

Kōwhai parent information session 2022

Year 5

Room 5 Stephen Bergin
Room 6 Sarah Tomlins
Room 7 Sarah Radcliffe

Year 6

Room 8 Amy Moll/Alana Bebich Batterbury
Room 9 Arran Connor
Room 23 Gail Brooke/Morgan Johnston



What we will be talking about:

School values and expectations, tools for learning

Curriculum coverage for Term 1 and homework

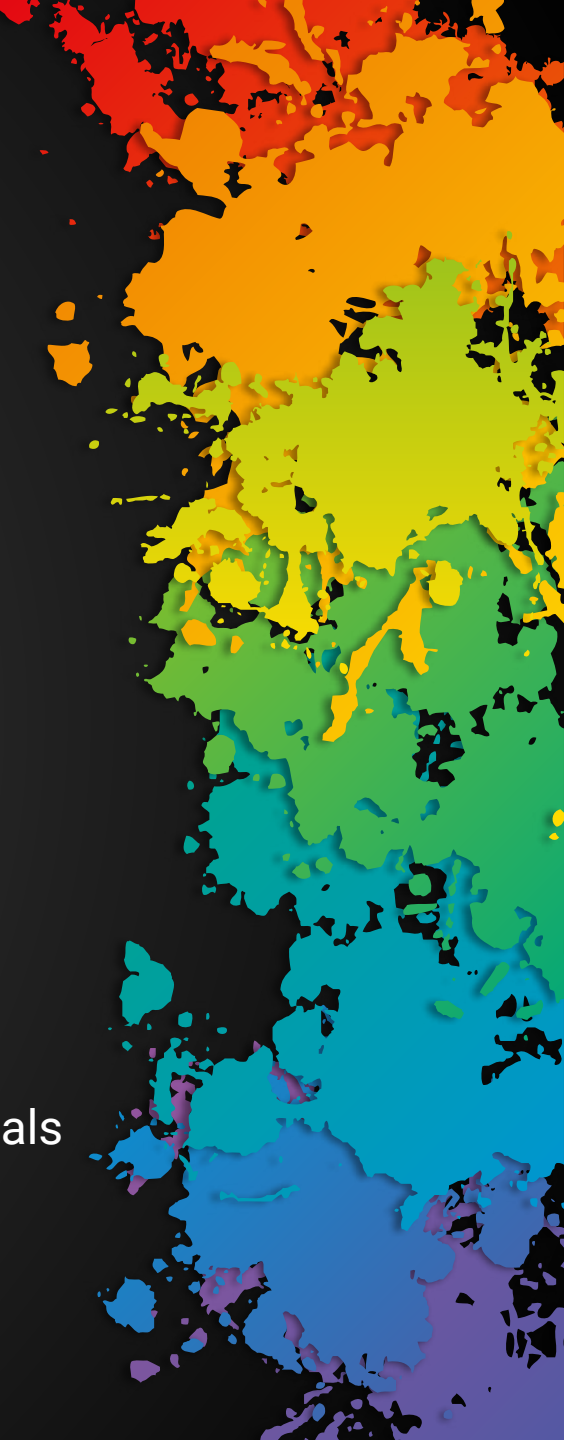
Thursday Program

Inner City Sports

Events for Term 1 and beyond

Communication avenues - class twitter accounts, our Deputy Principals

Reminders for the calendar

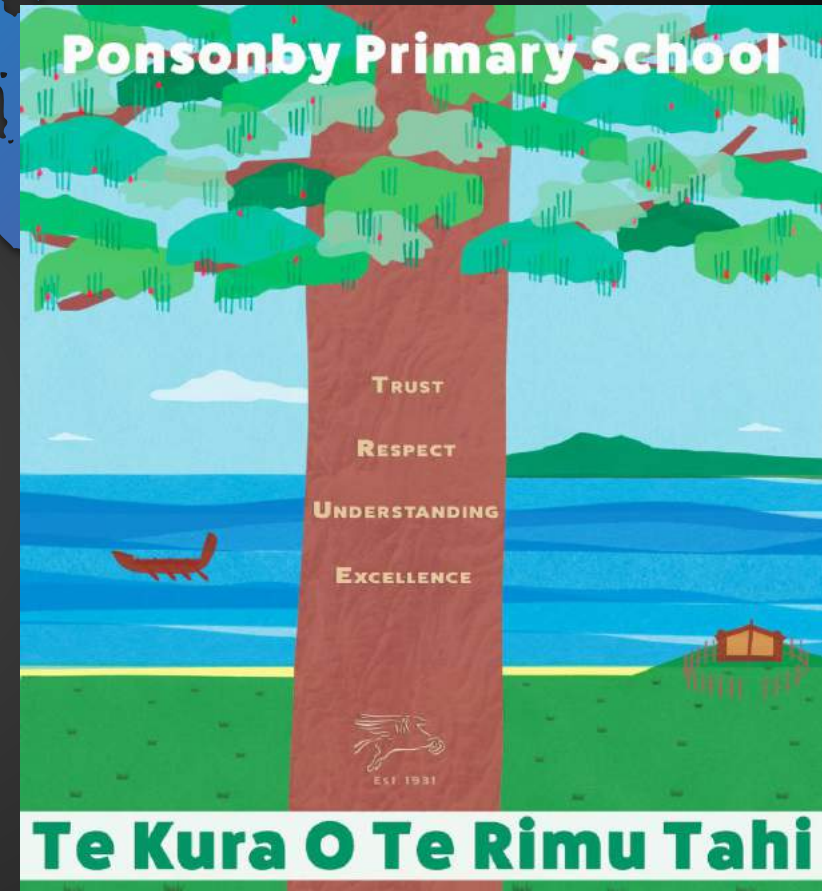


School Values and Kōwhai Expectations

- T: Trust
- R: Respect
- U: Understanding/Empathy
- E: Excellence

We want our Kōwhai students to:

- Become role models
- Be responsible
- Develop personal resilience
- Develop self-management
- Get involved!



Te Kura O Te Rimu Tahī

Tools for learning

In addition to the traditional stationery items, students require a digital device for their learning. This tool for learning (computer, chromebook, macbook...) needs to be at school daily, fully charged and ready to go. Due to the uncertainty around learning at school and at home we will be setting up our digital resources as quickly as we can and supporting students to become familiar using them.

We want our Kōwhai students to become confident and skilled digital citizens. However, this does not mean they are on their device all day! We want to have a healthy mix of digital and non-digital activities where students are at ease using a range of tools - they can choose what tool works best for them in each situation in consultation with their teacher.



Term 1 Curriculum Overview



Engaging
evidence-
based
learning

