

# Ponsonby Primary School

## Te Kura o te Rimu Tahī

Kia Ora Whānau,

I'd like to start this week's newsletter by thanking all of the whānau who help out in one way or another around the school. There have been quite a few events over the last couple of weeks and these would not have been able to go ahead or be as successful without amazing caregiver support. Thank you all for helping out when needed, we believe a successful school is built through community engagement.

We are continually receiving complaints from parents about the behaviour of our school community at drop off and pick up times. Please ensure you are using the pedestrian crossings at each of our exits when crossing the road. Do NOT park on yellow lines as this obstructs our crossings that are patrolled by our student patrollers and parents, putting them at risk of injury. Be sensible when opening car doors, your children should exit the vehicle on the footpath side and not onto the busy roads. We all need to be mindful of this when making our way to and from school. If your child is biking or taking their scooter to school, please remind them of safe travel practices and to wear a helmet.

Today was Pink Shirt Day. The purpose behind Pink Shirt Day is ensuring everyone is working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusiveness. A big thank you to everyone for supporting Pink Shirt Day. We had a lot of Pink around the school to show how important it is to be kind and to Speak up and stand together.

A reminder to our Kākāriki and Year 3 parents, the Junior Cross Country will take place next Tuesday the 21st of May. The first race will begin at 1:45pm, it will take place at school and we are looking forward to seeing you there cheering on our young and up and coming talent. The Inner City Cross Country event for our Year 5&6 children was postponed due to bad weather. This event will now take place next week. This gives our children more time to practice!

It's not long now until our big event! Yes, The Taste of Ponsonby is on Friday the 7th of June. Please make sure you have purchased your tickets online or at the school office. The cost for a ticket is \$75 per adult (R18 event), and there will be a pizza lunch provided for the class with the most tickets sold. Tickets are selling fast so get in quick to get your tickets and book your babysitters! We are still on the hunt for auction items so if you can help in anyway please email Sanjay at [srama@ponstrim.school.nz](mailto:srama@ponstrim.school.nz)

Ngā mihi

Sanjay Rama

### TERM 2 DATES

29 April - 5 Jul

### UPCOMING REMINDERS

- Junior Cross Country  
Tuesday 21st May  
1:45pm-3pm
- Sausage sizzle  
Thursday the 23rd of May
- Whole School Assembly  
Friday 24th May  
2:15pm
- Emergency Services week  
Week 5  
27th-31st May
- Samoan Language Week  
Week 5  
27th-31st May
- **Teacher Only Day**  
**Friday 31st of May**

# Room of the week

## Room 7

Here are a few photos from Pink Shirt Day. This is all about preventing bullying by celebrating our differences and promoting kindness and inclusion. Room 7 celebrated Pink Shirt Day with our buddy class, Room 10. We met up and taught each other a number of different games.

Everyone had an absolute blast!



# PINK SHIRT DAY 2024



Today Ponsonby Primary raised \$400 for The Mental Health Foundation of New Zealand. Such a great day & thank you to everyone who made a donation. All of the staff and children looked amazing!

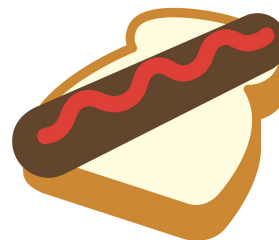


Congratulations to Willow Gould, Henry Sundstrum, Aria Southcombe & Ms Harford on winning our best dressed spot prizes.

# UPCOMING REMINDERS



**Next Teacher only day**  
Friday the 31st of May 2024



**Sausage Sizzle**  
Thursday the 23rd of May.  
Please bring \$2 along to buy a sausage at lunch time

A vibrant poster for a 'Viva Las Vegas' event. The top features a row of playing card symbols (spades, clubs, spades, clubs, spades, clubs, spades, clubs, spades, clubs). The main text is 'A taste of Ponsonby' in a cursive font, followed by 'VIVA LAS VEGAS' in large, bold, red letters with a white outline. Below this, it says 'THIS IS STRICTLY AN 18+ EVENT'. The event details are listed in three columns: DATE (FRIDAY 7TH JUNE), LOCATION (PONSONBY PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL), and TIME (7:30PM TO 12:00PM). A red starburst graphic in the center says 'TICKETS \$75 EACH'. Two rounded rectangular boxes provide additional information: 'TICKET PRICE INCLUDES: TAPAS, DJ &amp; A GLASS OF CHAMPAGNE ON ARRIVAL' and 'TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE OR VIA KINDO'. At the bottom, it says 'BIG THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS' and lists three logos: 'neat meat', 'NO UGLY.', and 'Pandoro PANETTERIA'. The bottom right corner features a stack of playing cards and several casino chips. The bottom edge of the poster is decorated with a row of playing card symbols (clubs, spades, clubs, spades, clubs, spades, clubs).

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