

# Ponsonby Primary School

## Te Kura o te Rimu Tahī

Kia Ora e te whānau,

This week our tamariki have been learning about the history of Ponsonby Primary School! Learning about the history of a school can be a fascinating way for students to connect with their local community and gain a deeper appreciation of the history of our school and area.

We have an exciting and busy week ahead next week with the celebration of our school being around for 150 years. Last week Mrs Jurisich sent home a run sheet of what the children will be doing each day, next week. We are all especially looking forward to our evening celebration which will take place next Thursday. This is a real opportunity for us all to connect with students and parents from the past, present and future.

I would like to thank Mrs Jurisich and the 150 staff committee of teachers who have put in many hours of work to make sure that our children are going to have such an amazing week. These are the types of memories that we hope our children will cherish for many years to come.

I would like to congratulate our EPRO8 team that competed at the Auckland EPRO8 competition last week. The team of Oliver Ekanayaka, Taylor Starnes, Isaac Barton and Logan Vroegop made our school extremely proud. The team came forth out of all the schools in Auckland. A big thank you to Miss Kingston for all the hard work she has put in to get the boys ready for the event and thank you to Mrs Robins who supported the team on the day.

Last week I attended a meeting with the Auckland Principals and Education spokespeople from the main political parties. We were lucky to hear from the current Minister for Education and the opposition spokespeople. Despite the ideologies at play, it was pretty clear each person was passionate about education. We look forward to the release of more policies so that we can analyse them to see if it improves the current issues we are facing in schools.

Once again a big thank you to all of you for supporting our Know-A-Thon. We really appreciate your support and the efforts of our children and families! A big thank you! If you haven't already, you still have plenty of time to bring in your yellow Know-A-Thon booklet. The last day that we will be collecting sponsorship Monday will be Friday 13th of October (The first Friday of Term 4).

Also a reminder about our school charter, below is the link, it would be great if you could take some time to fill out the questions.

Have a lovely weekend and fingers crossed that the sun keeps shining.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Sanjay Rama

### TERM 3 DATES

17 July - 22 Sept

### UPCOMING REMINDERS

#### Week 10

#### NEXT ASSEMBLY

Approx in Term 4 after the 3rd of Nov due to construction in the hall

#### 150 YEARS CELEBRATION

Thursday 21st Sept

#### LAST DAY OF TERM

Friday 22nd of Sept

#### FIRST DAY OF TERM 4

Monday 9th of Oct

#### TEACHER ONLY DAY

Tuesday 24th of  
October - Term 4





The regulatory costs associated with putting on a commercial fireworks display have risen considerably in recent years and the success of our beloved Guy Fawkes Night as a school fundraising event has depended upon sponsorship to cover some of these costs. (The fireworks display, impressive as it is, costs the school nearly \$12,000.)

We are actively seeking sponsors for this year's Guy Fawkes Night - any level of sponsorship is gratefully received and we're only too happy to sing your name from the rooftops.

Please get in touch with myself or Morgan if you or your business would be interested in providing sponsorship towards the fireworks for this year's BIG night!

Sanjay Rama & Morgan Jurisich

**COME CELEBRATE WITH US**

**PONSONBY  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**150**

**YEARS CELEBRATION**

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
THURSDAY SEP 21	5:00PM TO 8:00PM	PONSONBY PRIMARY SCHOOL

**FOOD TRUCKS | ART EXHIBITION |  
ENTERTAINMENT | CAKE | RECONNECTING**

ALL WELCOME TO THIS FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT!  
PLEASE RSVP TO [KHOBDA@PONSPRIM.SCHOOL.NZ](mailto:KHOBDA@PONSPRIM.SCHOOL.NZ)  
BY FRIDAY 25 AUGUST

All Sterling Silver



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— JEWELLERY DESIGN —

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<https://www.polisheddiamonds.co.nz/ponsonby-primary>

