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# Bumper Issue!

Since coming back from lockdown, the Pegasus Herald's popularity has soared so now we have even more PPS journalists contributing to our newspaper. This means that this issue has lots of articles for you to enjoy.



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# Teachers and students get back to school

By Ben and Jacques

Since the New Zealand Government decided to lower the COVID-19 alert level to Alert Level 2, most children have returned to school. Schools will look different from what you would expect though. Hand sanitizers will be compulsory and parents coming into schools will be limited (eg. contact tracing, check-in). For this issue we have interviewed two students from Ponsonby Primary School to find out their opinion.



## Student 1: Samuel Grover

**Interviewer:** What have you missed most about being at school?

**Samuel Grover:** I have missed doing fun reading activities that Miss Folster sets us in class.

**Interviewer:** Would you prefer online learning or real learning in your class?

**Samuel Grover:** I would definitely prefer online learning.

## Student 2: Nico Burton

**Interviewer:** What have you done that you don't think you could have done without lockdown?

**Nico Burton:** I have had so much more time to create things like lego and reading lots of chapters in books. I've made some videos and I've even made a blog!

Check out Nico's Blog: [www.nicoburtons.blogspot.com](http://www.nicoburtons.blogspot.com)





## SPORTS NEWS



With ski season coming up, this week we have interviewed a couple of talented skiers from Ponsonby Primary. First up: Zack, Keaton and Tristan interview **Oscar Chesterman**



### **How did you become so good at skiing?**

I practiced a lot from a young age. I have always been determined to get better and better.

### **At what age did you start skiing?**

I started when I was three years old.

### **At what age did you start ski racing?**

I started racing when I was four years old.

### **How many races have you done?**

About 33.

### **What place did you come in your last race?**

I came 12th out of 104 competitors. I was the youngest person racing. I got a medal for coming in the top 15.

Next: Sophie, Claudia and Ruby interview **Holly Tongue**

### **How did you feel when you joined NIPS (North Island Primary Schools Ski Championship)?**

I felt so happy I got in!

### **What do you love about skiing?**

I love feeling the wind in my face.

### **What is your biggest fear when you are doing a ski race?**

That I will miss a gate and go up again.

### **What is your best trick that you can do?**

Skiing backwards and doing a 360 turn.





# Teacher of the Week

*By Claudia, Sophie, Piper, Bianca, Ruby and Erin*

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## Ms Cowsill

**Interviewer:** How long have you been teaching at PPS?

Ms Cowsill: I have taught at Ponsonby Primary since 2007. This is my second time around!

**Interviewer:** Have you always taught Year 4?

Ms Cowsill: I have taught all levels at Ponsonby Primary, even the Year 0s! But I do love teaching at Year 4 level and this is the one I've spent the most years teaching.

**Interviewer:** What was your hardest year to teach?

Ms Cowsill: Adding on to what I've just said - Year 0 and 1 are very challenging. Even though they are very cute they also need so much help. It is wonderful, however, watching them grow and learn to read and write. You have to be a very special teacher to teach at this level!

**Interviewer:** Who inspired you to be a teacher?

Ms Cowsill: I became a teacher because I love children and wanted to help them learn. I wanted to inspire them to grow up loving learning, being kind to others, and also loving our beautiful country of Aotearoa.

**Interviewer:** Why did you choose to come back to PPS?

Ms Cowsill: I came back to PPS because I missed not only the children, but the teachers who are here. This school has always had the most wonderful teachers. I also wanted to keep learning more about how to be a better teacher and PPS is so good at helping children AND teachers to learn.

**Interviewer:** When did you start teaching?

Ms Cowsill: I started teaching a long time ago when the world was a very different place (you'll all have to guess when this was!) I was 24 when I started teaching.



**Kia ora Ms Cowsill!**

# Lockdown cooking with Mr Naera

*By Rebecca, Sophie, Isabella, Ruby, Flo and Claudia*

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**What is your favourite recipe?**

Satay chicken

**What did you make during lockdown?**

Lockdown loaf and banana bread

**When did you learn how to cook?**

When I was nine or ten

**Who taught you to cook?**

My mum

**If you could cook with anyone in the world who would it be?**

Heston Blumenthal



## Banana bread 🍌

### Ingredients

125g butter, softened

¾ cup caster sugar

2 eggs 🍳

1 cup mashed banana (about 2 large bananas)

1 tsp vanilla essence

1 tsp bicarbonate of soda

2 tbsp of milk 🥛

1 ½ of plain flour

1 tsp baking powder

### Method

1. Preheat the oven to 180C. Grease 20 cm round cake tin and line the base with baking paper.
2. Beat butter and sugar until light and fluffy.
3. Beat in the eggs one at a time. Stir in the bananas and vanilla essence until combined.
4. Mix the bicarbonate of soda and milk together before stirring into the banana mixture. Sift the baking powder and fold into mixture until combined.
5. Spoon mixture into prepared tin and smooth the top. Bake for 40-45 minutes until cooked. Stand for 5-10 minutes before inverting onto a wire rack to cool.





