

# Kōwhai Parent Information Session 2024

## Year 5

Room 6

Sarah Vollmer

Room 7

Stephen Bergin

## Year 6

Room 5

Jay Keshaw

Room 8

Gail Brooke & Vanessa Collier

Room 9

Sven Cropp



# Purpose of This Evening

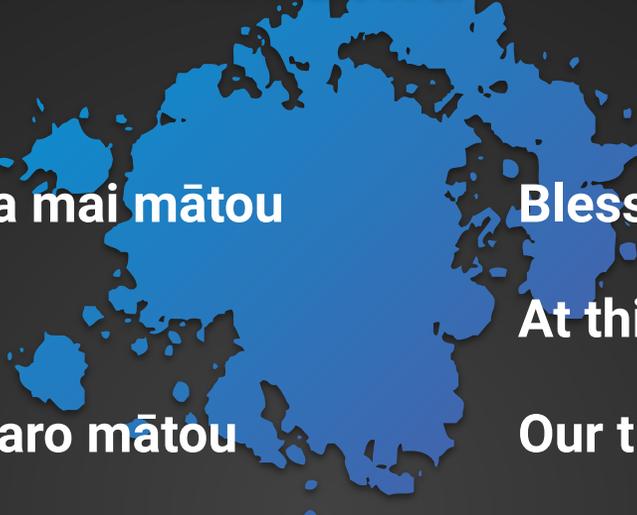
This evening is about information and sharing expectations of our team. But MOST importantly it is about connecting with YOU!

*'Strong connections between schools and parents and whānau are essential to raising the achievement of children and young people...'*

Strategic Goal 2: To provide and promote educational relationships and partnerships. Ensuring that our parents, whānau and community are an important component of our children's learning journey .



