

# Ponsonby Primary School

## Te Kura o te Rimu Tahī

Kia ora koutou,

We are not far from the end of the year and as you know it is going to be a busy few weeks. On Monday we held our school Athletics Day for our Year 3-6 students, we were very fortunate with the weather! The children were outstanding, it was nice to see all our students involved and having fun. The future is bright for our future athletes as we have some pretty outstanding runners who are very talented in track and field. All the results from the day can be viewed on our school website. A big thank you to Mr Connor for another well organised event and also to all our parents who helped out on the day.

Today you would have received your students' report, it has been pleasing to see the progress our students have made this year. We have had two very disruptive years with lockdowns, Term 1 this year we saw a wave of Covid hit our school which resulted in teacher and students absence. As a school and the board our focus has been on how we can give our Tamariki the best chance to progress through two years of disruption. We have always communicated that, during the last two years some of our students have regressed and this was a nationwide trend. Our learning from lockdown as the nation now understands, is that teaching online is not the same as face to face teaching. So the school and board decided to invest in small class sizes for our students, and we have been able to do this through our fundraising and through board funding. Smaller class sizes means more one to one time with the teachers and this really enables teachers to develop connections and relationships with students. Differentiated programs in classrooms meets the needs of our students. We will continue to analyse the data from our end of year reports and this will give us the information for our focus areas for next year.

A reminder that our Three way learning conversation will take place next Tuesday and Wednesday.

ERO released a report to the media regarding school attendance earlier this month. The data relates to term two, a time when schools were in the midst of rolling isolation absences. Our attendance rate for the entire school year to date is 92%, this includes justified absences like illness and unjustified absences like holidays outside of the regular school holiday period.

We had one of the highest attendance rates in our local area. important and we monitor absences carefully.

### Week 5 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 please do so. Thank you


Well being was a key area of focus for our students and teachers this year, Mitey is providing tools through a literacy lens to help our tamariki around mental health. There has also been a lot of media press around attendance and truancy.

Last week, I could not be at the Kakariki assembly as I was at an Auckland Principals meeting. I was told that the Kakariki assembly was just outstanding. Well done to our Kakariki teachers and students.


And finally I hope all of you were cheering for the Black Ferns.. What a story of resilience and determination. There is no doubting the heart and determination in the team. There is also no doubting that a warm, nurturing environment where people are valued brings about great results. Even if you are not a sports fan, you have to admire the challenge of bringing a group of people together to achieve a common goal. Well done "Black Ferns"

