

Upcoming Events

Thursday 6 August	Learning Conversations
Friday 7 August	Aims Uniform Free Day Gold Coin Day Nikau & Yr 2 Swimming
Monday 10 August	5.30: BoT Meeting (Staffroom)
Tuesday 11 August	Yrs 4-8 Swimming Sports
Friday 14 August	2.00: Assembly (Rm 9 + 20 item) Nikau & Yr 2 Swimming
Monday 17 August	Student Leadership Awards
Tuesday 18 August	Yrs 5-8 Mathswell Competition
Wednesday 19 August	Yrs 3-4 "Move n' Groove"

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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

Te Kiwa Nui Festival

I couldn't be prouder of our Adventure performers at Te Kiwa Nui yesterday! What a wonderful display of culture, confidence, and courage our Kapa Haka and Pasifika groups exuded! Taking to the stage with immense pride, they lit up the festival with beautiful Waiata and energetic siva. It was rewarding to see the hard work pay off - every student represented our school with heart, dignity, and immense mana.

A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated tutors, staff, and whānau for your endless support with costumes, transport, and cheering from the crowd. We could not be prouder of our Rangatahi. Ka rawe!

Learning Conversations (one more night to go)

A massive thank you to everyone who has been braving the bitterly cold weather to join us for Learning Conversations! It has been an absolute joy sharing, connecting, and celebrating your child's learning journey with you. We've also appreciated the many families that have stopped by the office to share what is important for their children's future.

Help Shape Our Strategic Direction - stop by the office for a few minutes

We're currently shaping the future of our school, and your voice is a vital part of the story! As we build our next Strategic Plan, your ideas ensure we continue to grow in ways that truly support our students and community.

(Details on following page)

Where to go: Pop into the **main office** (any time!) (We'll keep the display up until Friday 14.)

Why it matters: Your perspective helps guide our big goals and school direction.

Bonus: Every parent who shares their ideas earns 2 tokens for their child's house!
(Your kids will love it!)



Help Shape the Future of Adventure!

Just 2 quick tasks... come in and show us!
Takes 5 mins! Please!!!

- What do you want for your children during their time here?

- What things matter most to your family?

Your voice. Your whānau. Our future.

What we Want for our Children

KEEP

What should we keep doing?

GROW

What should we grow?

DREAM

If anything was possible, what's your dream for your child/ren?

Post each statement

1 - NOT A PRIORITY

WE SHOULD NOT FOCUS ON THIS RIGHT NOW.

2 - LOW PRIORITY

A NICE THOUGHT, BUT NOT IMPORTANT TO OUR FAMILY.

3 - MEDIUM PRIORITY

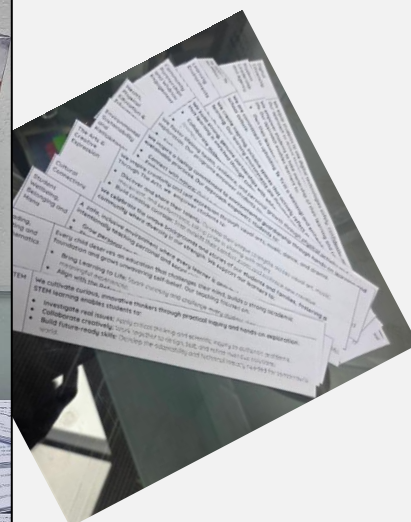
A GOOD IDEA THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE.

4 - HIGH PRIORITY

VERY IMPORTANT; WE REALLY WANT TO SEE THIS HAPPEN.

5 - ESSENTIAL

A MUST-HAVE; THIS IS ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL FOR OUR FAMILY.



Setting Your Child(ren) up for a Good Start to the Day – Getting to School on Time

Arriving at school on time makes a huge difference to your child's day! Please ensure your tamariki are at school **before the 8:55am bell** so they can start their morning feeling relaxed and prepared.

