

Ponsonby Primary School

Te Kura o te Rimu Tahī

Message from the Principal

Kia ora koutou katoa,

As we come to the end of a term like no other, I would like to thank all the amazing teachers, staff, students and parents and wider community for what we have achieved. This has been our longest lockdown of 6.5 weeks and we have all shown huge character and resilience to still be smiling. We have our fingers crossed that we will be able to welcome everyone back onsite on Monday 18 October and realistically this will most likely be with Alert Level 2 protocols in place. I will send communications in the second week of the holidays with further information. This week has been Mental Health Awareness Week - This year's theme is take time to kōrero/mā te kōrero, ka ora - a little chat can go a long way. Please take time to view the attached website to see ideas/suggestions for you and your family over the holidays: <https://www.mhaw.nz/>



A couple of weeks ago we ran a Lockdown talent competition. The entries were just outstanding and a big thank you to all the children who sent in their entries. This was an initiative that was run by our school house captains. The house leaders had a really difficult time choosing the winners but they eventually came around after much deliberation. So a big congratulations to the following winners.

Kakariki: Hugo Hinds Rm 20

Puriri: Isabella/Oliva Bines Rm 17/11

Kowhai: Nico Burton Rm 6

I ask you not to be anxious about our children's progress. It is not the amount of time that we spend learning that makes the difference, but the quality of what it is that we are learning and how it is taught that really matters.

On that note have a lovely holiday and hopefully we will be at Alert Level 2 so we can explore some of our beautiful country. We will look forward to seeing you all again in Term 4 back onsite.



Week 10

Sibling Enrolments

If you have a younger sibling of a Ponsonby Primary student turning 5 either in 2021 or 2022 that you would like to enrol. Please contact our Office Manager early to start the process.
[khobday@ponsprim.sc
hool.nz](mailto:khobday@ponsprim.school.nz)



What have the Ponsonby children been up to on the last week of Term 3?



Sienna and her jewellery box construction



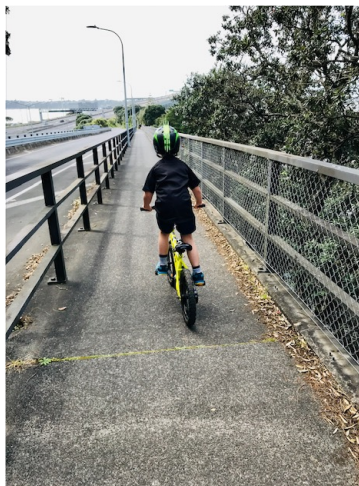
Desert ecosystem diorama by Marius in room 7



Olivia and her fairy door



Myles from room 18 made some spooky cupcakes



Myles from room 18 going for a bike ride



Bella from Room 11 made a fairy door & placed it in the forest



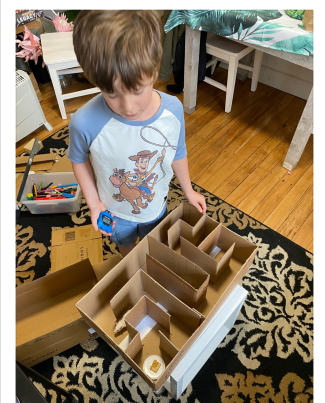
Raakhee Rahman

Neel showed us his wonderful dragon drawing in zoom today



Gates

Claudia shared her family photos of when she was a very cute baby on zoom



Autzen from Room 16 made a Mouse Maze

A poem by Louie Emery from Room 1

Football

I can feel the goal keeper's gloves. I feel tired. I can feel my heartbeat with my hand.

I can hear the kicking of a football. I hear the diving and the jumping when I'm saving a goal. Thud! I can hear a bang when I hit the ground. I can feel the grass smooshing onto me.

I can smell the sweet grass and muddy boots.

I can taste salty sweat and apple cider juice leaking down and dripping onto my t-shirt.

I can see a lot of people trying to run for the ball. I can see parents watching the game.

By Louie Emery



COMMUNITY NEWS

We would like to thank Joe Telford and Bayleys Ponsonby for their ongoing support of Ponsonby Primary School. From donating basketball singlets to sponsoring our annual Fireworks event. We appreciate your support. If you are interested in selling your home please contact Joe.

Mobile - 021 191 7769
joe.telford@bayleys.co.nz

Office - 09 375 8494



ASB Auckland Marathon

This event has been postponed but we will look at running our own Kids Marathon at school.

More information in regards to the postponed event will be given closer to the time.
If you have any questions regarding the kids marathon, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

mallen@ponsprim.school.nz



Enrolments for Ponsonby Intermediate 2022

Hello Parents and Caregivers,

If your child is interested in attending Ponsonby Intermediate School for 2022 it is important to enrol students this term.

Note from Ponsonby Intermediate:

Applications for our Out of Zone Ballot close at 4pm Friday 1st October 2021. All In Zone families are encouraged to enrol as soon as possible, as this not only helps to determine the number of Out of Zone places we can offer, but also helps with class placement and planning decisions. Please find the link to our enrolment information and enrolment form here.

Should you have any questions around the enrolment process please feel free to contact office@ponsint.school.nz

If you have questions about transition to Ponsonby Intermediate for your child please contact me
katief@ponsint.school.nz

Basketball Update

Hi all basketball families, please see below for an update.

Jr basketball (Bay City Slick - Year 3/4)

The club plans to run a day tournament, where multiple games will be played on one day so the children can still get a few games in. I am yet to have confirmation on when and how this will go ahead (they proposed these holidays - not sure how likely that is), so hold tight for more information to come.

Sr Basketball (North Harbour - Year 4-6)

At this stage I haven't heard much about changing the structure of the season. Obviously we lost many games in Term 3, so I am assuming Term 4 will run longer than it normally does. All things going well I am anticipating a Week 1, Term 4 start. I will let team managers know when I have been given more information.





Happy Birthday to all the children who have a birthdays in October!

William Materi 10/1/2013
Charlie Anderton 10/1/2015
Tupu Southon 10/3/2011
Olivia Gibbons 10/4/2012
Max Beattie 10/5/2011
Francesca Leopardi 10/8/2010
Eli Hancock 10/8/2013
Levi Carter 10/9/2014
Rebecca Bourke 10/11/2010
Flynn Ferguson 10/11/2011
Miller Berry 10/11/2013
Luca Mackintosh 10/12/2013
Remy Hill 10/13/2015
Grace Hill 10/13/2015
Flora Faleafa 10/15/2011
Freddy Stocker 10/15/2013
Jack Craddock 10/16/2010
Jayden Do 10/16/2012
Max Khouri 10/16/2015
Oscar Jamieson 10/17/2013
Mia Crothers 10/18/2010
Jed Whittle 10/18/2011
Isabella Hands 10/18/2016
Holly Tongue 10/19/2010
Anna Lynskey 10/19/2010
Aria Southcombe 10/19/2015
Oliver Corden 10/20/2016
Spencer Strang 10/21/2010
Blake Strang 10/21/2010
Benji Russell 10/21/2013
Sienna Young 10/24/2014
Freddie Corden 10/25/2013
Nic Smith 10/26/2012
Inez Byers 10/27/2014
Marley Falefitu 10/28/2013
Bingham Hermann 10/28/2015
Elise Goldstone 10/31/2010
Reuben Rendall 10/31/2014



St Mary's College is committed to ensuring the smooth transition of new students from your school into our college, for 2022. Our Orientation Morning will be held on Friday 5 November 2021 – 9.00am 12.00pm (pending COVID alert Levels).

If there are any changes to this date, we will be in contact. It is important for students to attend this morning in order to facilitate an easier entry into a secondary school system.

