

Ponsonby Primary School

Te Kura o te Rimu Tahi

Kia ora whanau,

On Tuesday I arrived back from Japan. The experience was truly enriching and gave me valuable insights into Japanese education, culture, history, and society.

Throughout the trip, we had the opportunity to visit various historical landmarks, cultural sites, and educational institutions. As a group of educators we immersed ourselves in Japanese culture by participating in traditional ceremonies, learning the art of origami, and experiencing the vibrant atmosphere of bustling markets. I visited many Educational Institutions: We had the privilege of visiting renowned schools in Japan, and really got to see the difference between two education systems. I believe that our NZ system caters for all children's needs e.g. through a broad curriculum and I truly believe our education system gives our students the skills needed to become successful learners.

We have a busy couple of weeks ahead. As we had to postpone our junior swimming sports due to the weather. The new date is now Tuesday the 19th of March from 9-11am and this will take place in the school pool. The following day is the Year 4 Swimming carnival which will be held at Pt Erin Pools.

The event will start at 9am and finish around 11am. A big thank you to Miss Harford, Mr Bergin, Mr Keshaw and Mr Connor for the time and effort they put in to make these events such a success.

In week 9 we have our Three way learning conversations and this is a reminder to parents that if you have not already booked your conference time, you still have time this weekend to do so. The last day to book interviews will be Friday the 22nd of March.

Here is the booking link <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/vmdfw>

Just a reminder, 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 lovely weekend, rest up, see you Monday.

Ngā mihi
Sanjay Rama

TERM 1 DATES

2 Feb - 12 Apr

UPCOMING REMINDERS

- Parent-Teacher 3
Way Learning
Conversations
**Tuesday the
26th &
Wednesday the
27th of March
2024.**
- The next public
holidays are
**Friday the 29th
of March**
(Good Friday)
**Monday the 1st
of April**
(Easter Monday)
**Tuesday the 2nd
of April**
(Easter Tuesday)



- The next Teacher
Only Day is
**Friday the 31st
of May.**



ICAS Examination registration is now open

ICAS is an online academic competition that is designed to assess students' higher order thinking and problem-solving skills in various subjects.

Each assessment celebrates students' accomplishments by providing opportunities for recognition and development. Every student who participates will receive a printed certificate and an online results report. Top performers will be eligible for medals.

These exams are only for children who are in Years 4 to 6. These exams are optional and not compulsory. The tests are Australian based which focuses on children's higher order thinking skills and are designed to recognise and reward academic excellence. Children in Year 4 - 6 can sit the tests in the following subjects:

English:	Tuesday 13th August, week 4 of term 3
Science:	Tuesday 20th August, week 5 of term 3
Maths:	Tuesday 27th August, week 6 of term 3

They do not directly reflect the NZ Curriculum but are great for practising exam technique. All tests are done online via the online ICAS website, but will be sat in exam conditions at school. The cost for each test is \$21.50 and students must be signed up via the ICAS registration page. Students will need to bring their device on the day of their exam.

Your parent page link is: <https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps>

Your school access code is: HQA992

Registration and payment for these tests closes on the 29th of July 2024.

Click here for more information on ICAS <https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas/>

Room of the week. Room 6

Room 6 is having a fabulous start to the year! We have been exploring the art of foam relief printmaking and gaining some skills to use for our visual pepeha showcase. We carved our designs into foam, rolled printing ink over them, then pressed them onto card paper. We needed to practise writing our name backwards so that it came out the right way when we flipped over our stencils!



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UPCOMING REMINDERS



Mr Bergin will be running morning swims for our less confident swimmers in **Years 4-6** in preparation of the upcoming swimming carnivals this term.
Tuesday & Thursday mornings
from 8-8:30am.



Year 1, 2 & 3 swimming sports **Tuesday the 19th of March** from 9-11am at the school pool.



Year 4 swimming sports 9-11am **Wednesday the 20th of March** at Point Erin Pools.



Year 2 reading information morning, **Thursday the 21st of March** 8-8:30am in the school hall



Term 1 Parent-Teacher 3 Way Learning Conversations on **Tuesday the 26th & Wednesday the 27th of March 2024.**



Year 5 & 6 swimming sports 9am-1pm **Thursday March 28th** at AUT Millenium Institute.



Our Ice Block Wednesday fundraiser is back next week!
 Don't forget your \$2 coin
 Funds raised will go towards purchasing a woodworking table for our maker space
 Thank you for your continued support

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Easter Family Event

272 - 302 Great North Road, Grey Lynn

Easter Family Event is back, and we can't wait to see you hop in store to be part of the fun at Grey Lynn Bunnings. FREE There will be lots of activity plus of course a special visit from the East...

5:00PM - 7:00PM,
 Wednesday 20th of March 2024



Free family fun day
 Live entertainment
 DJ - Nomad222
 Spot Prizes
 Sausage Sizzle



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9AM - 1PM
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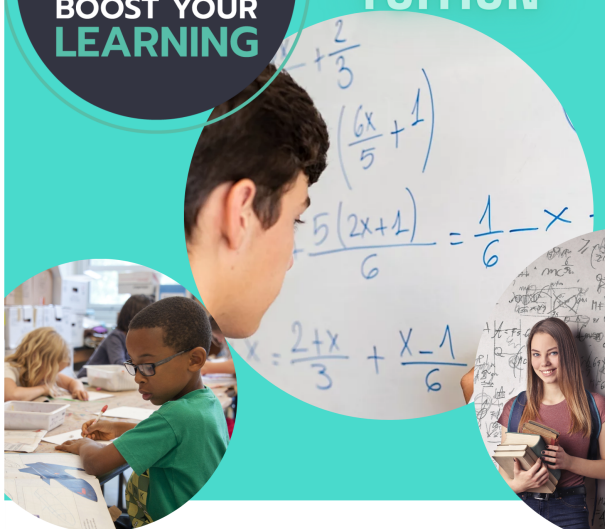
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