

# Ponsonby Primary School

## Te Kura o te Rimu Tahī

### Message from the Principal

Kia ora parents and whanau,

Last week the government made some announcements regarding the Covid Protection Framework. Although the lifting of restrictions may lead to some feelings of unease, I think many of us would agree that it feels really good to be moving forwards and slowly getting back to more normal routines. With vaccination rates very high, we are able to re-establish more connections and activity in school and life. We have seen Covid-19 cases in the school drop over the last couple of weeks and it is fantastic that our daily attendance levels have continued to increase. Please continue to be vigilant and watch for Covid-19 symptoms in your household over the coming weeks. We only have 6 current cases among our students so are at the tail end of it.



Today we held our annual Year 5-6 swimming sports. It was such a fantastic day! All our children were involved and every child had a go! Our children were resilient, encouraging and I was truly proud of them all. Congratulations to all students who placed but also a big congratulations to all our students for completing what would have been a huge effort for some. A big thank you to Mr Connor and all our wonderful teachers who did such a great job on the day. It was extra special to have our parents supporting their children at the event, little things like this are so special for our students as we have had to deal with having events without our parents, so today was extra special to welcome you back!

As we are fast approaching the end of the term, I have noticed that the lost property in the hall is mounting. Parents, over the next 2 weeks you will be able to come onsite to check the lost property, please make sure you have a look through and collect any items which belong to your child.

The lost property will be removed at the end of the term and be donated to a clothing charity - thank you so much to our parents Emily and Farmer who organise this for us every year.

Our Parent Liaisons have sent information to you all about our upcoming fundraiser, the Taste of Ponsonby which take place in term 2. If you are able to donate auction items, food, or help in any way, please get in touch.



**Week 9**  
**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.**



We have a busy end to the term. You would have received an email from your child's classroom teacher regarding Three way learning conversations. These are taking place in Week 11 and they will be online. If you are yet to book in, please contact your child's teacher.

Also a reminder, if you have not paid your school donations you can either pay online or in the office.

Have a fantastic weekend!

Ngā mihi nui,

Sanjay Rama

## Ponsonby Primary Weekend Weather Forecast

### SATURDAY

PARTLY CLOUDY, WITH AREAS OF  
MORNING LOW CLOUD OR FOG.  
ONE OR TWO SHOWERS  
AFTERNOON AND EVENING. LIGHT  
WINDS.



24°C

### SUNDAY

PARTLY CLOUDY. SOUTHWEST  
BREEZES.



24°C

### CERTIFICATES

Certificates for the year 4, 5 & 6 children that placed in the swimming events will be handed out next week at school.

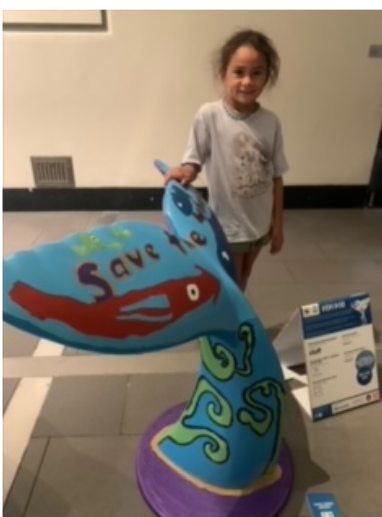


## Trees for Survival



Here are some of our Sustainability leaders taking care of the Trees for Survival Trees. When the trees are taller than 30cm, they need to trim them to encourage stronger growth lower down.

Room 21 showcasing their wonderful writing skills to Mr Rama.



Room 1 visiting the Auckland War Memorial Museum where our Whale Tail is displayed.

## **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/>

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## **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](http://www.pilates.co.nz)



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



**Room 1 Kaiya Parker** for putting in 100% effort into Swimming. It was so lovely to see you working hard on your breathing.

**Room 2 Parker Elliot** for showing outstanding focus in his biography writing about Margaret Mahy.

**Room 3 Hugo Chamberlain** for working really hard on his biography writing and always having a wonderful sense of humour. You are such a delight to have in Room 3!!

