

Ponsonby Primary School

Te Kura o te Rimu Tahī

Message from the Principal

Kia ora parents and whanau,

We are back! Firstly thank you to you all for your positive support with our return to school plan. It was not an easy process but we know this will be the best for our students and teachers. We wanted to continue with providing learning over the 5 days and we believe this was the best option to accommodate our vision.

Wednesday was such a lovely day as we welcomed our Yr 4-6 tamariki back and yesterday we welcomed our Yr 1-3 tamariki back to school.

Like I have said before, school is not the same without our tamariki, the children this week have been amazing! Seeing the children learning in the classrooms and playing outside at breaks with each other has been just great, our children are so resilient! It didn't feel like our children had been away from school physically for over 85 days. This is credit to our teachers for keeping our students connected through our online program.

Also a warm welcome to our new students who have started at PPS this week and they are Jasper Nicholls, Isaac Rendall, Spencer Bunbury, Suliana & Lucia Serrano, Benjamin Chen, Casper Zhang, Justin & Austin Li, Austin Vroegop, Isabella Hands, Lucy Russell-Cooper, Oliver Corden and welcome back to Oscar & Knox Buchanan.

A big thank you to all parents regarding our drop off and pick up regime. We will continue this approach until we can move to the whole school being back on site. Once we get more information from the Government on the 29th November and fingers crossed they will allow schools to reopen at full capacity.

The children have been great remembering good hygiene practices this week, they are all sanitizing and washing hands regularly. If you can still remind them of the following:

regularly washing hands (for at least 20 seconds with warm water and soap and dry thoroughly)

covering your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze



Week 5
Term 4

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.



This is a reminder that from next week brimmed sun hats are compulsory. Please also name your child's hat.

staying home if you are sick

avoiding close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms

Also a reminder that our knowathon test will take place on **December 1st**. We have some amazing prizes up for grabs. *The questions are on the home page of the school website.* If you can support our school that would be fantastic as we were not able to run our Guy Fawkes fundraiser this year, this will be a much needed fundraiser to keep our extra learning programs in place. We see this as a great learning opportunity as well as a fundraiser for the school. We totally understand that some parents may feel this is too much at this time so please don't feel the pressure to go and get sponsors and money if it is too hard. We totally understand.



Week 6 Challenge:

5 point Challenge: Play catch with someone

10 point Challenge: This one has already been done but it's a goody.. Cleaning your Room with a big smile!

15 point Challenge: Complete a load of family washing from start to finish. Wash/Dry/Sort/Fold and put away

If the children want to take part in these challenges, they can send their videos or photos by the following Friday at 3pm.

The children can choose to do as many of these challenges as they would like. The house currently in the lead is Ngauruhoe! Keep working hard everyone else, we look forward to seeing your challenges.

Students will need to send your evidence (Photo or a video) of the challenge to Mr Naera, Mrs Robins or Mr Rama, depending on what year level they are in.

Year 1 and 2: srobins@ponsprim.school.nz

Year 3 and 4: srama@ponsprim.school.nz

Year 5 and 6: fnaera@ponsprim.school.nz

Finally, parents can you please make sure the children bring a brimmed hat on the days they are at school. As we are moving into Summer, we want to make sure that our children are sun safe.

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe! Let's hope the sun stays out for the weekend.

Ngā mihi,

Sanjay Rama

Ponsonby Primary Weekend Weather Forecast

SATURDAY



Fine with a few clouds.

22°C

SUNDAY



Cloudy periods. Chance of a shower or two.

23°C

Te Reo Māori Word of the Week

rahoroi
this means Saturday



Very exciting week at Ponsonby Primary School this week!

School reopened and we were so happy to see everyone.



Send HAPPY has



To order, parents/staff simply visit the Neat Meat Store www.neatmeatstore.com and follow the instructions on the flyer.

Either way parents/staff need to enter the code "Ponsonby". You need to use this code so we can track number of hams sold via the school.

Ponsonby Primary School would really appreciate your support in helping fundraise for the school.



Ponsonby School

CHRISTMAS HAM FUNDRAISER

\$10 donated to your school for every ham sold

Two Options:

New Zealand Free Farmed
HALF HAM On The Bone
4.2kgs - \$85 Each

OR

New Zealand Free Farmed
WHOLE HAM On The Bone
8kgs - \$145

To purchase visit neatmeatstore.com
Type your school in the search bar - Ponsonby
Select a ham and use the code 'Ponsonby'



This weeks Pegasus Flyer recipients are....

Room 1 - Luca Heise for working so well with other students from our class. Your kindness and understanding is so lovely to have in the classroom.

Room 2 - Dan Weatherley for showing beautiful manners and a smile during lockdown, and his positive attitude on his return to school this week.