Maths: We are continuing our problem solving approach using the ‘Developing Mathematical Inquiry’ approach. We are supported again by our fantastic maths facilitator, Lucie Cheeseman.

This year we have changed our online platform to Sumdog which students will use to support their learning in the classroom and at home. Tasks align with what we are covering in class and are easily tracked by teachers.

Inquiry and Writing: This term our inquiry focus will be based on the whakatauki “If you know who you are and where you are from then you will know where you are going.” Students will develop an understanding of their own strengths and emotions, and will build the skills to express who they are.

In writing, we will focus on the biography genre to tie in with our inquiry unit. Students will learn about the purpose and audience, structure and language features of biographical texts, before writing their own biographical piece about someone special in their lives.

Homework expectations

Homework is not about new learning, but rather becoming better at skills already taught in the classroom. It also shouldn't become a battle with your child - please talk with your child's teacher at any time about how to manage it.

In Kōwhai Team students will have a weekly homework sheet that is assigned on Google Classroom which will include the following tasks:

Reading - 20 minutes each night, with a reading log to fill in

Spelling - New words each week

Maths - Sumdog tasks and basic facts where needed

Inquiry - Optional activities to complete over the term linked to our inquiry topic

Homework starts this week!

NOTE: There will be no homework in the first and last week of the term.

Thursday Program

We are hoping this goes ahead in these uncertain times. We are due to start this next week.

