

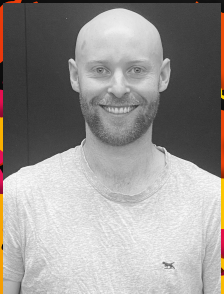
Kōwhai parent information session 2023

Year 5

Room 5 Stephen Bergin
Room 6 Sarah Tomlins
Room 7 Sarah Radcliffe

Year 6

Room 8 Amy Marron/Gail Brooke
Room 9 Arran Connor
Room 23 Morgan Johnston



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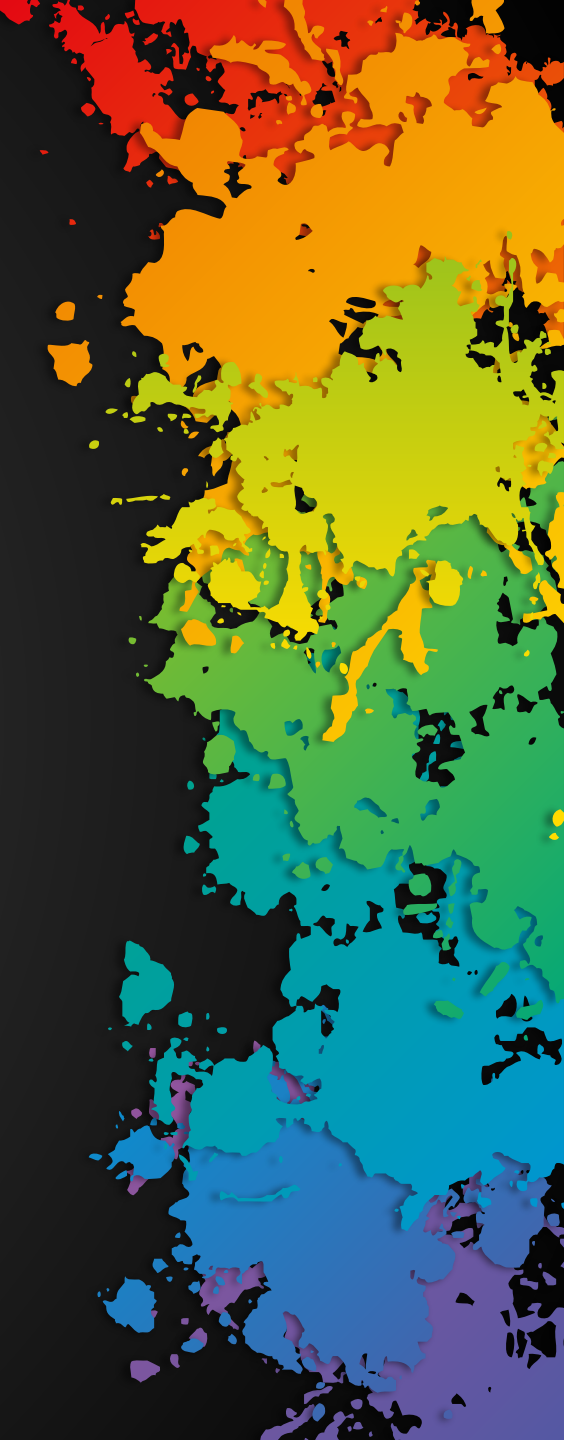
Thursday Program

