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### Upcoming Events

|                      |                                                                        |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Friday 16 October    | 2pm: Assembly (Yrs 3-8 Dance performances)                             |
| Tuesday 20 October   | Yrs 5-8 Athletics Day (pp 23 October)<br>7pm: PTNi Meeting (staffroom) |
| Wednesday 21 October | Yrs 3-6 Padder Tennis                                                  |
| Monday 26 October    | <b>SCHOOL CLOSED:</b> Labour Day                                       |
| Tuesday 27 October   | <b>SCHOOL CLOSED:</b> Teacher Curriculum Day                           |
| Wednesday 28 October | Dental Van onsite                                                      |
| Thursday 29 October  | 2pm: Adventure/'s Got Talent finals                                    |
| Sunday 1 November    | 9.30-12pm: Working Bee (school grounds)                                |
| Monday 2 November    | 9.00: Mihi Whakatau (Welcome)                                          |
| 4 & 5 November       | Nikau Zoo Sleepover                                                    |

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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!*

Nau mai, hoki mai – a warm welcome back for Term 4!

It is wonderful to be back with your children! This is the term we all look forward to - plenty of sunshine (hopefully!), fun activities, and exciting preparation for the year ahead. Most of all, we look forward to enjoying the final weeks together as we lead into our end-of-year celebrations, Prizegiving, and the Leavers' Assembly.

As always, much work is carried out in the school during the break and without a doubt, the most exciting is the completion of our basketball court.

News spread like wildfire over the holiday break, and it has been fantastic seeing so many of our Tamariki flocking to test it out. Featuring adjustable-height hoops, this fabulous new space is inclusive for players of all ages and skill levels.



A heartfelt thank you to our endlessly supportive PTNi for their determination and hard mahi in making this dream a reality. The PTNi is a dedicated group of parent volunteers who meet once a term in the staffroom to plan amazing events for our children.

They would love to welcome new faces to the team! Many hands make light work, and with a few more parents on board, we can achieve even more together. Please consider joining - you will be warmly welcomed and can be involved as much or as little as you like! (Next meeting is 7pm Tuesday 20 October.)

### **Hungry Children at Lunchtime**

Toward the end of last term, we saw a steady increase in children visiting the office for extra food at lunchtime, having either eaten everything at morning tea or left their lunchbox at home. As our children grow and engage in physical activity during the school day, their appetites naturally grow with them.

To help keep their minds sharp and tummies full, please check in with them to see if they need an extra portion of food, an extra sandwich, piece of fruit, or hearty snack to help cover brain break (fresh fruit or vegetable), morning tea and lunch.

*If you ever need support with school lunches, please reach out to me or the office anytime in confidence. We are always happy to help!*

## **Term Three Attendance - How did we do?**



Throughout Term 3, both children and staff experienced significant illness, and many families took children out of school for holidays. This is reflected in our attendance rates.

Everyday attendance makes a real difference - children who are at school consistently are more settled, engaged, and confident in both their learning and friendships. Arriving on time also helps them start the day calmly and connected with their class.

We will continue to monitor attendance and punctuality closely in Term 4.

**The school day starts at 8.55am. At that time, teachers mark the roll. Please help your child to get to school in plenty of time to be in their classes when the roll is taken.**

**2030 Government Target: 80% of children attending 90% of the time**

| <b>% of Students Attending 90% or more</b> |               |               |               |               |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|                                            | <b>Term 1</b> | <b>Term 2</b> | <b>Term 3</b> | <b>Term 4</b> |
| <b>2023</b>                                | 74%           | 67%           | 57%           | 68%           |
| <b>2024</b>                                | 81%           | 48%           | 61%           | 75%           |
| <b>2025</b>                                | 79%           | 78%           | 56%           |               |
| <b>2026</b>                                | 79%           | 79%           | 63%           |               |
| <b>TARGET → 80%</b>                        |               |               |               |               |

## Some Start of Term Reminders

### IMPORTANT: New Yr 5-8 Digital Device Agreements

Tomorrow, all Year 5-8 students will bring home a revised Digital User Agreement in their school bags. This has been updated to reflect the ever-changing digital environment and replace all previous agreements. Please go over these expectations with your child and return the signed section by Friday, 23 October, to ensure their continued access to devices at school.

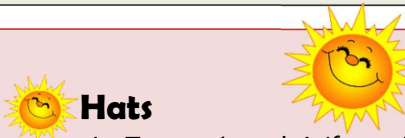
### Sports Hoodies (for sporting activities only please)

We love the pride our students show in their sports teams. However, just a reminder that sports team hoodies are not part of our formal school uniform and shouldn't be worn to school as everyday wear.



