

Upcoming Events

Friday 3 July	2pm: Assembly – Rooms 21 & 11 + choir
Monday 20 July	Start of Term 3
Friday 24 July	2pm: Assembly: Rms 27 + 3 item
Tuesday 28 July	Tōtara trip to Parliament 7pm: PTNi meeting. All welcome
Friday 31 July	3pm: PTNi Clothing Grab (The Hall)
Monday 3 August	Te Kiwa Nui Rehearsal Mid-year Reports shared via HERO
Tuesday 4 August	Learning Conversations
Wednesday 5 August	Te Kiwa Nui Performances
Thursday 6 August	Learning Conversations

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

Kia ora e te whānau

As we wrap up another fantastic term, I want to extend a huge thank you to our wonderful school community for your ongoing support.

I particularly want to acknowledge everyone's incredible cooperation during last Friday's severe weather. Thank you so much for the steady stream of early pick-ups, meaning our usual end-of-school parking chaos was vastly reduced.

We made the decision not to let students walk home or wait at the school gates in those conditions, and we truly appreciate your patience and understanding in coming directly into the school to collect them.

A Note on Our Weather Protocols: Whenever a major weather event occurs, our leadership team carries out a safety check as early as possible to assess whether the school can remain open. Please be assured that during last Friday's storm, your children were completely warm and safe inside their classrooms. Our main concern was the safety risk of dismissing children at the end of the day, particularly as the weather deteriorated.

Night at the Museum

Congratulations to Rimu Team for putting on a truly fabulous "Night at the Museum" exhibition last Thursday evening.

It was an incredibly uplifting event that brought our school community together. With the beautifully themed background museum displays, atmospheric dim lighting, and a spectacular showcase of student-created artefacts, walking through the doors felt like stepping into a real museum experience!

Feedback from parents and caregivers has been fabulous. We are so proud of the creativity, hard work, and dedication our Rimu students poured into their projects.

Thank you to the Rimu teachers for their immense effort in bringing this vision to life, and to all the families who came along to support our young historians and creators. It was a night to remember!

Year 7 & 8 Formal

What a fabulous night the Year 7 & 8 formal dance was! The weeks of learning dances and excitement in organising outfits and hair culminated in an evening of pure fun and social connection last night. It was wonderful to see parents come together and watch our students put their social etiquette into full swing as they danced with pride. A huge thank you to the Tōtara teachers for helping our kids relive the past and create such a memorable event!

Staffing Changes

Keegan Martin has accepted a position at St Bernard's College as a Physical Education & Health Teacher with responsibility in PE and Health for Years 7-10.

While we are sorry to see Keegan leave Adventure School, we congratulate him on taking this important next step in his career. We thank Keegan for his dedication to our students, both in the classroom and through Rimu sport, and wish him every success in his new role.

Keegan's final day at Adventure will be Friday 14 August. The recruitment for a new teacher is well underway.

Teacher Aides

We farewell Rosie Bates at the end of the term. Although Rosie has only been at Adventure for a short time, she has been an exceptional Teacher Aide. We thank her for all the care and support she has given the children she has supported. We wish her well as she follows her passion and takes up a role as Kayak Instructor.

We are delighted to welcome to Donna Reed, a familiar face at Adventure. Donna has previously been one of our relievers and also has wealth of knowledge and experience as a former RTLB (Resource Teacher of Learning).

Matariki Breakfast

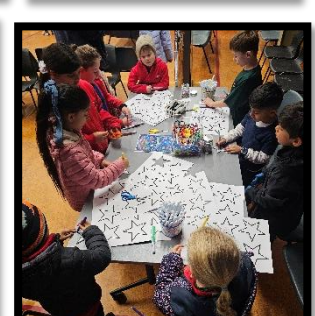
What a wonderful turn-out! A massive thank you to all the whānau who braved the early morning cold and darkness to join us for our Matariki Breakfast!

The highlight of the morning was undoubtedly a beautiful, moving performance by our talented Kapa Haka group, which brought an extra layer of magic to our celebration. It was a truly special whānau get-together, filled with food, great connection, and a wonderful community spirit.

Thank you for starting the Māori New Year with us and making it such a feel-good, memorable event. Mānawatia a Matariki!



Our breakfast was followed by a morning of whole school Matariki activities in our school Houses.



Happy Holidays & Farewell

I hope you all enjoy a wonderful and well-deserved holiday break! Have a safe, relaxing time with your family, and we look forward to seeing you all back, refreshed and ready, for an exciting Term 3!

