

# Ponsonby Primary School

## Te Kura o te Rimu Tahī

### Message from the Principal

Kia ora parents and whanau,

If you ever need a boost to kick start your day, welcoming children into school is so uplifting. There are so many smiles and you can't help but feel positive! Our thanks to all your children who greet us and ask us how we are. This community grows pretty amazing people! We know that there will be some anxiety and worry around. We are here to help with returning to school, talk to us if your child is having difficulty coming into school, we will do our best to help in any way we can.



It has been a busy week for our Yr 3-6 students as they have been sitting their PAT tests. We will be doing catch up testing next week for students who were absent this week due to sickness and self isolation.

Our Year 6 students had their Puberty information days this week and also started their first Thursday Program activities. The Thursday program for our students gives them the opportunity to access a broader curriculum and really foster independence. We also kicked off the Year 6 leadership Program. It was fantastic to see the vision the Year 6 leaders have for their groups this year. We will keep you posted around the great work these groups will be undertaking this year. We will also be presenting each Yr 6 student their badge either this term or next term when we can eventually run assemblies.

We are trying to keep things as normal as possible for our students.

As we move into phase three of the Covid Response Framework, it is very important that if students are showing any types of covid like symptoms please keep children at home. Earlier today I sent an email regarding the changes under Phase three for our school. We are still in Red and the only thing that really changes is the differences in contact tracing and close contacts. With these new changes it will make it less disruptive for students as cases arise in their classrooms, the students in that class are no longer deemed as close contacts. We still need to be vigilant and follow the guidelines provided to us by the Ministry of Health.



**Week 4**  
**Term 1**

#### Sibling Enrolments

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

**Brimmed hats for all children is compulsory at school.**



It is now more important than ever that we have your updated contact information. So if you know that your details have changed please email Karla Hobday ([khobday@ponsprim.school.nz](mailto:khobday@ponsprim.school.nz)) with your new details. If you have changed your phone number or email address since your child enrolled with us and you haven't given us the new information please do this as a matter of urgency.

You would think things are challenging for kids. But as I wander around school you can see the smiles (even from behind a mask), you can hear the excited chatter of children sharing stories and the joy of learning is in every corner of the school.

We are taking great care of your children and we are looking after our staff - we are doing everything possible to keep things as normal as we can.

Kind regards

Ngā mihi

Sanjay Rama

## Ponsonby Primary Weekend Weather Forecast

SATURDAY

FINE. LIGHT WINDS AND SEA  
BREEZES.



26°C

SUNDAY

PARTLY CLOUDY WITH LIGHT  
WINDS. ISOLATED SHOWERS AND  
SOUTHEASTERLIES DEVELOPING  
IN THE MORNING.



27°C



#### • **OFFICIAL SCHOOL CALENDAR ASSISTANT APP**

So you can more easily stay on top of school communications this year, please ensure you download our school app (if you haven't already). Please click [HERE](#) to learn more and complete the form. You will then receive an email from myWhānau with the link to download the app and your log-in details. Easy Peasy!

By using the School Calendar Assistant, you will find managing school events and parent tasks much easier and simpler as each calendar entry contains all the details you need and links to forms and the original communication.

Any issues - please email [ponsonby@mywhanau.com.au](mailto:ponsonby@mywhanau.com.au) directly - the team at myWhānau are always happy to help our parents.

<https://www.mywhanau.com.au/join-school-calendar-assistant>

#### • **EZY LUNCH ORDERS**

Ezy Lunch will resume from Monday the 21st of February. You can order your child's lunch through kindo.

[https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/pdf/school/ponsonby\\_primary\\_school/Menu.pdf](https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/pdf/school/ponsonby_primary_school/Menu.pdf)

#### • **COVID 19 RED LIGHT FRAMEWORK**

All assemblies & Inner City sports are currently on hold during this alert level. .

#### • **SPLASH POLO**

Well done to all of our Year 4, 5 and 6's who have signed up for Splash Polo this term! By now, everyone should have been notified of their teams and their managers for this first term. Games start this Sunday at the AUT Millennium Pool, so best of luck to all our teams!

#### • **BASKETBALL**

Thank you to all of the keen Year 4-6 basketballers who have returned their form expressing their interest in playing in the North Harbour Tuesday Basketball League! Students and parents will be notified of the teams on Monday, with the competition commencing on Tuesday the 1st of March.

#### • **NETBALL UMPIRES NEEDED!!**

PPS needs some committed and trained umpires for the upcoming winter netball season. We will need umpires on both Monday and Wednesday afternoon/evenings. If you are interested please email Sarah on [sradcliffe@ponsprim.school.nz](mailto:sradcliffe@ponsprim.school.nz)

We can often organise transport to and from games if needed. If you are interested but untrained, check out the NNH website for more information about umpiring courses: <https://www.netballnorthharbour.co.nz/>

#### • **SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB** - Now available to order online <https://www.scholastic.co.nz/parents/lucky-book-club/>

(Parents just search Ponsonby Primary School)

Kia ora parents and whanau,

We are taking orders for our Ponsonby Primary School Hoodies.

