

Ponsonby Primary School

Te Kura o te Rimu Tahī

Message from the Principal

Kia ora parents and whanau,

This week has been our EOTC week for our Year 5 & 6 children and what a great way for the children to be able to do some really fun activities to end the year with and create some fond memories in a year that has been extremely challenging for our Tamariki.

We have also had a slip and slide and bouncy castle, water activities and a pirates day for our other students which was outstanding fun. A big thank you must go out to all our teachers for giving our children the opportunity to have some sort of EOTC week in such a disrupted year.

Today, I received a message from a former parent, Anthony Blyth, to inform me that Sam Blyth, his son who attended Ponsonby Primary, had just received the Dux award at Auckland Grammar School. It is fantastic to see our past students performing so well. I would also like to mention two other former students, Chloe and Bella Browne, who were outstanding students at Ponsonby Primary in their time and both have been awarded athletic scholarships to an American University. We do love hearing these fantastic success stories from our past pupils.

Sticking with the theme of celebrating success, some of our Year 4-6 students sat the optional ICAS tests either side of lockdown. I would like to congratulate the following children who did extremely well in their ICAS exams this year. Children who earned a High Distinction award are ranked in the top 5% of children in New Zealand to sit these tests, and students who earned a Distinction award are ranked in the top 10%. Certificates for these exams are being sent to school currently, to be given out next week.

ICAS Science

Nic Smith - High Distinction



Week 8
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.school.nz



Isobel Carpenter - Distinction

Lucy Robinson - Distinction

ICAS Math

Hazel Fox - Distinction

Luca Hope - Distinction

Piper De Marco - Distinction

Daniel Johnston - Distinction

Nic Smith - Distinction

ICAS English

Hazel Fox - Distinction

Isobel Carpenter - Distinction

Lucy Robinson - Distinction

A quick staffing update, as I noted in last week's newsletter, Matthew Allen is leaving us and we were on the hunt for an exceptional teacher for Kowhai. I am pleased to announce we have employed Stephen Bergin, he will be an excellent addition to our staff as he brings a wide range of skills to our school ranging from music to languages and sport. We know our students will love being in his class. Next week is our final week of school for the year and we will be finishing at 12 pm on Thursday the 16th December. Thursday, our last day of school will be a split day with year 1 - 3 children at school from 8:50 - 10:30am and year 4 - 6 from 10:30 - 12:00pm. I know the last three months have been extremely challenging for all of us, and I know that you all will be looking forward to the likelihood of our school being back to business as usual in 2022, as are we! Finally, a big thank you to all our families for supporting our school with the Knowathon. To date we have raised over \$16,000 which is fantastic and will be well received in funding out support programs for our children. We will be announcing the winners next week so any last payments can go through online over the weekend or by returning any money to your students' classroom teacher on Monday morning. Once again thank you for your support and have a lovely weekend!

Ngā mihi Sanjay Rama

Ponsonby Primary Weekend Weather Forecast

SATURDAY



27⁰c

PARTLY CLOUDY. ISOLATED SHOWERS
IN THE AFTERNOON AND EVENING.
LIGHT WINDS AND SEA BREEZES.

SUNDAY



25⁰c

MOSTLY CLOUDY. SCATTERED
SHOWERS. LIGHT WINDS.

Te Reo Māori Word of the Week

Kirihimete

This means Christmas



Y4 Stories The Adventures of Ted

Ted goes to Long Bay

Author: Neo Huang-Heinzel, Room 4

Adams' family went to Long Bay for the day . It was a warm day and the sand was burning hot. Ted was Adam's favourite toy. Adam built a sandcastle with his dad. He put Ted in the sandcastle. Adam and his dad went for a dip to cool down. .Then his mum told them it was too hot and time to go home. He forgot about Ted. The tide was coming in fast. Ted was scared that he would drown. Ted was annoyed by Adam. The sandcastle collapsed on Ted. Ted got sand stuck on him. Ted climbed a Pohutukawa tree . Luckily there was a seagull sitting on the tree .Ted Asks nicely if he can get a ride to Ponsonby.Ted Climbs on to back Hang on tightly . While the seagull was flying it Swoop over Harbour Bridge .Ted was Scared of heights.