# Karakia



Manaakitia mai mātou

Bless us

I tenei hui

At this gathering

Kei whakaaro mātou

Our thoughts are

Mo te kaupapa

For the rights

O ā tātou Tamariki

Of our children

# We will cover:

School values and expectations - Sven

Tools for learning - Sarah

Curriculum coverage for Term 1 - Gail

Homework - Sarah

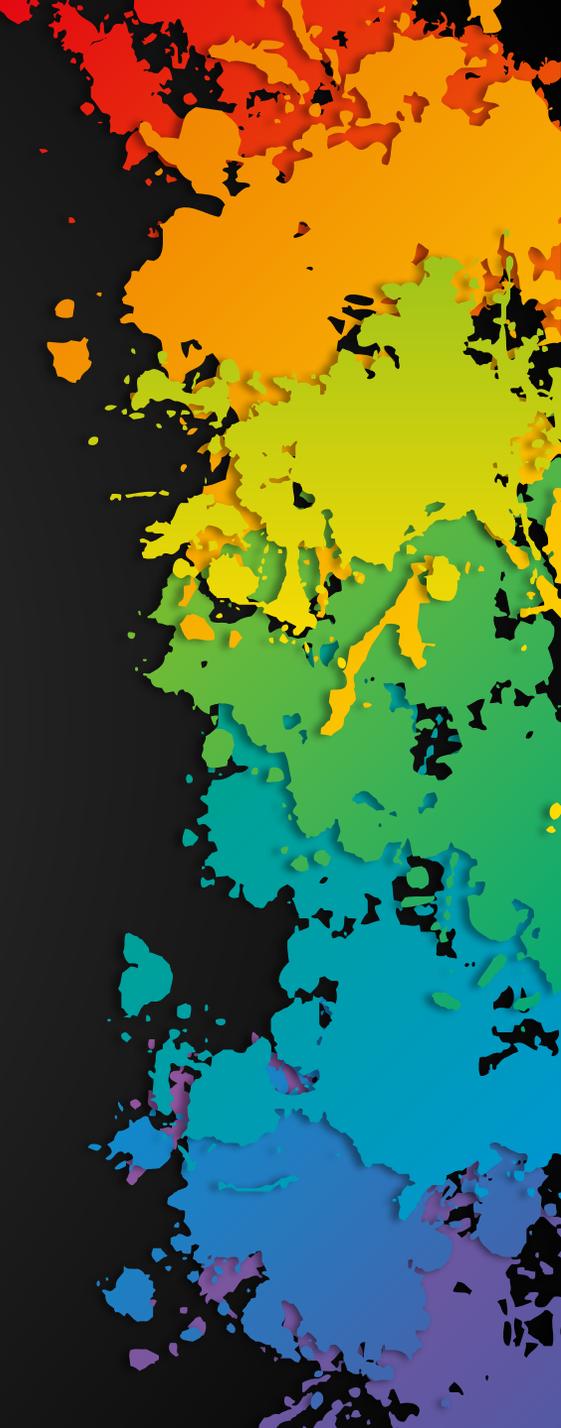
Thursday Program - Sven

Sports & EOTC - Stephen and Jay

Communication avenues - teachers, our Deputy Principals - Sven

Reminders for the calendar - Jay

Parent involvement for 2024 - Sven

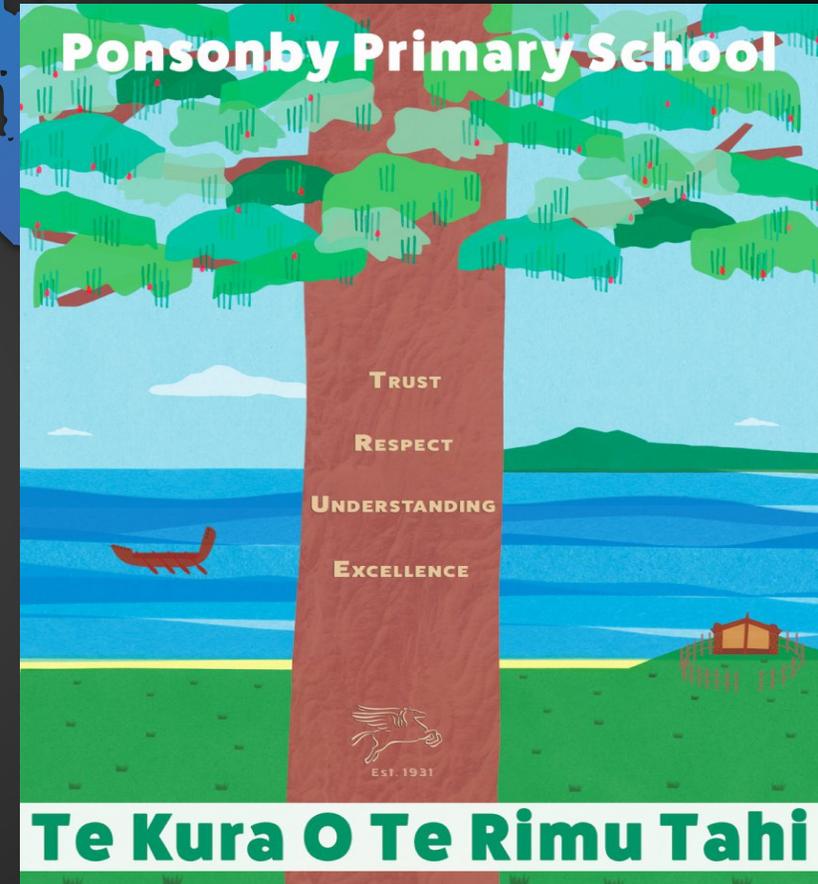


# School Values and Kōwhai Expectations

- T: Trust
- R: Respect
- U: Understanding/Empathy
- E: Excellence

We want our Kōwhai students to:

- Become role models
- Develop personal resilience
- Develop self-management
- Get involved!
- Be Leaders!



# Tools for learning

In addition to the traditional stationery items, students require a digital device for their learning. This tool for learning (computer, chromebook, macbook...) needs to be at school daily, **fully charged** and ready to go.

We want our Kōwhai students to become confident and skilled digital citizens. However, this does not mean they are on their device all day! We aim to have a healthy mix of digital and non-digital activities where students are at ease using a range of tools - they can choose what tool works best for them in each situation in consultation with their teacher.



