

Ponsonby Primary School

Te Kura o te Rimu Tahī

Message from the Principal

Kia ora parents and whanau,

It has been wonderful to have so many of our students back at school under Level 3 conditions. I really appreciate the community going over and beyond to ensure all students and staff are safe by following the systems we have in place.

It has been great to see the students reconnecting with their friends and teachers and having an amazing time back in a routine again.

Next week, we will continue with the part time schooling program in place. Our Year 4-6 children will be onsite from Monday to Wednesday and our Juniors will continue with their days on Thursday and Friday. We are still waiting on guidance from the Ministry of Education for what the future looks like for schools moving forward, but the only information we have currently been given is that Auckland schools will be kept under the current Alert Level 3.2 guidelines until the end of Term 4.

Auckland schools will then move to the Covid Protection Framework on 1 January 2022. When we get more information in terms of what this looks like from the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education, I will share it with you.

The timetable for Weeks 7 & 8 has been emailed out today & is on the home page of the school website.

Week 9 is our last week of school for the year. We are working out how we can ensure that all of our students can see their teachers and classmates while also having a day where they can meet their new teacher for 2022. Our last day of school is Thursday the 16th December which is a half day, school will close at 12pm that day.

Just a reminder that on the days the children are not at school: Teachers continue with distance learning programs Distance learning will not be provided to children who choose to stay home on their designated days. They can continue with their independent activities.



Week 6
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.

Also a reminder, that the children will sit their knowathon test in their class next week on the days that they are at 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.

With all these restrictions it has been hard on students and teachers as Term 4 is a term where our focus is on EOTC and end of year assemblies and farewells. What I have to say is that our children have had an extremely difficult 3 months, but what I have seen in the past weeks is that our children are truly resilient and the enjoyment of our children reconnecting with each other has been so special. For our Year 6 children, I feel for them as their last year at primary schools should be about celebrating and cherishing all the wonderful memories of being in Year 6. We will find a way to ensure these amazing students are farewelled in the way that they deserve to be.

Week 7 the final week for house challenges:

5 point Challenge: Water bottle challenge:

Step 1: You want to grab a water bottle that is about one quarter full.

Step 2: Hold it by the neck of the bottle.

Step 3: Flick the bottle by rotating it away from you.

Step 4: Watch the bottle land upright

10 point Challenge: Three pen mark challenge: Choose three colors of your choice (paint, felts, and draw one of the following. 1. Animal 2. self portrait of yourself 3. Your bedroom

15 point Challenge: Make a recycled robot: Put your recycling to good use and create robots or animals. Egg cartons make a good body for a crocodile, and robots can be crafted with boxes and containers, plus bottle tops and lids make great eyes and hats.

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 Ruapehu ! 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 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!

Ngā mihi, Sanjay Rama.

Ponsonby Primary Weekend Weather Forecast

SATURDAY



Mainly fine. Isolated afternoon showers. Light winds and sea breezes.

24°C

SUNDAY



Partly cloudy. Chance of an afternoon shower or two. Light winds and sea breezes.

24°C

Te Reo Māori Word of the Week

Rātapu

This means Sunday



Y4 Stories

The Adventures of Ted

Ted and the Gust of Wind

Author: Otis Jeffrey, Room 11

Today me, my owner and family went to the park.. Suddenly, a strong gust of wind blew me across the park! My family was about to leave but I tried to run back to them.

Just then a strong, fluffy, sharp toothed dog looked in my direction. He looked like he was about to bite me! Luckily I was hiding behind a tree so he did not notice me. Then I realized it was starting to get dark and I was alone in the park. My family had left without me. I felt very sad and lonely.

As I was alone, I decided to build a camp to sleep in. I found a cardboard box by the bin, tipped it on it's side and I got in the box and tried to go to sleep. I felt scared all night because the animals in the park were making sounds so I couldn't get to sleep. I was feeling tired and frightened.

At breakfast time the next morning my family returned to the park to collect me! I felt so relieved and happy. I hope I don't ever get left alone in the park again!!



