

Ponsonby Primary School

Te Kura o te Rimu Tahī

Kia Ora Parents and Whānau,

This week, we kicked off our first EOTC (Education Outside the Classroom) programmes. Our Year 5 students enjoyed a memorable overnight stay at a local Marae, gaining unique insights and experiences. One of the highlights was the hands-on activities: students participated in sheep shearing, learned to knit with freshly shorn wool, and were introduced to traditional Māori tattooing techniques. The evening culminated in a delicious Hāngī, prepared by the students themselves! A big thank you to Mrs. Vollmer, Mr. Bergin, and Mr. Cropp for organising such an invaluable experience.

Due to weather, we had to postpone our Kākāriki event, the rescheduled date is next **Tuesday the 19th of November from 1:45pm-3pm.**

Next weekend, we're thrilled to host our first-ever Community Colour Run Carnival! It promises to be an exciting day with food & product stalls, activities for the kids, and lots of community spirit. A huge thank you to Morgan Jurisich and Arran Connor for their hard work. Even if you're not running, please feel free to come along to enjoy some delicious food and purchase tickets for our three amazing raffles. All funds raised will go towards our ambitious project: redeveloping the Puriri playground into a sustainable learning and play space. We envision a garden where children can grow and cook vegetables and fruit. The projected cost is around \$200,000, so this will be a multi-year effort, but one that will bring lasting benefits for our school community. Looking forward to seeing you all there for a day full of fun and community spirit. More information will be sent out today and next week.

Just a reminder that our three-way learning conversations will take place in Week 7. Please remember to book your slot, as **bookings will close next Friday at 3pm.** We look forward to seeing you there for this valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress! Booking link - <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/4hu6r>

Ngā mihi

Sanjay Rama



Wonder-thon

Thank you so much for all of your ongoing support with our Wonder-thon fundraiser. The last day to return sponsorship money is next Friday 23rd of November. Each day the names of the students who have returned their sponsorship money & forms that particular day will go into our daily spot prize draw.

TERM 4 DATES

14 Oct - 18 Dec

REMINDERS FOR TERM 4

- PARENTS**
Please update your contact details if anything has recently changed.
- YEAR 0-2 KAKARIKI ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**
Tuesday the 19th of Nov from 1:45pm-3pm at Ponsonby Primary
- COLOUR RUN**
Saturday the 23rd Nov 11:30am-3pm
- THREE WAY LEARNING CONFERENCES**
Monday the 25th & Tuesday the 26th of Nov

Room of The week

Room 20



Room 20 have been very busy this week. We are reading Tadpole's Promise and learning about the life cycles of frogs and butterflies. The children did amazing writing -Would you prefer to be a butterfly or a frog? for our persuasive writing genre.

Follow our instagram @ponsonbyprimary

Room of The week

Room 20



They made wonderful , colourful cheeky frogs.
Mylo celebrated his birthday last weekend and
received his birthday certificate. We have finished
our Athletics practise and looking forward to
Athletics hopefully next Tuesday.




Visit our website at www.ponsprim.school.nz



SOUND BATH

SATURDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2-3 PM
PONSONBY PRIMARY WELLNESS ROOM



Come and bathe in the beautiful healing frequencies of sound. Luna & the Aura Club's Reiki infused Sound Bath offers the ultimate relaxation. Sound healing is used to strengthen immunity, reduce stress, anxiety & physical pain, restore emotional balance, improve sleep & enhance creativity. Using an array of magical instruments including crystal singing bowls, gongs, guitar, shamanic drums & solfeggio chimes all tuned to the healing frequencies of the universe. 

\$35 PER PERSON

Included in our offering is a 1 hour Sound Bath followed by a herbal tea & bliss balls.
No experience is required. Ages 15 years +



SCAN THE QR CODE TO PURCHASE TICKETS!