# Tools for learning

## Ponsonby Primary School Digital Safety Intervention Rubric

Use the rubric below to help determine which intervention is appropriate.

If warnings accumulate, the appropriate intervention escalates further up the tier.

For example, if a student receives a second warning for a Tier One behaviour, the appropriate response would be a warning from the Senior Teacher.

### Tier One: In-Class Warning

- Not treating my device with care
- Not on the correct website my teacher directed me to use
- Not listening to instructions while using my device



### Tier Two: Senior Teacher Warning

- Using my device unsupervised during morning tea/lunch
- Using my device to communicate with others during school hours
- Using my device to play games during learning times



### Tier Three: Parent Email

- Accessing social media apps/websites during school hours
- Logging into my home account during school hours



### Tier Four: Device Removed

- Using my device to bully others



### Tier Five: Internal Suspension

- Using my device to access and/or distribute inappropriate material



# Term 1 Curriculum Overview

**Maths:** We are continuing our problem solving approach using the 'Developing Mathematical Inquiry' approach. We are supported again by our fantastic maths facilitator, Lucie Cheeseman.

This year we will be using Studyladder as our main digital resource. Weekly assigned tasks align with what we are covering in class and are easily tracked by teachers.

**Literacy and STEAM:** In term 1 we are covering the topic Ko Wai Mātou (who are we) where students will investigate further about their own origins and those of our school and local area. All of our literacy learning will be integrated into our inquiry learning so that it is more meaningful for our ākonga (students).

**Writing:** In term 1 we will be focusing on writing biographies and autobiographies, building up to writing our own Pepeha, which we will be presenting later this term. Our writing is very much integrated into what we are covering in our Literacy and STEAM time.

**Health & PE -** Swimming will be our focus this term and we will be continuing to develop positive strategies around mental health through the Mitey programme

# Homework expectations

Homework is not about new learning, but rather becoming better at skills already taught in the classroom. It also shouldn't become a battle with your child - please talk with your child's teacher at any time about how to manage it.

In Kōwhai Team students will have a weekly homework sheet that is assigned on Google Classroom which will include the following tasks:

**Reading** - 20 minutes each night, with a reading log to fill in

**Spelling** - New words each week and short activities to complete

**Maths** - Studyladder tasks and basic facts where needed

**Inquiry** - Optional activities to complete over the term linked to our inquiry topic

# Thursday Program

- Thursday is an important part of our curriculum. Children select from a range of activities and manage their day with the support of the teachers
- Your child has used the activities timetable to sign up to a variety of activities- they can show you their timetable in their Google Drive folder
- They have been encouraged to be involved in as many activities as possible - and giving things a go that they haven't tried before!
- If you have a passion or area of expertise that you would like to share with a group of children we would love to have you come in and help! Please make contact with your child's teacher.

MyTime – Student Name		
Weekly Timetable		
Week: 3		
Date: 16/02/17		
9-11 Mr Allen 9-11 Miss Seaman 9-10 Miss Kersten 10.30-11 Mrs Derry 10-11 Mr Naera		
Time	Subject & Room	My Time Task
9-9.45	APPA choir (Hall)	
10-11	10-11 movie making - Miss Sauebier (Ehub)	
Morning Tea		
11.30-1 Miss Kersten 1.30-12.00 Mr Allen 11.30-1 Ms Derry 12.15-1.00 Mr Naera		
Time	Subject & Room	My Time Task
11.30-12.15	Kapa Haka (Hall) Mr aera	
12.00	Music Lesons Piano	
Lunch		
Mr Naera 2-3		
Time	Subject & Room	My Time Task
2-3	Cartooning Room 5	

# Thursday Program

Also part of our Thursday Program: Y5 Wellbeing Hour and Y6 Leadership Hour. This takes place from 9-10am every Thursday.

Year 5 classes will have an hour of wellbeing activities based around 'the 5 ways to wellbeing' including themes of anxiety, courage, developing gratitude and being resilient. These lessons will also be incorporating elements of the MITEY mental health education that all Year 5 and 6 students will be taught.

