

# Ponsonby Primary School

## Te Kura o te Rimu Tahi

Kia Ora Koutou Parents and Whānau,

Another busy week is coming to an end. This week our Yr 3 and 4 EOTC began with their trips to Birkenhead Leisure Centre, Mangere Mountain Education Centre and AUT Millennium. Kakariki have also been busy with EOTC starting off with the bikes and wheels parade day, Panmure pools and then finishing off the week with a picnic at Pt Erin pools.

I do keep repeating myself but a big thank you to all our teachers for all the work they have put into the EOTC program. It is truly outstanding. The amount of hours preparing for these trips is huge.

We are well into the final stages of class placements for next year. A number of factors go into ensuring we have balanced classes that meet the needs of all learners as best we can. Children will move to the new classes to meet their new teacher and classmates for 2024 on Tuesday the 12th of December. Constructing classes is a major undertaking and we thank all of our staff for the hours of work that goes in behind the scenes.

We are fully staffed for 2024. Next year Jay Keshaw will be moving into year 6 with Sven and Gail. Vanessa Collier will be doing one day in Gail's class on Fridays. As Julia is moving into the SENCO role this will mean she will be out of her class for 2 and half days, so she will be job sharing with Shewanthi Nanayakkara teaching Yr 4. Mrs Bengie is moving into Year 3. The teaching profession is in crisis at the moment as we are not attracting people into the profession so there is going to be a shortage of teachers shortly.

Parents - a reminder that if your child has any medical needs could you please advise the office as we need the information to put into our students management system. This information is extremely important when we are planning our ETOC trips or trips in general.

As the term is coming to end, we are noticing that the lost property is mounting. In the next few weeks we will display all the lost property in the hall and each class will come down to have a look through. Any items not collected will be donated to the Starship Hospital. Please have a thorough look through this before the end of the year.

Have a great weekend!

### TERM 4 DATES

9 Oct - 15 Dec

### UPCOMING REMINDERS

#### BRIMMED HATS

Are now compulsory at school

#### SANTA PARADE

Monday 11th Dec

#### STAR CONCERT

Tuesday 12th Dec

#### LAST DAY OF TERM

Friday the 15th Dec at 12pm

#### 2024

#### Goal Setting Day

Friday 2nd Feb

#### First Day of Term 1

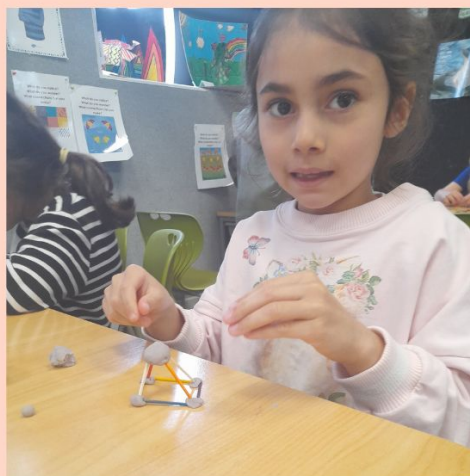
Monday 5th Feb



# ROOM OF THE WEEK

## ROOM 1

In room 1 we have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes. We have been doing cooperative tasks to make a toi whakairo and 3D shapes with sticks and playdough. We love geometry and learning about vertices, edges and faces.



# REMINDERS

**Week 9** Wednesday the 6th-8th of December - **Year 6 Camp**

**Week 10** Monday the 11th of December - **Santa Parade**

Tuesday the 12th of December - **Meet the teacher**

Tuesday the 12th of December - **Star Concert**

Wednesday the 13th of December - **Year 6 Graduation**

Thursday the 14th of December - **Final Assembly**

Friday the 15th of December - **Last day of term & finishing at 12pm**

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**Where - At Westmere school**      **Cost \$189+gst/term**

**Ages 5-11yrs**      **Start in wk2, finish 2<sup>nd</sup> to last wk**

<b>TUES</b>	Term1 textiles	T2 ART	T3 pottery	T4 ART
<b>THURS</b>	Term1 pottery	T2 textiles	T3 ART	T4 pottery

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