Room 3 - Zoe Green for attending every online zoom call with a positive attitude and always contributing to class discussions. You are a star.

Room 4 - Rafe Coulter- Lewis for his continued enthusiasm with learning. His bright smile every morning makes us all happy!

Room 5 - August Buissink for his excellent attention to detail in the Alphabet Font Challenge!

Room 6 - Alexis Cameron for fantastic reading during reading sessions.

Room 7 - Benson Coady for making a fantastic effort to complete all his online learning activities and has a great attitude of kindness towards others.

Room 8 - Jimi Gerrard for demonstrating a fantastic attitude towards your learning for the whole of lockdown. You are a role model!

Room 9 - Conrad Kingan for his increased confidence in using Google Classroom to access and complete his work throughout lockdown, and for his continued enthusiasm and sharing when on our daily calls.

Room 10 - Alex Johnston for his dedication to learning while at home. Alex joined so many zoom lessons and has kept up with his learning, especially maths.

Room 11 - River McIntosh for being consistent with attending home learning video calls and offering fantastic ideas during our writing! Keep it up, River, you're awesome!

Room 15 - Kareena Beeramathy for being brave and having a great first day back at school with her classmates.

Room 16 - Justin Li for settling so wonderfully into a new school after lockdown and putting in 100% into everything you do!

Room 17 - Oscar Heiplik for wonderful participation in all zoom learning lessons during at home learning.

Room 18 - Arthur Becker for his amazing dedication to learning during lockdown - you have worked so hard - what a star!

Room 20 - Asher Taylor for such a smooth transition back to school well done!

Room 21 - Daniel Neville for always helping others in the classroom and being a great friend to us all in

Room 23 - Max Jamieson for a fantastic diary entry about a visit to London.

WELL DONE, KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!

teamed up with Ponsonby Primary to offer you free New Zealand shipping on all our Christmas hampers.

These hampers make Christmas giving easy and are full of New Zealand made foods starting from \$45.

10% from each Christmas hamper sold will be donated to school.

This offer is available now until November 30th.

Free shipping code: PONSPRIM

<https://www.sendhappy.co.nz/discount/PONSPRIM>

Hampers will be delivered/sent between December 6th - 10th.

