

# Ponsonby Primary School

## Te Kura o te Rimu Tahī

Kia ora e te whānau,

This week is extra special as 14 September marks the 50th anniversary of the Māori Language Petition, an event that led to many of the kaupapa we have today, including Te Wiki o te Reo Māori. This was a group of tangata whenua who arrived at the steps of Parliament in Wellington. All ages gathered to demand the active recognition of te reo Māori, the country's native tongue.

Our Tamariki have been engaged in celebrating Māori language with some pretty amazing activities which we have been learning this week. There have been lunchtime games, songs, art making activities and many more fun learning experiences our Tamariki have been involved in this week. A big thank you to Miss Johnston, Miss Nissen and Mr Connor for all their hard work making this week such a wonderful experience.

I would like to thank all of my wonderful staff for the time and effort they all put into the school show and Whānau day last week. I was absent from school last week and I was gutted that I could not be at the school show. The feedback I have received is that it was truly an amazing production. A big thank you to Amy Moll and her team of Nicole Thomson-Baker and Kate Hamilton for writing the script and choreographing all the scenes. They are truly amazing! A big thank you to Susan and Francis for all their hard work while I was away. It really makes me feel so proud to lead a school with such an amazing staff who will go the extra mile.

Last week, the finals of the Auckland Primary School Speech competition were held. Representing our school were Tupu Southon (Rap), Nico Burton (Spoken word) and Aleph Reade-Shareef (Flash talk) representing our school. Both Tupu and Nico were winners of their categories, that is the first time in the history of our school that we have earned a placing. Aleph's flash talk was impressive and it was an extremely competitive field, Aleph did not attend as he was one of the lead roles in the school show but his speech was judged via a video recording. A fantastic achievement!

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.

**Week 8**  
**Term 3**

**Upcoming  
Events**

**School Photo's**  
have been  
postponed to  
Friday 21st of  
October

**Lost Property**  
Please check the  
lost property in  
the hall. Please  
also remember  
to name your  
child's clothing  
as it will be  
returned to  
them.

This term's policies that are up for review are: Student Wellbeing and Safety & Staff Wellbeing and Safety

Log into through our school website: <https://www.ponsprim.school.nz/school-policy/> click on Policies and Procedures.

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.

These are broad areas with many sub-sections so please allow yourself a few weeks to do a couple at a time. The reviews cut off on the last day of Term 3.

Have a fantastic weekend and just a reminder that on 26th September there is a public holiday for the Queen Elizabeth 2nd Memorial day and school will be closed on this date.

Ngā mihi nui,

Sanjay Rama

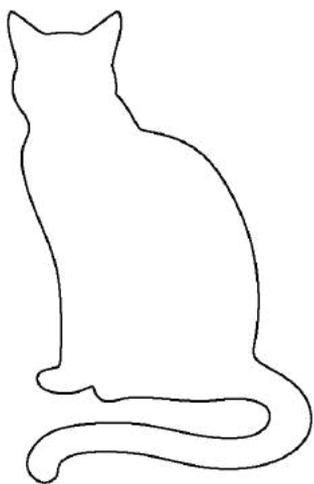
**Update on the School Board Parent Election 2022**

**The new Primary Ponsonby Primary School board is**

New members - Michelle Bines-Moffitt and Scott Munday

Re elected members - Lisa Crooke, Lisa Carbines and Joe Telford

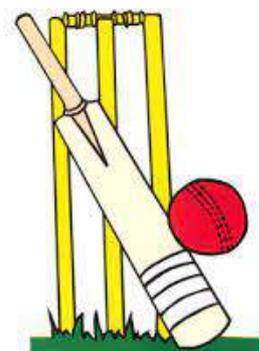
School Representative - Julia Nissen



Room 20 had a special visitor this week! Lucy's cat popped in for a visit, thank you Lucy.



This week the Grafton Cricket Club has been running some Cricket sessions with the year 1 - 4 children, the children have really enjoyed it.



Thank you



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



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# HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

sibling &  
bring-a-friend  
discounts available!

## dates & location?

**Monday 10th – Thursday 13th October**  
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.

## who for?

For students in Year 1 to Year 8.  
Open to children from all schools.

## please bring

Morning tea, lunch, water bottle.

## 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 HHH founder – Kate Laurence – 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.

**enrol or enquire**

**[www.headheldhigh.co.nz/holiday-programmes](http://www.headheldhigh.co.nz/holiday-programmes)**



**Artz on Show School Holiday  
Performing Arts Workshop**

This is a fun yet educational week for students aged 5 – 15 years.  
Students participate in a range of performing arts classes, concluding the week with a performance!

3 - 7 October 2022, 9 am – 4 pm daily  
Held at Raye Freedman Arts Centre,  
Epsom Girls Grammar School

View our website; [www.artzonshow.co.nz](http://www.artzonshow.co.nz)  
or contact Hayley on either  
[artz@artzonshow.co.nz](mailto:artz@artzonshow.co.nz) or 09 294 7129

**ARTZONSHOW.**

Auckland's leading theatre for children Gift a Seat

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THEATRE COMPANY

# The Whale Rider

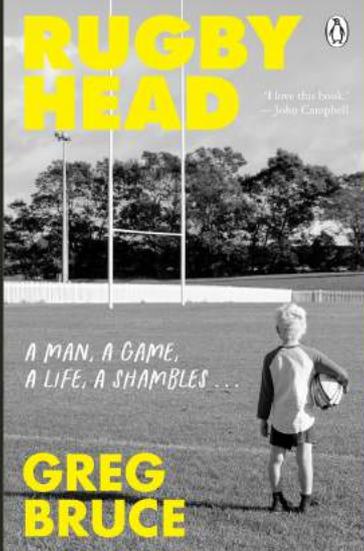
By Witi Ihimaera  
Adapted by Tim Bray

**LIVE ON STAGE**

**AUCKLAND TOUR**  
**24 Sept - 12 Nov**  
[timbray.org.nz](http://timbray.org.nz)

The Little Book Shop and Penguin Random House present  
**An evening with NZ Herald/Canvas writer and author of**

# RUGBY HEAD GREG BRUCE



**6PM TUESDAY | 27 SEPTEMBER**

**RAY WHITE REMUERA  
411 REMUERA ROAD  
AUCKLAND**

**RSVP ESSENTIAL**  
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EVENT**



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