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

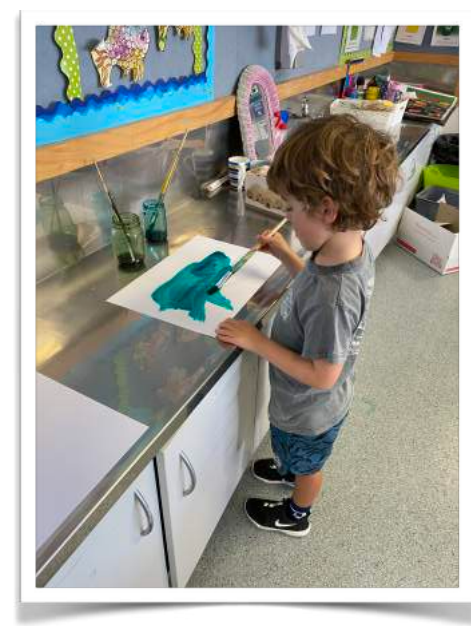
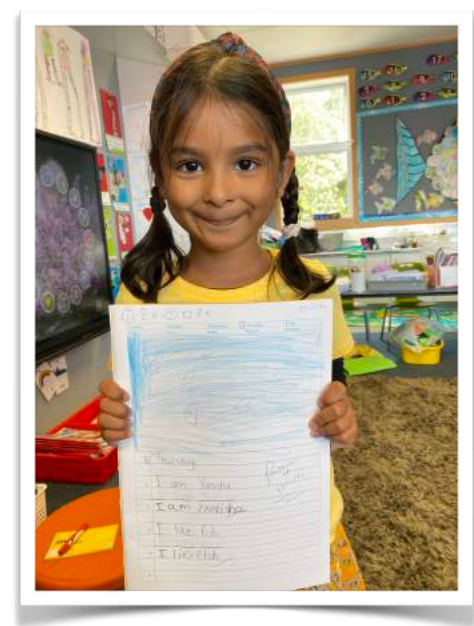
OR

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'



Room 20 enjoying being back at school.



Send HAPPY has 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

LOCKDOWN AMAZING RACE

Want something out and about to do with the family? Check out this edition of 'The Amazing Race' made especially for our local community. Click on this [LINK](#) to access the slides that tell you all about it. Get out and enjoy!!

Thank you



NETBALL

Congratulations on a great result to all of our netball teams many months ago! And a special mention goes to Team 5/3 who won their grade and Team 6/2 who were runners up in their grade.

Well done everyone and I will see some of you back next year!

Can you please return your bibs and balls to Room 7 as soon as possible? Please put a team name label on your bag so I know who has returned them- You can just drop them off even if there isn't anyone there. Thanks to the teams who have already done so.

Mrs Radcliffe



BORROWED DEVICES

If you borrowed a device from Ponsonby Primary over the past few months can you please return it to school by next week. Thank you.



This weeks Pegasus Flyer recipients are....

Room 1 William Materi for creating amazing google slide presentations during lockdown. We loved your class quiz!

Room 2 Charlie Hanna for showing positivity, determination and resilience on his return to school after lockdown. We are so proud of you.

Room 3 Jacob Griffiths for being so kind to and considerate to his peers. You are a superstar.

Room 4 Eva Cribb for trying hard to complete all tasks set with great results. Ka tino pai!

Room 5 Evie Rodgers for her brilliant personification poem.

Room 6 Ethan Mitchell for always being organised and ready to do his best.

Room 7 Samuel Grover for being very organised both at school and home, and is always in the right place at the right time with the right things. Samuel is also excellent at communicating and explaining, in addition to asking GREAT questions. He is an awesome learner!

Room 8 Piper de Marco for returning to school with a positive attitude and lots of enthusiasm. What a great year you have had!

Room 9 Sofia McCracken for transitioning with ease back to school and for participating fully in all activities with enthusiasm and the inclusion of others.

Room 10 Jasper MacCulloch for his wonderful attention to detail in his art and his questioning during class discussions.

Room 11 Finn Millington for a seamless transition back to school after lockdown. Your focus and attention to detail over the last week at school has been outstanding. Keep it up!

Room 15 Dewdu Nambukara-Gamage for always coming to school with a positive attitude and a beautiful smile on her face.

Room 16 Claudia Bartlett for her beautiful attention to detail in her writing, and use of descriptive language.

Room 17 Nadya Povop for wonderful creativity during her time in lockdown.

Room 18 Teddy Hikaka for always doing his very best and being a wonderful role model in the classroom.

Room 20 Lorenzo Stewart for settling back into school after lockdown with great confidence and resilience. It is so great to have you back at school!

Room 21 Marco Ericksen for working really hard over lockdown with his Reading! Huge improvement!

Room 23 Izzy Johnston for working so hard on your Biome - it is fab!

FOOD TRUCK POP UP!



**LALELE
ORGANIC
GELATO**



**LANGOS
FRIED BREAD
PUFFS**

EVERY THURSDAY

2PM - 7PM

57 ISLINGTON STREET