

# Ponsonby Primary School

## Te Kura o te Rimu Tahī

### Message from the Principal

I hope you all enjoyed the long weekend despite all the rain we encountered and here's hoping the sun will be out this week!

Last Friday, our Teachers had a conference day at Western Springs College. The focus for the day was Our past, Our present, Our future.

The keynote speakers were outstanding, especially Dr Judith Locke. Who is she? Judith is a clinical psychologist, and former teacher, who delivers child wellbeing sessions to parents, teachers, and students in schools, workplaces, and day-care centres around Australia and New Zealand. She focuses on teaching practical and proven strategies to parents and teachers to ensure children have the best chances of becoming genuinely confident and capable and realise their potential. I will be sharing some of her articles in my passages over the next few weeks.

When asked to list the five essential skills a child needs and how can parents support their children in the development of these skills, Judith answered -

"The skills are resilience - coping with challenge; self-regulation - stopping current pleasure for future gain; resourcefulness - being able to solve a problem; respect - appropriate regard for others; and responsibility - being community-minded and not just focused on your own needs."

Hearing all these keynotes such as the Polynesian Panthers really made me appreciate how we as a school are very fortunate to have teachers at Ponsonby Primary school that go out of their way for our Tamariki. A big thank you to Amy Moll who is one of the Kāhui Ako Across School Teachers that helped with organisations of the conference.

We have had another busy week as Mr Naera and the PPSG have been extremely busy getting the final touches ready for Taste Of Ponsonby. A big thank you to Francis and the PPSG team. I am sure it's going to be a fantastic evening. We look forward to seeing many of you tonight. The money raised from this evening will go towards a new playground in Kakariki and the money all helps fund our Learning Assistants and office staff.



### Week 6 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.

We continue to see more staff test positive or having to isolate and this is in line with the data we are seeing across the region. We continue to function with minimal disruption to regular learning. This is encouraging considering a number of schools having to roster year levels or move classes to remote learning.

As you will have noticed, we are in the middle of some building works with all our senior classes having a bit of a face lift. Next week the builders will be working on the roof by the old dental clinic. While this work is taking place it will mean that the top gate will be shut and children and adults will not have access. This will mean the children will only be able to access the school from the bottom gate. The top will be closed from Tuesday next week.

A big thank you to Miss Johnston and the Health and Wellbeing team for organising yesterday's sausage sizzle they raised over \$300 and this money will be going towards purchasing LEGO tables for each classroom. The tables will be used as part of our STEM learning. The Wellbeing group will be running another sausage sizzle next Friday.

Have a fantastic weekend and let's hope it stays dry for this evening.