Kia Ora Parents and Whānau,

Next Saturday 23rd November is our exciting Colour Run Carnival! Please see below some key information:

- The saver date for this event is Sunday 24th November.
- The Colour Run Carnival will take place from 11:30 - 3:00 pm
- Entry into this event is free, however if you would like to take part in the Colour Run there is a registration fee. Registrations can still be purchased via Kindo or at our school office. (Please note that any registrations purchased from now up until the event will not include a Colour Run t-shirt).
- The final date to return completed Jolly Jars is next Monday 18th November. Judging of the Jolly jars will commence on Tuesday 19th November. The top Jolly Jars chosen from each syndicate will receive a pizza lunch.
- We are still on the hunt for delicious baked goods for our Sweets & Treats stall for the Colour Run Carnival. We have cake boxes and cellophane treat bags in the office for you to collect at any time. Please deliver your baking in the supplied cake box/cellophane bags or a container that is not precious, to the school office on the morning of Friday (22nd Nov) or alternately you can bring goodies directly to the Sweets & Treats Stall before 10:00 am on the day of the event.

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- Do you have any GOOD QUALITY, NEAR NEW children's clothes, toys, games, dress-ups, etc that are no longer needed? If so we would love them for our Children's Market Stall. The children and parents really love this stall and are always on the lookout for a bargain. Please drop these items to the school office.
- If you are able to donate an hour of your time during the event to help on your child classroom stall please see the attached document with the links on how you can sign up to help.
- Our amazing raffles will be drawn on the day of the event. If you are a winner you will be able to collect your prizes the following week from the school office. The school will notify you when your prizes are ready to collect.
- THIS EVENT IS STRICTLY ALCOHOL FREE & IS A CASH ONLY EVENT. There will be 2 eftpos machines inside the hall at the event where you can get cash out, however we strongly recommend bringing cash for all of the stalls.

Please find attached key information regarding the Colour Run Fun Run along with a map of the course and stalls.

Thank you so much for all of your support, we are so excited to see you all at the Colour Run Carnival!

We hope you have a fantastic weekend,

Ngā mihi nui

Sanjay, Morgan & Arran

Colour Run Important Information

To ensure everyone has a fun and safe Colour Run experience, we will be staggering the start times for all participants based on year groups. Siblings and family members are of course welcome to run together! Please see the schedule below.

Colour Run - Running Schedule

Year 6: 1:00 pm - 1:10 pm

Year 5: 1:10 pm - 1:20 pm

Year 4: 1:20 pm - 1:30 pm

Year 3: 1:30 pm - 1:40 pm

Year 2: 1:40 pm - 1:50 pm

Year 0/1: 1:50 pm - 2:00 pm

What should we bring for the run?

Firstly, if you bought your tickets in time don't forget to wear your official Ponsonby Primary Colour Run Carnival T-Shirt! The shirts will be brought home by your child/children when they arrive from our supplier in the days leading up to the event.

If you make the most of your colour run experience then it should be pretty messy business, so we would also recommend bringing along a change of clothes for once you've finished your run.

Shoes are optional but also recommended as part of the colour run course will take you off school grounds.

Finally, we are going to be giving out prizes for the **best dressed**;

- Child
- Adult
- Family

So make sure you come dressed in your wackiest, wildest, most colourful gear (in addition to your official Ponsonby Primary Colour Run Carnival T-Shirt, of course!)

