



Adventure School

NEWSLETTER

Term 2 – Week 5 21 May 2026

Our children will discover who they can be...

**THE ADVENTURE
WAY**

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

Upcoming Events

Friday 22 May	Culture Celebration Day (Come dressed to reflect your ethnic culture) 2pm: Assembly (Sharing our cultures)
Thursday 28 May	Parumoana Cross Country
Friday 29 May	SCHOOL CLOSED: Teacher Curriculum Day
Monday 1 June	SCHOOL CLOSED: King's Birthday
Tuesday 2 June	Parumoana Cross Country pp
Thursday 4 June	Parumoana Cross Country ppp Aotea College visiting Year 8s

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Kia ora e te whānau

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!

Celebrating Pink Shirt Day

Wow, what a very uplifting and fun day this was! Our usual red and black uniform transformed into a vibrant wash of pink. It was an amazing sight that sent a loud and clear message: we stand together against bullying. A massive thank you to all of our whānau for supporting your children to engage so enthusiastically!

The Great Teacher Hide-n'-Seek!

The absolute highlight was our whole-school game of Hide-n'-Seek. There were loads of laughter as students teamed up with their buddies to find the teachers who were doing their best to conceal their whereabouts.

A huge shoutout to our superb student leaders who did an exceptional job, coached by Erica Leggett, organising a fun day. Seeing our older students teaming up and laughing alongside our younger ones was tuakana-teina at its absolute best.

Friday Night Fever! The celebrations perfectly culminated on Friday night with the PTNi PINK Disco! It was the perfect, high-energy wrap-up to a week centred around kindness, inclusion, and community. Thanks, PTNi - you are amazing!

Thank you for helping us make our school a safe, kind, and fun place for everyone!

If you ever have concerns about bullying or unkindness, please reach out to your child's teacher right away. We want to know as soon as possible so we can work with you, act quickly, and ensure every child feels safe and supported at school.



PINK SHIRT DAY



Thank you for your tremendous support!
Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora!
Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying





An Important Reminder: Social Media and Privacy

- ➔ Taking photos and video clips of children other than your own
- ➔ Contacting teachers

We love seeing our whānau capturing and celebrating special moments at school events and milestones.

We just want to share a quick reminder to please only post images or videos of your own children on social media (TikTok, Facebook, or Instagram).

To protect the privacy of all our students, please make sure other children are not visible in the background of your videos or photos before sharing them online (or use editing tools to crop or blur them).

Every family has different preferences regarding their child's digital footprint, and we greatly appreciate your support in keeping all our Tamariki safe and their privacy respected!

If you need to contact a teacher, please do so via their school email or through the school office (office@adventure.school.nz) rather than social media.

Teacher email addresses follow a simple pattern:

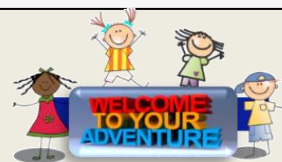
The teacher's **first initial**, followed by **surname**, then **@adventure.school.nz**
(e.g. mpollard@adventure.school.nz)

Culture Day is Tomorrow!

We are so looking forward to Culture Day tomorrow! It is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the rich cultural diversity we have here at Adventure. Participation is completely optional, and students can choose to wear anything that represents their heritage. This could be a piece of headwear, a scarf, a t-shirt, national sports jersey, the colours of their flag, or a full traditional costume. There is no right or wrong way to participate – just something your child feels proud of and comfortable in!

Welcome to Our Newest Students

KŌWHAI: Jenson C, Finn F, Charlotte M



Ngā mihi nui

Tania Cox

Principal – Tumuaki



Nīkau News

BAKE SALE



Thank you to everyone who supported last week's Bake Sale with your wonderful baking. It was a great success, and we are very proud of our students for helping set up, serve others, and tackle the dreaded clean-up afterwards.



SCIENCE

We were very lucky to take part in the Science Roadshow this year. We discovered how living things grow, respond, reproduce, and survive in their environments. We were also fascinated by the exciting chemical reactions created using everyday ingredients and learned how chemistry is part of our everyday lives. We explored lots of hands-on exhibits that showed science in everyday life.



BOUNCY EGGS

In Room 4 students explored a simple acid-base reaction by placing eggs in vinegar. The acid in the vinegar slowly dissolved the hard calcium carbonate shell, producing visible carbon dioxide bubbles. After a few days, the shell had disappeared, leaving only the soft, flexible membrane. This made the raw egg feel bouncy and rubber-like.



COMING UP TOMORROW

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



We were fortunate with the weather as our runners pushed through the finish line! Thank you to the wonderful crowd of parents and family members who came out to cheer everyone on. Whether racing for a top 10 spot or just enjoying a low-key fun run, every participant did an amazing job. Thanks also to John Kelleher for the great organisation that added to the smooth running of the day.

