata to Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying! It's a special day to stand together and promote kindness, inclusion, and antibullying in our school and community. Let's show our support by turning Adventure School into a sea of pink!

We're encouraging all students to come dressed in their **brightest pink outfits**. Be bold and creative - pink skirts, wigs, hats, glasses, socks, or even pink face paint! Anything pink goes!

To support this important cause, we're asking for a **gold coin donation**, which will go directly towards organisations working to prevent bullying and promote mental well-being in schools across Aotearoa.

Pink Shirt Day is not just about the colour—it's about showing that we care about creating a safe, welcoming environment for everyone. Let's celebrate diversity, lift each other up, and have fun while making a difference.

When: Friday, May 15th

What to Wear: Anything pink!

Donation: Gold coin (optional but appreciated!)

Why: To celebrate kindness, stand against bullying, and create a positive school culture.



Let's make this Pink Shirt Day one to remember!

Together, we can make a difference. 🧡

Your 2026 Student Leaders,

Tayne, Annie, Gabi, Sam, Samantha and Sammy.



ADVENTURE SCHOOL CULTURE DAY

22nd May 2026

CELEBRATING OUR DIVERSE CULTURES

We are excited to let you know that Adventure School will be holding a Culture Day to celebrate the diverse cultures within our school community.



1. DRESS-UP DAY

Students (and staff) are invited to come to school wearing traditional cultural clothing or colours that represent their culture. Participation is optional, and we encourage choices that are respectful and inclusive.

2. CLASSROOM SHARING

Students may share their culture and their clothing if they wish. Classes will also create a collaborative artwork that represents the cultures in their classroom.



3. WHOLE SCHOOL PARADE

We will have a school parade where each class will walk together to celebrate our different cultures.



We look forward to celebrating together as a school community.

Kind regards,
Amanda-Lee Lemmon, Adventure School

Sports Events

Netball

Silver Lining: Adventure Pulse Netball Team Shines at Kapiti Intermediate Tournament

The Adventure Pulse Senior Netball team had a strong showing at the recent Kapiti Intermediate Netball Tournament, finishing in second place after losing a tight final 7–15 to highly fancied Maidstone Intermediate.

Throughout the day the Pulse competed well against teams from Tawa, Hutt Valley and Kapiti, performing consistently and reaching the final — a solid achievement in a competitive field. The team used the tournament as a valuable opportunity to build match play and develop combinations as they settle into the season.

The day was made all the better by the support of friends and whānau who came along to cheer the team on.

Congratulations to all players on a great result. We look forward to following the Pulse's progress as the season continues.



Rocco, TJ, Keelan, Kaden, Maisie, Jorja, Layla, Riley, Keano, Julia (Ameliah absent)

Thank you to the following local businesses who are supporting the Pulse's AIMS Games Campaign-



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Please support our netball team to get to AIMS

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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

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SUPPORTING PINK SHIRT DAY

15 MAY
\$5 ENTRY
YR 1-4: 5-6PM
YR 5-8: 6:30-8PM



DJ Jade from Goodtime DJs // Glow // Hot food // Snacks
Tickets available on Kindo // Dress up in pink

Family Pies

\$14 each

orders close 6 June

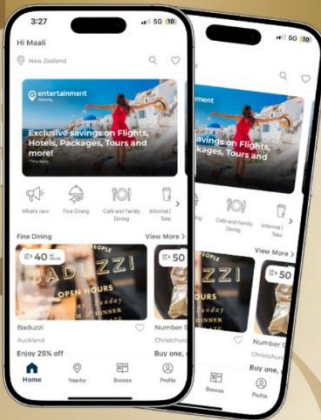
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IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM PORIRUA CITY COUNCIL

Licence plate technology hits Porirua streets

Porirua City Council is introducing **licence plate recognition technology** from **4 May 2026** to help Council manage parking in a more efficient, consistent, and customer-friendly way around the city.

We know that unsafe parking is an issue around our schools, creating a real danger for tamariki by limiting visibility and making them hard to see. The cameras will be attached to one of the Council's cars to monitor parking around the city's schools, checking if cars are parking on broken yellow lines, across driveways, or on berms and footpaths.

As the vehicle drives through an area, it can register whether parking requirements, such as payment or time limits, have been met. The technology will record the plate number of vehicles, the time and location and any visible parking signage. The information is then sent back to Council and will be reviewed by a warranted parking officer before an infringement is issued.

Council's Manager of Policy, Planning & Regulatory Services, Nic Etheridge, confirms that the camera operates within the requirements of the Privacy Act and people's faces will be blurred in any images. Council will use images only for evidence gathering and enforcement – LPR information will be stored on the same system as our current infringement information.