- **Why arriving early matters:** It gives students time to unpack, greet their friends, and settle in smoothly for a calm, positive day.
- **The impact of lateness:** Arriving late puts children on the back foot - they miss out on essential morning instructions, key learning context, and valuable connection time with their teacher and peers.

Please help your child arrive ready to learn by supporting them to get to school on time each day. We know mornings can sometimes be challenging - if this is something your whānau is struggling with, please reach out to your child's teacher. We are here to listen, support, and work together with you

2027 Term Dates

The Board of Trustees have approved the following dates for 2027-

TERM 1	Wednesday 3 February – Friday 9 April
TERM 2	Tuesday 27 April – Friday 2 July
TERM 3	Monday 19 July – Friday 24 September
TERM 4	Monday 11 October – Friday 17 December

2027 PUBLIC HOLIDAYS (The School will be CLOSED)

TERM ONE

- **Waitangi Day:** Saturday 6 February – observed on Monday 8 February
- **Easter:** Friday 26 March – Tuesday 30 March

TERM TWO

- **Anzac Day:** Sunday 25 April – observed on Monday 26 April
- **King's Birthday:** Monday 7 June
- **Matariki:** Friday 25 June

TERM FOUR

- **Labour Day:** Monday 25 October

The school will also be closed for two Ministry of Education approved Curriculum Teacher Only Days. (These are likely to be attached to a public holiday weekend)

Ngā mihi nui

Tania Cox

Principal – Tumuaiki

IMPORTANT - 2027 ENROLMENTS

To assist with forward-planning for 2027 classes, we would greatly appreciate you letting the office know, **as soon as possible**, if you have a child who-

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- ➔ turns five during 2027 and you have not already given pre-enrolment details to the office
- ➔ is currently in Yrs 1-7 and **will not be returning** to Adventure in 2027.

Out of Zone Enrolments

Throughout the year we've received numerous enquiries about out-of-zone enrolments. We are currently reviewing our capacity to offer out of zone placements places in some year levels. We'll share more information soon.

Welcome to Our Newest Students

Nikau: Anay B

Tōtara: Amy B



In the Spotlight

Multi-sport Adventurer!

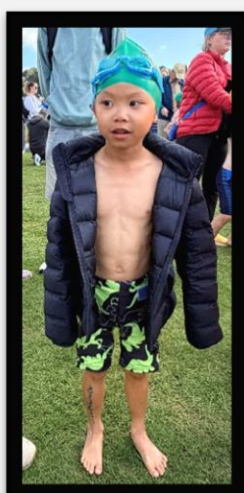
Congratulations to **Brendan** (Year 3), who has had an incredible few months of running, cycling, and multi-sport challenges! Brendan has been pushing his limits and taking on exciting events since February. Here is a look back at his journey:

February ➔ Round the Bays: Brendan completed his first 5km run, bravely pushing through intense 50 km/h coastal winds!

March ➔ Weet-Bix Kids Tryathlon: Turning 7, he tackled all three disciplines (swim, bike, run) for the first time and loved it.

April ➔ Porirua Grand Traverse: Brendan took on a wet, muddy 13km mountain bike course, finishing with a huge smile.

May ➔ Tough Guy & Gal Challenge: He conquered initial nerves to finish strong alongside a classmate.



TŌTARA SYNDICATE

Formal Dance

Tōtara students poured so much heart and effort into their formal dance practices all throughout last term. Learning nearly a dozen dances - along with the charming etiquette of a bygone era - paid off brilliantly on the night.

Dressed in their absolute "Sunday Best," our students truly shone as they danced the night away.

A heartfelt thank you to all the Tōtara teachers who patiently guided students through every practice and step. Huge thanks also to our wonderful parents for providing what was easily the best supper buffet we have seen in a very long while!

Mark Hughes



TŌTARA SYNDICATE



Power and Influence

This term, Tōtara Syndicate is diving into an engaging inquiry into Power, Politics, and Influence. Our initial focus is right here in New Zealand, before we broaden our horizons to explore examples from around the world.



