

Ponsonby Primary School

Te Kura o te Rimu Tahī

Message from the Principal

Kia ora parents and whanau and As-salaam 'alykum,

This month is the start of the holy Muslim month of Ramadan and we appreciate that this is a significant and special time in the year for our Muslim students and families. To all our Muslim friends, we send our warmest Ramadan greetings. May this month of blessings be a time of contemplation and celebration.

As I write this newsletter, it is pleasing to see that the Omicron wave is starting to wane and we are starting to see evidence of less cases across our school community.

It has been fantastic to see so many of our students back at school, settling back into routines and connecting with their friends. We will continue to follow the guidance we receive from the Ministry of Health/Education with regards to hygiene and safety measures. We will make sure that you are kept up-to-date with what is happening as new information comes to hand.

We have had another busy week at Ponsonby Primary. Our Year 1 & 2 students have been enjoying their Rugby Rippa sessions with Ponsonby Rugby Club and the children are loving having this opportunity. A big thank you to the rugby club, they are great supporters of our community. The new season of rugby is starting up soon, contact the club if you are wishing to sign your child up.

Our Year 6 leadership (Rangatira) groups have been working very hard this term, all the groups have been busy organising initiatives that they see as being important to our school and community.

Yesterday our Year 6 Health and Well Being leadership organised the Crazy Mask Day! What a great initiative it was, it was fantastic seeing how creative our students are. Some of the creations were just outstanding.

A big thank you to Ms Brooke and the Yr 6 Health and Wellbeing leadership group for all the hard work they have put in to make a fun and creative day for our students.



Week 10 Term 1

School Procedures

Late - if your child arrives at school after 8:50am they need to please report to the office for a late slip.

Sick - Parents must report absence online or call the office before 8:30am.

Holidays - If your child will be off for more than four days please email Sanjay for approval & also include the office in the email.

Picking up early
- All communication to go through the office and all children must be signed out in the yellow book.

This week we have started the refurbishment of the classroom blocks in Rooms 5 to 9, these classrooms will be modernised to a standard where the rooms are user friendly and more workable for our students and teachers. The focus of refreshments in these classrooms will be to improve acoustic and lighting and we envisage the project to be completed by the end of Term 2 or beginning of Term 3.

School Docs - Policies and Procedures

Each term, board members, staff, and whānau are asked to review and comment on specific school policies. This feedback is captured and synthesised to see if/when changes in policy could be made to reflect our context. This feedback is valuable and much appreciated. The review can be made any time up until the end of the current term.

This term's policies that are up for review are: Health & Safety Management and Emergency, Disaster and Crisis Management.

Visit the website <https://ponsprim.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.ht>

This will take you to the School Docs webpage. Please log in: Username: ponsprim Password: Ponsonby

Click 'Current Review'. Follow the instructions on that page. Click on the policy that you would like to review and give feedback on.

Have a fantastic weekend!

Ngā mihi nui,

Sanjay Rama

Ponsonby Primary Weekend Weather Forecast

SATURDAY

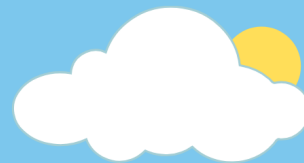
MORNING CLOUD AND A CHANCE
OF A LIGHT SHOWER, THEN FINE.
SOUTHWESTERLIES TURNING
EASTERLY BY AFTERNOON.



23°C

SUNDAY

PARTLY CLOUDY.
NORTHEASTERLIES DYING OUT.



23°C

Dear parents and caregivers,

You may have noticed a photographer taking pictures at recent events. He is Aleph and Zhaleh Reade-Shareef's dad, Bryn Reade. To help with the school's fundraising, Bryn is making his photographs available to download for private use. All he asks in return is that you make a donation of \$10 to the school's donation account for each photograph downloaded. Please follow the links below to see his shots from the recent swimming sports he was able to attend. He will be making pictures from other events available in the near future.

[Year 1 & 2 Swim Sports](#)

[Year 5 Swim Sports](#)

If you have any photographic project you'd like to discuss with Bryn his contact details are: Bryn Reade

bryn.reade@gmail.com Tel: 02041285434

SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINIC

AT PARNELL LAWN TENNIS CLUB (Auckland Domain - next to Museum)

FOR MORE DETAILED PROGRAM INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT

<http://www.parnelllawntennisclub.co.nz/junior-programme/>

Stay fit & feel fantastic this winter!