If you would like to order one for your child you can use the attached order form to order. Payment can be made directly to the office, by bank transfer or via Kindo through the school website. An online order form must be filled out even if payment is made online, this ensures that we have the correct details, sizing and name for the order. Order form: <https://forms.gle/qjZS9HpCwJfXqi378>

Hoodies are available in sizes 6, 8, 10, 12 and adult sizes. Samples for sizing are available in the office. They are \$45 each which includes the personalised naming on the back of each jersey.

Order forms must be completed by Friday the 24th March with payment completed. The hoodies will then be delivered to the children once they have returned from our distributors.

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## WEEKEND BRUNCH - NEW TO DAPHNES TAVERNA

Full Greek Styled Brunch Menu, Coffees,  
Champagne and that long weekend Brunch  
feel

Bring the kids, enjoy with friends & family.  
We have a front terrace in the sun.

Walk in or book on our website for groups of  
6+ guests

71 Ponsonby Road

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[daphnes.co.nz](https://daphnes.co.nz)



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## **This weeks Pegasus Flyer recipients are....**

**Room 1 Emma Ashworth** for managing herself in her learning and having such a positive attitude

**Room 2 D'Arcy Erson** for being a kind, considerate and hardworking member of Room 2

**Room 3 Valentina Pook** for writing and sharing a brilliantly creative story!

**Room 4 Kylie Nicholas** for her enthusiastic approach to all tasks. Keep it up!

**Logan Vroegop** for his great start to year 4. He is so focussed when working on his independent tasks.

**Room 5 Alysia Siatras** for striving for excellence in all areas of her learning &

**Thomas Aitken** for a fantastic start to year 5

**Room 6 Eva Forsman** for always treating others with respect and for being an excellent role model in the classroom and  
**Charles Wells** for being an amazing team member and for being so inclusive with others.

**Room 7 Angie Broughton** her helpfulness and her awesome work ethic in the classroom

**Charlie Hanna** for sharing his knowledge and ideas with others

**Room 8 Lula Wright & Jack Van Drongelen**

**Room 9 Emil Frye and Caitie Cameron**

**Room 10 Beau Johnston** trying really hard with his handwriting & **Neel Rahman** for working really hard with his spelling

**Room 11 Freddie Hill** for having a fantastic attitude to school and always trying your best & **Cooper Mulligan** for having a kind and considerate attitude to everyone in our class.

**Room 15 Emily Hancock** for her amazing positive attitude and always being one of the first on the mat, ready to learn.