150 YEARS CELEBRATION

# MERCH



\$50



\$30



\$20

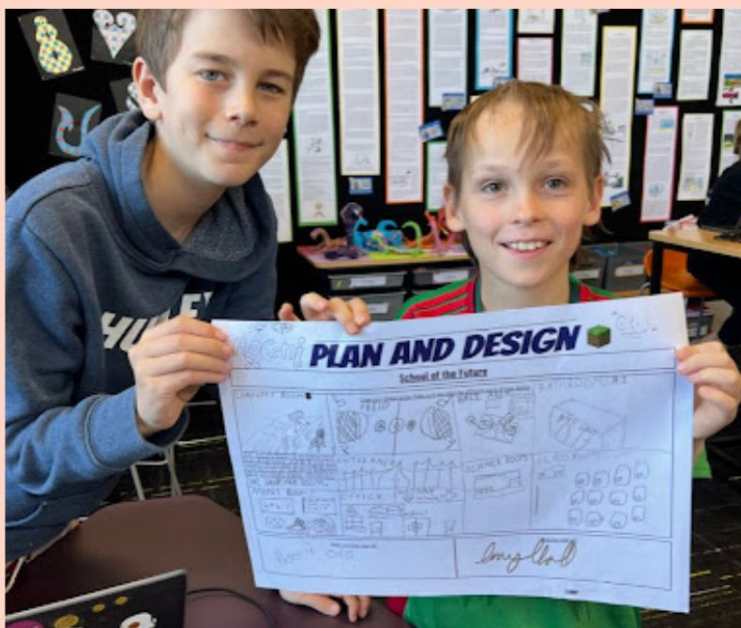


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# Room of the week

## Room 8



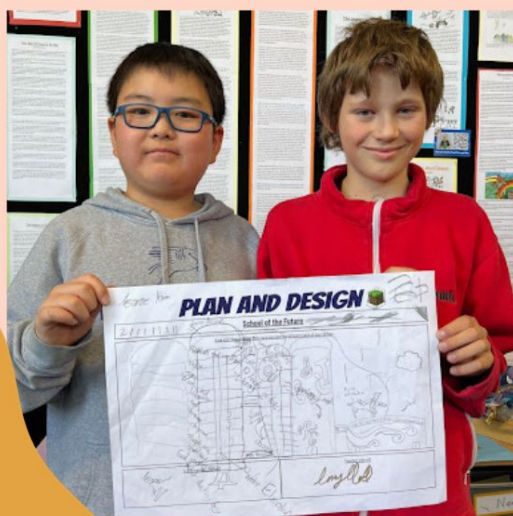
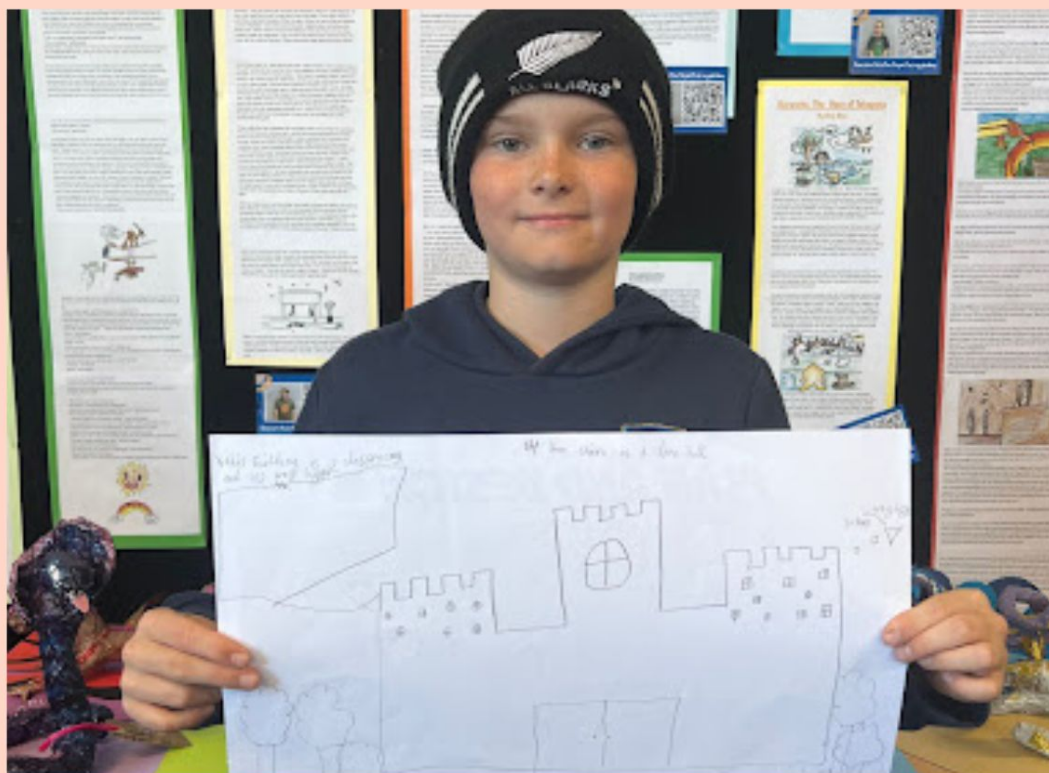
In Rūma Waru this week we have loved learning about Ponsonby Primary's 150 year history. As part of our learning, we have been planning and designing **Schools of the Future** using Minecraft Education. It's been so much fun imagining what students in 150 years might experience at school! Take a look at our designs and our Minecraft builds so far!





