

Ponsonby Primary School

Te Kura o te Rimu Tahī

Message from the Principal

Kia ora parents and whanau,

Welcome back, I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful holiday! It has been great seeing so many parents returning to the school grounds and for you to finally be able to see your children's classrooms and properly meet your child's teacher in person, long may this continue!

We have another busy term ahead! We hope to continue our success on the sporting field this term, so good luck to the PPS netball, flippa ball, basketball, as well as all other PPS students playing sports this term. A big thank you to Sarah Radcliffe, Arran Connor who have done an amazing job organizing all our sports teams.

This week it has been great walking around the classrooms and to see how engaged and enthusiastic our learners are in their classroom and how welcoming the children are, this is so evident when Susan, Francis and I are at the gates in the morning.

Next week, we will be hosting the Inner City swimming event for Year 5 & 6 students. It will be held at the Millennium Institute on the north shore. A big thank you to Mr Naera for organizing this event. This is an event that will have over 200 students competing from all the local schools in our area. Good luck to our school team, let's bring back the Swimming Cup! Sticking with sports we will also be running our Yr 4-6 Cross country on Wednesday in week 3. This will take place at Grey Lynn park from 10am, it will be great to see you there supporting the children.

This year we have been fortunate enough to get funding to run a program called Mitey which is founded by Sir John Kirwan. Mental health education has never been more crucial for our children. Mitey is an evidence based, school wide approach to teaching mental health education which is built around the NZ Curriculum.

Mitey support ākonga (students) returning to school. Through literacy and art, building on themes of kindness and friendship, ākonga are given the opportunity to re-establish where they belong in their classroom, in their whānau and in their community. Throughout the year we will be sharing some of the amazing learning the children have undertaken during the Mitey program.



Week 1 Term 2

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.

Children and teachers are no longer required to wear masks at school but if we do see numbers of Covid cases increase,

We would then recommend children from Yr 4-6 to wear masks in indoor spaces, so parents it would be good for children from Yr 4-6 to have a mask in their bags just in case. Please keep children at home if they are showing symptoms as we are now approaching the winter months we need to be very vigilant around sickness.

Also just a reminder that our Taste of Ponsonby tickets are now on sale and you can either purchase them online or through the office.

To all the mums we wish you a Happy mothers day for Sunday, have a fantastic weekend.

Ngā mihi,

Sanjay Rama

The Kowhai children have been completing a collaborative steam challenge working on creativity, communication and critical thinking.



Ponsonby Primary Weekend Weather Forecast

SATURDAY'S FORECAST CONDITIONS



FINE WITH LIGHT WINDS.

21°

SUNDAY'S FORECAST CONDITIONS



FINE WITH LIGHT WINDS.

20°

Starring your Ponsonby Primary students
Isabella Bines, Naomi Moore & Eva Forsman



To book head to www.nyt.nz/programmes/frozen-jr
www.nyt.nz | [@nationalyouththeatre](https://twitter.com/nationalyouththeatre)

NOTICES

Next Friday 13th May our Sustainability leaders would like everyone to dress up as Under the Sea and bring a gold coin donation. We are fundraising for the Whale Tail that has been completed by Room 1. This will enable us to display our Whale Tail at school for everyone to enjoy.

Cross Country

Apologies there was an error in the notice that went home and that the Year 4-6 cross country is on the 18th of May

Dear parents and caregivers,

The Auckland Regional Dental Service (ARDS) is a DHB-operated service, which provides free dental care to children across the greater Auckland areas. In order to prevent any eligible children missing out on receiving the free dental care, ARDS is cross-checking their own records with school rolls.

For our children's better oral health and wellbeing, our school roll will be shared with the service as required. To find out more information about ARDS, please visit ards.co.nz or call 0800 TALK TEETH (0800 825 583).

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

Cultural Toa Pegasus Flyier award recipients are....

Room 1 Archie Dayal for using trial and error in his paper plane design for our STEAM challenge. Great Stuff! **Sylvie Whittle** for being so creative in our new maker space. We love seeing how you bring your ideas to life.

Room 2 Alex Johnston for a focused and enthusiastic start to term 2!!

Room 3 Max Gunn for settling so well into Room 3 and bringing his hard working and amazingly creative mind with him every day!

Room 4 Leon Kingan for an enthusiastic start to Term 2. He is ready to learn!

Room 5 Rachel Liu for making an amazing start to the new term. It's great to have you in our classroom Rachel!

Daniel Weatherley for working so well with his classmates and settling back into class routines. Great job Dan!

Room 6 Austin Li for putting his all into classroom activities! **Paul Royce** for bringing a positive attitude towards learning into term 2!

