

# Ponsonby Primary School

## Te Kura o te Rimu Tahī

Kia Orana,

Welcome back to the start of the term, I hope you all had a fantastic break. Let's hope that we see a bit more of the sun and less of the winter ills and chills we experienced last term. A warm welcome to our new families who have started this term and welcome back to Mrs Marron who will be co-teaching with Mrs Gartshore in room 19.

We have a busy term ahead with the school show and many sporting events taking place. More information around the school show will be sent out over the next few weeks but a big thank you must go to Kate Hamilton and Sarah Vollmer with their organisation of the school show, they are both doing an amazing job and the children are very excited!

This term, our students will embark on a global journey as we incorporate the Olympic Games into our curriculum. Each child will be allocated a country to represent, and through various subjects, they will explore the rich cultures, histories, and achievements of their assigned nations. This immersive experience will culminate in our very own School Olympic Games, where students will participate in a range of fun and educational activities inspired by the Olympics.

Just a reminder around our nut-free policy. Due to the presence of peanut allergies among some of our students, it is crucial that no nuts or nut products are included in any student's lunch box. This policy ensures the safety and well-being of all children in our care. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding in this matter.

Next week our Year 5 & 6 rugby and rippa teams will compete at the Inner City tournament, we wish both teams all the best for next week's tournament. We know you will represent our school with pride and sportsmanship. Go team!

Have a great weekend! Just a reminder that the Olympic games begin this weekend and wishing all our NZ athletes all the success in the coming weeks.

Ngā mihi nui  
Sanjay Rama  
Principal

### TERM 3 DATES

22 Jul - 27 Sept

### UPCOMING REMINDERS FOR WEEK TERM 3

- Sausage sizzle next Wednesday the 31st of July - please bring \$2 if your child would like a sausage sizzle at lunch time
- Week 2, Tuesday 30th July  
Year 5 & 6 Inner City Tackle & Rippa Rugby
- Week 4, 12th-16th August  
Maths Week
- Week 4, 13th-16th August  
Kōwhai Bike Safety Programme
- Week 4, (Year 5 & 6) ICAS English Exam 9:15-11:30am

## REMINDER FOR REPORTING AN ABSENCE FOR YOUR CHILD

*When reporting an absence for your child please do not email the class teacher*

**Please see below the options for reporting an absence for your child whether it is for a full day, your child is going to be late or they will be on holiday  
(you must get approval from the Principal in writing via email if the holiday is for 5 or more days)**

- 1) Phone the school office 09 376 3568 before 8:50am
- 2) Lodge an absence online via the school website <https://www.ponsprim.school.nz/report-an-absence/>  
you can also lodge an absence via the @school app
- 3) Email the school office to explain the absence from school for your child [office@ponsprim.school.nz](mailto:office@ponsprim.school.nz)

## ICAS

This is just a friendly reminder that there are only 4 more days to register for this year's ICAS Exams.  
**The ICAS shop will close on Monday, 29th July (midnight).**

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.

The ICAS 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 practicing exam technique. All tests are done online via the online ICAS website (please see details below), 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

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

# CLASS OF THE WEEK

ROOM 1

MRS NISSEN & MRS NANAYAKKARA

## 26TH JULY

Room 1 has loved learning about the Olympics. We've done research, played kahoots and even jumped up and spoken on the spot about different Olympic topics to prepare for our speeches. We're trying very hard not to say 'ummm'. We are excited to do our very own version of the Olympics in a couple of weeks. We caught up with our buddies on Friday and decorated a flag and researched some facts about the country that we have been put in for the big event.



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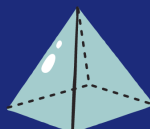
# MATHS

## PARENT EVENING

TUESDAY | 6TH AUGUST | 5-6PM | SCHOOL HALL

AN INFORMATION EVENING  
SHOWCASING OUR SCHOOLS MATHS  
LEARNING JOURNEY

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through our school office

# PONSONBY SKATE SCHOOL



**TUESDAYS**

AFTER SCHOOL

AT PONSONBY  
INTERMEDIATE  
SCHOOL



For all information and bookings, visit  
[younggunsskateschool.co.nz](http://younggunsskateschool.co.nz)

**Skateboarding, Safety, Responsibility and Perseverance.**

The Ponsonby Skate School runs on Tuesdays after school at Ponsonby Intermediate School.

Classes are taken by pro skateboarders from the Young Guns Skate School.

Students can arrive anytime from 3pm and classes run from 3:30pm - 4:30pm. All abilities welcome, no full term bookings are required and spare skateboards and helmets provided.

Tech Deck prizes to be won at all classes.

For all information and bookings visit [www.younggunsskateschool.co.nz](http://www.younggunsskateschool.co.nz)



### **Building a Good Life workshop**

Are you raising a disabled or neurodivergent child? Learn approaches and tools to help build a good life for your children and whānau.

Topics include:

Accessing health and disability supports to build a good life  
Understanding chronic stress and trauma, how to build family wellbeing and resilience  
Your child's education: rights, inclusion, specialist intervention, how to build partnerships with educators, complaints pathways and resolution  
Vision planning, goal setting, building community and support networks  
Enabling Good Lives principles and how to effectively advocate for your child  
Workshop facilitator Friar Wadia has many years' experience advocating for her own disabled children. She is connected with a number of groups and initiatives that champion inclusion and equity for disabled children within their communities.

[https://parenttoparentnz.formstack.com/forms/workshop\\_registration](https://parenttoparentnz.formstack.com/forms/workshop_registration)

#### **When**

Tuesday, 6th August  
9:00am—4:00pm

Morning tea and lunch are provided

#### **Where**

Takapuna District Cricket Club, 44 Northcote Road, Takapuna, Auckland 0627

#### **Cost**

These workshops are free thanks to funding from:

If you have any further questions please email Julia Nissen  
[jnissen@ponsprim.school.nz](mailto:jnissen@ponsprim.school.nz)

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