In Porirua, this technology will support parking officers in their day-to-day work and keep them safe as it allows our them to stay in the vehicle. Down the track, LPR may be used for checking warrants of fitness and registrations and whether a car is stolen, along with data collection of parking and road use around Porirua, informing future decisions and city development by our transport team.

Please visit the Council's website for more information and FAQs; go to <https://porirucity.govt.nz/services/parking-transport/find-carpark/>





Event Calendar - Important Dates



| TERM TWO | | |
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| Week 3 | Friday 8 May | Nīkau Bake Sale 8.30pm: AIMS team movie fundraiser |
| Week 4 | Monday 11 May | Dental van onsite until 3 June 9am Mihi Whakatau 5.30pm: BoT meeting |
| | Tuesday 12 May | 10.30am: Whole School Cross Country (pp 19 May) |
| | 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 | Thursday 18 June | PTNi pies delivered |
| Week 10 | Thursday 25 June | Rimu Night at the Museum tbc |
| | Friday 26 June | Sausage Sizzle 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 |
| | Friday 3 July | 3pm: End of Term 2 |

2026 Term Dates

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
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Build Confidence, Skills & Achievement at Bigair Gym!

From cartwheels to high-flying flips, Bigair Gym is where kids grow stronger, braver, and more confident. Bigair Gym classes combine fun, fitness, and structured progression—helping children develop real skills, set goals, and experience the pride that comes with achievement.

In a safe, supportive environment, kids don't just learn gymnastics—they build resilience, focus, coordination, and confidence that carries into education, sport, and everyday life.

Find the Perfect Class for Your Child:

Crashmat Kids (Walking–4yrs) – An introduction to the fundamentals and the gym environment.

Pocket Rockets (3–4yrs) – Build coordination, listening and communication skills, and confidence—perfect preparation for school.

Gravity Busters (5+ yrs) – Learn strong gymnastics foundations, strength, and tumbling skills.

Team Extreme (Advanced Gym) – For athletes ready to progress and master higher-level skills.

Free Running (5+ yrs) – Parkour-inspired movement that builds agility, strength, and confidence.

Trampoline (5+ yrs) – Develop aerial awareness, control, and impressive acrobatic skills.

Recreational Cheerleading (5+ yrs) – A high-energy class combining tumbling, stunts, dance, jumps, flexibility, strength, and movement, while introducing the fundamentals of cheerleading.

Tumbling (5+ yrs) – Learn walkovers, handsprings, and more. Ideal for gymnasts, dancers, and cheerleaders.

Secure your child's place today for Term 2 and give them the opportunity to grow, achieve, and thrive at Bigair Gym. Booking is quick and easy: www.bigairgym.co.nz.

Bigair Gymsports Kapiti: ph. 297 0400, e. kapiti@bigairgym.co.nz at 4 Manchester Street, Kapiti.

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Bigair Gym Wellington: ph. 383 8779, e. wgtn@bigairgym.co.nz at 14 Landfill Road, Owhiro Bay.



Keen to play Squash

Come along to Mana Squash club at Ngāti Toa domain, Mana, Porirua and give squash a go. Squash is a great sport that can be played all year round.

We run junior club nights on a Friday from 5:15pm to 7pm during school term, for all juniors.

Young ones up to 12 years old - from 5:15pm to 6pm
13 years old to -18 years old - from 6pm to 7pm

We can provide the kids with rackets and eye wear to start off with. All the kids need is a pair of non-marking sport shoes and a drink bottle.

For Friday night junior club nights contact Ben at juniors@manasquash.co.nz or via mobile on 027 34 33 145

We also run junior coaching programs during the school terms for all ages and levels from new beginners upwards. This is on a Wednesday from 4:30pm to 6pm |

For junior coaching Contact Ben juniors@manasquash.co.nz or via mobile on 027 34 33 145

Come along to try it out.



Nourish & Flourish: A Wellness Evening for Women



Join us us for a special fundraiser event designed to uplift, inspire, and support the amazing women in our community!

Wednesday May 13th 2026, from 7:00 - 9:00 PM
@Paremata School Hall, 43 Paremata Cres

What to Expect:

An engaging and empowering evening with inspirational speakers, hands-on demonstrations, and wellness stalls — all designed to help you feel your best in health, mind, and body.

Whether you're looking for support with your health, appearance, relationships, hormones, children, career, or life balance, there will be something for everyone.

There will also be plenty of spot prizes to win. Each ticket includes one free entry, with additional entries available for \$2.

TICKETS

Link to [Event Page](#)
\$20 per person
(with 100% going directly to the school)



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