Not all workouts are created equal - Suna Pilates brings you a unique and very effective exercise style that gets results faster, by focusing on great posture and breathing technique. If you are keen to add to your fitness repertoire, or start integrating fitness that really works into your lifestyle, Suna has two VIP offers for Ponsonby Primary Parents (and yes, you can bring your bestie). Choose

- A Free Week at Suna studio (try both Reformer and Pilates Fit classes, with small classes for personalised guidance)

- Get 5 Personal Training Sessions for \$250 (RRP \$385)

Suna Pilates is just 8 minutes across the bridge, with loads of easy car parking and open 7 days a week.

Interested? Give Kiri a call on 09 4891789 and she'll get you booked in.

1 Barrys Point Road, Takapuna www.pilates.co.nz

Everyone had a lot of fun on Crazy Mask Day yesterday.



Cultural Toa Pegasus Flyier award recipients are....

Room 1 Oscar Heiplik for being understanding and empathetic to others in our class. It is lovely to have such a caring person in Room 1.

Room 2 D'Arcy Erson for truly understanding and demonstrating our school values each and every day and **Charlotte Reeves** for always demonstrating and showing understanding of our school values on a daily basis. **Levi Carter** for being so inclusive, compassionate and kind in our class.

Room 3 Hugo Jamieson for being a kind and inclusive classmate, especially to the new members of Room 3.

Henry Sundstrum for being a compassionate and inclusive friend to everyone! You always have time to help and support. Keep shining!

Room 4 Maya Taiaamoni for being such a kind, helpful classmate to everyone in Room 4 and **Estelle Haletama** for her caring attitude to everyone in Room 4, including her teacher.

Room 5 Lucy Simeon for the excellent progress she has shown in Mathematics this term, and **Lucija Bulog** for the kindness and enthusiasm she shows in the classroom, and always volunteering to help.

Room 6 Charlotte Erson for being kind and respectful to all other students and staff! **Hunter Bryant-Linn** for being inclusive of other students and morning tea and lunchtime!

Room 7 Kai White for an awesome effort in being on task as well as being an inclusive and kind classmate. Way to go, Kai! **Barnaby Yelash** for being a kind and thoughtful classmate who demonstrates the values of our school in and out of the classroom. Keep up the great work, Barnaby!

Room 8 Flynn Ferguson for showing focus and motivation in your biography writing. Keep up the great work! **Isobel Cole** for being an inspirational Year 6 role model through your behaviour, your leadership and your love of learning. What a star!

Room 10 Saipele-John Maea Brown for always being a kind and respectful person and **Louis James** for working hard towards working on his learning goals.

Room 11 Ella Gartshore for being an inclusive member of our class and our school! You are a great friend to everyone! and **Olli Robinson** for your positive attitude to school and showing magnificent perseverance in your Writing! Keep it up :)

Room 15 Lily Nicholas and Connor Mason.

Room 17 Elliott Baker and Summer Millington for kindness.

Room 18 Benjamin Chen for being a kind friend to his classmates. **Sebastian Riley** for always wanting to help look after new children to our class.

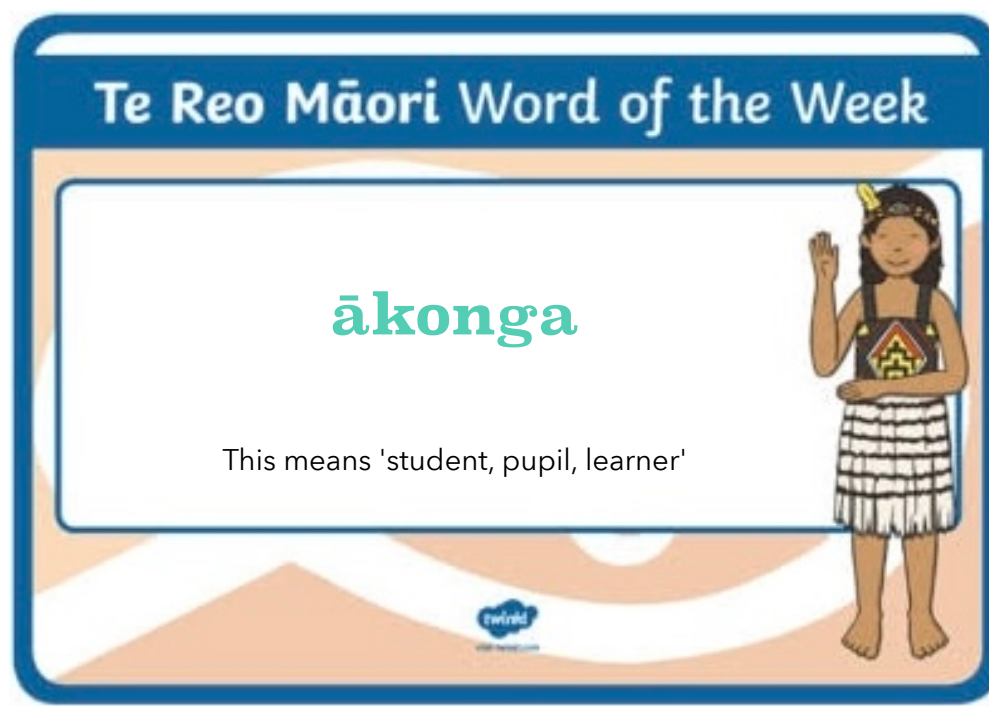
Room 20 Lorenzo Stewart for always being kind and looking out for his friends and **Mandi Salo** for always being kind, caring and a thoughtful friend.