Of course, on days when you're representing the school in your sport, feel free to wear your team hoodie with pride! On all other days, we ask that students stick to our regular school uniform, which helps us maintain a sense of unity and belonging across the school.

Thanks for helping us keep things consistent and for showing your school spirit in all the right ways!



#### Hats

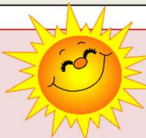
In Terms 1 and 4 (from Labour Weekend) we need all children to have a named, school uniform bucket hat to wear during breaks and PE and sporting activities. These can be purchased at the office.



#### Sunblock

- It's a good idea for children to apply sunscreen at home in the morning before arriving at school. We do have sunscreen available for children to use during the day, but if your child has sensitive skin or reacts to certain brands, please send them with their own.

### Let's be Sunsmart in Term 4



### Food/ Drinks

We encourage healthy eating and drinking of water.



We have a 10 minute "Brain Break" at 11.50am and during this time, children are able to snack on a piece of fresh vegetable or fruit.

Please support our request that children **do not bring** the following items to school:

- Nuts and foods containing nuts
- Chewing gum
- Sweets/ chocolate
- Fizzy drinks
- Birthday celebration cakes / treats



*As we have many children with severe allergies and special dietary requirements, as well as some families who not able to supply such treats to the entire class, **please don't send class birthday cakes or treats to school.***

Ngā mihi nui

Tania Cox

Principal – Tumuaki

# Supporting Students with Dyslexia to Thrive at Adventure



## Dyslexia Awareness Month

Different brains. Same potential.



### It starts with the brain

No one's brain is wired for reading at birth. Every child's brain has to build the neural connections required to become a skilled reader. However, the ease with which we learn to read sits on a continuum from extremely difficult to almost effortless.

Importantly, this is entirely unrelated to overall intelligence.



### What is dyslexia?

When a child continues to struggle with reading and spelling despite high-quality classroom instruction, dyslexia may be a factor.

The causes of dyslexia are complex and include a mix of genetic, neurobiological, and environmental factors. It is also surprisingly common: according to the International Dyslexia Association, as many as **15–20%** of the population show signs of dyslexia or a language-based learning disability.



### The bigger picture

Without the right support, the impact of dyslexia can be significant. As a school, our priority is to mitigate these impacts while actively identifying and developing each child's unique strengths—such as the big-picture thinking, creativity, and spatial reasoning that are often associated with dyslexic minds.

We strive to provide a diverse range of opportunities so every child, including those who are dyslexic, can discover and develop their talents.



## Some of the Ways We Support Dyslexic Students



Across the school, we implement a **structured, evidence-based approach** to literacy that is universally recognized as the most effective approach for students with dyslexia. We explicitly teach oral language, phonemic awareness (the speech sounds in words), phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension.



We aim to identify children with dyslexic traits early and partner with their parents to provide the additional, targeted practice needed.

Clear evidence shows that the earlier the intervention, the better the long-term outcome. We also support families, as needed, to access a formal assessment for dyslexia.



We ensure children who are still developing their decoding skills have daily engagement with age appropriate texts to build world knowledge, vocabulary, and comprehension. This is done through reading to and shared reading sessions.



Teachers consider each child's cognitive load and adapt teaching and learning accordingly.



Each syndicate has Teacher Aides assigned to support learning and the teachers collaborate to plan for the needs of individual students.



When space allows, we accommodate private tutors if parents choose to provide this additional support during school time.



We provide ongoing Professional Learning and Development for staff to keep up to date with the most effective teaching strategies and deepen their understanding of learning differences.



If you would like to discuss your child's reading development, please reach out to your child's classroom teacher or the SENCO for their area of the school:

**Years 0–4**

Diane Pepperell

**Years 5–8**

Erica Leggett

Together we can make a difference





## In the Spotlight

### Pool Rescue

Congratulations to Quinn (Yr 6) for her outstanding results at recent competitions.

#### Central Region Pool Rescue Champs

- Gold: u12 medley relay
- Silver: 50m with fins + Patient Tow
- Bronze: u12 obstacle relay + u14 mega relay

#### Aon NZ pool rescue

This is a National competition with Surf Life Saving clubs competing from all over NZ as well as Australia.

- Silver: 50m with fins, only missing gold by .04 of a second!  
*This effectively means she is second best in NZ for her age group in this event.*
- Gold: Under 14 years mega relay in a composite team
- Silver: U12 4 x 50m obstacle relay also in a composite team.



**We are very proud of you Quinn!**



## In the Spotlight

### Adventure School Students Shine at the Taupō Global Games Rugby Festival

Adventure School students, Micah Treeby, Luca McMaster and Tayne Bishop recently represented Paremata-Plimmerton Rugby Club at the Taupō Global Games Rugby Festival, taking on teams from across Aotearoa.