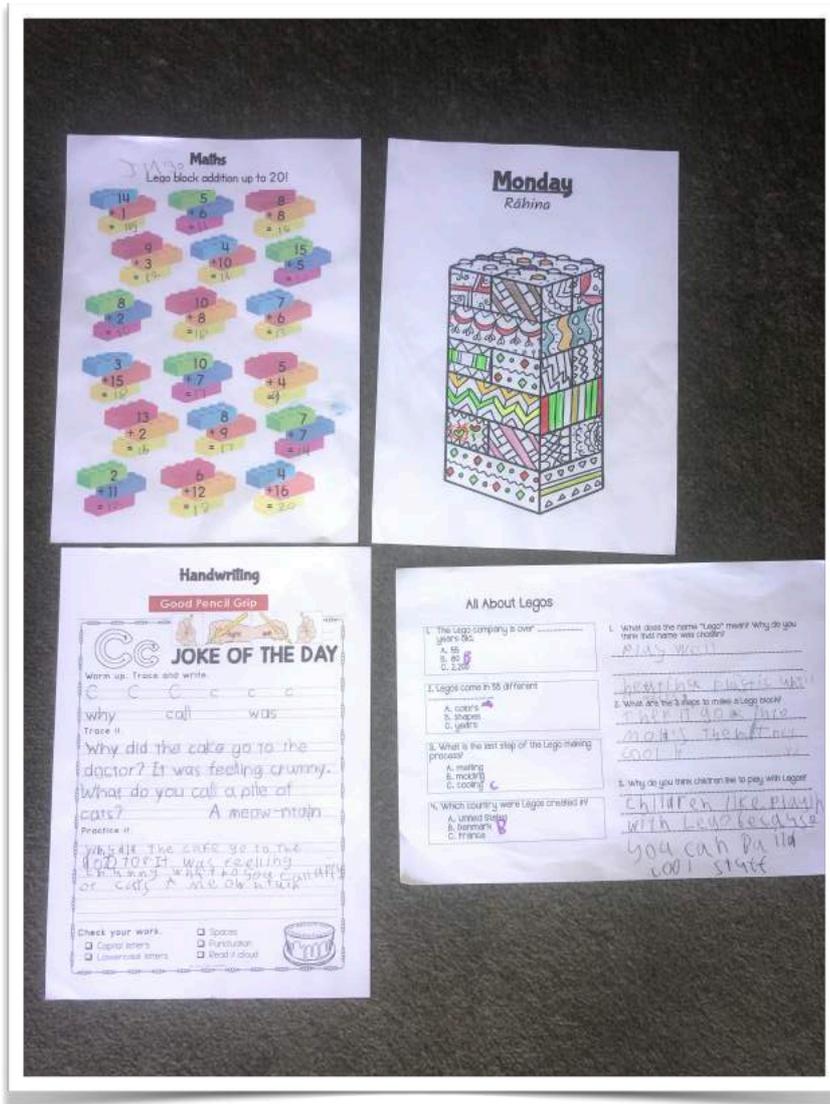




HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL THE CHILDREN WHO HAVE A BIRTHDAY IN NOVEMBER

Remy O'Neill 11/1/2010
 Luca Hope 11/1/2010
 Lucy Simeon 11/2/2012
 Harry Davidson 11/2/2012
 Sebastian Walker 11/2/2014
 Hugo Jamieson 11/3/2014
 Leonard East Cook 11/7/2013
 Louis James 11/7/2014
 Joshua Crawley 11/8/2012
 Aggie Orme-Gee 11/8/2013
 Fletcher Jessop 11/10/2013
 Kalani White 11/11/2014
 Carly Hannay 11/13/2012
 Mia Forsman 11/14/2010
 Charlotte Erson 11/14/2012
 Anna Ekanayaka 11/16/2015
 Spencer Bunbury 11/16/2016
 Isaac Rendall 11/16/2016
 Tyler Stephenson 11/17/2013
 Isla Vuletich 11/19/2010
 Zoe Russell 11/19/2011
 Charlie Harrod 11/19/2012
 Xander Shrive 11/20/2010
 Alvin Shao 11/20/2012
 Savannah Carpenter 11/20/2012
 Jasper Dick 11/21/2011
 Zhaleh Reade-Shareef 11/21/2015
 Oliver Ekanayaka 11/22/2012
 Edie Kirton Belich 11/22/2014
 Maddox Pook 11/24/2012
 Spike O'Neill 11/24/2013
 Suliana Serrano 11/24/2013
 Lucy Robinson 11/25/2011
 Felix Aue 11/25/2012
 August Buissink 11/26/2011
 Rome Buissink 11/26/2011
 Anabelle Allen 11/26/2012
 Daniel Neville 11/26/2015
 Claudia Hill 11/26/2016
 Axel Van Houts 11/28/2012
 Logan Vroegop 11/28/2013
 Essena Phillimore-Smith 11/29/2015
 Irene Moselen 11/30/2013

More wonderful work by our students.



By Jago in Room 15



By Juliana in Room 7

A poem by Marius in Room 7

**Kindness is a connection
 I try to do something for others every day
 Not being mean is being nice and kind
 Doing small things can change people's lives
 Nice things should always be allowed
 Every day everyone should be the nicest they can possibly be
 Simple kind things can change peoples lives
 Such as smiling, helping people and using manners**

Y4 Stories - The Adventures of Ted

Ted goes on a Bush Walk

Author: Maddox Pook, Room 4

Last weekend my family and I went into the bright green bush for a bush walk and wonderful picnic. We found the best spot, no one else was on that spot and the sun was shining directly on to it. The big green trees were surrounding it I thought we were in HEAVEN.

After a few hours of eating the delicious food that mum prepared and telling each other funny stories Merry and I decided to walk do to to the river as we were walk Merry tripped over a tree root and fell into a bush, I was in a small pink bag and of course I fell out of the bag. At that moment merry was crying and started to limp back to mum and dad. It was a long walk back for her and too long for me to walk back. She was too distracted to check if i was still in the bag, she was too distracted to see if her fluffy beloved teddy was still in the bag, can you believe THAT? I tried to yell out to her but my voice was faint and I was in deep pain. My leg had almost come off. For the first time in my life I felt scared, lost and worried.

Suddenly a kiwi walked by and she spotted me in the bush. So she used her beak to get me out. After she got me out she brought me to her holo log home inside her home she had medicine needle leaves everything you need for a doctor I knew she had stolen it but this was great for my leg. She put me to sleep an hour later when I woke up my leg was mended. She said she saw what happened so she decided to help me. The kiwi told me. I said thank you. Then she said " i know how you can get back to your family". I replied with " really, my family is probably already gone ". I know ". the kiwi said, just follow me so I followed her. "The back to the Future car". The kiwi said "what". Then I said "don't you know the movie back to the future". " no I don't" . "oh well at least it's a car" I said so we hopped in she said "tell me your address" so I told her my address. Next thing she pushed a button it teleported us to my house but other people are living there not my family. Then I knocked on the door. The big gold door knob has changed to a small and brown one . Then an old lady opened the door. I asked her does the Jones still live here ? the lady said no they lived here 50 years ago " I asked are they still alive". No". I screamed ""NO this can't be" . Then I yell why do you do this she said "I didn't know that this would happen". At that point I felt like the saddest person on earth.

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