We launched the topic last week with an unforgettable trip to Parliament and the National Library in Wellington. Our students gained a rich, first-hand look at what politics and influence look like in our context. They stepped inside the debating chamber, viewed some of our nation's key founding documents, and even shared a fun moment sliding down the Parliament slide alongside our local Member of Parliament!



This exciting learning journey will culminate in a History Fair at the end of the term, where students will proudly showcase their own projects and learning.

Mark Hughes



Basketball

A huge congratulations to our basketball superstars for winning the Rangikura Premier Grade Basketball League at the end of last term - another fantastic achievement!



Back: Lachie, Keelan, TJ, Tayne & Knox

Front: Cody, Rocco & Dylan

REMINDER

AIMS GAMES FUNDRAISER!



PULSE NETBALL NON-UNIFORM DAY!



**BRING A
GOLD COIN!**
EVERY GOLD COIN COUNTS
TOWARDS SUPPORTING
THE AIMS GAMES!



**DATE:
7TH OF AUGUST**

Netball

Senior Netball Update – Ngāti Toa

The Adventure Pulse and Adventure Mystics enter the final month of netball at Ngāti Toa. The Pulse are currently top of the table in Division 1, with the matches getting tougher each week, while the Mystics have started their final round in Division 2. It will be an exciting end to the season.

More importantly, each week the coaches and parents see the kids' making strides in their development and confidence, which is very pleasing and sets them up well for next year and beyond.

4th place for the Pulse at the Maidstone Tournament

The Adventure Pulse finished 4th (of 23 teams) in the A Grade at the Maidstone Tournament, held over the last two Sundays in July at Hutt Valley Netball Centre. The tournament included premier teams from Palmerston North, Hutt Valley, Wellington, and Porirua, with local schools Paremata (2nd) and Plimmerton (3rd) also performing very well.

The Pulse did the school proud, putting in strong performances across all 11 games. Eight wins and three losses (all to the teams who finished above them) is a fantastic outcome at this level of competition. Once again, plenty to build on, but this is exactly what these tournaments are for: development, experience and preparation for AIMS Games in early September.

A special congratulations to Riley Johnco, who was voted by the opposition teams as the Pulse's player of the tournament.



LtR (back): Riley, Keano, Jorja, Kaden, Keelan, TJ
LtR (front): Ameliah, Maisie, Annie, Layla

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](#)





Adventure School

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MID-TERM ELECTION Reminder

Kia ora,

Once again, we remind you that the Adventure School community will vote to elect **two** parent representatives for the Board of Trustees this term. We acknowledge the contribution made by Ainsley Thomson and Lynaire Parish who will complete their tenure and are not seeking re-election.

Being a board member is a great opportunity to contribute to the outcomes for our tamariki/children and kaimahi (staff). We need a diverse range of skills and backgrounds and you do not need prior experience as training and support is available.

Our board consists of:

- Five parent representatives
- The principal
- An elected staff representative

The Board meets for approximately three hours each month and communicates regularly outside of meetings. Board members also do work outside of the meetings.

Read more about the board's responsibilities [here](https://www.schoolboardelections.org.nz) and please refer to www.schoolboardelections.org.nz

KEY DATES

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| • Nomination form issued | 26 July |
| • Nominations due by | 14 August at 12pm |
| • Voting papers issued | 21 August |
| • In-person voting closes | 18 September at 4pm |
| • Postal votes close | 23 September |
| • Votes counted and nominees notified | 24 September |

If you have any queries about the election process, please email Diane Leggett, Returning Officer at drleggett1@gmail.com. For general enquiries about being a board member, you are most welcome to email us at bot@adventure.school.nz.

Ngā mihi nui

Board of Trustees
Adventure School

Kids Clothing Grab – Now Friday 28 August

Come along to our Kids' Clothing Grab!

We're doing things a little differently this year - simply drop in anytime between 3pm and 5.30pm at the Adventure School Hall.