A special congratulations goes to Micah Treeby and the U11s, who were crowned champions after winning all their games and recording the highest points scored across the three-day event.

The festival was also an emotional milestone for two of our students Tayne and Luca, who played their final games as junior players for Paremata-Plimmerton Rugby Club. One of the most moving moments of the festival came when Tayne led the final haka. It was a powerful and emotional way to mark the occasion, honour their journey and celebrate the camaraderie built through rugby.

Ka mau te wehi! What an achievement and memories to treasure for a lifetime.

**Adventure School is proud of you all!**



We would love to celebrate and acknowledge special or personal achievements, so please do share these with us. (Email [principal@adventure.school.nz](mailto:principal@adventure.school.nz))

## Can You Help?

### Call for Volunteers: Can You Help Us Install Our Friendship Benches?

We have three vibrant **Friendship Benches** needing to be installed!

These benches are designed to ensure every child feels included, supported, and connected. If a student is ever feeling lonely, looking for a friend to play with, or simply needs a quiet moment to sit, they can take a seat on the bench - a gentle signal to other students to reach out and invite them to join in.

To make these wonderful additions safe for our students to use during break times, we need a handy parent or caregiver with a drill to help bolt both benches into the concrete ground.

If you have the tools, a bit of spare time, and are willing to lend a helping hand, please contact the school office.

[office@adventure.school.nz](mailto:office@adventure.school.nz)

Thank you for helping us make our playground an even warmer and more welcoming place for our kids!



### Yr 7 & 8 Learning Studio Benches

We also have 6 very tired, wobbly benches outside the Year 7 & 8 Learning Studio that need fixing.

Because the base of the legs has worn, the seats are unstable and wobble.

What's needed:

- Unbolting from concrete pad
- Levelling / re-cutting the base so they are flat
- Rebolting



If you have the tools, a bit of spare time, and are willing to lend helping hand, please contact the school office. [office@adventure.school.nz](mailto:office@adventure.school.nz)



## Coming Up

### Whole School Assembly



**WHEN:** 2pm – Friday 16 October

**Featuring:** Dance performances from Yrs 3-8  
Children in Dance Club

## Adventure's Got Talent 2026



Acts will be judged on originality, stage presence, talent & presentation.



**FINALS:** 2pm Thursday Week 3  
29 October  
(2 performers/ syndicate)



### Teacher Curriculum Day

**Tuesday 27 October**

*School will be CLOSED on this day.*

*This is the second of two days allocated by the Government for schools to engage in professional development around the new curriculum.*

### Mihi Whakatau to welcome new students and their whānau

**Week 4**

**Friday 6 November**

•8.45: Briefing

•9.10: Mihi Whakatau begins

Families of new students in Terms 3 & 4 will be sent an invitation with details.

## Sports Spot

### Tackle Rugby

Well done to our 12 Yr 5-6 boys who competed at the Parumoana Tackle Rugby Tournament last term, winning 2 of their 5 games. For most of these boys it was a first-time experience.

A huge thanks to Matt Treeby for his great job at coaching the team.



**PTNi News**

# WORKING BEE

SUNDAY 01 NOV | 9:30 – 12PM

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**PTNI MEETING**

TUESDAY 20 OCTOBER  
7PM IN THE STAFFROOM



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FRIDAY 6 NOVEMBER  
MORE INFO TO COME

ICY FRIDAY IS BACK  
FOR TERM 4!



3PM EVERY FRIDAY  
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## Event Calendar - Important Dates