In Year 6, every student has the opportunity to be part of our *Rangatiratanga* programme. There are 5 different leadership groups: Sustainability, Cultural, STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, Maths), House Captains and Student Coaches. These groups meet from 9 - 10 every Thursday with their lead teacher.

# Sport

There are many sporting opportunities provided to Kōwhai students throughout the year, including netball, basketball and splash polo as well as the many Inner City events running throughout the year.

At Ponsonby we pride ourselves on our commitment to fair play and displaying sportsmanship, and we have a code of conduct for both our students and parents to follow when representing the school. A copy of this code of conduct will have been sent home and needs to be signed and returned before any students represent our school.

Our sports coordinators are Jay Keshaw and Stephen Bergin so if you have any questions regarding any of the sporting opportunities at Ponsonby Primary School, you can contact them at [sbergin@ponsprim.school.nz](mailto:sbergin@ponsprim.school.nz) and [jkeshaw@ponsprim.school.nz](mailto:jkeshaw@ponsprim.school.nz).

# EOTC & Camp

## Year 5

Auckland Museum - Term 4  
Marae overnight stay - Term 4  
Surfing @ Orewa - Term 4

## Year 6

Matariki Experience - Term 2  
Motutapu Camp - Term 4



More information on all of these trips will be provided closer to the time.

***We can't do these trips without you!*** We require parents to join us for many of the activities.

# Communication

If you have a question or concern, please start with your child's teacher as the first point of contact. Email addresses are listed here but they are also on the school website. Even better...just come and see us!

Mr Keshaw	Room 5	<a href="mailto:jkeshaw@ponsprim.school.nz">jkeshaw@ponsprim.school.nz</a>
Mrs Vollmer	Room 6	<a href="mailto:svollmer@ponsprim.school.nz">svollmer@ponsprim.school.nz</a>
Mr Bergin	Room 7	<a href="mailto:sbergin@ponsprim.school.nz">sbergin@ponsprim.school.nz</a>
Ms Brooke	Room 8	<a href="mailto:g.brooke@ponsprim.school.nz">g.brooke@ponsprim.school.nz</a>
Mr Cropp	Room 9	<a href="mailto:scropp@ponsprim.school.nz">scropp@ponsprim.school.nz</a>

# Communication

Julia Nissen our SENCO/Deputy Principal is the go-to person to talk about the specialised needs of your child.

Morgan Jurisich our Deputy Principal is the person in charge of the Ponsonby Parent Support Group (PPSG)

The PPSG's main role is to ensure that our community is involved via fundraising to ensure that we can maintain the quality of resources that our school needs.

How can you help:

- Come along to the first PPSG meeting (check newsletter for dates)
- Become a Class Parent Liaison
- Provide support for our fundraisers

There are 2 major fundraisers- Taste of Ponsonby and another end of year event (TBC)

***If you would like to volunteer as your class parent liaison, please send the teacher an email by the end of this week!***

# How can parents get involved?

- Parent Liaison role (one per class, or position can be shared)- point of contact between teacher and parents. This involves communication and coordination with classroom parents and the teacher.
- Class trips- look out for notices and events coming up
- Sports - coach a netball, basketball or splash polo team (contact Arran for more information)
- Help out at an inner city sports event (contact Arran for more information)
- PPSG - Parent fundraising group led by Morgan Jurisich (look out for first meeting date). This group run our fundraisers
- Thursday Program- come and run an activity for 8 weeks with a group of children. Take the opportunity to share your passion or expertise (contact Sven for more information)

# Reminders

- Teacher email addresses available on the school website
- See school website and calendar for latest information

Dates to watch out for in Term 1:

- Puberty talks information Zoom session for parents - Monday 18th March
- Year 6 - Puberty talks - Tuesday 19th March
- Year 5 & 6 Swimming Sports - Thursday 28th March @ AUT Millennium Institute
- Last day of Term 1

Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Cross Country	School Show - save the date 26/09/24  26th Sept	EOTC - Year 5 Camp - Year 6 Athletics Sports Prize-Giving Senior Prize-Giving

**The Door is  
Always Open...**





# Thank you!

This slideshow will soon be up on the school website in the presentations tab