

Our children will discover who they can be...

**THE ADVENTURE
WAY**

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Upcoming Events

Friday 21 August	Nīkau & Yr 2 Swimming
Wednesday 26 August	Parumoana Swimming - Yrs 4-6
Thursday 27 August	Parumoana Swimming - Yrs 7-8
	Nīkau & Yr 2 Swimming
Friday 28 August	Sausage Sizzle 3pm: PTNi Clothing Grab (Hall)

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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!

Welcome to Our Newest Students

Kòwhai: Lucy T & Kaveer M **Tōtara:** Zac M



Kia ora e te whānau

The past couple of weeks have certainly been filled with new experiences and opportunities. Whether solving tricky problems in our Maths challenges, expressing themselves through Move n' Groovee, Dance Club, and Cultural Performances, or giving it their all in Padder Tennis and the Swimming Sports, their enthusiasm and "have a go" attitude has been wonderful to see. It's been a rewarding time full of growth, courage, and teamwork.

A huge thank you to all the parents who stopped by reception to complete our strategic planning tasks. We have been delighted by your fabulous engagement, thoughtful insights, and wonderful ideas. Our team is currently collating the feedback and identifying key themes to help shape our future strategic direction.

Taking Holidays During Term Time

Holidays and sickness remain our most common reasons for absence. We understand that families may sometimes choose to take holidays during the school term for a variety of reasons. Under the Ministry of Education's criteria, holidays taken during term time are classified as **unjustified absences**. While family time is valuable, regular school attendance is essential for your child's learning, progress, and social connections. Extended absences disrupt learning and make it harder for students to keep up with their peers.

If you are planning to take your child out of school for a holiday during the term:

- Please notify the school well in advance, including the dates your child(ren) will be away.
- Be aware that this will be recorded as an **unjustified absence**, in line with Ministry of Education guidelines.
- Please note that teachers will not be providing specific learning plans or work for individual students during family holidays.

Updated 2027 Term Dates

(Please note days in blue have been corrected from the previous newsletter)

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 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)

IMPORTANT - 2027 ENROLMENTS

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

- ➔ 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

Our local schools have aligned common dates for the 2027 out-of-zone enrolment process. The Board has determined that up to 10 places, are likely to be available for out-of-zone students for 2027. Specific details regarding available spaces, the process and the application timeline will be published on our website from Monday 24 August and in the next newsletter. Applications will close 3.00pm, Monday 14 September 2026.

Ngā mihi nui

Tania Cox

Principal – Tumuaki

principal@adventure.school.nz

Nīkau News

Invertebrates Inquiry

This term, students are exploring invertebrates and the structural differences between internal skeletons (vertebrates) and external skeletons (invertebrates) through a mix of science, literacy, and art.

Using playdough, toothpicks, and craft sticks, students investigated how physical structures support animal bodies. They first built four-legged figures with playdough alone, observing how the material slumps without support. Inserting toothpicks inside the models demonstrated how internal skeletons function in vertebrates

Student Writing

Kung Fu Mantis

A baby mantis had just hatched and was hungry, so was looking to eat his siblings. He begun to leap leaf to leaf when he realised a jumping spider was following him. Suddenly, he was trapped with nowhere to go, but he quickly pulled a kung fu pose and escaped. He turned around and was staring right into the eye of an Orchid Mantis. All of a sudden, the Orchid Mantis shot its hands out and grabbed the baby mantis and gobbled him up!

By Mahi Rambarath



REMINDER: Keeping Our Kids Safe – Our School Safety Reminders

We'd like to remind everyone of the important safety expectations we have for all members of our school community.

There are many ways we can all ensure the safety of our students as they walk to and from school, as well as showing consideration to all our parents who transport their children to school.

Key Safety Rules - Let's Work Together



■ 2-Minute Zone



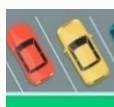
This area is for quick drop-offs and pick-ups only (max. 2 minutes). Please don't leave your vehicle to go and meet your children.

■ Bus Stop



- We are working with PCC to have this changed to a drop-off zone.
- For now, it remains an official bus stop and PCC will issue tickets if you are caught parking here.

■ Crossing to get to Angle Parks



- Only children heading to cars in the angle parks should be crossing the road directly in front of the driveway.
- Please meet your child to help them cross safely.

