

Ponsonby Primary School

Te Kura o te Rimu Tahī

Kia Ora Whanau,

"Wow" I can't believe we are already in Week 5 of this term. It has felt like a real stop and start beginning to this term! A big thank you to all our parents who attended the parent information sessions over the past two weeks. It is great for our teachers to meet our parent's face to face and develop those relationships with you. We see the success of a child is achieved through developing connections with whanau and we have been pretty limited in our ability to do this over the last few years with lockdowns and restrictions.

I would like to thank all the families and children for supporting our gold coin donations. We raised over \$350 which will help some of the schools that have really lost a lot.

Last night, we had our first PPSG meeting. It was a great turnout and it was fantastic seeing so many new faces who want to help the school with fundraising. The PPSG and Mr Naera are gearing up for our first major fundraiser which will take place in Term 2. Francis and Class Liaisons will be sending more information home during the term about the fundraising events that will take place this year.

Today you would have received information from the school about our new school app. The App is called @School, we hope this new app will make life easier for you all as we see this as a one stop shop for all. You will be able to receive notices, pay donations and trips, have access to the calendar, website and view all of your child's school reports.

Week 5 Term 1

UPCOMING EVENTS AND REMINDERS

YEAR 2 READING INFORMATION MORNING

Thursday 9th
March 8-8:30am
in Room 20

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.**

This year, we will be celebrating 150 years since our school was first opened. We will be celebrating this milestone in Term 3. More information will be sent out during the year on the various celebrations we will hold for our community and the learning the children will be doing regarding this celebration.

A little bit of history about our school! Ponsonby Primary school was originally established in 1873. The school was developed after a meeting of householders. Dedwood District, Church Street School was its first name. It was originally in the rented church hall. In 1876, $\frac{3}{4}$ of an acre was bought for the new school. In 1879 the school designed by Edward Mahoney opened and was leading edge architecture with its big open air well ventilated classrooms. The school outgrew itself and by 1898 the school was also part of the existing Church Street School. The district was named in 1881 Ponsonby and due to overcrowding a new school was built on Curran Street. Curran Street School was completed in 1921 and the pupils first attended in 1922 with Mr Hill as the first Principal of the newly sighted 2 large block building.

Don't forget to talk to your child about their day and engage with them on the activities they do at school. This partnership strengthens the learning that takes place at school, and your whanau and household will always be your child's first teacher!

Ngā mihi
Sanjay Rama



Next Friday the 10th of March the Year 6 STEAM Team Leaders will be hosting a bake sale during lunchtime.

The aim is to raise funds to purchase more Lego and Lego tables for each classroom in our school. All items will be \$2 or \$3, so bring along some money if you would like to buy some delicious treats!

See you there!
The STEAM Team

ROOM OF THE WEEK

Room 18



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FREE FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2023!

INTRODUCING WALKING NETBALL

For ALL - no matter fitness, age or ability!

At the Barfoot & Thompson Netball Centre, Indoor Arena - Northcote Road, Northcote

Starts Friday, 3rd march

10.30 AM

NO NEED TO REGISTER JUST TURN UP AND PLAY

Come & Join us for

CHILDREN'S BOOK LAUNCH

by author and ex-Football Fern
Dr Michele Cox

SAMMY and the Shooting Stars

Way to Play SAMMY!

Illustrated chapter books for 7-12-year-olds

Sunday 12th March, 3.30pm at Dorothy Butler Children's Bookshop, Ponsonby

RSVP by Friday 10th of March: shop@dorothybutler.co.nz

Let's Connect Children's Love of SPORT with LITERACY!

HEAD HELD HIGH

PONSONBY PRIMARY SCHOOL

SPEECH & DRAMA LESSONS

WHO?
 Open to all Ponsonby Primary School students.

WHEN?
 Lessons are held during school hours at Ponsonby Primary School, on Thursdays.

WHERE?
 Ponsonby Primary School

LESSONS INCLUDE...

- Public speaking skills
- Acting skills
- Positive body language
- Speech writing & delivery
- Vocal skills
- Poetry recital
- Reading aloud
- Manners & relationship skills
- Building self-esteem & confidence

We also offer professional qualifications through our association with NZ Speech Board and Trinity College of London.

For more information
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In an ever-changing and fast-paced, technology-addicted world, it can be difficult to guesstimate what skills our children need in order to prepare them for an uncertain future.

However, there is a bedrock set of skills that have always been essential throughout history, and will continue to be for all generations to come. That is; the skills that give us the ability to communicate, to be creative, and to have a grounded sense of self-confidence.

In a nutshell this is exactly the family of skills that Head Held High speech and drama lessons are designed to develop.

At Head Held High we use hundreds of fun games and imaginative scenarios in our lessons, to teach conversation skills, confident body language, respect for ourselves and others, how to relate positively to peers and adults, public speaking skills, good manners, and harnessing creativity. All blended into a programme that all types of students love and have fun being a part of!

In addition to all of the above, Head Held high students also have the opportunity to gain globally recognised qualifications by sitting Trinity College of London or NZ Speech Board examinations.

To enrol for your no-obligation intro lesson simply visit:
www.headheldhigh.co.nz/enrol-for-head-held-high

Or, if you've got questions, we're happy to answer them!
 Simply email: kateimlach@headheldhigh.co.nz