

# Ponsonby Primary School

## Te Kura o te Rimu Tahī

Kia ora koutou,

A big thank you to all of our parents who attended your child's Three Way Learning Conferences this week. When we look back over the past two years, we actually have not been able to have these conversations face to face, and from feedback received by our teachers, they really enjoyed meeting some of you for the first time. A big thank you to the staff for all their hard work over the year, they have all worked really hard to get our students learning back on track. Francis, Susan and I have been assessing our end of year data and were impressed with the progress our students have made. We have seen a huge shifts of students moving from within standard to above and this a credit to our teachers and also our Board of Trustees for allowing us to operate smaller class sizes. All schools throughout New Zealand are funded by the Ministry of Education on the following ratios:

Yr 0 - 1 = 18 students to one teacher

Yr 2 - 3 = 23 students to one teacher

Yr 4 - 6 = 29 students to one teacher

So when we look at the class sizes in our kura, we are extremely fortunate to run the classes at the numbers we currently are. This can only be done with the help of our fundraising and school donations that are used to fund over and above the smaller class ratios our students' education benefits from.

The now outdated decile system targets more funding to those schools with a higher proportion of students living in overcrowded homes or whose parents have low levels of income, employment or education. We are a decile 10 school because we have a low incidence of these challenges in our community and as a result, we receive the lowest level of Government funding (almost \$1,000 less per student per year compared to a decile 1 school). So a big thank you to all of you have paid your donations, they really make a difference to our education programmes.

A big thank you to the the fabulous Puriri syndicate for hosting last weeks assembly. It was yet another successful assembly.

### Week 6 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

Today, we finally were able to run our Kakariki athletics day, third time lucky! It was fantastic to see so many parents cheering the kids on and the highlight, as always, was the parents race at the end! No torn hamstrings today!! A big thank you to Ms Harford and her team for another successful event.

We are well into the final stages of class placements for next year. A number of factors go into ensuring we have balanced classes that meet the needs of all learners as best as we can. Children will move to the new classes to meet their new teacher and classmates on Monday the 12th of December. Constructing classes is a major undertaking and we thank all of our staff for the hours of work behind the scenes.

And finally this term the board is consulting on and reviewing two policies;

Health, Safety, and Welfare Policy

Alcohol/Drugs and Other Harmful Substances.

Please have your say in these reviews. To do this:

Visit the website

Enter the username: ponsprim

Password: ponsonby

Read the policy.

Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.

Select the reviewer type.

Enter your name (optional).

Submit your ratings and comments.

Have a fantastic weekend!

Nga Mihi

Sanjay Rama



The year 6 students are fundraising to purchase the school a defibrillator so please don't forget your \$2 coin to purchase your ice block on Tuesday the 6th of December.

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.

### 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!



Come and bring your children to our December and January Holiday programme. They will have an awesome time while they are learning and improving their Gymnastics skills. We run our programme in Freemans Bay and Hobsonville.

For more information and bookings please click on the link below

<https://gymkids.co.nz/programmes/holiday-programme>

**BACK TO SCHOOL SALE**

**PONSONBY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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- Display Size: 11.6 Inches
- RAM: 4 GB
- Operating System: Google Chrome
- Screen Resolution: 1366 x 768
- Hard Drive: 32 GB
- Camera: 720p HD
- Processor: 2.4 1.6 GHz
- Graphics Coprocessor: AMD Radeon R4
- Model: 3G1649K

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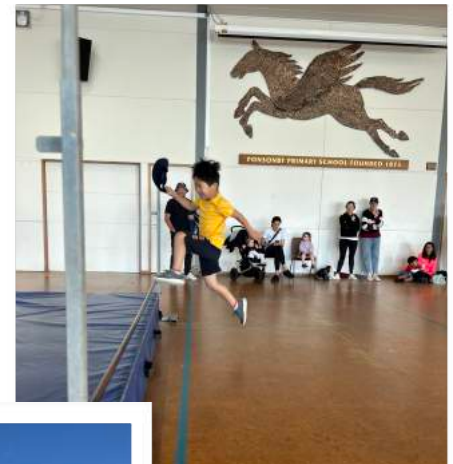
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# YEAR 5 TREE ADVENTURES

