

Ponsonby Primary School

Te Kura o te Rimu Tahī

Kia ora koutou,

Wow this term is really flying by quickly! I can't believe we are now half way through the term.

I'm sure you would all agree with me that last Friday's Guy Fawkes evening was a huge success. On behalf of the staff, we would like to thank you all for attending, it was fantastic seeing so many of you there and also seeing many of our past parents and pupils. This event is really about bringing our community together. A special thank you must go out to Mr Naera, our PPSG and parent liaisons for organising and running such an amazing evening. At the moment the amount we have raised is around \$35,000 which is outstanding! The money raised will go towards our Kakariki playground. The build for the playground will begin in the January holidays.

This week, we kicked off our EOTC programs with our Year 5 sleepover. The children had a wonderful experience, spending the day at the museum and learning about NZ's history and then coming back to school and performing their skits which were based around Maori myths and legends.

The following day, the children were involved in workshops running from flax making, learning and playing traditional Maori games and doing a local walk to learn about the history of our local area which ties in very nicely with our local curriculum. I was proud of the way the children had the confidence in front of their peers to stand up and say their Pepeha. I do keep repeating myself but a big thank you to all our teachers for all the work they have put into the EOTC. It is truly outstanding. Next week, the Year 5s will be heading off to Orewa beach to learn how to surf!

Week 4 Term 4

UPCOMING EVENTS AND REMINDERS

WEEK 5 NEXT WEEK

MONDAY 14TH
YEARS 3-6
ATHLETICS DAY

TUESDAY 15TH
INNER CITY
BASKETBALL

YEAR 6 CAMP
PARENT HELPERS
MEETING 5:30PM

**WEDNESDAY
16TH**
YEAR 5 SURFING

FRIDAY 18TH
KAKARIKI
ATHLETICS
9 -10:30AM

PURIRI
ASSEMBLY

REPORTS GO
HOME

On Monday, we will be running our Yr 3-6 Athletics sports which will take place at the Owairaka Athletics club which is located on 744 Sandringham Rd. A big thank you to Mr Connor for all his work and organisation of this event, I am sure it will be another successful day. Also a big thank you to all the parents who will be helping out on Monday. Parents, could you please remind the children to wear their house shirts on the day.

From next week (Tuesday), we will be opening the school pool so please remind your children to bring their togs for swimming sessions with their classroom teachers and for lunchtime swims. The pool will be open for the juniors at lunchtime, Yr 1-2 from 1.00 - 1.20pm then year 3-6 from 1.20 - 1.40pm.

Finally, it was great seeing our Tamariki today supporting our Black Ferns. All our Tamariki wore black, in support of our mighty Black Ferns team. We wish them all the best and I'm sure they are will be crowned world champions come Saturday evening.

Have a lovely weekend and let's hope the sun comes out!

Ngā mihi

Sanjay Rama



Year 5 EOTC



Pizza lunches and raffle winners from guyfawkes



Year 6 leavers T shirt

If your child is in year 6 this year and would like a Ponsonby Primary leavers 2022 shirt can you please do so before the 18th of November as that is the cut off date, we do need a minimum of 50 t shirts ordered to make it happen.

Thank you



That time already!!
 Cara will be selling Christmas Trees from the 30th of November. To secure one please get in contact with her on 021 211 1246.

They will be sold from 19 Clifton Road, Herne Bay.

This slip was given to the children to take home but incase it didn't make it home.



James Russell, author of the best-selling **Dragon Brothers Trilogy** (picture books, for ages 3-7) and **The Dragon Defenders** novel series (Whitcoulls #1 novel series by a Kiwi author, for ages 7-12) is visiting our school on Tuesday, Nov 1, 2022.

These books all have unique digital 'augmented reality' content accessed by downloading a free app, bringing the world of Flynn and Paddy alive.

You can purchase a signed copy of The Dragon Hunters, The Dragon Tamers or The Dragon Riders, or The Dragon Defenders book 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5. Please return this form to Mrs Khouri in Room 11 and pay direct to Dragon Brothers Books, account: 06-0103-0314619-00 and put your payment reference below. Books are \$20 each. Alternatively, view and purchase at www.dragonbrothersbooks.com

Student's name:..... Classroom.....Total due \$.....

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