To the families who are moving on and relocating to other parts of New Zealand and Australia - we will miss you! Thank you for being such a special part of our school community, and we wish you the very best of luck with your new adventures!

Ngā mihi nui

Tania Cox

Principal – Tumuaki

2027: Adventure School

Shifting to Cohort Entry

Starting in 2027, our school will transition to Cohort Entry. This means new students will start in small groups on specific dates rather than on their individual 5th birthdays.

Why Cohort Entry?

This approach helps children settle into school more effectively by allowing teachers to:

- provide a dedicated welcome program so students feel supported together.
- focus on teaching class routines to the whole group at once.
- organise school visits that align specifically with start dates.

Your Child's Start Date

- In New Zealand, children can't start before they turn 5 and must start by the time they turn 6.
- Parents and caregivers can choose any cohort start date that falls between their child's 5th and 6th birthdays.
- There is an entry date at the start and mid-point of each term.

TERM BREAK	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	TERM BREAK
											

2027 Start Dates

These dates have been set by the Ministry of Education for all New Zealand schools who have Cohort Entry.

	Start of Term Entry Date	Mid-term Entry Date
Term 1	February 3	March 8
Term 2	April 27	May 31
Term 3	July 19	August 23
Term 4	October 11	November 15

Common Questions About Cohort Entry

Can my child start a day early if their 5th birthday is just after a cohort date?

No. New Zealand children cannot legally start school until they have turned 5 years old. They will need to wait for the next available cohort date.

Will this affect my ECE "20 Free Hours" funding?

No. Your child can remain at their Early Childhood Education (ECE) provider until their chosen cohort start date. They will continue to receive funding until they officially start school.

NB: Keep your ECE provider informed of your confirmed school start date.



A Magical Night TO REMEMBER: OUR NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM!

What an absolutely spectacular evening we had last Thursday night! Despite the gloomy weather trying its best to dampen the mood, our community showed up in droves, making our Night at the Museum an **incredibly well-attended and unforgettable success**.



The school hall was completely transformed, and the atmosphere was nothing short of magical. With the main lights off, flickering torches served as our primary lighting, casting a beautiful glow over the exhibits. Combined with a brilliant musical backdrop and the mouth-watering smell of the BBQ wafting through the air, there was a definite buzz of excitement. It was a joy to watch children making lifelong memories alongside their parents, grandparents, and siblings.

♥ Memories
made together
last a
☆ lifetime. ☆

★ SPOTLIGHTING OUR INCREDIBLE STUDENTS

The real stars of the night, however, were our students. The event showcased weeks of hard work, creativity, and dedication:



STUNNING ARTIFACTS

The hall was filled with spectacular replicas of ancient artifacts, beautifully hand crafted by the children.



EXPERT CURATORS

Beyond just creating the displays, the students did a phenomenal job explaining the history and significance of the many exhibits to our visitors.



CONFIDENCE & KNOWLEDGE

Their confidence and knowledge were truly impressive!



♥ A MASSIVE THANK YOU!



An event like this is only possible with a supportive community. We want to extend a massive thank you to our **amazing Rimu families** for turning out in such high numbers.



We are also **incredibly grateful** for the generosity shown toward our raffle – both from those who donated the amazing prizes and everyone who eagerly purchased tickets.

Your
support
means the world to us and directly benefits our 2027 Rimu Syndicate.



Thank you all for making it
a night to remember! ☆

Out & About During Lunchtime

Dodgeball

This term, with the colder weather, our dodgeball lunchtime club has been extremely popular! We have had 50 Nīkau students every Thursday and up to 70 students from across Rimu and Tōtara every Wednesday. There have been some impressive displays of dodging, ducking, dipping and diving! Patches O'Houlihans would be proud!



Juggling

Mr. McQueen has had a consistent turn out to the juggling club every week. Nikau students have worked hard to improve their coordination skills, slowly building up their confidence with using different items to juggle and different numbers of items!



Badminton

Drop by the hall Monday lunchtimes - you'll see a fantastic mix of friendly competition and first-timers giving it a go. Badminton has taken over, and it's wonderful to see students of all skill levels picking up a racket, diving for shots, and cheering each other on. There are no experts required here - just plenty of smiles, great teamwork, and a lot of determination to keep that shuttlecock in the air! Thanks for organising this Mrs Nickson!



