

Our children will discover who they can be...

**THE ADVENTURE
WAY**

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Upcoming Events

Thursday 17 September	Mixed Futsal tournament (Yrs3-6)
Friday 18 September	Regional Swimming Sports Nīkau & Yr 2 Swimming
Tuesday 22 September	6pm: Whānau Māori Hui
Wednesday 23 Sept.	Tōtara History Fair
Thursday 24 Sept.	Y5-6 & Y7-8 Rugby tournament Nīkau & Yr 2 Swimming
Friday 25 September	2.00: Assembly: Rms 18 + 8 Last day of Term 3

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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 come to the end of another term, I want to acknowledge the wonderful resilience of our school. Even through weeks of winter bugs, the "can-do" attitude of our ākonga me ngā kaiako (learners and teachers) hasn't wavered. Stepping up to support each other when times get tough is what the Adventure spirit is all about. Thank you, whānau included, for being such an important part of our team!

AIMS Netball

A huge congratulations to our Pulse Netball Team, who did Adventure proud in Tauranga! What a hard-fought, well-deserved victory! They played with all the zest, heart, and determination they've built up during training and came away with a well-deserved 3rd place in the open tournament! We are so very proud of them all!

A massive thank you to Steve Allerby who was the driving force behind this event, giving our kids opportunities and memories to last a lifetime! His dedication goes far beyond this single event; his commitment to AIMS Games and across multiple sporting codes during his time as a parent at Adventure has been extraordinary.

Huge appreciation also to Gemma, Sophie, and Sarah for supporting Steve and for their incredible mahi to keep everything running seamlessly so the team could perform at their best.

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori (Māori Language Week)

Celebrating Te Wiki o te Reo Māori (Māori Language Week) is all about giving it a go together. Incorporating simple words into your daily family routine is one of the easiest ways to build confidence and keep the language alive at home.

Here are some simple words and phrases you may like to try with your children-

Everyday Greetings & Goodbyes

- **Mōrena** (mor-eh-na) – Good morning
- **Kia ora** (kee-ah or-ah) – Hello, thank you
- **Kei te pēhea koe?** (kay teh pear-hear kor-eh?) – How are you?
- **Kei te pai** (kay teh pie) – I'm good / Fine
- **Ka kite anō** (kah kee-teh ah-nor) – See you again
- **Pō mārie** (paw maa-ree-eh) – Good night

Around the Dinner Table

- **Kai** (kye) – Food / Meal
- **Wā kai** (waa kye) – Food time / Mealtime
- **Homai te...** (hor-my teh...) – Pass me the... (e.g., *Homai te wai* – Pass me the water)
- **Tino reka!** (tee-nor reh-kah!) – Delicious! / Yum!

Praise & Encouragement

- **Ka rawe!** (kah rah-weh!) – Awesome! / Excellent!
- **Tūmeke!** (too-meh-keh!) – Amazing! / Too much!
- **Kia kaha!** (kee-ah kah-hah!) – Stay strong! / Give it your best!
- **Wehi nā!** (weh-hee naa!) – Brilliant! / Fantastic effort!

Quick Tip: Pick just **one phrase a day** to focus on as a household. You may like to put a sticky note on the fridge or front door to remind everyone to use it until it becomes second nature!

Principal's Awhi Awards

Congratulations to these fabulous Adventurers who were presented with Principal's Awhi Awards for naturally showing the values within the Adventure Way Traits.



From Left:

Nikau, Gautham, Zeita,
Yilan, Forbes & Emilia

I hope you all have a wonderful break and enjoy some quality time with your families. We can't wait to welcome you back recharged and ready for a great Term 4!

Ngā mihi nui

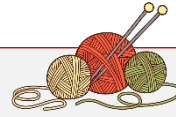
Tania Cox

Principal – Tumuaki

Out & About During Lunchtime



Knit n' Natter



This term, we have had almost 50 Tamariki across Rimu and Tōtara who have been eager to try out knitting! Many of these keen crafters had never held a pair of knitting needles before, while some others had some experience and were able to act as experts for the others. We're lucky to have a good selection of staff members with knitting knowledge, who have been amazing enough to donate their time to guide the club through the first tricky stages of learning a new craft. The kids have worked so hard and many of them have aced regular 'knit' stitch and have started to learn how to cast on and purl. They have also learned a lot of resilience, having to deal with finding holes in their work, losing stitches, and starting again when the tangles got too big! A huge thank you to all the families who donated wool and knitting needles - we would not have been able to give the students this opportunity without your generosity!