MEDICATION REMINDER

Parents can you please remind your child to collect any medications that they may have in the school office.

Over the holidays could you please check expiry dates and replace them for next year.

Those children who are leaving at the end of the year also need to take their medications home with them.

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

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.

NETBALL REMINDER

This is a notice for all netball players can you please return ALL netballs and bibs by next week.

BASKETBALL REMINDER

If your child was given a navy PPS Basketball Singlet please ensure it is returned to school by next Tuesday at the latest. This is very important as we want the following year's players to be able to use them. Please ask your child to return it to Room 11 or the office so we can tick off their name. Thank you!

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 DECEMBER

Ruby Whyte 12/1
Nathan Bernhardt 12/1
Honor Hodson 12/3
Franco Hoare Delgado 12/4
Isobel Cole 12/4
Phoenix Bryant-Linn 12/4
Hunter Bryant-Linn 12/4
Neel Rahman 12/4
Charles Wells 12/5
Billy White 12/5
Frank McKay 12/6
Isabella Heilesen 12/7
Lucy Gates 12/8
Florence MacCulloch 12/8
Marissa Chen 12/10
Myles Johnstone 12/10
Xavier Melliush-Reynolds 12/11
Alba Gee 12/12
Lucija Bulog 12/13
Toby Jamieson 12/14
Cooper Mulligan 12/14
Ariella Monreal 12/15
Marco Eriksen 12/15
Isabella Haletama 12/17
Olivia Allsopp-Smith 12/17
Erin McLean 12/18
Isabella Bines 12/18
Mariella Van Houts 12/21
Brooklyn Hutchinson 12/22
Cooper Henderson 12/22
Ollie Robinson 12/23
Olivia Bines 12/23
Kaiya Parker 12/23
Remy Hart 12/26
Samuel Eriksen 12/28
Bobbie Doughty 12/28

This weeks Pegasus Flyer recipients are....

Room 1 Eli Hancock for working hard at our learning tasks since we have been back at school. Tino Pai!

Room 2

Room 3 Hunter Reeve for putting in 100% effort with his writing this week. You are fabulous keep it up.

Room 4 Issy Heilesen for her continuing kindness to everyone, and the big effort she puts into everything she does, even at the end of Term 4 when we are all tired. Amazing!

Room 5 Matthew Archer for showing great perseverance at tree adventures.

Room 6 Michael Rahman for his positive and caring attitude

Room 7 Jacob Ward. He has finished the year on a real high after a great week of fabulous writing, taking risks and challenging himself and stepping up ready for Y6 next year. Awesome work, Jacob, see you back for more in 2022.

Room 8 Erin McLean - For so much enthusiasm during our EOTC week. You have had a brilliant year!

Room 9 Mason Berry for demonstrating courage, integrity and enthusiasm during the Year 6 EOTC High Ropes and White Water Rafting challenges.

Room 10 Maya Taiamoni for working so hard learning for the Knowathon - great work, I am really proud of you.

Room 11 Sam Eriksen for being inclusive during group activities and collaborating well with others. Keep it up!

Room 15 Levi Carter for his fantastic attitude to learning both online and at school this year, and for all the hard work he has put into becoming a fluent reader. Well done Levi you are a star!

Room 16 Louis James for having wonderful ideas in his writing. You have such a great imagination.

Room 17 Valentina Pook for always being a wonderful, lovely, engaged learner at home and at school. You can be proud of how well you manage all of your learning Valentina.

Room 18 Max Khouri for settling back into school life so happily and having such a positive attitude to absolutely everything we do at school.

Room 20 Emily Hancock for a brilliant attitude to our EOTC week, it's so good to have you in the class

Room 21 Felix Roussel for working hard with all the Bubble teachers over Lockdown

Room 23 Hazel Fox for always having a positive attitude to school and giving everything a go!

WELL DONE, KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!

FOOD TRUCK POP UP!



**LALELE
ORGANIC
GELATO**



**LANGOS
FRIED BREAD
PUFFS**

EVERY THURSDAY

2PM - 7PM

57 ISLINGTON STREET