■ Stopping in the Middle of the Road



- Please don't stop in the middle of the road to let your children in the car - This is really unsafe, stops the flow of traffic and causes frustration to other drivers. Park properly, even if it means looping around again.

■ Yellow Lines



- Parking on yellow lines, even for a moment, blocks visibility and slows traffic.

■ Crossing the Road



- Please walk around the cul-de-sac. Crossing through the angled parks or across the bottom of Longitude Place is unsafe and makes it difficult for drivers to see pedestrians.

■ Staff Carpark



- This is a busy area with limited visibility for drivers.
- The driveway and staff car park are not for student drop-offs or pick-ups.

■ Be Kind to Our Neighbours



- Please avoid blocking driveways or accessways. We really want to maintain a positive relationship with our local community.

Let's Keep Everyone Safe

By following these simple expectations, we are:

- Keeping our students safe
- Modelling good behaviour
- Supporting each other as a school community

Thanks for helping make our school a safe and respectful place for everyone!





Yrs 4-8 SWIMMING SPORTS



We are so proud of the fantastic sportsmanship shown at our recent Swimming Sports, with a special shoutout to our Year 4s for bravely competing for the first time! Swimmers competed in up to four events across freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, and butterfly.

A huge thank you to Viv Morton, Jo McMaster, John Kelleher and our parent volunteers for making the day possible.

Congratulations to the top three placegetters in each year group:

YEAR 4	Girls	1st	Wambui Mubea
		2nd	Sasha Eastham
		3rd	Annebelle Olivier

Boys	1st	Marlo Doherty-Jones
	2nd	Spencer Chhim
	3rd	Aarav Jey

YEAR 5	Girls	1st	Chloe Coburn

Boys	1st	Steven Harrald
	2nd	Aditya Rai

YEAR 6	Girls	1st	Quinn Spalding
		2nd	Indigo Eastham

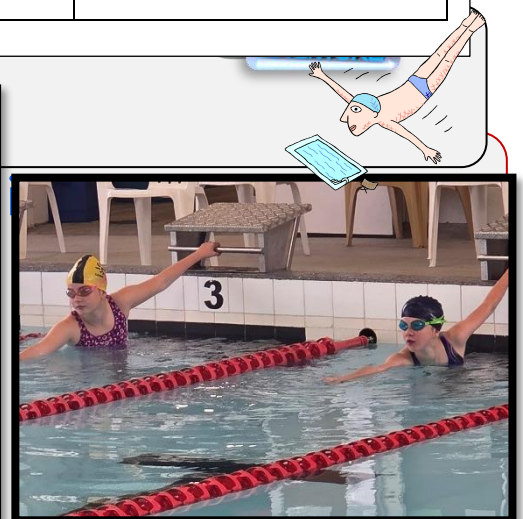
Boys	1st	Max Bailey
	2nd	Manaia Temarama

YEAR 7	Girls	1st	Julia Wang
		2nd	Zeita Pattison
		3rd	Jessica Harrald

Boys	1st	N/A
	2nd	N/A
	3rd	N/A

YEAR 8	Girls	1st	Sam McKee

Boys	1st	Luca McMaster
	2nd	Wian Erasmus





Nikau

Move'n'Groove!



On Wednesday the 19th of August, 20 lucky Nikau students attended the Move'n'Groove festival at Te Rauparaha Arena.

They rotated around 12 different sporting activities and had the best time learning different skills and techniques from the coaches.

A massive thank you to the parents who helped with transport and supervision on the day!



Out & About

PADDER TENNIS

Our Years 3-6 students recently had a fantastic time trying out Padder Tennis! We were fortunate to host starter sessions led by Paul Grubbi (Padder Tennis NZ) and local tennis coach Andrew Chuah. It was a fun, inclusive experience where every child was able to experience success and build confidence on the court. We are already looking forward to welcoming them back in Term 4!



AIMS GAMES

AIMS Games – Netball Team Non-uniform Day

A huge thank you for your wonderful support to get our team to the Aims Games in September.

You helped us raise over \$520!



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](#)



Coming Up

Onesie Day

Friday September 11th



**Wear your
favourite
onesie!**



**Bring a
gold coin
donation!**

**Let's support
Wellington Free
Ambulance and the
wonderful support they
provide our community.**



**Wellington
Free Ambulance**
kia ora te tangata



An event lead by our 2026 Student Leaders.