Alisa Schilder



Choir



Following a fabulous performance at assembly at the end of Term 2, our group voted on some new songs at the beginning of term and are working on adding 'Pepeha', 'Cover Me in Sunshine', and 'Echo' from Camp Rock 3 to our repertoire (as well as trialling a few other songs we might also introduce). The choir have been practising staying in rhythm and singing with different kinds of backing tracks, and we're excited to be performing separate lines of our new song, 'Echo', in small groups. The new songs are already sounding amazing, and we can't wait to perform them for everyone at the start of next term!



Alisa Schilder



Boom Whackers Percussion Club



Boom whackers are a colourful and fun percussion instrument Mrs St-Laurent brought with her from Canada. We play music by watching the coloured notes on the screen and when your note reaches the bottom of the screen you hit your boom whacker to make the note. We can play popular songs like Michael Jackson's Smooth Criminal, Roan Chappell's Pink Pony Club, Shakira's Try Everything and Pompeii Bastille.

We have a club on Monday for our Year 3/4s and Tuesday for our Year 5/6s. It's a lot of fun and we always have an audience in the windows bobbing and dancing to our songs.

We want to do a collaboration with choir in term 4 and do some Christmas carols! Keep your ears out for our amazing musicians.



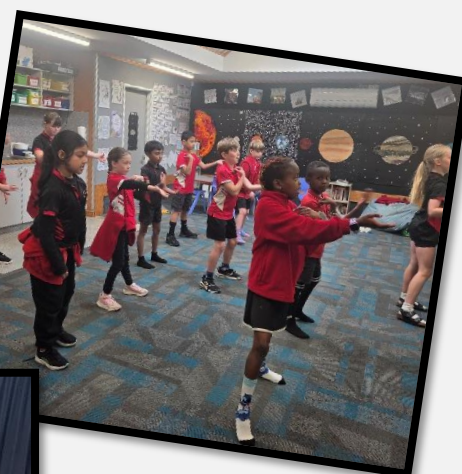
Carly St-Laurent



DanceFest Club



DanceFest is in full swing! Our students have been having a fantastic time learning their syndicate dances, while many of our students have also stepped up to create and choreograph their own performances. It has been wonderful to see their creativity, teamwork and confidence shine through. We are working hard to get everything performance-ready and can't wait to share it with you during the Assembly - Week 1 of next term!



Solé du Plessis



Onesie Day

Making a Difference!

What a fantastic day we had for Onesie Day, organised by our wonderful 2026 Student Leaders!

Our school was certainly a little cosier and a lot more colourful as our tamariki arrived in their favourite onesies, Oodles and PJs to support a very worthwhile cause.



Together, we raised just under

\$500

for Wellington Free Ambulance -
an incredible effort and one we
can all be proud of! ♥



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kia ora te tangata



A huge thank you to our students and their families for getting behind this event and supporting such a valuable local resource. Your generosity will help Wellington Free Ambulance continue providing their vital service to our community. ♥

We are incredibly proud of our Student Leaders for showing initiative, compassion and community spirit and for turning a fun idea into an opportunity to make a real difference. ♥



Ka pai,

Student Leaders - and thank you,
Adventure School whānau!



Spotlight on Kōwhai



Kōwhai Syndicate



This term, Kōwhai students have been enjoying our Arts Rotations, with classes moving around the syndicate to take part in a range of exciting sessions across visual art, dance and drama.



Room 14
having a fun
time in a
drama
session with
Mrs
Amorangi.



Room 13
creating book
marks with
Whaea
Jasmine.



Room 10 taking part in Mrs A's visual art session.



Room 8 enjoying a rakau session with Mrs Murray.



Room 11 trying out poi with Mrs St. Clair and Mrs Clark.



Room 9 test their artistic skills with Mrs Lemmon.

Room 10 worked very hard at weaving to create this fabulous piece of art with Miss Wilson..



Coming Up

TERM 3 WHĀNAU MĀORI HUI



Nau mai, haere mai

You are invited to Adventure Kura's
Whānau Māori Hui

Tuesday 22 September

6.00 pm - 7:00 pm

Adventure School Staffroom

Bring your tamariki with you!

Join us for an evening of connection, kōrero, and community. This hui is a wonderful opportunity to strengthen whanaungatanga and share ideas in a supportive space.

Together, we will:

Share Our Journey: Hear about our ongoing commitment and initiatives in te ao Māori.

Shape Our Future: Share your hopes and aspirations for your tamariki to help guide our next Strategic Plan.