Congratulations to these runners who earned a top five spot for their year group:

Yrs 1 & 2 RESULTS

YEAR 1 Boys									
1 st	Tyler Hickman	2 nd	Albie Hanify	3 rd	Oscar Li	4 th	Atticus Craze	5 th	Luca Diamond-Jenkins
YEAR 1 Girls									
1 st	Kaley Grant	2 nd	Yilan Alexander	3 rd	Mila Olivier	4 th	Lily Cooze	5 th	Gayle Brunette
YEAR 2 Boys									
1 st	Kian Donaldson	2 nd	Mason Swain	3 rd	Alexander Lemmon	4 th	Ezran Pahetogia	5 th	Aziz Alasqah
YEAR 2 Girls									
1 st	Zara Pancha	2 nd	Josie Brown	3 rd	June Wilkie	4 th	Meera Nair	5 th	Sapphire Stead

Yrs 3 & 4 RESULTS

YEAR 3 Boys									
1 st	Jaba Mubea	2 nd	Spencer Pickering	3 rd	Eli Forsyth	4 th	Elliot Derwin	5 th	Audren Shah
YEAR 3 Girls									
1 st	Georgie McKee	2 nd	Bella Sutton	3 rd	Mackenzie Crockford	4 th	Molly Hall	5 th	Eliza Cleary
YEAR 4 Boys									
1 st	Archie Tovey	2 nd	Mason Stephenson	3 rd	Toby Hyde	4 th	Robbie Marshall	5 th	Oliver Chandler
YEAR 4 Girls									
1 st	Wambui Mubea	2 nd	Annebelle Olivier	3 rd	Sasha Eastham	4 th	Evie Brown	5 th	Norah Lieu-Li

Yrs 5 & 6 RESULTS

YEAR 5 Boys									
1 st	Jack Griffiths	2 nd	Steven Harrald	3 rd	Louie Zhang	4 th	Jack Jenkins	5 th	Austin Li
YEAR 5 Girls									
1 st	Ella Gibbons	2 nd	Ashley Gibbons	3 rd	Aria Pahetogia	4 th	Isla Fleming	5 th	Amber Cassidy
YEAR 6 Boys									
1 st	Lawrence Hanify	2 nd	Max Jorgensen	3 rd	Frankie Pyke	4 th	Leo Arbidans	5 th	Manaia Temarama
YEAR 6 Girls									
1 st	Eloise Chandler	2 nd	Quinn Spalding	3 rd	Ruby Woodcock	4 th	Summer Connor	5 th	Isla Ritchie

Yrs 7 & 8 RESULTS

YEAR 7 Boys									
1 st	William Brown	2 nd	Cooper Zeng	3 rd	Kit Farrell	4 th	Ollie King	5 th	Joey Marshall
YEAR 7 Girls									
1 st	Maisie Forsyth	2 nd	Jorja Tierney	3 rd	Jessica Harrald	4 th	Julia Wang	5 th	Stephanie Abaniel
YEAR 8 Boys									
1 st	Finley Dredge	2 nd	Thomas Jenkins	3 rd	Leo Rocha	4 th	Luca McMaster	5 th	Angus Presling
YEAR 8 Girls									
1 st	Annie van Son	2 nd	Layla Jones	3 rd	Riley Johnco	4 th	Vicky Guan	5 th	Sia Park

Tough Guy n" Gal

When we arrived at Camp Wainui we were excited about doing the Tough Guy & Gal race. We went to find our school group which was easily spotted because of the big red school sign and a group of red students gathered on the tarpaulin.

The first race started and we were sent off in waves, walking then running when the horn blared. The mud was thick and slimy and army-crawling underneath the tunnels was torture! Climbing over the walls in slippery, muddy shoes was challenging but, in the end, getting dirty, throwing mud at our friends and having a dip in the river was all worth it. We would definitely encourage you to have a go while you're at Adventure School!

Elsie C & Layla J



Sports Events

Netball

Strong Start to the Senior Netball Season

The senior netball season is well underway and, as always, it's incredibly competitive at Ngāti Toa.

Both the Adventure Pulse and Adventure Mystics have hit the ground running, winning their first three matches against Pāuatahanui, Pukerua Bay, Discovery and Titahi Bay. A great start from both squads.

The Pulse's movie fundraiser at Lighthouse Cinema was a brilliant night - a full theatre, great company, and *The Devil Wears Prada 2* to kick off Mother's Day weekend in style. Congratulations to the McKee whānau, winners of the main raffle generously sponsored by New World Whitby, and to Diane Pepperell who took home a fantastic movie pack from Lighthouse Cinema. A huge thank you to everyone who came out and supported the team.

If you're heading to the Ngāti Toa domain and netball courts this Saturday, 23rd May, come and say hello - the Adventure Pulse will be running a BBQ all day! Think hot dogs, bacon butties, sweet treats, drinks and a fantastic selection of home baking. Come down and show your support!

**The Mystics showing
the Adventure spirit!**



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



NEW WORLD
Whitby



Steve Allerby



Delicious family pies from Centa Bakery available to order now!