*By Alice, Jaimie, and Suraya*

**We know lots of people got puppies during lockdown so this week's brand new newspaper section, Pets of Ponsonby, is about PUPPYS and DOGS!**

## Breeds

One of the most important things to think about when getting a new dog is the breed. Here are some facts about different popular types of dogs:

**Poodles** - These are very energetic, loving, obedient and are very easy to train! They come in many different sizes, it depends if they are toy or miniature and if they are crossed with anything.



**Bulldogs** - They are a miniature sized dog and are very friendly. They are well known for their wrinkled face. There are 2 types of bulldogs: French and English. They are quite playful and can be a bit stubborn at times.

**German Shepherds** - They are a great family and guard dog. They're very alert, confident and loyal. They are quite big dogs so if you love playing and running this is the dog for you!



**Training tips: How to get your dog to sit**

Step 1. Hold the treat inside your hand and keep it above their head. Remember to say sit while you do so.

Step 2. When they sit make sure to give them the treat and lots of pats and “good dogs”!

Step 3. Repeat the process each day a couple times a day until your dog can do it without a treat!

## Pets of the Week



This is Sparky. He's 2 years old and is a cavoodle. He is super friendly. He enjoys long walks on the beach and eating food and treats. He belongs to Suraya.

This is Billie. She's 17 weeks old and LOVES to meet new people. She's a girl golden retriever and has a friendly and loving heart (especially when you have treats!) She belongs to Jaimie.



This is Alice's new puppy Fern, a Frenchie. She's 14 weeks old and she loves playing with her toy twiggy!

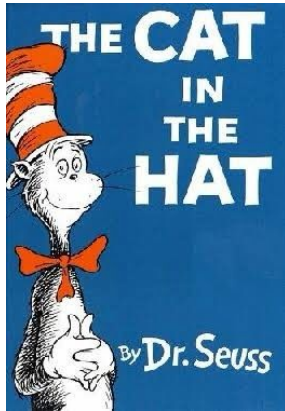
Want your pet to be featured in next week's *Pets of Ponsonby*?

Send us a picture and a description to [a.lang@ponsp.school.nz](mailto:a.lang@ponsp.school.nz),  
[ja.webb@ponsp.school.nz](mailto:ja.webb@ponsp.school.nz) or [s.amin@ponsp.school.nz](mailto:s.amin@ponsp.school.nz)

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# BOOKFLIX

Welcome to Bookflix, where we show you all the recommended books for Kakariki, Puriri and Kowhai!



## **Kakariki:** The Cat In The Hat

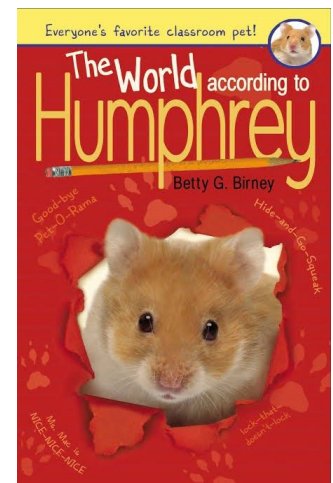
The cat in the hat is as popular now as it was when it was first published in 1957, and it's no wonder - the hilarious antics of the characters and the fun rhyming will keep kids of all ages engaged in this timeless classic where readers follow the adventures of a mischievous cat in a red and white striped hat.

*Written and illustrated by Dr Seuss*

## **Puriri:** The World According To Humphrey

Join the adorable hamster known as Humphrey in his many adventures at Longfellow school - he may be just a rodent, but he believes he can make a big difference in the world. All the students love him, but alas the new teacher Mrs Brisbane does *not* want Humphrey in her classroom. What is he to do?