Connect: Take time to meet other whānau

Light refreshments will be provided

For more information, feel free to contact Tania Cox (principal@adventure.school.nz)

Please return RSVP slip to the office by Monday 21 September

RSVP Whānau Māori Hui - Monday 21 September

Name:

Email:

I/ we will be attending Number of Adults: Number of Children:

I/ we will not be attending



TERM 4

Class Finals: Week 1

Syndicate Finals: Week 2

FINALS: Week 3



In the Spotlight

Swimming

Congratulations to Julia Wang for proudly represented Adventure School at the swimming competition in this year's AIMS Games in Tauranga.

She competed in the races at Baywave and had some outstanding results.

- Girls 11 Years 200 Metre Freestyle – 8th Place
- Girls 11 Years 100 Metre Backstroke – 10th Place

She also achieved 7 personal best times in her 10 races.

These are super impressive results and were a great experience!



A great achievement Julia!



In the Spotlight

Dancing

Special shout out to Charlie from Whitby Dance who has successfully auditioned to be a child extra in the Royal New Zealand Ballet's production of Sleeping Beauty this year!



A super achievement Charlie!

Sports Spot

Adventure Pulse Crowned Ngati Toa Division 1 Champions

The Adventure Pulse were crowned Ngati Toa Division 1 champions after an undefeated season. It's only the second time in 19 years that Adventure has held the Ngati Toa crown.

The Pulse met Plimmerton in a hotly contested final. As you'd expect in a final, both teams started tight and nervous, but the game opened up and some lovely netball was played. The Pulse's full-court defensive pressure, the hallmark of their season, again proved the difference. Down at three-quarter time, the Pulse finished strong to win 21-16.



LtR: Coach Steve, Keelan, TJ, Rocco, Kaden, Mrs Cox, Jorja, Maisie, Annie (capt), Keano, Layla, Riley (capt), Manager Gemma

Bronze at AIMS Games for the Adventure Pulse

The Pulse capped off a wonderful season with a bronze medal in the Mixed Netball A Grade at AIMS Games.

They finished pool play with 4 wins and 1 loss, second in their pool, then finished second again in the second round to qualify for the semifinals. There they met eventual gold medallists Mission Heights. The Pulse pushed them hard but couldn't close the gap enough to keep the pressure on - though true to their style, they played hard to the end and produced moments of lovely, flowing netball.

In the bronze medal game against Peachgrove, the Pulse trailed by four goals at the end of the first quarter, then clawed their way back a quarter at a time to win 22-17.

Congratulations to Maisie Forsyth, who won the team's AIMS medal for best all-round performer.

Thank you to everyone who supported the team this year, with special thanks to our business sponsors, to Tania Cox, and of course to the Board.



LtR: Riley, Kaden, TJ, Keelan, Jorja, Maisie, Annie, Rocco, Ameliah, Layla, Keano

Adventure Pulse Achievements 2026

Result	Event
Bronze	AIMS Games
Champions	Ngati Toa Division 1
Bronze	Maidstone Tournament
Runners Up	Kapiti Tournament
Champions	Porirua Intermediate Tournament



Riley Johnco ➡ 2026 MVP

Keano Moore ➡ 2026 Most Improved Player

PTNi News

ADVENTURE SCHOOL PTNI BASKETBALL RAFFLE RESULTS

Thank you for supporting this fundraiser

You helped us raise \$5,481 for the basketball court!

Our raffle was drawn last week, and all winners have been contacted and claimed their amazing prizes!

Congratulations to our lucky winners:

1st prize - \$1000 fuel voucher - Leanne Mulhern

2nd prize - \$800 New World voucher - Anna Scott

3rd prize - \$700 fuel voucher - Brendan Clarke

4th prize - \$500 New World voucher - Jeremy Barnes

5th prize - \$300 fuel voucher - Xara Adip

6th prize - \$200 New World voucher - Fleur Nichols



Event Calendar - Important Dates



TERM THREE

	Friday 18 September	Interzone swimming 10am-12pm: Nīkau swimming 1-3pm: Year 2 swimming
	Tuesday 22 September	6pm: Māori Whānau Hui (Staffroom)
	Wednesday 23 September	9am – 1pm: Tōtara History Fair
	Thursday 24 September	Yr 7/8 Rugby tournament
	Friday 25 September	10am-12pm: Nīkau swimming 1-3pm: Year 2 swimming 2pm: Assembly – Rooms 8 & 18 3pm: END OF TERM 3

