Ponsonby Primary School Te Kura o te Rimu Tahi

Kia ora tatou katoa,

Unfortunately, it hasn't been the easiest start to the school year for our students, teachers and whanau in 2023 with the inclement weather. For those of you who have been affected by the floods, my thoughts are with you in these challenging times. Please let me know if there is anything you need and anyway we can help.

Today we had a special welcoming Mihi Whakatau for all of our new students who have started with us at Ponsonby Primary this year. Thank you to all who were able to attend and a very warm welcome to all of our new families. One of our key focuses for our school is around belonging and we believe our mihi whakatau is a lovely way to really demonstrate belonging at our kura. Ponsonby is a high-achieving, high decile state school. Unfortunately, this means the funding we receive from the government fails to provide the type of education and staffing ratios we offer at our school. Each year the Board of Trustees requests an annual donation which is a key component of our budget. The budget component allows us to provide:

Additional Teacher Aides

Smaller class sizes

Purchasing of ICT Equipment

Upgrading of areas around the school: this year we are wanting to turf the bottom court and eventually put a shade system over it.

These costs cannot be met by government funding, and we appreciate your contribution in this area. You are able to claim these donations as tax deductibles at the end of the financial year.

Next week, we will be running our Puriri and Kakariki parent information sessions. If you could please meet in the hall first, then you will move to your teachers classroom who will then run through with you what the year ahead is going to look like. We do highly recommend you attend these sessions to meet your child's new teacher.

Let's hope that the sun is out this weekend and we can all enjoy.

Ngā mihi Sanjay Rama

Week 3 Term 1

UPCOMING EVENTS AND REMINDERS

TERM 1 FRIDGE REMINDERS

Please see the website homepage for the list of Term 1 reminders. Please keep an eye on the school

MEDICATION

All medication for children should go to the school office and not be in children's school bags please

PARENT DETAILS

If you have recently changed your number, email or address please notify the office.













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NETBALL 2023

Calling all netball players! Notices have gone home this week for all children in Y4-6 who would like to play netball. If your child has not brought one home please pick one up from the school office. There is a parent information meeting about our upcoming netball season on Tuesday 28th February at 8am in Room 7.

All welcome! We also need umpires for our upcoming winter season.

If you know anyone who is available to umpire on Monday or Wednesday afternoons please email me on sradcliffe@ponsprim.school.nz

Many thanks, Sarah Radcliffe





ST MARY'S COLLEGE 11 New Street, Ponsonby, Auckland

OPEN DAY

Thursday 9 March 2023 Commencing at 2.30pm & 6.30pm (Both sessions deliver the same information) in the Paul Keane Gymnasium

Join our Mercy family

Enrolments are open for Year 7 students and a small number of places for girls in other levels. St Mary's College has no zoning restrictions. All information on our website www.stmaryak.school.nz

> Closing date for 2024 applications Friday 17 March 2023



Parent Information Evenings

Puriri - Monday 20th February 5:30pm Kakariki - Tuesday 21st 5:30pm Kowhai - Tuesday 28th 5:30pm

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Trinity College, London exams (optional).

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