

Ponsonby Primary School

Te Kura o te Rimu Tahī

Kia Ora Whanau,

It's great to see that we are finally getting some beautiful weather and long may this last. Parents, this is just a reminder that children still need to bring hats to the school. We are noticing more and more students coming into the office asking for hats.

On Tuesday, we held our Yr 4 swimming sports at Pt Erin pools, it was another well run event by the teachers. A big thank you to Mr Connor for such a well drilled event and a big thank you to all the parents that helped out on the day. Today we held our junior swimming carnival and what a morning it was, all the children having fun and showing off their swimming skills. My highlight is always the coconut song at the end!

Well done to all the Kakariki teachers and a big thank you to Miriam for her great organisation.

Next Wednesday, we will be holding our Year 5 & 6 swim sports, this will be held at the Millennium Institute swimming pools. The Program is on the school website so parents you will be able to see a guide for times of the events.

Yesterday, teachers around the country went on strike. I just want to clarify that pay is not the main issue for the sector strike yesterday. It is about resourcing and better conditions for our learners. We want smaller class sizes and more support for the children. Primary schools from Yr 4-6 are funded on a ration of 1 teacher to 29 students, then at secondary school they are funded for 1 teacher to 23 students! We are seeing more and more teachers and principals leaving the profession due to the worsening conditions in the sector, a trend that we don't want to continue.

I would like to congratulate our Year 6 House Captains for organising our Frozen Friday Ice Block fundraiser. The children were amazing with their marketing skills and this was evident as all the Ice Blocks were sold out!!! Well done to our House Leaders all the money raised will go towards lego tables, if you do have any lego you need to get rid of, we would love it for our classes. The skills the children develop through using these types of resources builds and develops our goals to create 21st century learners, through innovative and creative thinking, collaboration and working together.

Week 7 Term 1

UPCOMING EVENTS AND REMINDERS FOR WEEK 8

KAKARIKI PT ERIN TRIP

Tuesday 21st
March 9-11am

YEAR 5 & 6 SWIMMING SPORTS

Wednesday
22nd March
9am-2:30pm
Millenium
institute, North
Shore

NEXT ASSEMBLY

Friday 24th
March Room 4 &
Room 17 hosting
2pm

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PACK YOUR CHILDS HAT FOR SCHOOL

Next week we are starting some building work in the school office area so the office staff, Francis, Susan and myself will be working from Room 16 for the next couple of weeks. We are encouraging parents to please pay fees, payments or any donations through Kindo or via direct bank transfer as we will not have access to EFTPOS while the work is being done in the office.

Finally, if you have not paid your donations yet, you can either pay this online or in the office. For us as a school, we rely heavily on these donations as this helps us fund extra teacher aids and the amazing opportunities that our students benefit from. You also have the ability to claim back your taxes on school donations. Have a fantastic weekend!

Ngā mihi
Sanjay Rama

Payment options whilst the office relocates to room 16 for the next couple of weeks

Kindo

or

Direct Bank Transfer

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Children to report to room 16 when they are late for a late slip

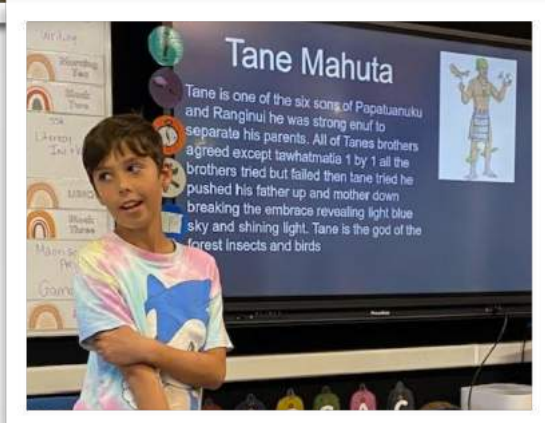
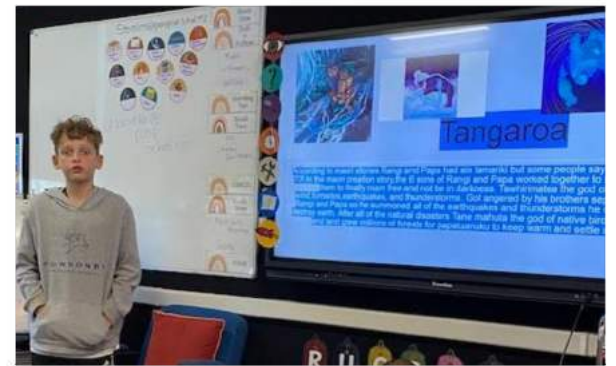
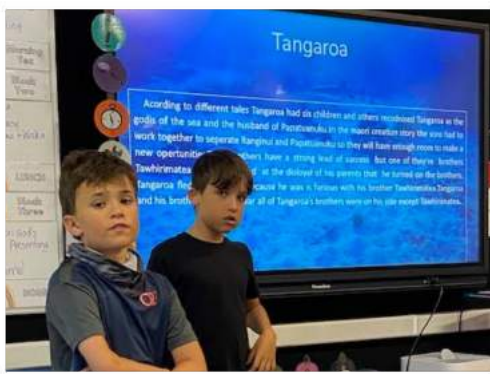
When collecting a child early from school, please report to room 16

School phone landline will remain active (09) 376 3568

ROOM OF THE WEEK

Room 6

In Room 6 this week we have been learning about the Māori deities through our literacy and STEAM programme. Collaborating with other classmates, we carried out research projects on each of the gods and were so proud to present our work!



Three Way Learning Conversations

Tuesday the 28th & Wednesday the 29th of March

Event code v9wq8

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/v9wq8>



speech & drama HOLIDAY PROGRAMME



sibling &
bring-a-friend
discounts available!

dates & location?

**Ponsonby Community Centre, OR
Pinehurst School (Albany)**

**Monday 17th - Thursday 20th April
9am - 3pm each day**

what's in it for the kids?

Head Held High holiday programmes are full of fun, learning and creativity for students aged Year 1 to Year 5. The programmes are taught by the same professional, enthusiastic and caring teachers who teach our speech and drama lessons across Auckland during the school terms, and they pack the day with speech and drama games and activities that kids love.

Designed by HHH founder - Kate Laurence - each day will be as FUN as possible for the children, whether they're having their first taste of speech and drama or are experienced campaigners with Head Held High.

It's really important to us that all students feel welcome and comfortable, regardless of their level of previous speech & drama experience or interest. Our teachers are experts at reading the individual requirements within a group, and the holiday programme games and activities will be delivered in ways that are engaging and challenging to all individuals' skill levels, simultaneously.

prices?

- 1 day = \$80
- 2 days = \$150
- 3 days = \$210
- 4 days = \$280

Siblings = 10% discount.
Bring-a-friend = Mention the friend who recommended our holiday programme to you and you'll both get a 10% discount.

*Sibling discounts and bring-a-friend discounts may not be used in conjunction with each other.

who for?

For students in **Year 1 to Year 5**.
Open to children from all schools.

please bring

Morning tea, lunch, water bottle.

enrol or enquire www.headheldhigh.co.nz/holiday-programmes