Welcome to Our Newest Students

KŌWHAI: Angad S & Diaden J



In the Spotlight

Swimming

During the weekend Julia went to 2026 NZ Junior Sprint Challenge Swimming competition where she had some fabulous results -

- Gold Medal: Girls 11 years old 50 metres freestyle
- Gold Medal: Girls 11 years old 50 backstroke
- Silver Medal: Girls 11 years old 50 metres butterfly
- Bronze Medal: Girls 11 years old 100 metres IM

In all 5 of her events, Julia achieved personal bests!
She also won the Highest Scoring Swimmer for 11 Year Old Girls.



A super achievement Julia!

Why I Think Going to AIMS Games is Beneficial

Written by Annie van Son based on her experience of going to AIMS Games in 2025 with the Adventure School Pulse Senior Netball team.

It is hoped that Annie's story, and the experiences of the team can inspire future Adventure School teams to attend AIMS Games.

**Collaboration:**

My team spent a lot of time together in the lead up to AIMS with trainings, games, tournaments and fundraising activities which resulted in a genuine bond that was visible when we would play on the courts.

Determination:

AIMS was a challenging goal, especially fundraising. However, that taught us how to take on a challenge no matter what it is, which is a key skill that I think everyone should have.

Friendships:

I loved hanging out with my Adventure Pulse teammates and during AIMS last year we also hung out with loads of other teams and kids from all over New Zealand, and developed friendships, some of which are still strong today.

In Conclusion:

I know our team represented our school well and we definitely improved our netball during AIMS. The team stepped up and took on a massive challenge and showed a load of responsibility. AIMS was a great experience, and we still have "Oh remember when...." chats to this day. I think this year is a great opportunity for our team to again show commitment, accountability, reliability and leadership through our actions as well as great sportsmanship.

I truly believe that we will once again make Adventure School proud!

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

[SBC Building & Project Management](#), [Plimmerton Auto Services](#), [Whitby Taj](#), [AlphaNZ Technology Group](#), [Residential – Wise Wire Electrical](#), [New World Whitby](#), [Pizza Hutt Mana](#) and [Europcar New Zealand](#)





Event Calendar - Important Dates



TERM TWO

Week 11	Friday 3 July	Assembly – Rooms 21 & 11 + Choir 3pm: End of Term 2
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TERM THREE

Week 1	Monday 20 July	5.30pm: BOT meeting
	Friday 24 July	2pm: Assembly – Rooms 27 & 3
Week 2	Tuesday 28 July	Tōtara trip to Parliament 7pm: PTNi meeting. All welcome
	Friday 31 July	3pm: PTNi Clothing Grab
Week 3	Monday 3 August	Yr 5-8 Te Kiwa Nui rehearsal Mid year reports posted on Hero
	Tuesday 4 August	Learning Conversations
	Wednesday 5 August	Yr 5-8 Te Kiwa Nui performance
	Thursday 6 August	Learning Conversations
	Friday 7 August	Uniform free day – Aims Games fundraiser 10am-12pm: Nikau swimming 1-3pm: Year 2 swimming
Week 4	Monday 10 August	5.30pm: BOT meeting
	Tuesday 11 August	9am-12pm: Year 4-8 Swimming Sports
	Friday 14 August	10am-12pm: Nikau swimming 1-3pm: Year 2 swimming 2pm: Assembly – Rooms 20 & 9
Week 5	Tuesday 18 August	Yr 5-8 Mathswell
	Friday 21 August	10am-12pm: Nikau swimming 1-3pm: Year 2 swimming
Week 6	Wednesday 26 August	Years 4-6 Parumoana Swimming Sports
	Thursday 27 August	Years 7-8 Parumoana Swimming Sports
	Friday 28 August	10am-12pm: Nikau swimming 1-3pm: Year 2 swimming
Week 7	Friday 4 September	10am-12pm: Nikau swimming 1-3pm: Year 2 swimming 2pm: Assembly – Rooms 19 & 14
Week 8	Monday 7 September	5.30pm: BOT meeting
	Wednesday 9 September	Year 7 immunisations
	Friday 11 September	Onesie day fundraiser 10am-12pm: Nikau swimming 1-3pm: Year 2 swimming
Week 9	Friday 18 September	10am-12pm: Nikau swimming 1-3pm: Year 2 swimming
Week 10	Friday 25 September	10am-12pm: Nikau swimming 1-3pm: Year 2 swimming 2pm: Assembly – Rooms 18 & 8 3pm: END OF TERM 3

2026 Term Dates

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

School Holiday Activities



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- ♥ Exciting day trips
- ♥ Learn new skills through hands-on activities

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SUNDAY 5 JULY

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Whitby Scout Den, Adventure Park

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KINDLING
CRAFT & TOYS
FOOD & MORE



Holiday Programmes

Holiday Programme | Tuesday 7th July - Thursday 9th July

3D DESIGN & MODELLING

Get a wild idea for a character? Let's bring it to life.