Fill a bag for \$10, then fill any additional bags for just \$5 each.

Everyone is welcome - come along and grab some great pre-loved clothing for babies, kids and teens!

If you have clothing to donate, please take to the box in the office.





Event Calendar - Important Dates



TERM THREE		
Week 3	Thursday 6 August	Learning Conversations
	Friday 7 August	Uniform free day – Aims Games fundraiser 10am-12pm: Nīkau swimming 1-3pm: Year 2 swimming Lucky Book Club Issue 5 orders close
Week 4	Monday 10 August	5.30pm: BoT meeting
	Tuesday 11 August	9am-12pm: Years 4-8 Swimming Sports
	Friday 14 August	10am-12pm: Nīkau swimming 1-3pm: Year 2 swimming 2pm: Assembly – Rooms 9 & 20
	Monday 17 August	10am-12pm: Student Leadership Awards
Week 5	Tuesday 18 August	Year 5-8 Mathswell
	Wednesday 19 August	Years 3/4 Move n Groove
	Friday 21 August	10am-12pm: Nīkau 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: Nīkau swimming Sausage Sizzle 1-3pm: Year 2 swimming 3pm: PTNi Clothing Grab. NOTE new date
Week 7	Friday 4 September	10am-12pm: Nīkau swimming 1-3pm: Year 2 swimming 2pm: Assembly – Rooms 14 & 19
Week 8	Monday 7 September	5.30pm: BoT meeting
	Wednesday 9 September	Year 7 immunisations
	Friday 11 September	Onesie day fundraiser 10am-12pm: Nīkau swimming 1-3pm: Year 2 swimming
Week 9	Wednesday 16 September	Yr 3/4 & 5/6 Girls Futsal tournament
	Thursday 17 September	Yr 3/4 & 5/6 Mixed Futsal tournament
	Friday 18 September	10am-12pm: Nīkau swimming 1-3pm: Year 2 swimming
Week 10	Thursday 24 September	Yr 7/8 Rugby 7's tournament
	Friday 25 September	10am-12pm: Nīkau swimming 1-3pm: Year 2 swimming 2pm: Assembly – Rooms 8 & 18 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-

Labour Day - Monday 26 October

Community Notices

Porirua Public Library
Fridays from 3.30-5.15pm

AUGUST 2026

FRIDAY LIBRARY CLUB EVENTS

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CUTE CRITTERS--MAKE YOUR OWN PIPECLEANER AND BEAD PET TO TAKE HOME

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FRI

OUTER SPACE!--CRACK THE CODE TO LEARN SPACE FACTS AND MAKE A GLOWING PLANET MODEL

21

FRI

TRADING CARDS--CREATE YOUR OWN CHARACTER AND IMMORTALIZE THEM ON A UNIQUE TRADING CARD

28

FRI

NATIONAL POETRY DAY--SEE FLYER FOR INFO

PORIRUA CITY LIBRARIES | porirua.city

**NATIONAL
POETRY
DAY** AUG 28

2026 Events
PORIRUA CITY LIBRARIES | porirua.city

Children's Library
Invites you to write with us
On Poetry Day

All Ages, 3:30-5:15pm: Try your hand at various poetry styles and make a crafty display for your work. Free entry.

Senior Students Poetry Workshop, 4pm: Reverse engineer a poem with awarding-winning poet and Children's Librarian, Bee Trudgeon. This workshop is aimed at students in Years 7-13. Please RSVP to bee.trudgeon@porirua.city.govt.nz to secure your seat. Free entry.

For more information please visit
<https://porirualibrary.org.nz/whats-on/> and www.poetryday.co.nz.



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A new look is coming



kindo.

See & sort school
admin in seconds

Arriving in August

ARTY FARTY KIDS

Term 3 Art Sessions

Art Nouveau Decorative Art

Starting 15th August @ 10.00am - 12.00pm

Senior Art Programme

Please contact: office.artyfartykids@gmail.com



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