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## SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINIC

**AT PARNELL LAWN TENNIS CLUB (Auckland Domain – next to Museum)**

FOR MORE DETAILED PROGRAM INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT <https://www.parnellawntennisclub.co.nz/coaching/junior-coaching>

**Come and join us for some great tennis and fun at Parnell TC, NZ's premier club.**

We endeavor to structure groups according to player ability from beginner to advanced standards. **FLEXIBLE ENROLMENTS CHOOSE WHICHEVER DAYS SUIT YOUR CHILD THE BEST.**

**FIRST WEEK:** 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 October 2022

**SECOND WEEK:** 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 October

**AGE:** 5-18 years old

### **TIME & COST:**

<b>9:00 am to 12 noon</b>	(Morning Clinic)	<b>\$200 or \$45 per day</b>
<b>12:00 noon to 3:00 pm</b>	(Afternoon Clinic)	<b>\$200 or \$45 per day</b>
<b>9:00 am to 3:00 pm</b>	(FULL DAY CLINIC)	<b>\$380 or \$85 per day</b>

# 150 YEARS CELEBRATION

## 1873 - 2023

Kia Ora Parents and Whānau,

We have our exciting 150 Years Celebration week coming up on the last week of our school term. Please see below the range of activities taking place throughout the week.

### Monday 18th September

On Monday we will kick off our school celebrations with a technology free day centred around the past. Students are encouraged to dress up as if they were a student from the olden days. This is completely optional. The year 5 students will also be hosting their exciting annual carnival from 11:30 am to 1pm.

### Tuesday 19th September

Our theme for Tuesday is the present day. During the day the students will take part in an exciting school quiz with their buddy classes. We will be planting a rimu tree to pay homage to the ancient rimu tree that once stood at the intersection of Karangahape Road and Ponsonby Road. This tree was so sacred to the Māori people that they named the area of Ponsonby after it - Te Rimu Tahī. Unfortunately the tree was cut down during the New Zealand land wars. Our aim is for our school's rimu tree to become a taonga (treasure) for our school for many years to come. After the tree planting ceremony, we will take a whole school photo in the shape of the number 150!

### Wednesday 20th September

On Wednesday our whole school theme is focused around the future. Students will be given the opportunity to all write a wish that they have for our school for the future. We will also be running a whole school Lego Masters competition and to top off the day we will be burying a school time capsule. Each class will be creating some items to add into the capsule. There will be a story competition running in Week 9 and the winning entries will also be placed in the capsule.

### Thursday 21st September

Our 150 Years Celebration evening will take place from 5:00 - 8:00 pm on Thursday 21st of September. This is going to be a magical evening with an array of food trucks, entertainment by our talented tamariki, a memory lane display and limited edition 150 merchandise. Our annual art exhibition will also be running as part of the celebration. The exhibition will also be open on Friday morning (22nd September) from 8:30 am until 12:00 pm for any parents and whānau who were unable to view during the Thursday celebration evening.

Our Kapa Haka, choir and dance groups, along with our Kākāriki and Puriri students have been busy practising their items for the showcase. It is not compulsory for any student to take part, however we would love as many students involved as possible. Please see below the timetable for the showcase with the approximate times that students will be performing in the marquee. If your child could please arrive at least 10 minutes before their allocated performance slot this would be much appreciated. All performers will need to meet Mrs Hamilton in the designated 'holding area' behind the marquee.

### Showcase Performance Schedule

5:45 pm - Sanjay Rama's Welcome  
 5:50 pm - Kapa Haka/Choir  
 6:00 pm - Guest Speakers  
 6:10 pm - Choir  
 6:15 pm - Kākāriki  
 6:20 pm - Puriri  
 6:25 pm - Dance  
 6:30 pm - Cutting of the cake

If you haven't already, please RSVP to [khobday@ponsonby.school.nz](mailto:khobday@ponsonby.school.nz)

# PONSONBY PRIMARY







## 150 ENVELOPES FUNDRAISER FOR NEW CLASSROOM FURNITURE!



Throughout our celebration week our brilliant Mrs Wylie is running a fundraiser to raise money to purchase some new furniture for our classrooms. There will be 150 envelopes beautifully decorated by your children and displayed on a large display board. Each envelope displays a number ranging from 1 to 150. The goal is for people to make a donation for the amount listed on the envelope of their choice. The donations on each envelope start as small as \$1 and range up to \$150. We will launch this fundraiser on Monday 18th September, when the envelopes will be on display in the school office for anyone to come and make a donation. We will also have this fundraiser running on our Thursday celebration evening.

**ORDER OUR LIMITED EDITION MERCHANDISE THROUGH KINDO (SCAN THE QR CODE ON THE RIGHT) OR AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE!**

**ORDER THE JEWELLERY THROUGH THE POLISHED DIAMONDS WEBSITE BY SCANNING THE QR CODE (BOTTOM RIGHT).**