TERM FOUR

Week 1	Monday 12 October	Adventures Got Talent Class finals week READATHON (More information coming) 5.30pm: BoT meeting
	Friday 16 October	Book Character Dress up Day 2pm: Assembly
Week 2	Monday 10 October	Adventures Got Talent Syndicate finals week
	Tuesday 20 October	Rimu/Tōtara Athletics Day (pp 23 October) 7pm: PTNi meeting. All welcome
Week 3	Monday 26 October	LABOUR DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
	Tuesday 27 October	TEACHER ONLY DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
	Wednesday 28 October	Bee Healthy Dental van onsite until 13 November
	Thursday 29 October	Adventure's Got Talent FINALS
	Sunday 1 November	9.30am-12pm: PTNi Working Bee
Week 4	Wednesday 4 November	Nīkau Zoo Sleepover
	Thursday 5 November	Nīkau Zoo Sleepover
	Friday 6 November	PTNi Disco
Week 5	Monday 9 November	Class, group & individual photos 5.30PM: BoT meeting
	Tuesday 10 November	Parumoana Athletics (pp 12 November)
	Friday 13 November	2pm: Assembly
Week 6	Tuesday 17 November	AFL Sport (Yrs 3-8)
	Thursday 19 November	6pm: Showcase
Week 7	Friday 27 November	Nīkau Athletics (pp 1 December)
Week 8	Tuesday 1 December	Regional Athletics (pp 3 December)
	Friday 4 December	Kōwhai Tree Trimming Library closed. All books to be returned please Parumoana Speech Competition PTNi Movie Night tbc
Week 9	Monday 7 December	5.30pm: BoT meeting
	Tuesday 8 December	Year 0/1 Battle Hill trip Nīkau Fun Day at Aotea Lagoon (pp 10 Dec)
	Wednesday 9 December	Year 2 Botanical Gardens trip
	Friday 11 December	1.45pm: Prize Giving Assembly
Week 10	Monday 14 December	2pm: End of Year Reports published
	Tuesday 15 December	Kōwhai Carol Singing
	Thursday 17 December	11am-1pm: Fun Day
	Friday 18 December	11.30am: Final Assembly School finishes for 2026

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

2027 Term Dates

Term One: Wednesday 3 February – Friday 9 April
Term Two: Tuesday 27 April – Friday 2 July
Term Three: Monday 19 July – Friday 24 September
Term Four: Monday 11 October – Friday 17 December
School Closed: Tuesday 27 Oct – Teacher Only Day

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS (The School will be CLOSED)

TERM ONE

Waitangi Day: 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.

Community Notices

ADVENTURE AFTER SCHOOL FUN CLUB SEPT OCT 2026 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Website: www.asfc.co.nz

Phone: 027 711 9763

Email: office@asfc.co.nz

MON 28 SEPT

CHIPMUNKS
Experience the joy of play at Chipmunks Playland! A perfect place for kids to run around, have fun, and create unforgettable memories with friends.
\$21.50 Event Day



SOCKS MUST BE WORN TO PLAY

TUES 29 SEPT

CANNONS CREEK POOL
Dive into a refreshing pool!!! Join us for a splash!
\$21.50 Event Day



Bring Togs, Towels

WED 30 SEPT

MOVIES
Experience the magic of cinema at Lighthouse Cinemas to watch *Forgotten Island*
\$21.50 Event Day



You are welcome to bring food and snacks – NO POPCORN

THUR 1 OCT

IT'S ALL ABOUT MICHAEL JACKSON
Experience the thrill of Michael Jackson Day. Celebrate the King of Pop with music, dance, and activities that honor his incredible legacy.



FRI 2 OCT

PUPPY IN MY POCKET
Discover the joy of crafting with our Puppy in My Pocket kit! Take them home for endless fun and companionship.



MON 5 OCT

BOWLING
Strike up some fun with tenpin bowling. How many pins can you knock over?
\$21.50 Event Day



**NO jandals or sandals to be worn
CLOSED SHOES ONLY**

TUES 6 OCT

KD ENTERTAINMENT and Avalon Park
Welcome to KD, where fun never ends! Explore gaming, pretend play, and a world of toys and games. The choice is yours for an unforgettable experience.
\$21.50 Event Day



WED 7 OCT

MOVIES
Experience the magic of cinema at Lighthouse Cinemas to watch *Shaun the Sheep*
\$21.50 Event Day



You are welcome to bring food and snacks – NO POPCORN

THUR 8 OCT

WILD WEST
Saddle up for Wild West Day! Join us for a day filled with cowboy fun, games, and entertainment.



