

Ponsonby Primary School

Te Kura o te Rimu Tahī

Kia ora koutou, Saal Mubarak,

This week is Diwali which is the celebration of the New Year in India and is also known as the festival of light. So a Happy Diwali!

I hope you all had a great long weekend! It has been a short week but it has been a very busy and eventful week. Yesterday we had the Bee lady who came into work with our Yr 1-4 students. This is part of the Puriri Inquiry (Kaitiaki o ngā manu) bringing back the birds to the Ponsonby area. It was such a great experience for our Yr 1-4 Tamariki as they learned about pollination and how important the bee community is to our ecosystem. This was then followed by the National Shake Out Drill which was performed all around the country at 9.30am, this is a very important reminder for all of us to prepare for an earthquake event. The Shake Out takes place across the world to remind people of the right action to take during an earthquake. Drop, Cover and Hold.

Today, our Year 5 children hosted their carnival day. The carnival is such a great learning experience as it gives these children the opportunity to become entrepreneurs for the day as well as fundraise money which goes towards the cost of the EOTC activities planned for our Yr 5 students. A big thank you to Mrs Radcliffe and the Kowhai teachers for organizing this event for all our tamariki to enjoy.

Next Week is book week, which is also going to be another rich learning experience for our students. Books are magical doorways - to other worlds, times past, other lives, cultures, experiences, values, and points of view. Mrs Khouri has done an outstanding job with the organization of the week. There will be authors coming in and working with our students, there will be a character book parade, teachers sharing their favorite books and many more wonderful learning experiences. We will also be selling Scholastic books in the library from Monday to Thursday. On Monday you can purchase books from 3pm - 3.30pm and from Tuesday we will be open in the morning from 8.30 - 9am and carry on selling books from 3pm - 3.30.

Week 2 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

A reminder that next Friday is our Guy Fawkes fundraiser which will start at 4.30 pm at Pt Erin pools. The PPSG and Mr Naera have been busy organizing this event for our community. We believe having these events is very important for all as we know community engagement is a big part of the success of a school. As you know we have been fundraising for a junior playground and the works for this project will begin in the January school holidays. The money raised from Guy Fawkes will go towards the playground. Tickets are still available and you can either purchase at the office or through Kindo. For our new parents this is a great way to meet new families and the fireworks display is pretty epic!

It has been great seeing the children following our sun smart rules and wearing hats when outside. A reminder that children need to wear a brimmed hat and not a cap. We will have sunscreen in the classrooms but if you could make sure the children come to school wearing sunscreen that would be much appreciated.

From Monday next week, Three-way (parents or caregivers/student/teacher) learning conversation will open for booking your interviews and a booking link will be emailed out. The Interviews will take place in Week 6 on Tuesday and Wednesday. You will receive your child's reports before the meeting and the focus will be around celebrating the success of your child. We have had two years of disruption and like I have said in the past, through Covid we have seen this impact on some of our children's progress. Over the last two years we have been able to have small class sizes to help cater for the needs of our children and Susan Robins has set up intervention programs. We will continue to look at our data and make sure we have programs in place to meet the needs where required. In the last week of Term 3, a class request regarding friends was sent home for children in Yr 3-5. Today was the last date to have handed these into the classroom teachers. If you have not done this yet could you please send it through ASAP.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and let's hope the rain stays away!

Ngā mihi,
Sanjay Rama



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@ponsonprim.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@ponsonprim.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.