Room 21 Hugo Wilson for being kind, thoughtful and inclusive & **Fox Falefitu** for being kind, thoughtful and inclusive.

Room 23 Penelope Sigley for working respectfully with the students in the Health and Wellbeing Leadership group.

Olivia Allsopp- Smith for being a trustworthy and respectful student in all learning situations. Way to go Olivia!

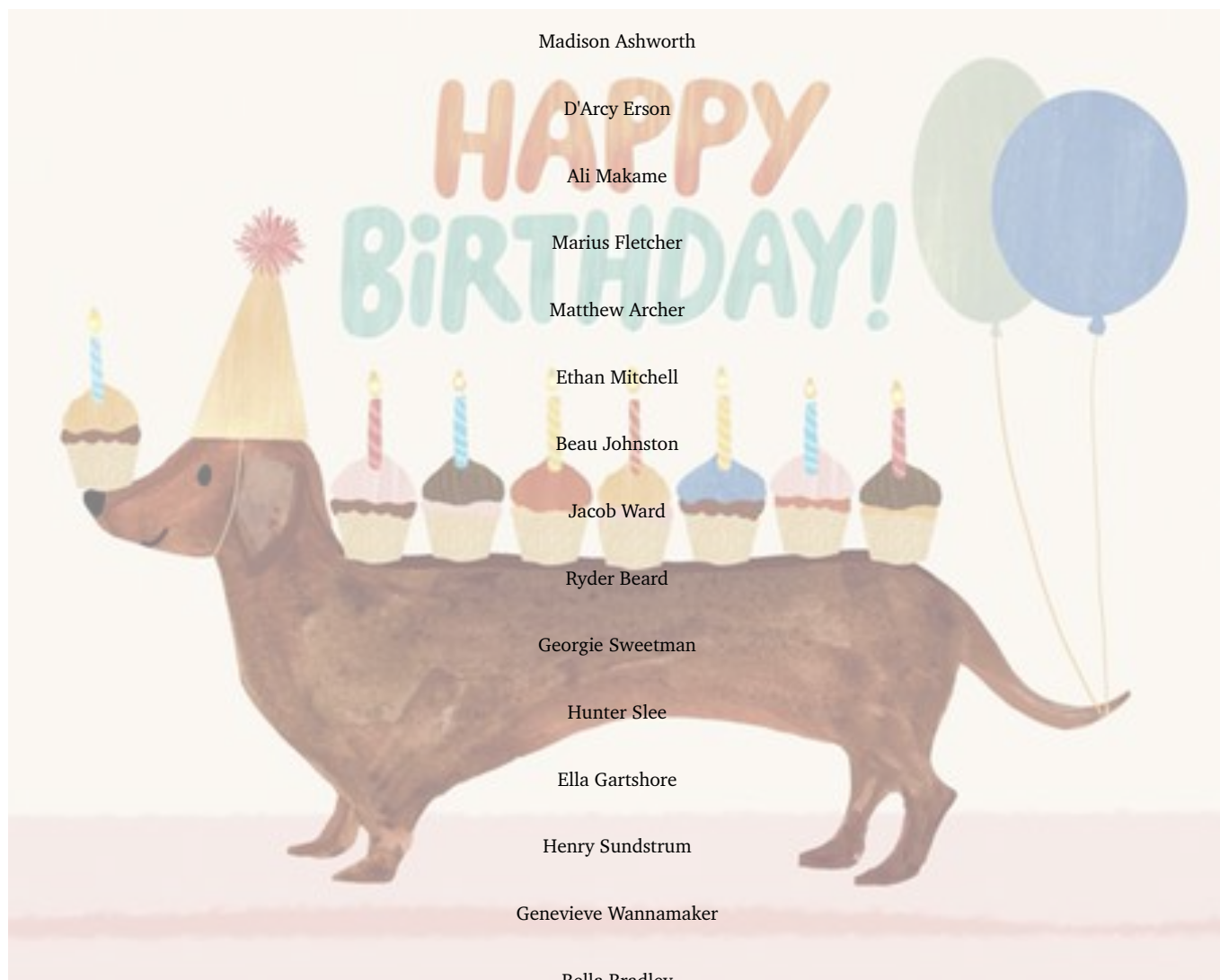
WELL DONE, KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!