Join us this July at Whitby Collegiate for a three-day holiday programme where creative genius meets technology.

Explore 3D design and modelling — create digital objects, environments, and imaginative worlds using industry-inspired software. Through hands-on challenges, you'll experiment with tools used by designers, architects, game developers, and animators.

Perfect for Year 6-8 students of all experience levels.

Time: 9am-3pm

Price: \$250 per person

Location: Whitby Collegiate

[Sign Up Now](#)



Scan the QR Code
to register



Holiday Programmes

Holiday Programme | Monday 13th July - Wednesday 15th July

[Sign Up Now](#)



with RIVE ANIMATION & DESIGN

RIVE

Join us this July at Whitby Collegiate for a three-day holiday programme bringing characters, graphics, and ideas to life.

Using Rive, a professional animation tool used in games, apps, and online worlds, the students will create moving characters, interactive designs, and animated scenes through hands-on challenges and creative projects.

Perfect for Year 6-8 students of all experience levels.

Time: 9am-3pm

Price: \$250 per person

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Matariki & school holiday fun!



Matariki Nature Workshops

- Pot your own seedling
- Make your own pūrerehua (bush telephone)
- Make a bug hotel

Friday
10 July



Kiwi & Cat Matariki Adventure Screening

- Enjoy a hot chocolate and popcorn while watching 10 episodes of this iconic cartoon duo

Saturday
11 July



The Penguin & the Sea Monster Puppet Show

- Presented by String Bean Puppets

Sunday
12 July

A **special 30% discount** on two of our most popular experiences:

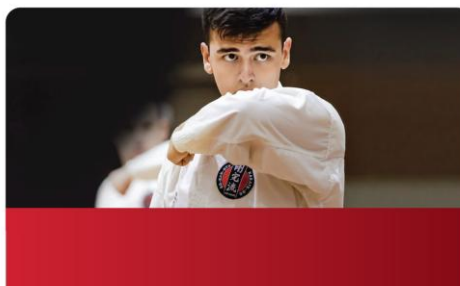
- Kiwi Night Encounter
- Native Bird Close Encounter

Book now!

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School holiday offer
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ADVENTURE SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO TRY KARATE IN THE TERM BREAK FOR FREE!!!

WHILST KARATE IS BEST KNOWN AS A FORM OF SELF DEFENSE, IT ALSO DEVELOPS SELF CONFIDENCE, COORDINATION, CONCENTRATION AND FITNESS. TO ORGANIZE A FREE TRIAL CLASS CALL NATALIE 021 02740119
Or email region21nz@gkrkarate.com

12.00pm – 1.00pm

Tuesday 7th, Wednesday 8th, Thursday 9th July
33 Johnsonville Road, Johnsonville

Train with a friend or family member! welcome

Limited to 30 spaces, please book early
Wear gym gear and bring a water bottle



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DISCOVER A WORLD IN MINIATURE

Miniature Diarama & Dollhouse Show
July 18-19 2026 at Pātaka Art + Museum

Entry: \$5 adult \$2 child

Demonstrations - Sales Tables - Raffles
Free Kids Workshops at 11am & 2pm





STAGLANDS – FREE MARSHMALLOWS!

Guess what? Those irresistible, fluffy marshmallows you all love so much are back at Staglands!

And here's the sweetest part - we'll be serving them up for FREE to all our visitors throughout the July School Holidays (4th - 19th July).

Come toast your own on the cozy Barn campfire and enjoy some wilderness haute cuisine in the great outdoors

We will also be running our ever-popular, free Tractor-Trailer Rides (circumstances permitting).

Community Notices

PORIRUA CITY AQUATICS LEARN TO SWIM

PCA's Learn to Swim classes for term 3 will start at the Cannons Creek Pool on Sunday 2 August, finishing 13 September 2026. The cost for the course of seven lessons is \$55.00 (cash only no eftpos)

Thirty-minute classes start at 9.15am and 10am. All levels are held at both times. Enrolments will be taken on the first day – Just turn up! Everybody is welcome.

Swimmers must be at least 5 years old and 1.1m tall. Long hair must be tied back - goggles are required.

For further details email president@swimporirua.co.nz