ADVENTURE SCHOOL

We have quite a bit on at the moment, key dates to remember are:

RAFFLE MONEY: Due in THIS FRIDAY

SAUSAGE SIZZLE: Orders due THIS FRIDAY

CLOTHING GRAB: On NEXT FRIDAY
3-5:30pm in the hall



KIDS CLOTHING GRAB NOW ON 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!





Event Calendar - Important Dates



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

TERM THREE		
Week 5	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	Interzone swimming 10am-12pm: Nīkau swimming 1-3pm: Year 2 swimming
Week 10	Monday 21 September	Out of Zone enrolment applications close
	Wednesday 23 September	9am – 1pm: Tōtara History Fair
	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

Community Notices

August 2026

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We are fortunate to have many children and young people visiting our library each week to read, attend programmes and enjoy our community spaces.

To ensure the safety and wellbeing of all children, we would like to remind families that **children under the age of 14 must not be left unattended in the library**. They must be actively supervised by a parent, caregiver or responsible person aged 14 years or older while visiting the library.

The library is a public space and while our staff are committed to providing a welcoming and safe environment, they are unable to supervise children or assume responsibility for their care. Parents and caregivers remain responsible for the care and supervision of the children they bring to the library.

We appreciate your support in helping us maintain a safe, welcoming environment for everyone.

Our library's policy regarding children and young adults is available on our website. You can read the policy here :

https://storage.googleapis.com/pcc-wagtail-media/documents/Care_of_children_and_young_people_in_libraries_policy_2026.pdf

Regards, Kerry Rubick

Whitby Library Branch Librarian

Supporting Youth Mental Health: A free community event for parents & whānau

All parents, grandparents and extended family of teenagers and pre-teens are invited to an evening on youth mental health:

- What do young people want their parents & extended family to know about mental health?
- Why are kids so stressed & depressed??
- How can we show up for our young people in helpful ways?
- We certainly don't want to make it worse - what should we try to not do?

Thursday 3 September, 7pm: input from local school counsellors and trainers, plus panel discussion to answer your questions.

Supper at 8.30pm

No cost. No need to register, but if you wish to RSVP contact the church office: 04 233 8572 or email: office@ppp.org.nz.

St Barnabas Church, Mana Esplanade, Paremata.

Whānau kōrero starters for everyday connections

especially with older tamariki

Free printable cards to help get the kōrero going with older tamariki.

Perfect for kai time, car rides, after school, or any moment where a little opening for connection might help.

Created by Real Parents with Brainwave Trust Aotearoa and The Collaborative Trust.

Free download at realparents.nz/products/whanau-korero-starters-for-everyday-connections

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Keen to develop your riding skills? Looking for a fun & family friendly club? Come on down to our very own international-level track at Ian Galloway Park

SEASON OPENER SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2026

(Rain-Off postponement date = 20th September)

TRAINING
Thursday evenings (during daylight savings)

CLUB DAY
Sunday mornings

HAVE A GO 9.30AM - 12 NOON
Club bikes, helmets and gloves available to have a go (FREE to participate)

GATES... anyone can
Join in the gates, open to all riders from 10AM

SQORZ GATE WARS 11AM - 12 NOON
One hour to set your fastest gate time. Prizes available! Transponder REQUIRED.

RACING from 12.30PM
Everyone welcome! **SQORZ GATE WARS & RACING \$5**

Note: Please sign in at the Container upon arrival.

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Arts on Track

OPEN STUDIOS AND GALLERY

Father's Day Workshops for Children

Saturday 22nd August - Clay Tile Making with Rosemary
Session one: 11am to 12noon
Session two: 1pm to 2pm

Children cut their own tiles from a clay slab, decorate it with stamps, write a permanent message for Dad, and paint with stains. Fired and returned to Arts on Track a few days before Fathers day weekend (kiln gods willing). Class limit 8 children 6 years plus, caregivers welcome. Book with Rosemary O'Hara, 021 021 6764.

Free!

Saturday 29th August - Make a leather keyring with Kate

Come and make your Dad a leather keyring for his boat, truck or bike keys. You can sew a leather fob and personalize it with a print. Minimum age 8years (must be able to competently use scissors and sew a simple running stitch). Just drop in any time between 10.00am and 2.00pm.

Free!

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