Ngā mihi

Sanjay Rama

## June Birthdays

Felix Roussel 6/4/2016

Zane Oyagawa 6/6/2012

Hugo Baker 6/6/2012

Billie Brooker 6/7/2015

Barnaby Waring 6/8/2015

Archie Dayal 6/9/2014

Lila Gray 9/6/2017

Tatum Reid 10/6/2017

Edie Crysell 6/10/2013

Valentina Pook 6/11/2014

Zara Dunphy 6/11/2016

Michael Rahman 6/12/2011

Bruno Krzeczkowski 6/13/2014

Kai White 6/14/2013

Emily De Lacey 6/17/2013

Maxim Young 6/20/2012

Alice Hoskin 6/20/2012

Eva Forsman 6/21/2012

Jenson Holroyd 6/22/2016

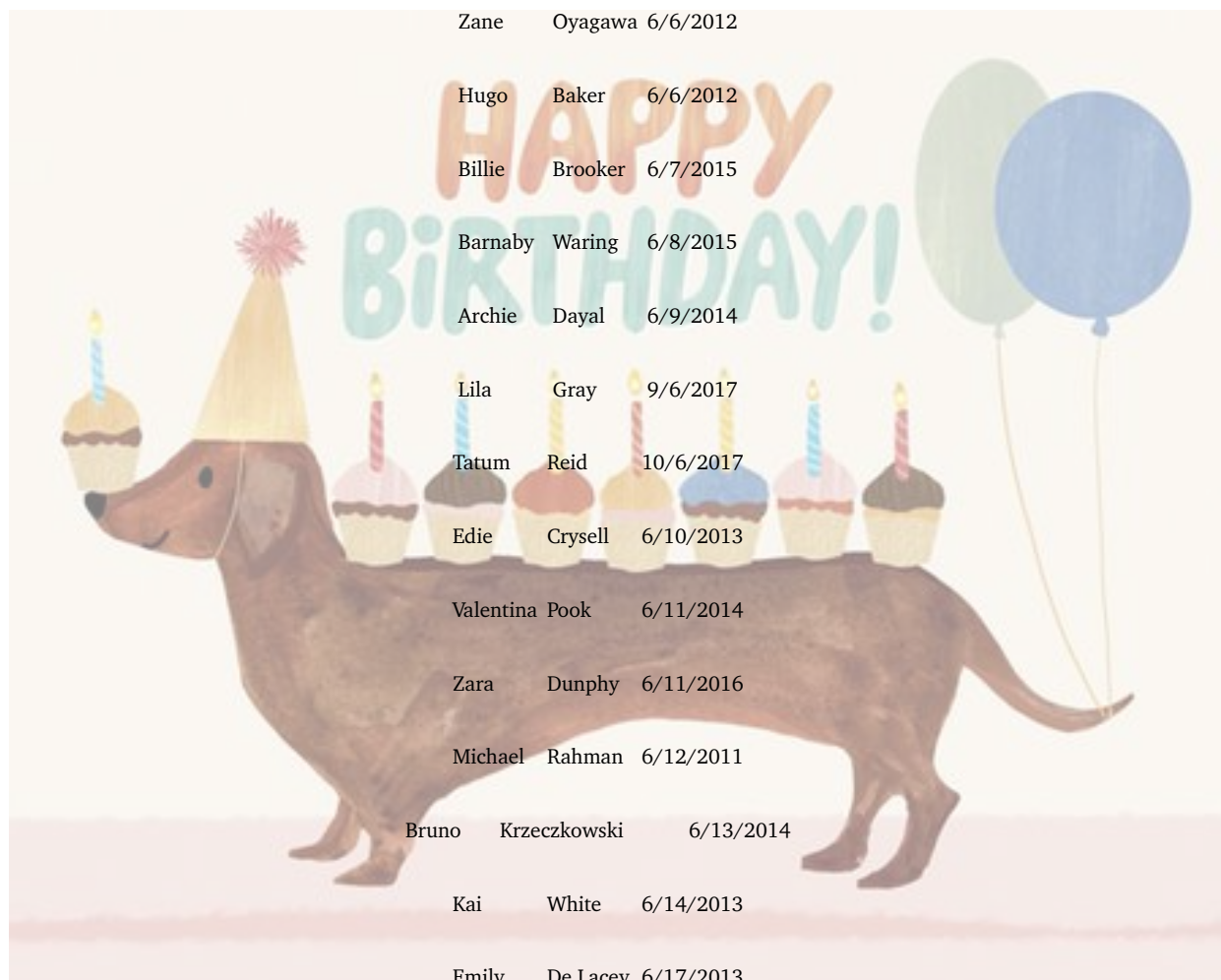
Audrey Moore 6/24/2013

Harley Slee 6/27/2012

Ruby Collier 6/28/2011

Minnie Leys 6/29/2012

Bessie Leys 6/29/2012



## Ponsonby Primary Weekend Weather Forecast



Saturday.

Showers, some heavy with possible thunderstorms morning and afternoon.  
Strong northwesterlies easing in the afternoon.



Sunday.

Showers, some heavy with gusty northwesterlies.



### 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.

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](http://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](mailto:kateimlach@headheldhigh.co.nz)

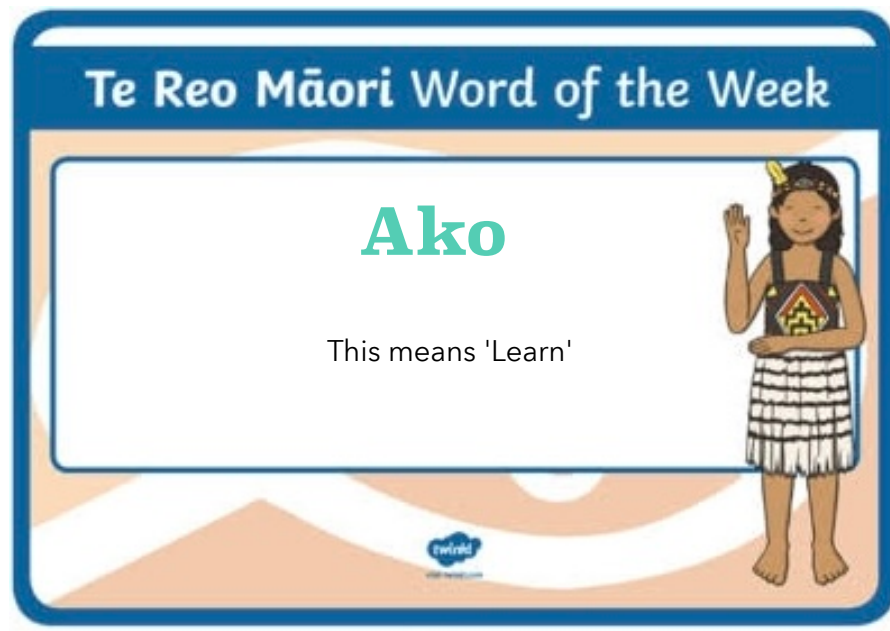


#### covid-19 protocols

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

For more information

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#### Learn to Ski and Snowboard

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

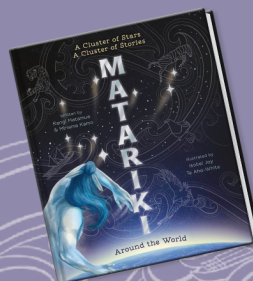
These sessions take place on a Sunday and there will be limited space for the Snowboard session. If you are interested please register on the below link

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



## MEET LOCAL AUTHOR MIRIAMA KAMO

CO-AUTHOR OF  
MATARIKI AROUND THE WORLD



The Dorothy Butler Children's Bookshop