**Room 4 Marissa Chen** for a great term's work. She is a star!

**Room 5 Honor Hodson** for consistently finishing all of her work, and her detailed answers in Reading; and **Azeem Alibhai** for an excellent week at school. Well done!

**Room 6 Flynn Ramsay** for a fantastic first term at PPS, you have made some great friendships! **Minnie Leys** for attention to detail and beautiful colour choices in her art!

**Room 7 Neo Huang-Heinzel** for showing excellence with his learning and putting in an awesome amount of effort. Way to go, Neo! and **Honor Kirton-Belich** for consistently doing her best in all areas of the curriculum, including the swimming pool. Keep up the great work, Honor!

**Room 8 Hugo Wells** for showing maturity and focus in your learning this week. Keep up the great work Hugo and **Lucy Robinson** for always sharing such creative, inspiring ideas. You are a role model!

**Room 10 Inez Byers** for working so hard on her swimming this term and **Edie Kirton-Belich** for working hard on her writing - especially her punctuation.

**Room 11 Eli Hancock** for smashing your Maths goal this term! You are a times tables superstar and **Magnus Falk** for always being a friend to everyone and having such a positive attitude to your learning.

**Room 15 Max Khouri** for the beautiful detail and care he put into publishing his "Special Person" biography.

**Room 17 Nico McKay** for writing a wonderfully descriptive biography about Frank and **Mario Pitto** for writing a wonderfully interesting biography about Uncle Mario.

**Room 20 Ira Sehgal** for your hard work and caring attitude. Well done! You are a star!

**Room 21 Claudia Hill** for showing independence and perseverance in her writing

**Room 23 Benji Lang** for the thoughtful and respectful way he treats his peers and **Ruby Collier** for showing excellence in her attitude towards all aspects of her learning.

**WELL DONE, KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!**



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Donation reminders - end of tax year

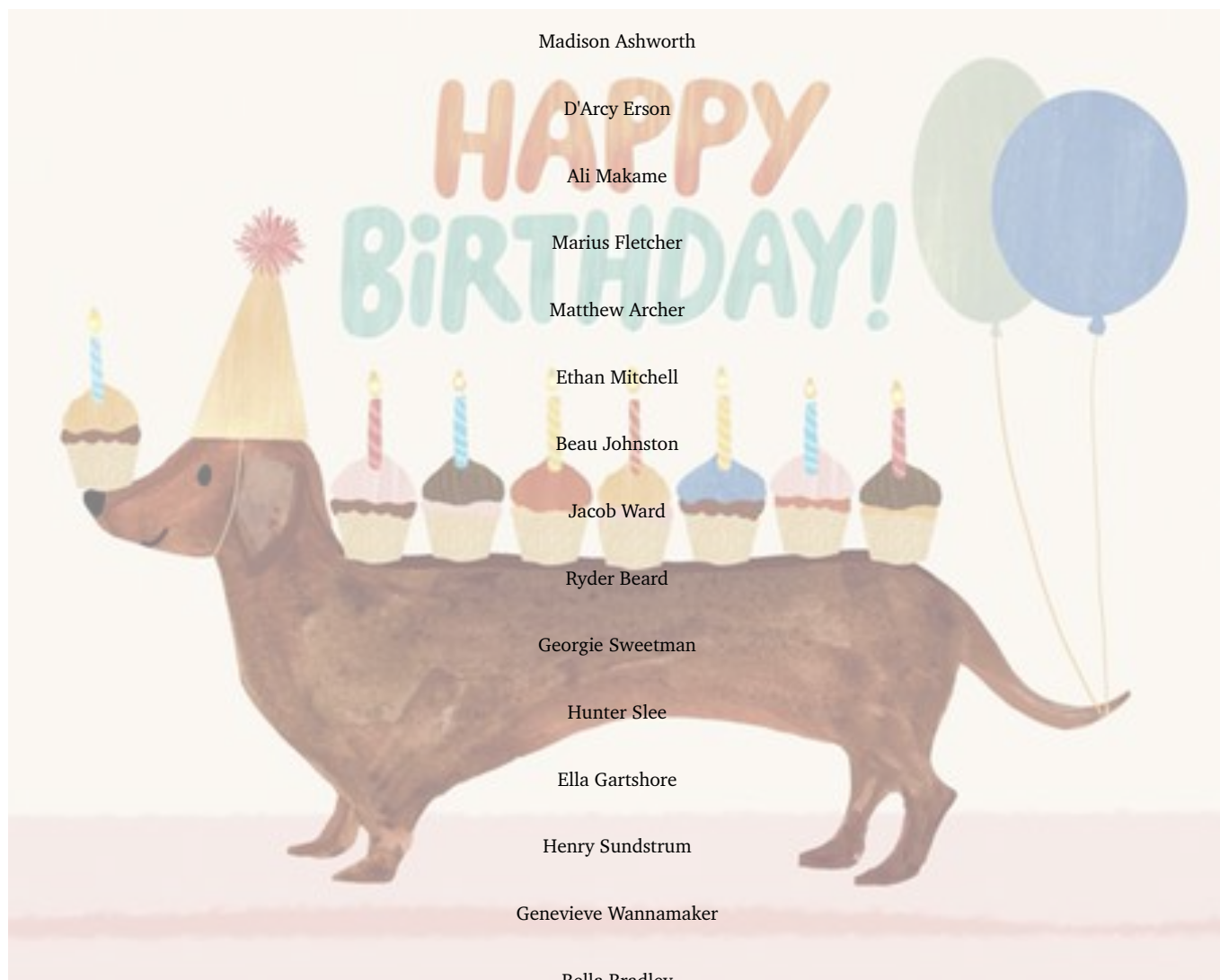
With the tax year fast approaching any donations paid now can be claimed quickly..