*Written by Betty G Birny*



## **Kowhai:** Wonder

Follow August Pullman, Auggie, through his ups and downs in the novel Wonder. Auggie has a severe facial difference and that has, until now, prevented him from going to a normal school. It becomes more and more of a mission as expected to start school and doesn't get any easier. Make sure you read along as he tries to fit in but realises the only way to be yourself is to stand out from the crowd.

*Written by R.J. Palacio*

Recommended books from children across the school:





# Technology

By Xander, Jack and Boris

Apple has released the new iPhone called the iPhone SE 2020. This phone's main use is photography and gaming. They are also working on the iPhone 12. Like the iPhone 11, instead of having three-camera lenses, it has four camera lenses. The Samsung Galaxy M01 is the latest android phone right now. It will have three camera lenses in a row.



Also, Microsoft has cancelled the Xbox project Scarlett and changed the name to Xbox Project X. This console will have a completely different design. Instead of a rectangle, it will be a tall box.

Sony has announced a console. They call it Playstation 5. The PS5 will have a screen on the controller, which can open and close. Click or copy this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=46kjZbFxXxA> to see the controller in action.

Now Nintendo has said there will be no new Nintendo in 2020, probably to avoid the PS5 and Xbox series X announcements.

If you want a good PC for gaming and more, the Dell XPS is a good computer. And for you Apple users out there, the MacOS 183cm (72 inches) is the best for gaming. You can also do your homework on it too!

No new core or processor is out yet, but, the Intel Core i9 9900k is the best processor on the market right now.



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# FILM REVIEW:

## Dolittle

Dolittle is a movie about a doctor who can speak to animals. After his wife's death, he decides to hide from the world with his beloved animals. But he has to take a journey to a mysterious island to find a healing tree, which is the only medicine that can help the dying Queen Victoria.

Cast:

Doctor Dolittle - Robert Downey Junior

Polar Bear - John Cena

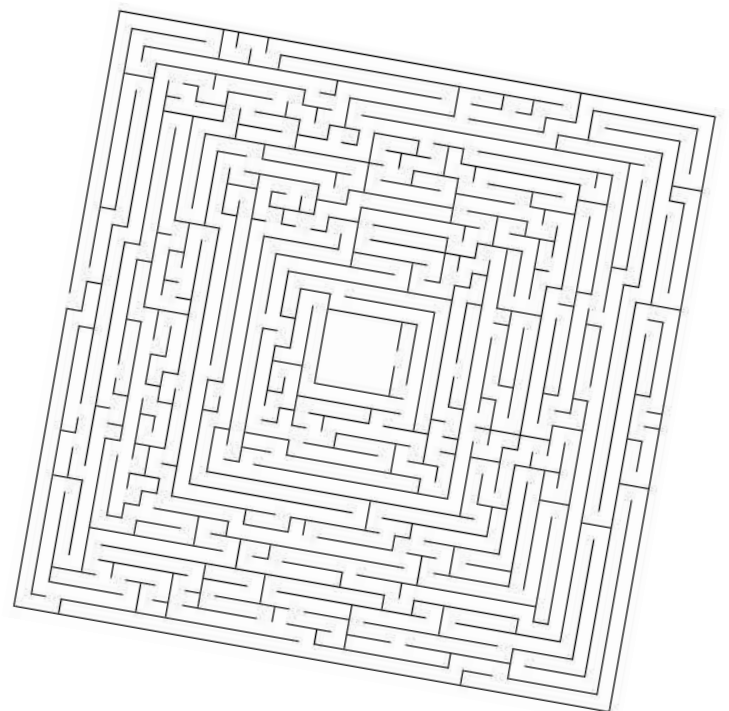
Dog - Tom Holland

Giraffe - Selena Gomez



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## Games and Puzzles



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# FASHION

By Fiona Lakeman



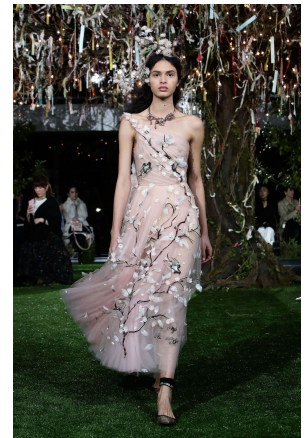
This amazing look catches my eye because the color looks amazing on the model. The pleats are exquisite and it seems to look seamless. They also have exercised it perfectly with the golden necklace although I'm not a big fan of the shoes - I feel like they take away from the look.

This is a wonderful design. This is very eye-catching because this gown is like none other I have seen. This delicate piece of clothing is an eye-catching gown. I love the train at the back - it is placed so well at the and it turns an already stunning jumpsuit even more beautiful.



