

Ponsonby Primary School

Te Kura o te Rimu Tahi

Kia Ora Whānau,

Welcome back to the New Year. It is fantastic to start the year without any disruptions! The last couple of years have been tricky to navigate with Covid and last year with the floods. A warm welcome to Mr Cropp (Rm 9) who will be leading the Kōwhai team this year. Sven brings a wealth of experience to our school and we are very lucky to have him part of the Ponsonby team.

It is great having all the children back. It's been a fantastic week and I have loved getting around the classes to see the children settle back into school with such ease.

Just an update on the projects that have taken place over the school holidays, as many of you would have seen, the bottom court is complete and the students are absolutely loving the new court. This was all down to the PPSG and Mrs Jurisich for all their hard work with fundraising last year, so a big thank you to them. We now have a performing arts and wellbeing room which is located next to the library. We have had the walls replaced and have put down a new all purpose floor especially designed for performances. When you get a chance, have a look! This space is going to be a lovely space for our children for dance, drama, kapa haka, yoga etc.

Also, a reminder to pack a brimmed hat into your child's bag, it has been extremely hot over the last few days and we want our children to be sun smart. If your child does not have a brimmed hat then you can purchase one at the school office. The pool is also open during the lunch break for children to have a swim. Mrs Robins, Mrs Jurisich and myself will be on duty.

In alignment with new government policy, cellphones can not be used at school. Children with phones must be turned off before school. If students bring phones to school they will be asked to hand their phones to the office before school, where they will be locked away and they can then come and collect them from the office at 3pm. In regards to smart watches we also ask our children to only accept calls and respond to messages before and after school. If you need to get hold of your child all communication can be done through the school office.

Have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards,
Pā atawhai
Mr Sanjay Rama, Principal

TERM 1 DATES

2 Feb - 12 Apr

UPCOMING REMINDERS

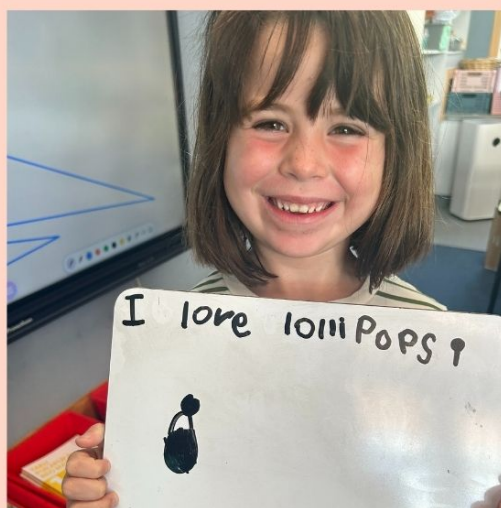
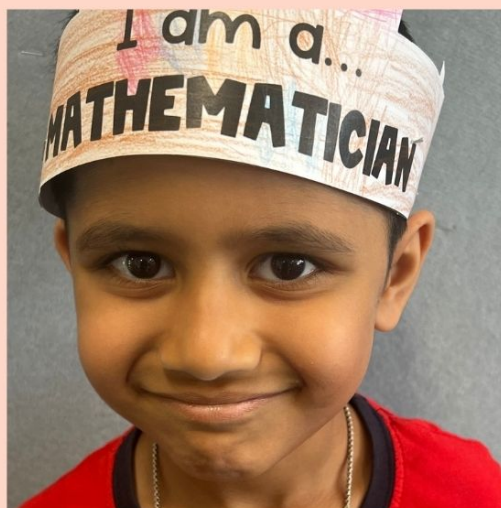
Children must be wearing brimmed hats at school.

ROOM OF THE WEEK

ROOM 20

Room 20 have had so much fun at school this week. We have been busy doing so much learning, take a look!





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