FRI 9 OCT

WEETBIX KIDS
Kiwi kids are Weetbix kids



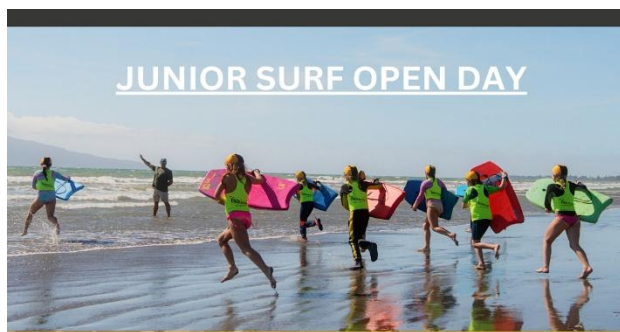
OTHER ACTIVITIES

Prize Games
Indoor and Outdoor games

Weekly Competitions
The fun is endless

Team Challenges
Group Games

JUNIOR SURF OPEN DAY



**18th October 2026 - 1.00pm
at the new clubhouse**

PAEKAKARIKI
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SURF LIFEGUARDS

Come and join us for a fun introduction to our Junior Surf programmes.
All Nippers welcome (from age 7).
For more information, visit:
<https://paeakarikisurflifeguards.org.nz/junior-surf/>



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Performing arts classes led by a London West End performer!

After school and weekend classes in Aotea, Johnsonville, Karori, Newtown, Lower Hutt, and Upper Hutt!

Two-week trials available.

For more information, please visit

www.spotlightperformingarts.co.nz



SPOTLIGHT
PERFORMING ARTS

Spaces available for Term 4! !
Dance, Drama and Singing for students aged 4-15 years Led by a London West End performer!
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Book your child's two-week trial NOW!
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STEM Holiday Programme

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Girl Guiding places available Term Four

There are places available for girls to join us at Pippins & Brownies in Term Four. Girl Guiding is an amazing opportunity for tamariki to get outdoors, learn new skills, be active in the community, challenge themselves, and make new friends.

Our local Pippin units for 5- & 6-year-olds are:

- Whitby Pippins, Tuesday 5pm - 6pm at Western Suburbs Football Club
- Papakōwhai Pippins, Wednesday 4pm - 5pm at Tairangi School Hall

Our local Brownie units for 7 & 8 year olds are:

- Paremata Brownies, Monday 4.30pm - 6pm at St Barnabas Church Hall
- Papakōwhai Brownies, Wednesday 5.15pm - 6.45pm at Tairangi School Hall
- Whitby Brownies, Thursday 5pm - 6.30pm at Western Suburbs Football Club

To arrange a free visit, enquire via the Girl Guiding website at

<https://girlguidingnz.org.nz/find-a-unit/>

Rugby Holiday Camp – October School Holidays

We're running a Rugby Holiday Camp during the October school holidays and would love your help spreading the word to your community. The camp is open to Boys & Girls, Years 4–8.

Details

- **Dates:** Tuesday 6th – Thursday 8th October
- **Drop off:** 8:30am / **Pick up:** 3:30pm

Coaches

- Dom Bird (former All Black, Crusaders, Chiefs, Hurricanes)
- Junior Fatialofa (former Wellington Lions, Bristol Bears, Exeter Chiefs)

LUNCH & HEALTHY SNACKS PROVIDED FOR ALL 3 DAYS!

Register here:

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/523650>



★ Helping Kids Discover Just How Much They Can Achieve ★

At **Bigair Gym**, kids do more than learn gymnastics—they build **confidence, coordination, strength, resilience, focus and the ability to listen, respond to and apply feedback**, while learning new gym skills and achieving goals.

Term 4 Gym Class bookings open Monday 14 Sept, and Bigair Gyms Holiday Programme is open for bookings NOW!

Bigair Gym Classes include **Gymnastics** (for Preschoolers & 5yrs+), **Trampolining, Tumbling, Cheerleading & Free Running** (like parkour, with flips!), with options for all ages and abilities.

Holiday Programme: Full & half-day sessions available.

Give your child the chance to stay active, build confidence and discover what they can achieve!

★ **Book online today at www.bigairgym.co.nz** — classes available at Bigair Tawa, Owhiro Bay & Kapiti.

Ellerslie School is turning 150 years old in 2027

Are you a former student or staff member of Ellerslie School? We welcome you to be a part of our Alumni community!

Please join us in celebrating our history - share your memories with us and connect with past whānau of Ellerslie School.

If you would like to be kept up to date on all the festivities to celebrate our special 150th birthday occasion to be held in 2027, please sign up to our database by completing this form:

<https://forms.gle/X1QTFxnRcNGpPyfK9>

Please sign up to our Ellerslie School Alumni Facebook page with an Instagram page coming soon: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61582768932221>

If you have any queries please email: alumni@ellerslie.school.nz.