FLAVOURS

- Mince
- Mince & Cheese
- Potato Top
- Steak & Cheese
- Steak & Onion
- Pepper Steak
- Steak & Kidney
- Country Chicken
- Mediterranean Lamb
- Apple
- Apricot
- Caramel
- Lemon Flan

orders close 6 June

SCHOOL POLICIES

Adventure School uses SchoolDocs to maintain a comprehensive, up-to-date set of policies and procedures.

Our SchoolDocs policies can be accessed through the school website under the "Our School" tab.

Reviews

- All school policies are reviewed on a three-year cycle, with some policies reviewed each term.
- Reviews are open to board, staff, and the school community.
- If you would like to give feedback on the following policies, log in details can be found on our school website: <https://www.adventure.school.nz/our-school/policy-documents/>

TERM TWO REVIEWS

- Swimming Off Site
- Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC)
- EOTC Governance Roles and Responsibilities
- EOTC Risk Assessment and Management



Event Calendar - Important Dates



TERM TWO		
Week 5	Friday 22 May	Cultural Day 2pm: Assembly - cultural sharing
Week 6	Thursday 28 May	Parumoana Cross Country (pp 2 & 4 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
	Friday 12 June	Lucky Book Club issue 4 closes
Week 9	Wednesday 17 June	Life Education catch up sessions
	Thursday 18 June	Life Education catch up sessions GoodTime Music Academy performance PTNi pies delivered
Week 10	Thursday 25 June	Rimu Night at the Museum
	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.



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

Aotea College Homestays needed - Short Stay group July.

We are getting ready to welcome 20 students from Takanawa High School in Japan, they will be here from July 21st (4:30pm arrival) to 30th (9am departure)

These students are all male.

Homestays are paid \$65 per night.

For more information contact cox@aotea.school.nz



TAWA SQUASH

SQUASH STARS

Get your kids moving with Squash Stars – a fun, game-based programme for young people that builds skills, confidence, and a love for squash!

REGISTER NOW for term 2

Sign up with
Tawa Squash Club,
67 Main Road, Tawa

Email: info@tawasquash.co.nz
Phone: 0276 778 274
More information at www.squashstars.nz

6 weeks, Thursdays from
21st May 4 pm – 4:45 pm
\$60 for the term.

Pop up Kids Market at Discovery School, Whitby

Friday 5 June, 4.30pm-7.30pm

The Kids Market Pop-Up at Discovery School in Whitby is a Kids Market, giving young people confidence, creativity, customer service skills, and financial literacy, while encouraging innovation and enterprise from a young age.

Registrations : <https://www.otakiwomensclub.org/kidsmarket>



OTAKI Kids MARKET

Kids MARKET

Discovery School, Whitby

Friday 5 June | 4.30 - 7.30pm

Illustration of three diverse young people: a boy on the left, a girl in the middle wearing a blue cap, and a girl on the right.

Keen to play Squash

Mana Squash club at Ngāti Toa domain, Mana, Porirua

We run junior club nights on a Friday from 5:15pm to 7pm for all juniors.
No cost to start off with for a few weeks of club nights to come and try it out.

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

We provide the kids with rackets & eye wear.
All the kids need is a pair of non-marking sport shoes & a drink bottle.
For Friday night junior club nights, run during the school terms.

Just head down on a Friday and ask for Ben, or you can 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, you can contact Ben.

Come along to try it out, it is great fun!
All the information about the club can be found here

www.manasquash.co.nz



Bigair Gymsports is offering **FREE TRIAL** classes for a limited time for new members across gymnastics, free running, trampolining, tumbling, and cheerleading. Give your child the opportunity to learn new skills, build confidence, and stay active in a fun, supportive environment. Bigair Gym classes help children build resilience, coordination, strength, fitness, and social skills, while encouraging independence, achievement, passion, and self-pride through mastering new skills. Whether new to gym or just starting out, we offer classes for all ages and abilities, with programmes designed as a 10-level progressive system for children to develop and master skills step by step.

FREE TRIALS are a great way to try a new class and see if it's the right fit. Contact us now to book your FREE TRIAL.

Bigair Gymsports Kapiti – kapiti@bigairgym.co.nz – 4 Manchester Street, Kapiti

Bigair Gym Tawa – office@bigairgym.co.nz – 10B Surrey Street, Tawa

Bigair Gym Wellington – wgt@bigairgym.co.nz – 14 Landfill Road, Owhiro Bay

Tomo mai kia ako, wehe atu kia mahi

Te Kāreti o Tawa - Tawa College

OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 19 June 2024
4pm - 6.30pm

Join us for a tour of the school with our tuakana
and a presentation by our Tumuaki in the College Hall.
Presentations are at 5pm and 6pm.

Visitor parking is available in the student carpark
on Duncan Street and at Tawa Intermediate School.

Complete your online enrolment application prior to Wednesday 24 July 2024
Contact us: secretary@tawacollege.school.nz or (04) 232 8184



Join us



Enter to learn, depart to serve