**Nathan Bernhardt** for the thought and care he puts into his beautiful work.

**Room 17 Caspar king and Anna Ekanayaka**

**Room 18 Monty Moinfar** for being a Super Star Reader

**Zara Dunphy** for working so hard in all her learning and being a kind and helpful class mate

**Room 20 Isabelle Novak** for being so caring and kind, A true Pegasus Flier attitude. Well done!

**Room 21 Fox Falefitu** for writing 2 sentences all by himself! Fantastic! &

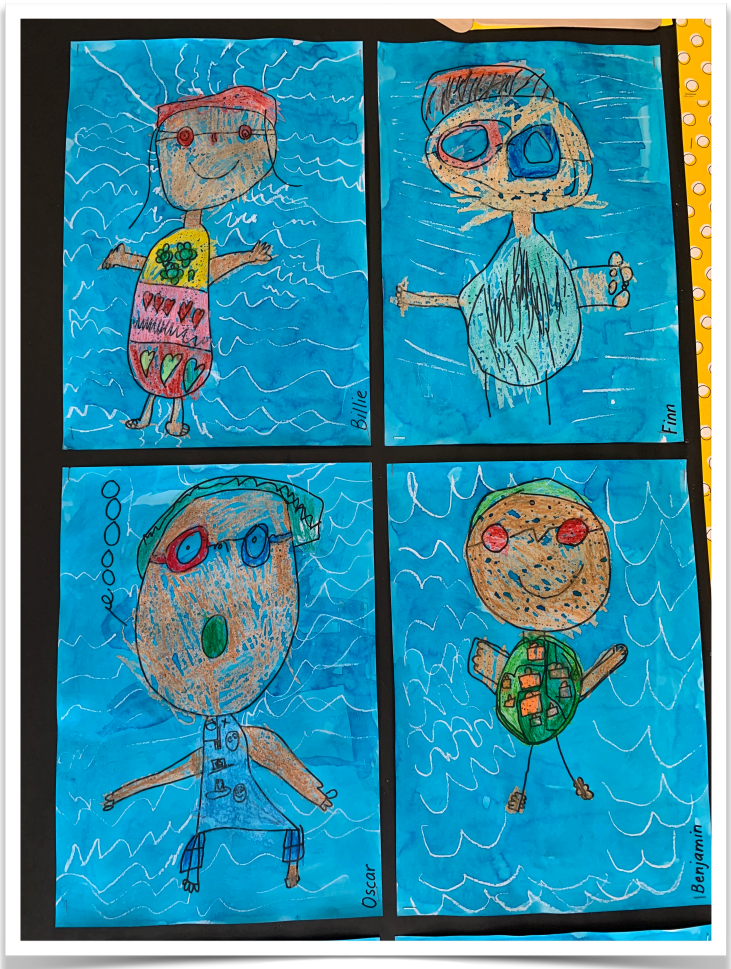
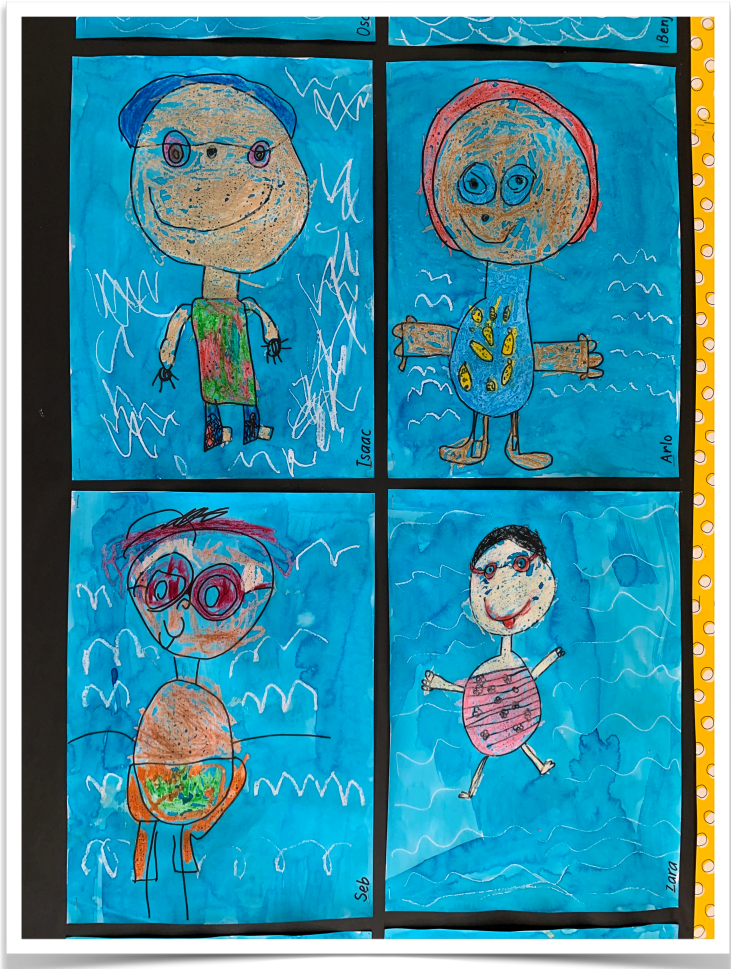
**Henning Barrow** for using his phonics knowledge to help with his writing! Keep it up Henning!!

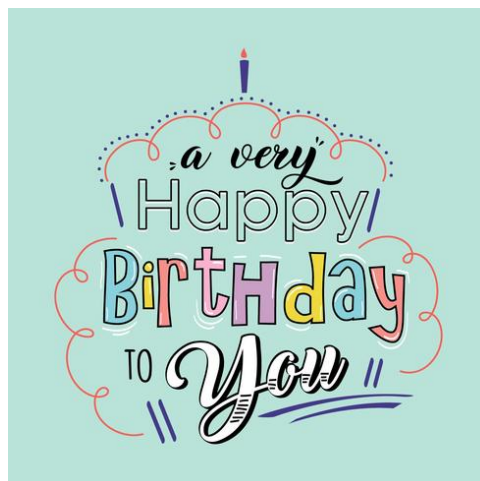
**Room 23 Jemima Wright** for being such an incredible time keeper and bell-ringer, plus you are also an amazing student.

**Evie Rodgers** for being such an incredible time keeper and bell-ringer, plus you are also an amazing student.



More lovely art work of room 18 enjoying the swimming pool. Well done Room 18!





## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL THE CHILDREN WHO HAVE A BIRTHDAY IN FEBRUARY

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Hugo Hind Y2  
Azeem Alibhai Y5  
Etta Avery Y3  
Emily White Y5  
Neve Dunphy Y6  
Freddie Hill Y4  
Estella Kember Y2  
Maya Taiaamoni Y4  
Rupert Potoi Y2  
Sienna Brown Y4  
Sunday Bartlett Y6  
Penelope Sigley Y6  
Madison Spicer Y5  
Keshav Manoj Nair Y6  
Emma Ashworth Y3  
Charley Craddock Y6  
Carson Smith Y2  
Lily Southcombe Y4  
Mikah Fung Y4  
Jax Munday Y4  
Autzen Nielson Y3  
Kylie Nicholas Y4

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## Room 21

Rosabella putting large numbers in order & the children having fun making some popcorn!