- Thursday is an important part of our curriculum. Children select from a range of activities and manage their day with the support of the teacher
- An activities timetable is currently being put together and will be made available to students and parents by the end of this week
- Students will have the opportunity to sign up for activities by the end of this week and create their timetable. They are encouraged to be involved in as many activities as possible - giving things a go that they haven't tried before!

MyTime – Student Name		
Weekly Timetable		
Week: 3		
Date: 16/02/17		
9-11 Mr Allen 9-11 Miss Seaman 9-10 Miss Kersten 10.30-11 Mrs Derry 10-11 Mr Naera		
Time	Subject & Room	My Time Task
9-9.45	APPA choir (Hall)	
10-11	10-11 movie making - Miss Sauebier (Ehub)	
Morning Tea		
11.30-1 Miss Kersten 1.30-12.00 Mr Allen 11.30-1 Ms Derry 12.15-1.00 Mr Naera		
Time	Subject & Room	My Time Task
11.30-12.15	Kapa Haka (Hall) Mr aera	
12.00	Music Lesons Piano	
Lunch		
Mr Naera 2-3		
Time	Subject & Room	My Time Task
2-3	Cartooning Room 5	

Thursday Program

Also part of our Thursday Program: Y5 Wellbeing Hour and Y6 Leadership Hour. This takes place from 9-10am every Thursday.

Year 5 classes will have an hour of wellbeing activities based around 'the 5 ways to wellbeing' including themes of anxiety, courage, developing gratitude and being resilient.

In Year 6, every student has the opportunity to be part of our *Rangatiratanga* programme. There are 5 different leadership groups: Sustainability, Cultural, Health and Wellbeing, House Captains and Student Coaches. These groups meet from 9 - 10 every Thursday with their lead teacher.

Sport

There are many sporting opportunities provided to Kōwhai students throughout the year, including netball, basketball and splash polo as well as the many Inner City events.

At Ponsonby we pride ourselves on our commitment to fair play and displaying sportsmanship, and we have a code of conduct for both our students and parents to follow when representing the school. A copy of this code of conduct will be sent home this week to be signed and returned before any students represent our school.

Our sports coordinator is Arran Connor, so if you have any questions regarding any of the sporting opportunities at Ponsonby Primary School, you can contact him at aconnor@ponsprim.school.nz

EOTC

Year 5

Surfing @ Orewa - Term 4
Marae Visit - Term 4

Year 6

Motutapu Camp - Term 4



More information on all of these trips will be provided closer to the time.

We can't do these trips without you! We require parents to join us for many of the activities.

Communication

Follow your child's classroom twitter account to see the amazing learning that happens each week!

Mr Bergin [Room 5](#)

Ms Tomlins [Room 6](#)

Mrs Radcliffe [Room 7](#)

Ms Moll & Ms Bebich [Room 8](#)

Mr Connor [Room 9](#)

Ms Brooke & Ms Johnston [Room 23](#)



Communication

Susan Robins our SENCO/Deputy Principal is the go-to person to talk about the specialised needs of your child.

Francis Naera our Deputy Principal is the person in charge of the Ponsonby Parent Support Group (PPSG)

The PPSG's main role is to ensure that our community is involved via fundraising to ensure that we can maintain the quality of resources that our school needs.

How can you help:

- Come along to the first PPSG meeting (check newsletter for dates)
- Become a Class Parent Liaison
- Provide support for our fundraisers

There are 2 major fundraisers - Taste of Ponsonby and Guy Fawkes (T4)

If you would like to volunteer as your classes' parent liaison, please send the teacher an email by the end of this week!



Reminders

- Teacher emails available on the school website
- See school website and calendar for latest information
- Puberty talks information Zoom session for parents - Tuesday 22nd of February 6-7pm
- Year 6 - Puberty talks - Week 4, Wednesday 23rd February
- Netball trials - Monday 7th and Wednesday 9th March (during school day)
- Week 4 (21st Feb) PAT online testing - maths, comprehension, vocab, grammar & punctuation
- Year 4-6 Swimming Sports TBC
- Teacher Only Day - Week 7, Friday 18th March
- 3 Way Learning Conversations - Week 11, Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th April
- Last day of Term 1 Thursday April 14th



Thank you!

This slideshow will soon be up on the school website in the presentations tab