A big advantage for families (and for your school!).

Paying through Kindo can also bring in extra revenue for school through our partners TaxGift & Supergenerous. Families can gift their tax rebate to your school, so a \$100 donation paid today can be worth an \$140 over the next few years. ALSO they can choose to do this for 4 years unclaimed receipts. Families register as they pay a donation and we handle the rest.



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

**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



**24 JANUARY - 18 APRIL 2022**  
Whale Tales is an immersive public art trail, across Tāmaki Makaurau!

Inspired by the threatened (nationally critical) Bryde's whale, the trail is made up of 80 Big Broo and 82 Pepi Pod whale Tail sculptures dotted around Auckland's streets, parks, and open spaces.

Explore the unique and stunning whale Tail sculptures, designed by talented artists and students, and sponsored by generous businesses and organisations. Every Tail has its own tale too, so soak up the rich stories as you journey through the trail.

After the trail ends, the sculptures will be auctioned to raise funds for WWF-New Zealand's vital work to protect and restore the Hauraki Gulf and the Bryde's whales that call it home.

**WHALE TALES APP**  
Download from the App Store or Google Play

**LOVE A TAIL? BID FOR IT AT AUCTION!**  
Register to bid email: kwals@wwf.org.nz

**VIRTUAL TRAIL**  
Can't get out and about? Then let's go virtual! virtual.whaletales2022.org

**DONATE**  
Test Whale to 2923 to donate \$3 to World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) - New Zealand. Funds will support work to restore the Hauraki Gulf and help save our Bryde's whales.

**AUCTION EVENT**  
Mon 2 May  
Bid to purchase your favourite Tail at this evening event!  
Online or in person: whaletales2022.org/events

**MERCH RANGE**  
shop.whaletales2022.org

**PRESENTED BY**  
Harcourts

A Wild in Art event in partnership with Auckland Unlimited

whaletales2022.org  
@whaletales2022  
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## 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

SNZ Surfing New Zealand Approved Surf School



**The Nanette Cameron School of Interior Design**



## speech & drama HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

**dates & location?**  
**Tuesday 26th - Friday 29th April**  
9am - 3pm 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.  
\*Sibling 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](http://www.headheldhigh.co.nz/holiday-programmes)