Inner City Sports

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Parent involvement for 2023

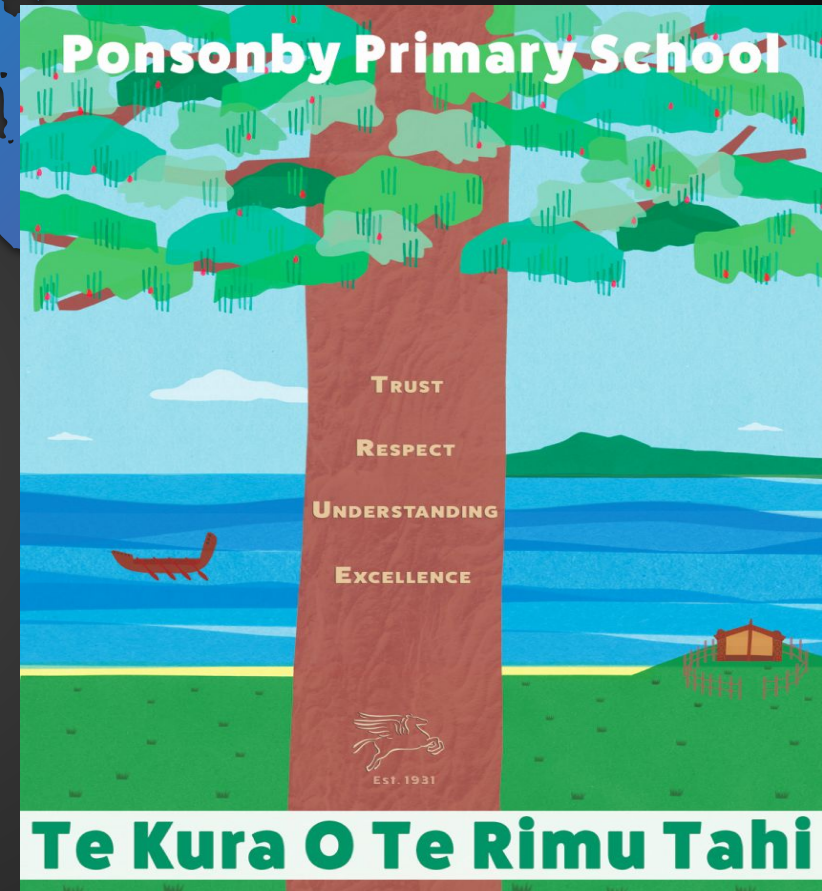


School Values and Kōwhai Expectations

- T: Trust
- R: Respect
- U: Understanding/Empathy
- E: Excellence

We want our Kōwhai students to:

- Become role models
- Be responsible
- Develop personal resilience
- Develop self-management
- Get involved!



Tools for learning

In addition to the traditional stationery items, students require a digital device for their learning. This tool for learning (computer, chromebook, macbook...) needs to be at school daily, **fully charged** and ready to go.

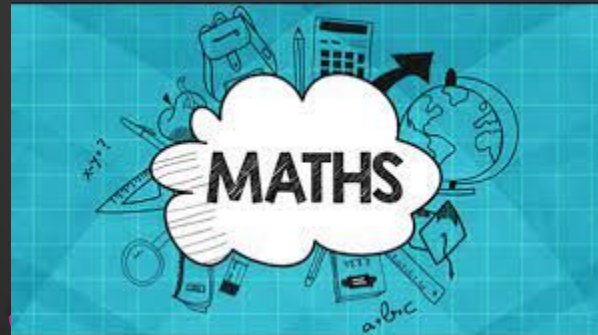
We want our Kōwhai students to become confident and skilled digital citizens. However, this does not mean they are on their device all day! We aim to have a healthy mix of digital and non-digital activities where students are at ease using a range of tools - they can choose what tool works best for them in each situation in consultation with their teacher.



Term 1 Curriculum Overview

Maths: We are continuing our problem solving approach using the 'Developing Mathematical Inquiry' approach. We are supported again by our fantastic maths facilitator, Lucie Cheeseman.

This year we will be using Studyladder as our main digital resource. Weekly assigned tasks align with what we are covering in class and are easily tracked by teachers.



Term 1 Curriculum Overview

Inquiry and literacy: Our whole school wide inquiry focus this year is titled Kaitiaki o te Whenua, which translates to guardian's of the land. In Kōwhai we will be exploring the history of the land around our school, local area and region, weaving in the new Aotearoa New Zealand History Curriculum along with concepts of sustainability and design thinking.

We will be exploring how the actions of the past have had an impact on our present day and how we can help towards building a more sustainable future for the land that surrounds our kura (school). In term 1 we are covering the topic Ko Wai Mātou (who are we) where students will investigate further about their own origins and those of our school and local area. All of our literacy learning will be integrated into our inquiry learning so that it is more meaningful for our ākonga (students).

This learning linked in nicely to our Pt Erin Park and Pools trip that we attended in Week 4 this term.

Homework expectations

Homework is not about new learning, but rather becoming better at skills already taught in the classroom. It also shouldn't become a battle with your child - please talk with your child's teacher at any time about how to manage it.

In Kōwhai Team students will have a weekly homework sheet that is assigned on Google Classroom which will include the following tasks:

Reading - 20 minutes each night, with a reading log to fill in

Spelling - New words each week and short activities to complete

Maths - Studyladder tasks and basic facts where needed

Inquiry - Optional activities to complete over the term linked to our inquiry topic

Individual teacher's expectations about homework will be explained in each classroom after this presentation

Thursday Program

- Thursday is an important part of our curriculum. Children select from a range of activities and manage their day with the support of the teachers
- Your child has used the activities timetable to sign up to a variety of activities- they can show you their timetable in their Google Drive folder
- They have been encouraged to be involved in as many activities as possible - and giving things a go that they haven't tried before!
- If you have a passion or area of expertise that you would like to share with a group of children we would love to have you come in and help! Please make contact with your child's teacher.

