

Ponsonby Primary School

Te Kura o te Rimu Tahī

Kia ora everyone

With Sanjay and a number of the teachers away at school camp this week I thought it would be a great opportunity to step in and share some thoughts to close the year.

It's been great to see all the kids back at school and getting back into a routine this year and I'd like to say a big thank you to all the school staff for their amazing contribution and Sanjay for his strong leadership throughout the year. I know many of you will extend your own personal thank you and this means a lot to the team.

It was heartening to see the learning results last week for the kids and the fantastic progress the kids have made during the year as they continue to bounce back from a couple of COVID impacted years. Next year we are committed as a board to continuing to keep class sizes down to enable continued focus on our children's learning and looking for opportunities to develop and extend all our children. This means we will continue to use some of the money raised from fundraising activities on additional staffing. As a public school its always challenging to predict the role and we will continue to keep class sizes and additional support within the class through under review.

Thank you to all the parents for the support you all give your kids in their learning at home and also for your generous community support. This support and the activities of the PPSG during the year means we have pushed go on the new playground in Kakariki which is scheduled to be replaced over the holidays. Playground replacements are a significant investment with the Kakariki playground budgeted cost being approx. \$150,000. This has been solely funded from fundraising activities. We will continue to look at areas where we can rejuvenate the school environment next year.

I'd like to welcome our new board members, Scott Munday and Michelle Bines-Moffit, along with Julia Nissen as staff representative, who join myself, Lisa Carbines and Joe Telford as continuing board members. We have had our first couple of meetings and it's always great to get fresh perspectives. We also thank Davida Dunphy and Justin Edgar who along with Susan Robins who retired from the board. Their input has been invaluable - Davida with her property knowledge, Justin with his educational governance background and Susan with her deep knowledge of the school and her passion for our kids' wellbeing.

Next week we have the final assembly and say goodbye to our year 6 students and some long standing families. It's always an incredible assembly and I hope to see many of you there. If you have any thoughts or questions on the governance of the school, please always feel free to reach out to me or any board member.

I wish you all a Merry Xmas and hope you all have a wonderful holiday break.

Nga mihi
Lisa Crooke
Board Chair

Week 8 Term 4

UPCOMING EVENTS AND REMINDERS

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Should arrive
next week

2023 STATIONERY

Links to order
2023 stationery
will be emailed
out next week

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

Lost Property

Please check the
lost property in
the hall. Please
also remember
to name your
child's clothing

Staffing 2023

As I write this Sanjay is enjoying himself at the Year 6 Camp on Motutapu. Sanjay has asked me to brief you on how our staffing has been allocated for 2023.

Year One

Miriam Harford, Anna Wylie, Deb Fox, Annika Khouri.

Year Two

Rebecca Davis, Christina Kelly.

Year Three

Anja Kingston, Julia Nissen.

Year Four

Olivia Bengé, Annie Cowsill. We are very fortunate that Rhona Webb will support these two year four classes four days a week during the important literacy and math times. Two full days spread over four.

Year Five

Sarah Radcliffe, Sarah Tomlins, Stephen Bergin.

Year Six

Arran Connor, Morgan Johnston,

Amy Marron and Gail Brooke will be job sharing whilst Amy fulfills her Kahui Ako obligations.

Gail will be in Room 8 on a Wednesday and a Thursday.

We are fortunate to have such a stable staff. Although Nicole Thomson Baker will not be assigned to a class as she is pending maternity leave she will be supporting classrooms for the first four weeks for term one.

Our part time teachers, Lynda Hill, Kate Hamilton and Shewanthi Nanayakkara will still be an important part of our staffing support.

Cemon Searle will continue with our Reading Recovery Programme.

Our Support Team remains the same.

Learning

Linnea Maycock, Kessia Stevenson and Nancy Elzennar.

Office

Karla Hobday continues to be our office manager and enrolment officer

Wendy Steedman continues to be our finance officer and key receptionist

Lisa Searle continues supporting our office and resource room

Roman Thomas continues to be our Caretaker.

Stuart Bowman is continuing to care for our gardens.

May I take the opportunity to thank Linda Gartshore for her care and expertise with our Year Zero class. It has also been wonderful having Robyn Mackenzie and Vanessa Collier on our relieving team. These Three experienced valued teachers will continue to be our dream team when we need cover.

On Monday morning our children will have the opportunity to meet their new teacher for 2023.

We look forward to 2023. Meanwhile we hope you all have a peaceful Christmas, Happy New Year and warm, dry Summer holiday times

Regards, Susan Robins

Here is proof that Mr Rama got gunged after the school fun run on Tuesday.
What a fantastic fundraising effort by everyone.
Thank you to Mr Naera for organizing this event and to everyone for all their hard work.



Leaving the school?

It's the end of 2022 school year! A couple of important notes as your students move to a new school.

Not sure if your new school is using Kindo? If you're not sure if your new school is using Kindo, you can either ask the school directly or go to "My Details" in myKindo and click on the list of schools to see if your new school is listed.

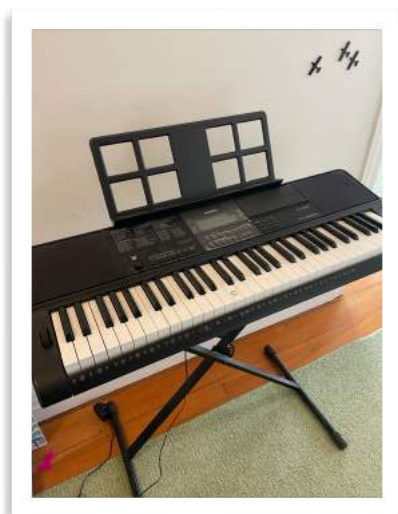
New school IS using Kindo. If your new school is using Kindo, simply click on the new school from the list in "My Details" of your Kindo account and you'll be attached to the new school's menu. Any balance on your Kindo account will remain available to spend with the new school. If you have personalised accounts on your myKindo portal, there may be a slight delay as the schools switch records over.

New school is NOT using Kindo, or you no longer need Kindo. You may need to close your account (you can keep it open if a sibling will be starting within the next 14 months). If you need to close your Kindo account:

Please stop any regular automatic payments now.

Use the "Close Account" button within the "My Details" page on myKindo. You can either withdraw your account balance or choose to donate your balance to the school. Please note that all withdrawals will be made via electronic payment to your New Zealand bank account. Kindo is unable to process cash withdrawals.

If you are wanting to withdraw your Kindo account balance, or make a donation that exceeds Kindo's threshold (currently more than \$10,000 total within one year), Kindo will need to undertake some identity checks on you to comply with its obligations under the Anti-Money Laundering (AML) and Countering Financing of Terrorism (CFT) Act 2009. Please action the withdrawal or donation in your Kindo account as outlined above and if these AML checks are necessary Kindo will advise of the next steps required in this regard. Kindo has endeavoured to make this process as pain-free as possible and appreciates your patience. More information is available here <https://support.mykindo.co.nz/portal/en/kb/articles/closing-your-mykindo-account>



A parent of Ponsonby Primary is selling this used keyboard & stand. Currently asking \$150.00 please let me know if you are interested, please email [Karla khobday@ponsprim.school.nz](mailto:khobday@ponsprim.school.nz) first in best dressed.

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PONSONBY PRIMARY SCHOOL



- » 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: 3G164PA

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