

Ponsonby Primary School

Te Kura o te Rimu Tahī

Message from the Principal

Kia Orana,

This week our students have been celebrating Cook Islands Language Week. The students have been learning about the culture and have been engaged with some fun activities. Also, our children have been very busy presenting speeches to their classes this week. We will be holding our Yr 5 & 6 speech finals next Wednesday in the school hall. All finalists will have already been notified on the weekend if not already done so by your class teacher. If students have been absent due to illness or have been on holiday, they will not be considered to be in the finals as the cut off date was today. It is really unfortunate but a sign of our current situation with so many students being unwell this Winter, and with the Inner City speech competition taking place in Week 4, which is a lot earlier this year, our finalists need to be communicated to the organizers of the Inner City competition next week. Our Yr 1 - 3 speech finals will be held in Week 4.



Many of you are aware of the disruption that has been occurring around the motu with schools receiving threats and then either having to evacuate or go into lockdown. We are definitely living through some challenging times. We have not had any of these calls but we have used this opportunity to remind our staff the emergency procedures we have in place.

We have practiced for these events over the years so have good processes in place. We would always keep you informed if we were involved in any situation like this.

And finally, The Commonwealth Games have begun and our athletes are doing so well. We as a country punch well above our weight! I also believe as a school we are in this category as a small school we do exceptionally well in sports, music, Arts and Drama and hopefully in 8 years time we may see some of our ex-students representing our country at the next Commonwealth games. The games are a great opportunity for you to talk about perseverance, discipline, hard work, setting goals and drive to succeed.

Kia Manuia,

Sanjay Rama

Week 2 Term 3

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.

PONSONBY PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS

KAITIAKI KIDS

DATE: WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 7TH 2022
TIME: 7:00PM
VENUE: VICTORY CONVENTION CENTRE
98 BEAUMONT STREET, FREEMANS BAY, AUCKLAND

TICKETS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE FROM MONDAY WEEK 2

MITEY PROGRAMME

Last term the teachers were introduced to Mitey and the coaches that will be working closely with our school over the next few years as part of the Mitey Programme.

All of the staff, including Teachers, Senior Management and Support Staff have been working on creating a shared understanding on what being mentally healthy looks like at Ponsonby Primary School. The teachers have also been involved in Co-teaching sessions with our Coaches to give us a front row seat at what the lessons will look like when we start teaching. The Mitey Programme is incredibly well researched and resourced. It uses New Zealand Picture books and it integrates the Arts Curriculum into lessons. The teachers are starting to teach lessons in Term 3.

We can't wait to get stuck in and we are incredibly grateful to be given this opportunity to teach mental health education as there are many schools on the waiting list!



August Birthdays

Zoe Hanna



Landon Reid

Jasper Nicholls

Emily Rose

Simon Shao

Daniel Johnston

Andia Meacham

Finn Gray



Update on the School Board Parent Election 2022

An email will be sent out to the Ponsonby Primary parent community on Wednesday the 10th of August from CES.

This will give information about what to do and where to go to put your vote forward electronically.

Papers are barcoded, pin numbered and have a unique identifier so you won't be able to vote twice.

The voting email from CES could end up in spam folders - particularly for those that have a gmail address so please be sure to check your junk files after Wednesday the 10th of August if you have not seen that email come through.



CALLING ALL YEAR 1 PARENTS

Our school show is coming up next term! We are very excited to get stuck into the preparations to present an amazing show in September, and we need a costume committee for our lovely Year 1s! There are many roles in a costume committee including sourcing, purchasing, designing, constructing and sewing.

If this is something that you might be interested in and able to support in any way, please let me know - amoll@ponsprim.school.nz



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

Ponsonby Primary Weekend Weather Forecast



Saturday.

Morning low cloud or fog, then fine breaks. Cloud increasing in the afternoon as northwesterlies develop.



Sunday.

Rain, easing to showers late. Northwesterlies, strong in exposed places, dying out at night.



Thank you 

Thank you to all the local businesses that support our school.
Each week we will feature different business that support our school.