Ngā mihi

Sanjay Rama



# BACK TO SCHOOL SALE



>> Display Size:  
11.6 Inches

>> Screen Resolution:  
1366 x 768

>> Processor:  
2.4, 1.6 GHz

>> RAM:  
4 GB

>> Hard Drive:  
32 GB

>> Graphics Coprocessor:  
AMD Radeon R4


>> Operating System:  
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>> Camera:  
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>> Model:  
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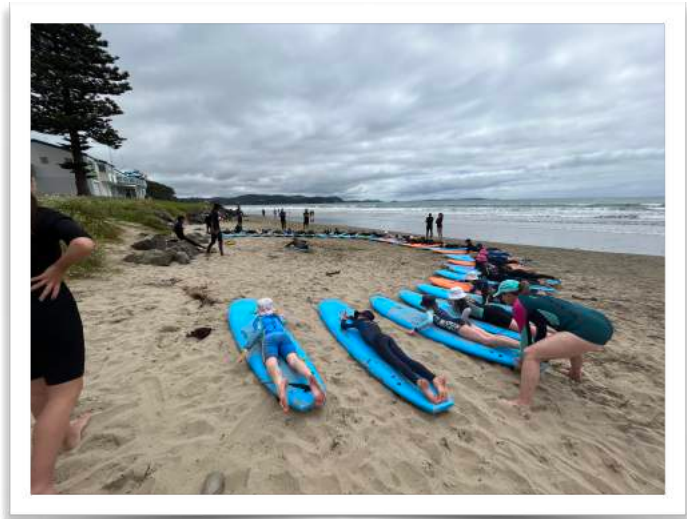
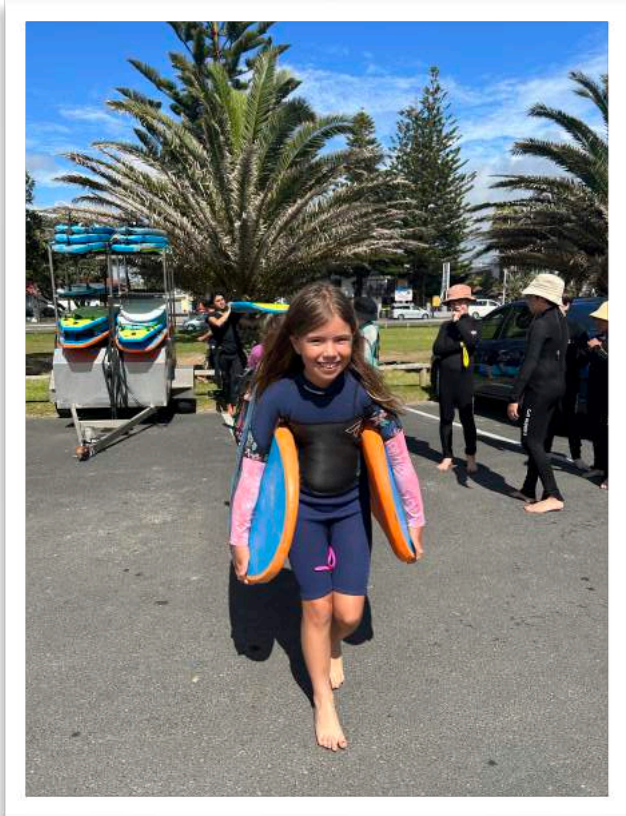
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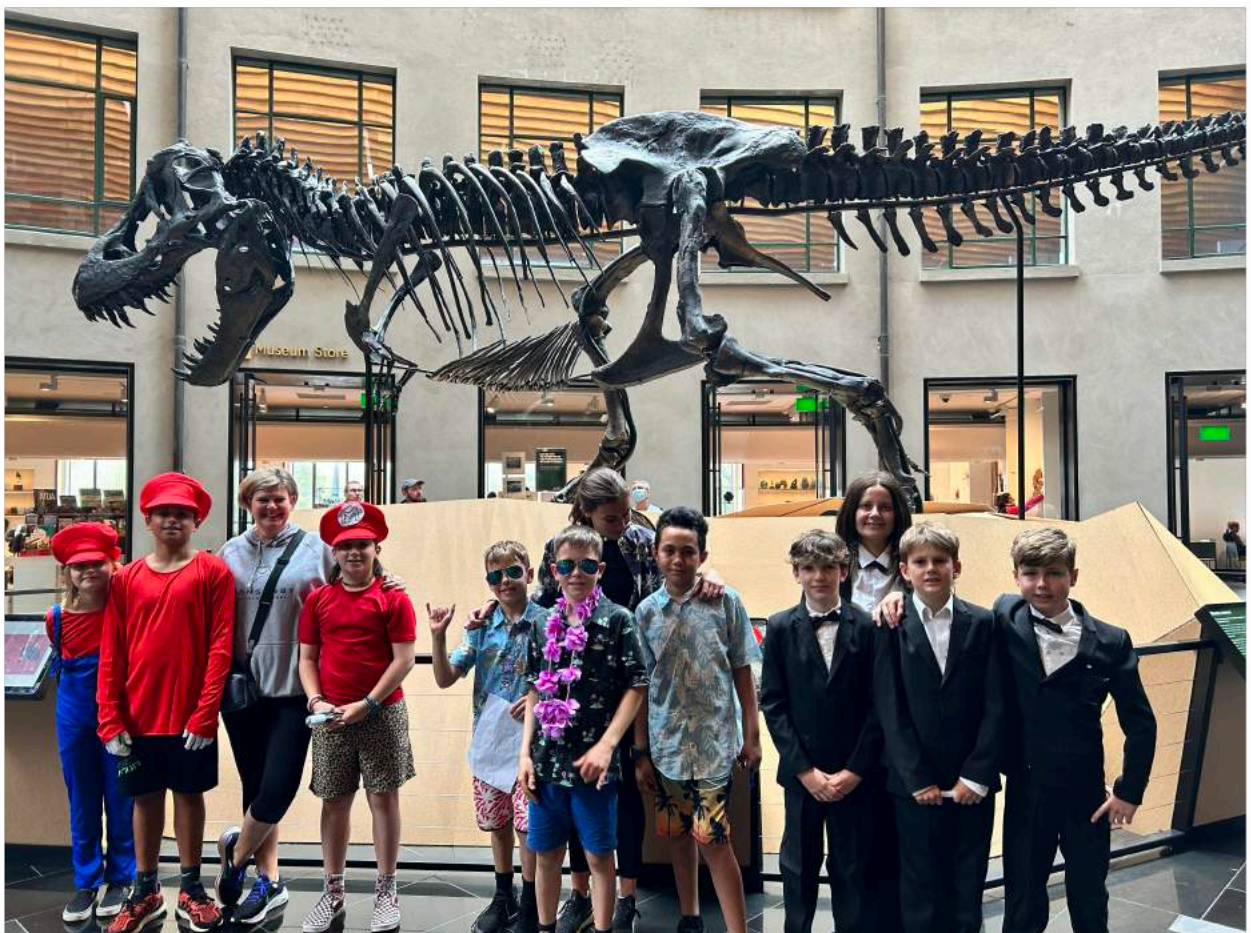
# YEAR 5 SURFING TRIP



What a fantastic day out it was for our children involved in the amazing race.

The three teams raced around Auckland, completing challenges (with burgers and ice cream in between) and competing against each other.

A huge thank you to Sixt Rentals in Grey Lynn for the beautiful cars that they lent to the school for the day. They ensured the children were racing in luxury!





Kia ora parents and whanau,

One Final fun event for the children for the end of the year! We are holding a school Color Fun Run, this is another great fundraising activity in which we hope to raise much needed funds for our new Kakariki Playground. The event will be held on Tuesday the 6th of December giving students just under Three weeks to get excited and to collect online sponsorship for their big day!

The children have an information letter and Sponsorship brochure in their bags to bring home today.

#### About the Programme

The School Colour Fun Run is all about FUN! Your children will have the opportunity to run alongside their fellow classmates, friends and students... sometimes even the teachers get involved! This exciting event is not one to be missed, so we hope to see everyone there!

#### How Does My Child Fundraise?

Firstly, go to [schoolfunrun.co.nz](http://schoolfunrun.co.nz) and create a student profile page. Everything to do with your fundraising revolves around this page.

Students who raise just \$10 will be able to choose a prize! The more they raise, the better their reward – you will find the full range in your sponsorship form.

#### Getting Involved

Not only can you support the school and students with your sponsorship – but you can join in on the fun! We would love to welcome parents and family members to attend the School Fun Run. If you would like to volunteer on the day, please contact me on my email [fnaera@ponsprim.school.nz](mailto:fnaera@ponsprim.school.nz) I can't wait to see you at our event!