*Please be aware some details may change*

| TERM FOUR |                           |                                                                                                                                              |
|-----------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Week 1    | Monday 12 October         | Adventures Got Talent <b>Class finals week</b><br>5.30pm: BoT meeting                                                                        |
|           | Friday 16 October         | 2pm: Assembly: Yrs 3-8 Dance Groups                                                                                                          |
| Week 2    | Monday 10 October         | Adventures Got Talent <b>Syndicate finals week</b>                                                                                           |
|           | Tuesday 20 October        | Rimu/Tōtara Athletics Day (pp 23 October)<br>7pm: PTNi meeting. All welcome                                                                  |
|           | Wednesday 21 October      | Yrs 3-6 Padder Tennis                                                                                                                        |
| Week 3    | <b>Monday 26 October</b>  | <b>LABOUR DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>                                                                                                            |
|           | <b>Tuesday 27 October</b> | <b>TEACHER ONLY DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>                                                                                                      |
|           | Wednesday 28 October      | Bee Healthy Dental van onsite until 13 November<br>Yrs 3-6 Padder Tennis                                                                     |
|           | Thursday 29 October       | Adventure's Got Talent – <b>FINALS</b>                                                                                                       |
|           | Sunday 1 November         | <b>9.30am-12pm: PTNi Working Bee (school grounds)</b>                                                                                        |
| Week 4    | Wednesday 4 November      | Nīkau Zoo Sleepover<br>Yrs 3-6 Padder Tennis                                                                                                 |
|           | Thursday 5 November       | Nīkau Zoo Sleepover                                                                                                                          |
|           | Friday 6 November         | 9.00: Mihi Whakatau<br>PTNi Disco                                                                                                            |
| Week 5    | Monday 9 November         | Class, group & individual photos<br>5.30PM: BoT meeting                                                                                      |
|           | Tuesday 10 November       | Parumoana Athletics (pp 12 November)                                                                                                         |
|           | Wednesday 11 November     | Yrs 3-6 Padder Tennis                                                                                                                        |
|           | Friday 13 November        | <b>Book Character Dress-up Day</b><br>2pm: Assembly                                                                                          |
| Week 6    | Tuesday 17 November       | AFL Sport (Yrs 3-8)                                                                                                                          |
|           | Thursday 19 November      | 6pm: Showcase                                                                                                                                |
|           | Friday 20 November        | Play Trailer in school: Yrs 3-6                                                                                                              |
| Week 7    | Tuesday 24 November       | Kōwhai Adventure (more information coming)                                                                                                   |
|           | Friday 27 November        | Nīkau Athletics (pp 1 December)                                                                                                              |
| Week 8    | Tuesday 1 December        | Regional Athletics (pp 3 December)                                                                                                           |
|           | Thursday 3 December       | Aotea College Orientation Day                                                                                                                |
|           | Friday 4 December         | Kōwhai Tree Trimming<br><b>Library closed.</b> (All books must be returned by today)<br>Parumoana Speech Competition<br>PTNi Movie Night tbc |
| Week 9    | Tuesday 8 December        | Year 0/1 Battle Hill trip<br>Nīkau Fun Day at Aotea Lagoon (pp 10 Dec)<br>Year 8 Leavers' Dinner                                             |
|           | 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<br>5.30: BoT Meeting                                                                                      |
|           | Tuesday 15 December       | Kōwhai Carol Singing                                                                                                                         |
|           | Thursday 17 December      | 11am-1pm: Fun Day                                                                                                                            |
|           | Friday 18 December        | 11.30am: Final Assembly<br><b>School finishes for 2026</b>                                                                                   |

### **2026 Term Dates**

**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:** 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.

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**EVERY WEDNESDAY - FOR 8 WEEKS**

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- FOOTBALL
- CRICKET
- T-BALL

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### Mana Athletics

The days are getting longer, making it a great time for children to get outdoors, get active and have fun. c is a local athletics club for children aged **5 to 14 years**, based at Adventure Park, and welcoming participants of all abilities. The club provides a fun, supportive and inclusive environment where children can develop fitness, coordination, confidence and resilience while making friends and enjoying being active.

With opportunities to run, jump and throw across a wide range of track and field events, athletics is a great way for young people to stay active and challenge themselves, whether they are trying the sport for the first time or looking to further develop their skills.

Registrations for the 2026/27 season are now open. For more information or to register, visit [www.manaathletics.co.nz](http://www.manaathletics.co.nz).

### Porirua Judo Academy

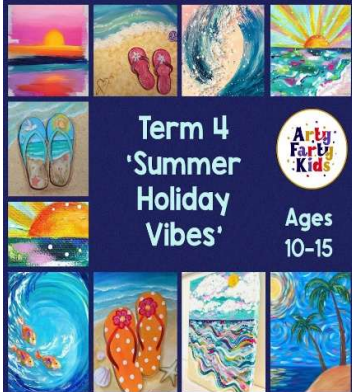
[info@porirujudo.org.nz](mailto:info@porirujudo.org.nz)



When somebody starts Judo, they have an instant support network looking after each other through the wins and losses on and off the mat.

Get your kids into Judo for Term 4. We have a great bunch of people from all over North City to help them on an exciting and rewarding journey into Japanese martial arts.

**Term 4 'Summer Holiday Vibes'**  
Ages 10-15



**TERM 4 Art Sessions - Bring some 'Summer Holiday Vibes' into your Arty Farty Kids life!**  
**WHITBY Sessions:**  
**Starting 24th October - Saturday 12th December**  
**10.00 am - 12.00 pm**  
**Ages between 10 and 15 yrs**

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- Pocket Rockets (3-4 yrs) – Preschool gymnastics, listening skills and school readiness.
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