Room 7 Aleph Reade- Shareef for making a fabulous start to the term with great ideas and interesting thinking. Keep up the awesome work! **Remy Hart** for awesome learning and behaviour to start off a fresh term as a super role model to others. Way to go, Remy!

Room 8 Sunday Bartlett for being an exceptional Year 6 role model. You show respect, understanding and always try your best! **Matthew Archer** for a fantastic start to the new term. You are focused, motivated and pushing yourself to achieve your full potential.

Room 10 Beau Johnston for a wonderful start to Term 2

Room 11 Zoe Green for her kind, caring attitude and for always having a smile to give to everyone in our class!

Room 15 Bingham Hermann "always being a superstar listener and for his amazing "How to" writing this week.

Room 17 Elliot Baker being an independent writer. We love your wonderful stories. **Anna Ekanayaka** using her phonics skills to write amazing stories.

Room 20 Arlo Burke Akhtar for being a kind, caring and thoughtful friend

Room 21 Everyone in room 21 for a great first week back of term 1

Room 23 Evie Rodgers for always helping others and being a wonderful role model to your peers. **Benji Lang** for always being kind and respectful to others. You are a superstar!

WELL DONE, KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!



Pegasus Herald

The Pegasus Herald is Written and produced by our year 5 and 6 children during their Thursday program activities. A paper for the children, written by the children.



PONSONBY PRIMARY SCHOOL

SPEECH & DRAMA LESSONS

WHO?

Open to all Ponsonby Primary School students.

WHEN?

Lessons are held during school hours at Ponsonby Primary School, on Thursdays.

WHERE?

Ponsonby Primary School

LESSONS INCLUDE...

- Public speaking skills
- Acting skills
- Positive body language
- Speech writing & delivery
- Vocal skills
- Poetry recital
- Reading aloud
- Manners & relationship skills
- Building self-esteem & confidence

We also offer professional qualifications through our association with NZ Speech Board and Trinity College of London.

For more information

www.headheldhigh.co.nz • kateimlach@headheldhigh.co.nz • Kate 027 682 0300

In an ever-changing and fast-paced, technology-addicted world, it can be difficult to guesstimate what skills our children need in order to prepare them for an uncertain future.

However, there is a bedrock set of skills that have always been essential throughout history, and will continue to be for all generations to come. That is; the skills that give us the ability to communicate, to be creative, and to have a grounded sense of self-confidence.

In a nutshell this is exactly the family of skills that Head Held High speech and drama lessons are designed to develop.

At Head Held High we use hundreds of fun games and imaginative scenarios in our lessons, to teach conversation skills, confident body language, respect for ourselves and others, how to relate positively to peers and adults, public speaking skills, good manners, and harnessing creativity. All blended into a programme that all types of students love and have fun being a part of!

In addition to all of the above, Head Held high students also have the opportunity to gain globally recognised qualifications by sitting Trinity College of London or NZ Speech Board examinations.

To enrol for your no-obligation trial lesson simply visit:

www.headheldhigh.co.nz/enrol-for-head-held-high

Or, if you've got questions, we're happy to answer them!
Simply email: kateimlach@headheldhigh.co.nz



covid-19 protocols

Rest assured we are teaching this term in full accordance with your school's Covid-19 protocols

May Birthdays

Charlotte Reeves 5/1/2013

Billie Dunsdon 5/2/2015

Charlie Anderson 5/3/2011

Jett Ferguson 5/6/2013

Anna Bourke 5/7/2013

Claudia Gates 5/7/2014

Hugo Chamberlain 5/9/2014

Rosie Ormsby 5/13/2013

Caspar King 5/13/2015

Jade Brainard 5/14/2014

Gaia Pimiento-Deadman 5/16/2014

Louis Irving 5/17/2013

Bladon Phillimore-Smith 5/21/2012

Mario Pitto 5/21/2016

Estelle Haletama 5/24/2013

Maya Sarin 5/24/2017

Caitlin Cameron 5/25/2011

Alexis Cameron 5/25/2011

Leon Kingan 5/26/2013

Fox Falefitu 5/26/2016

Phoebe Cook 5/26/2017

Alysia Siatras 5/28/2013

Max Gunn 5/31/2014



Learn to Ski and Snowboard

Snowplant is offering a learn to ski prog and learn snow board prog from the 12th June - 3rd July.

These sessions take place on a Sunday and there will be limited space for the Snowboard session. If you are interested please register on the below link

<https://events.mygameday.app/#/event/landing-page/ponsonbyprimarysundayst2>



The latest Scholastic Lucky Book Club pamphlets have been sent home with children this week. There are a fantastic range of books suitable for all age ranges and starting at only \$3.

Order online through the LOOP system before Sunday 8th May and orders will be dispatched directly to school.

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