

Ponsonby Primary School

Te Kura o te Rimu Tahī

Kia ora koutou,

Welcome back to the last term of the school year. A very special welcome to our new students and whānau, we hope you have had a great start! We welcome Amy Moll back from her trip back home, for those of you who may not know, Amy was on leave to get married and she is now known to us as Mrs Marron. Now that we are in Term 4, as per our sun-safe policy, school hats are compulsory when outside as of Wednesday 26th October. Children will need to wear bucket or brimmed hats and not caps as we want the best protection for our children. If students are not wearing a hat, they will be asked to stay in the shaded areas when outdoors. I also wanted to remind parents that there are no longer any Covid restrictions, and all parents can come on site and attend assemblies and events. Our next whole school assembly will take place in Week 4 on Friday 11th November and will be hosted by our Kakariki syndicate. Just a reminder that school will be closed to students on Tuesday the 25th of October. As per the teacher's collective contract, teachers get days to help with managing administration workload and professional development. This is our last Teacher Only day of the year and what a great time to add it to the long weekend. On Friday, our year 5 children will be hosting their carnival day. The children have come up with some amazing stores and initiatives to help raise money for their EOTC (Education Outside the Classroom) activities which will take place later in the term. But the fun doesn't end there! Our Kakariki children will be celebrating spring. They will be creating dioramas and spring hats. The children will be parading their hats and creations in the afternoon. So it is going to be a busy Friday.

Over the past two years We have been working with the Education Review Office on their new review process. This involves having regular contact as opposed to an intensive 4 day review once every three years as ERO have previously done. Throughout their process our evaluation partners have spoken with children about their experience of learning at school. This follows on from completing a review of compliance. Our evaluation partners have now completed their report. All of the feedback has been positive, we have no compliance issues and ERO are really happy with our internal evaluation capacity. Once the reports are finalized we will then be up to publishing these documents on our website.

Week 1 Term 4

UPCOMING EVENTS AND REMINDERS

TERM 4 FRIDGE REMINDERS

Please see the website homepage for the list of Term 4 reminders.

MEDICATION

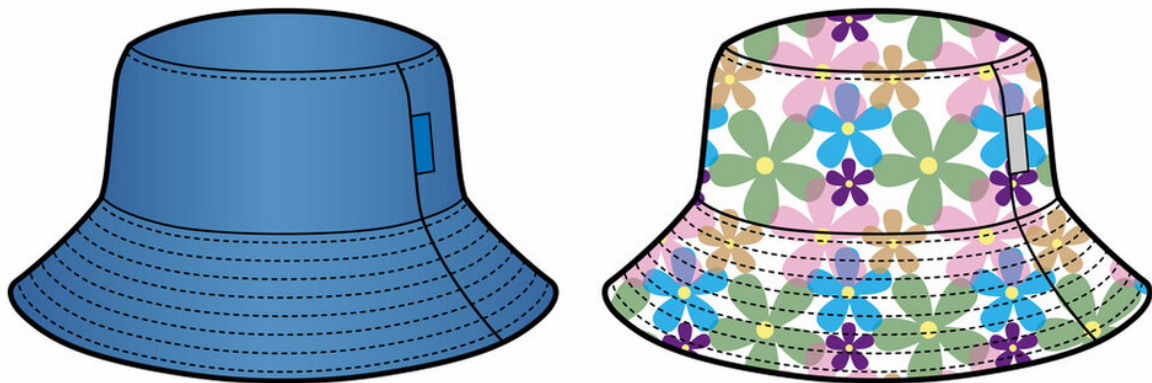
All medication for children should go to the school office and not be in children's school bags please

SCHOOL READERS

If you have any readers that your child has brought home and is yet to return back to school can you

Parents if you have forgotten to pay school donations as I know how busy people get and we can just totally forget. Donations are incredibly important as they help to provide additional learning opportunities, staff and resources for the school. As always we are very grateful for your donations and finally this term is going to fly by, there will be many things going on so please keep an eye on the school calendar. We are going to be very busy! Have a great long weekend and we will see the children back at school on Wednesday.

Ngā mihi,
Sanjay Rama



Brimmed sun hats are compulsory from next week. Please ensure your child has a named sun hat from Wednesday next week.

Thank you

PONSONBY PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS

FIREWORKS FUN

Come along to a night of family fun!

Our Fireworks fundraiser is always a family favourite, come along to a night of food, drinks, market stalls, entertainment and fireworks!

4th of November, Point Erin Pools, 4:30pm onwards.

(Rain Saver date: Sunday 6th November)

Are you doing any Spring Cleaning?

We would love any children's items for the Children's Market Stall and Lucky Dips at Guy Fawkes.

Do you have any **GOOD QUALITY, NEAR NEW** children's clothes (large and small), toys, games, books, dress-ups, etc. that are no longer needed? If so we would love them for our **Children's Market Stall**. The children and parents really love this stall and are always on the lookout for a bargain.

Lucky Dips

Do you have any good quality little toys that you no longer need? If so, bring them into school (No need to wrap) and our lucky dips team will organise these for our stall.

Bring them to Mr Naera in the office before school each morning. Each lucky dip is worth a point towards the syndicate pizza lunch competition

Sponsorship

Is your business looking to support the school? Send us an email to discuss how we can work together.

Can you donate any Raffle items?

We are looking for some raffle items that we could sell, we are looking for:

the Children's raffle:

Any items that kids would love, Bikes, remote control cars, Lego sets etc. Any donations of items are extremely appreciated.

the Family raffle:

A family experience: for instance a bach, kayak or paddle board and/or any experiences which a family would absolutely love!

Please contact Francis Naera Fnaera@ponsonby.school.nz if you can help with any of these items.

How can you support Guy Fawkes

Contact your class parent liaison representative and put your name down on the class stall roster.

HELP NEEDED! KEEP THESE DATES FREE:

Thursday 3rd November:

Setting up Pt Erin site, erecting pop-ups and tables, cleaning and clearing the area. Come along to school at 9.00am to help.

Cars and trailers needed! - This is a big moving day.

Friday 4th November: 9.00am-3.00pm.

Stall set up (each class is responsible for their stall set up) and moving of items into tents.

Friday 4th November - 4.30pm-8pm.

Give an hour of your time to help with your class stall.

Saturday 5th November - 9.00am - 12.00 (midday).

Clean-up at Pt Erin – again we need people with large cars and trailers. Bring the children along to help.

Please contact **Francis Naera** or your class liaison representative if you can help with any of these dates. fnaera@ponsonby.school.nz

Invite family and friends along for a great family event!

Really Important Information:

Due to council regulations, we are only allowed to sell two drinks per person eg. you can buy two glasses of wine or beer at a time.

We will not be able to sell bottles of wine or champagne. Please be patient on the night. Under no circumstances are people allowed to bring their own drinks.

Children must be kept away from the bar area.

The school is liable for a fine of \$10,000 if any rules are broken. We have been told that police will be coming to ensure we are abiding by council regulations.

Thank you to the year 5 & 6 parents that expressed an interest for their child to come along to the Peter Pan production. You would have received an email from Susan Robins. Bookings have now closed.

thank you

Thank you to all the families that donated food items for our food drive this week to help replenish the food bank that was sadly broken into last week.
We will be delivering the items to the food bank next week.
What a great team effort from our school.