Fashion is important because it can open our minds and change beauty standards. For example, this dress is simple but detailed at the same time. The draping is very nice and casual.

This dress is decorated with the traditional flowers which are cherry blossoms. The dress is made to look like branches scattered across the dress with cherry blossoms hanging off them but it is actually handcrafted with fabric.





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# *Lockdown Experiences*

**This week we have interviewed students of Ponsonby about their lockdown experiences.**

## Jaimie

- **How did you find lockdown?** Boring because I couldn't see my friends.
- **What was your highlight about lockdown?** Getting a dog.
- **What was the worst part about lockdown?** It was boring and i couldn't get hot chocolates or leave my house.
- **What would you do differently if we had lockdown again?** Stack up on lollies.
- **Did you like online school and why?** Easier and we had less tasks to do and I could sit in comfy clothes and eat lots of food.



## Sam

- **How did you find lockdown?** Good because I didn't have to go to actual school.
- **What was your highlight about lockdown?** Going on bike rides with my brother down the waterfront.
- **What was the worst part about lockdown?** Not seeing my friends.
- **What would you do differently if we had lockdown again?** Go outside more.
- **Did you like online school and why?** It wasn't as good as normal school but we made do.



## Clem

- **How did you find lockdown?** Good because I got to spend time with my family.
- **What was your highlight about lockdown?** Going for bike rides.
- **What was the worst part about lockdown?** Staying at home for so long.
- **What would you do differently if we had lockdown again?** See my friends heaps before lockdown.
- **Did you like online school and why?** Yes because the teacher explained it well.



### Chloe

- **How did you find lockdown was?** It was good because I got to eat whenever I wanted.
- **What was your highlight about lockdown?** Seeing my teachers on zoom.
- **What was the worst part about lockdown?** That I didn't get to play on the playground.
- **What would you do differently if we had lockdown again?** Get more toys before lockdown.
- **Did you like online school and why?** Yes because we didn't have to go to school grounds.



### Maxim

- **How did you find lockdown was?** Boring because I didn't get to play with friends.
- **What was your highlight about lockdown?** Playing on my Nintendo switch.
- **What was the worst part about lockdown?** Not seeing friends and my sister was annoying me.
- **What would you do differently if we had lockdown again?** Do more stuff with my parents.
- **Did you like online school and why?** I got my work done faster and I didn't have as much.



### Caspar

- **How did you find lockdown was?** Fun because I got to build lots of lego.
- **What was your highlight about lockdown?** Building LEGO.
- **What was the worst part about lockdown?** Not being able to go to school for my first day.
- **What would you do differently if we had lockdown again?** Build more LEGO.
- **Did you like online school and why?** I didn't do online school.



Are YOU interested in LEGO? Want to be part of Ponsonby Primary's very own LEGO Masters competition? Send some pictures of your LEGO creations to

[l.wallace@ponsp.school.nz](mailto:l.wallace@ponsp.school.nz)

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# Animals and Nature: A Lion's Lockdown

By Grayson, Frankie and Mya

The lion is a large muscular, deep-chested cat with a short, rounded head and round ears. An adult male has a permanent mane that is the most recognisable feature of this species. An average male lion can grow between 184cm and 208cm and a female lion can grow between 160cm and 184cm. Lions also form prides which they live in.

Some large males weigh over 250kg. Today, wild lions live in sub-Saharan Africa and in Asia. Lions are adapted for life in grasslands and mixed areas with trees and grass. The relatively small females are fast runners over short distances and coordinate their hunting of herd animals. In ancient times, lions roamed nearly every continent.



## **Ten fun facts**

1. Lions usually live in groups of 10-15 animals called prides.
2. An adult male's roar can be heard up to 8km away.
3. A female lion needs up to 5kgs of meat a day and a male needs 7kgs or more.
4. The name of a baby lion is a cub, whelp or lionet.
5. Lions go on the hunt for food mostly from dusk till dawn.
6. Female lions do 85-90% of the prides hunting, whilst the male lions patrol the territory and protect the pride.
7. In the wild, lions live for an average of 12 years and up to 16 years. They live up to 25 years in captivity.
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9. Often known as the 'king of the jungle', most lions actually live in the savannah or grasslands. Just *one* population of wild forest-dwelling lions remains, in Gir Forest National Park, India.
10. Female lions reach two-thirds of their adult size by the time they are two years old.





# Cartoons

By Edward