Congratulations to all the children that received certificates today for the senior swimming sports.



April Birthdays



Bella Bradley

Billie Hannah

Max Hannah

Oscar Heiplik

Samuel Grover

Honor Kirton Belich

James Goodall

Dominic Taupeaafe

Asher Taylor

Oscar Buchanan

Nova Young

Magnus Falk



Kids Bootcamp

by FitnessAllTogether.

An inclusive, adapted, positive and playful way to keep your kids mentally & physically fit during the holidays!

Sessions	Breakdown
Tuesday 19th 9-11am Ponsonby Primary	9am: drop off / meet 9:15am: Block 1: Fitness
Thursday 21st 9-11am Ponsonby Primary	9:35am: Block 2: Yoga 10:00am: Break
Tuesday 26th 9-11am Ponsonby Primary	10:15am: Block 3: Fitness 10:35am: Block 4: Yoga
Thursday 28th 9-11am Ponsonby Primary	10:50am: Together to end

What to expect?
Our sessions have a mix of Fitness, Yoga, Meditation and breath-work activities run by certified instructors in a safe environment. Groups will be split into 5 to 7yo and 8 to 11yo.

What's the vibe?
Collaborative, inclusive, playful.
Parent friendly (if you're going to hang around, we would love you to join in with us!)

\$40 per person per session (or \$140 for all four!)
Limited sign-ups available. Book your space NOW!

Fitnessalltogether.co.nz
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For more information contact Kevin: kevin@fitnessalltogether.co.nz



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THE AUCKLAND PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

APRIL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

HIP HOP
MAGICAL MYTHICAL CREATURES
DIRECTING & SCREENWRITING
CIRCUS ARTS
TIKTOK DANCE SUPERSTAR
FILM & TV AUDITION WORKSHOPS
SUPERHERO STAGE COMBAT
SWORD COMBAT FOR FILM
PACIFIC DANCE ONLINE

ENROL AT WWW.TAPAC.ORG.NZ
100 MOTIONS ROAD, WESTERN SPRINGS

Mila's Toy and Clothing Market

Saturday 1pm

13 West End rd
Herne Bay

021674644

Camilla Dresses size 6-8
New Addidas shoes still in boxes
Ski clothes size 4 - 12
Ski boots
Snow boots

Wave Warriors

Holiday Surf Programme

The NZ Surf Academy are running their popular holiday surf programme over the autumn holidays for 6-16yr olds at Orewa Beach

Fun, Safe, Active & Healthy

6-16yr olds | 5 & 4 Day Programme | \$195 per person

19 - 22 April | 25 - 29 April | AM or PM session times

Suitable for beginner and intermediate surfers – developing surf skills and water confidence in a fun and safe environment at Orewa Beach



Limited spaces | Please email to book

surf@nzsurfacademy.co.nz

www.nzsurfacademy.co.nz



The Nanette Cameron
School of
Interior Design



speech & drama

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

sibling & bring-a-friend discounts available!

dates & location?
Tuesday 26th - Friday 29th April
9am - 5pm each day
At The Ponsonby Community Centre

prices?
• 1 day = \$80
• 2 days = \$150
• 3 days = \$210
• 4 days = \$280
Siblings = 10% discount.
Bring-a-friend = Mention the friend who recommended our holiday programme to you and you'll both get a 10% discount.
*Siblings discounts and bring-a-friend discounts may not be used in conjunction with each other.

what's in it for the kids?
Head Held High holiday programmes are full of fun, learning and creativity for students aged Year 1 to Year 8. The programmes are taught by the same professional, enthusiastic and caring teachers who teach our speech and drama lessons across Auckland during the school terms, and they pack the day with speech and drama games and activities that kids love.
Designed by our Head of Teaching - Erica Kröger - each day will be as FUN as possible for the children, whether they're having their first taste of speech and drama or are experienced campaigners with Head Held High.
It's really important to us that all students feel welcome and comfortable, regardless of their level of previous speech & drama experience or interest. Our teachers are experts at reading the individual requirements within a group, and the holiday programme games and activities will be delivered in ways that are engaging and challenging to all individuals' skill levels, simultaneously.

who for?
For students in Year 1 to Year 8.
Open to all-comers, from all schools.

please bring
Morning tea, lunch, water bottle.

enrol or enquire www.headheldhigh.co.nz/holiday-programmes