MyTime – Student Name		
Weekly Timetable		
Week: 3		
Date: 16/02/17		
9-11 Mr Allen 9-11 Miss Seaman 9-10 Miss Kersten 10.30-11 Mrs Derry 10-11 Mr Naera		
Time	Subject & Room	My Time Task
9-9.45	APPA choir (Hall)	
10-11	10-11 movie making - Miss Sauebier (Ehub)	
Morning Tea		
11.30-1 Miss Kersten 1.30-12.00 Mr Allen 11.30-1 Ms Derry 12.15-1.00 Mr Naera		
Time	Subject & Room	My Time Task
11.30-12.15	Kapa Haka (Hall) Mr aera	
12.00	Music Lesons Piano	
Lunch		
Mr Naera 2-3		
Time	Subject & Room	My Time Task
2-3	Cartooning Room 5	

Thursday Program

Also part of our Thursday Program: Y5 Wellbeing Hour and Y6 Leadership Hour. This takes place from 9-10am every Thursday.

Year 5 classes will have an hour of wellbeing activities based around 'the 5 ways to wellbeing' including themes of anxiety, courage, developing gratitude and being resilient. These lessons will also be incorporating elements of the MITEY mental health education that all Year 5 and 6 students will be taught.

In Year 6, every student has the opportunity to be part of our *Rangatiratanga* programme. There are 5 different leadership groups: Sustainability, Cultural, STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, Maths), House Captains and Student Coaches. These groups meet from 9 - 10 every Thursday with their lead teacher.

Sport

There are many sporting opportunities provided to Kōwhai students throughout the year, including netball, basketball and splash polo as well as the many Inner City events.

At Ponsonby we pride ourselves on our commitment to fair play and displaying sportsmanship, and we have a code of conduct for both our students and parents to follow when representing the school. A copy of this code of conduct will be sent home this week to be signed and returned before any students represent our school.

Our amazing sports coordinator is Arran Connor, so if you have any questions regarding any of the sporting opportunities at Ponsonby Primary School, you can contact him at aconnor@ponsprim.school.nz

EOTC

Year 5

Surfing @ Orewa - Term 4
Marae overnight stay - Term 4

Year 6

MOTAT - Term 2
Motutapu Camp - Term 4



More information on all of these trips will be provided closer to the time.

We can't do these trips without you! We require parents to join us for many of the activities.

Communication



Follow the school's instagram account to see the amazing learning that happens each week!

Ponsonby Primary School Te Rimu Tahī

If you have a question or concern, please start with your child's teacher as the first point of contact. Email addresses are listed here but they are also on the school website

Mr Bergin	Room 5	<u>sbergin@ponsprim.school.nz</u>
Ms Tomlins	Room 6	<u>stomlins@ponsprim.school.nz</u>
Mrs Radcliffe	Room 7	<u>sradcliffe@ponsprim.school.nz</u>
Ms Marron & Ms Brooke	Room 8	<u>amarron@ponsprim.school.nz</u> OR <u>g.brooke@ponsprim.school.nz</u>
Mr Connor	Room 9	<u>aconnor@ponsprim.school.nz</u>
Ms Johnston	Room 23	<u>mjohnston@ponsprim.school.nz</u>

Communication

Susan Robins our SENCO/Deputy Principal is the go-to person to talk about the specialised needs of your child.

Francis Naera our Deputy Principal is the person in charge of the Ponsonby Parent Support Group (PPSG)

The PPSG's main role is to ensure that our community is involved via fundraising to ensure that we can maintain the quality of resources that our school needs.

How can you help:

- Come along to the first PPSG meeting (check newsletter for dates)
- Become a Class Parent Liaison
- Provide support for our fundraisers

There are 2 major fundraisers - Taste of Ponsonby and Guy Fawkes (T4)

If you would like to volunteer as your class parent liaison, please send the teacher an email by the end of this week!

How can parents get involved?

- Parent Liaison role (one per class, or position can be shared)- point of contact between teacher and parents. This involves communication and coordination with classroom parents and the teacher.
- Class trips- look out for notices and events coming up
- Sports - coach a netball, basketball or splash polo team (contact Arran for more information)
- Help out at an inner city sports event (contact Arran for more information)
- PPSG - Parent fundraising group led by Francis Naera (look out for first meeting date). This group run our fundraisers- Taste of Ponsonby and Fireworks. This year is our 150 year celebration to get amongst!
- Thursday Program- come and run an activity for 8 weeks with a group of children. Take the opportunity to share your passion or expertise (contact Sarah R for more information)

Reminders

- Teacher email addresses available on the school website
- See school website and calendar for latest information
- New app coming out this week- check your email

Dates to watch out for:

- Netball trials - Wednesday 8th, Thursday 9th March (during school day)
- Year 4-6 Swimming Sports Week 8, March 22nd
- Puberty talks information Zoom session for parents - Tuesday 4th of April 6-7pm
- Year 6 - Puberty talks - Wednesday 5th April
- Week 7, Year 6 Leadership Dinner, Friday 16th March
- 3 Way Learning Conversations - Week 9, Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th March
- Last day of Term 1- Thursday 6th April



Thank you!

This slideshow will soon be up on the school website in the presentations tab