COLOUR RUN

COURSE MAP

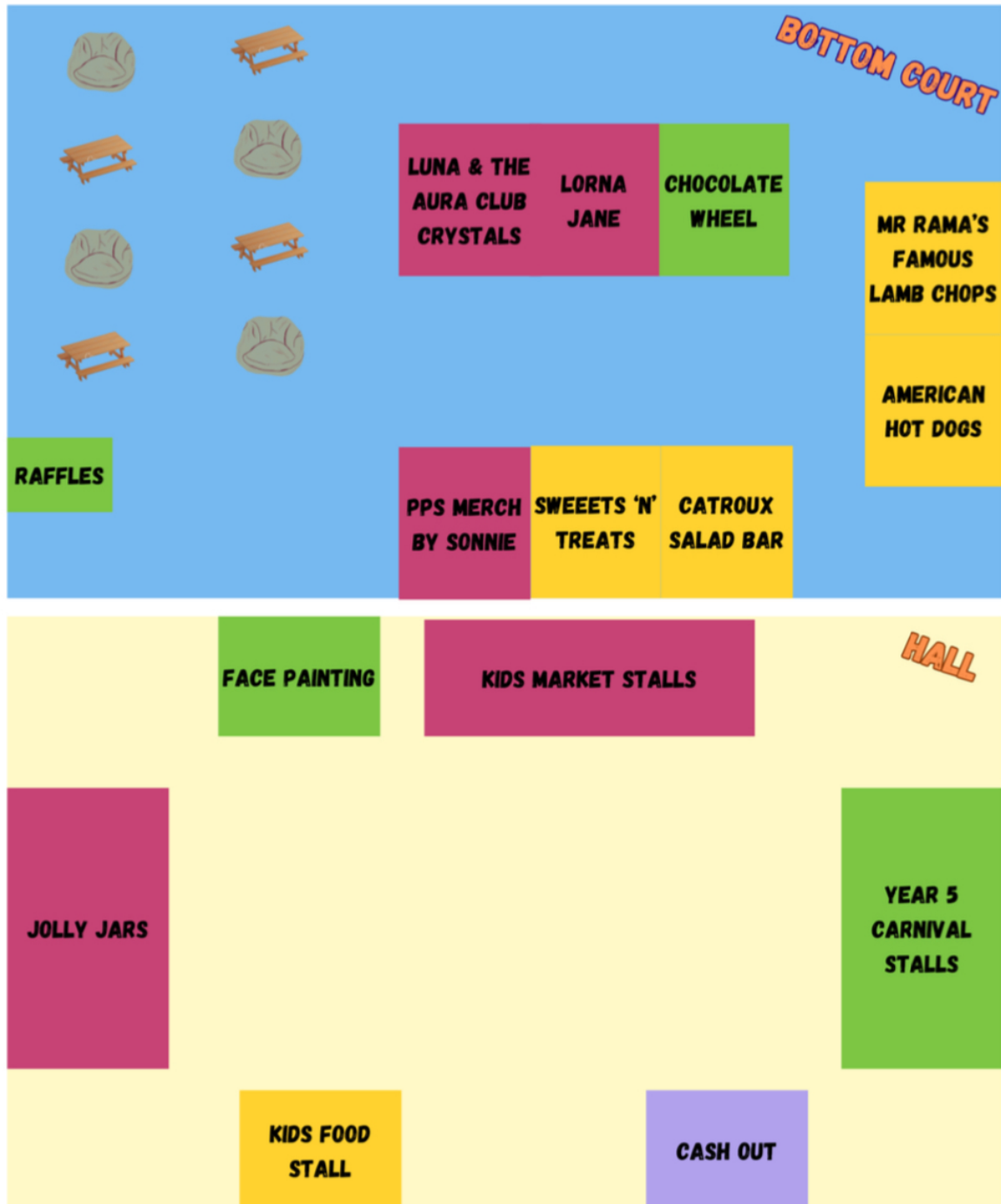


 = Paint Splash Zone
  = Bubble Boulevard
  = Balance Broadway
  = Pool Noodle Parade

 = Inflatable Obstacle Course
  = Water Bomb Way
  = Jelly Junction
  = Slip 'n' Slide Subway

COLOUR RUN CARNIVAL

MARKET STALLS MAP



KIDS RAFFLE

- Lego Voucher \$500
- 2 x Micro Sprite Scooters
- Element Star Wars Skateboard
- Tech Deck
- Young Guns Skate School Voucher \$30
- Metallic Stunt Destroyer - remote control car
- Ponsonby Rugby Club 2025 membership fees for 1 player and a boots bag, rugby ball, rugby players shirt, polo and shorts
- Sonnies' voucher
- Vans voucher
- Lavie Tennis Academy 2 day pass



Lavie
TENNIS
ACADEMY



ADULT RAFFLE

Andiamo Voucher - \$500
Samsung Phone
1 night stay for 2 at Movenpick Hotel
Auckland, including breakfast
Harris Tapper Voucher - \$300
3 x 2 Litre Boxes of Muse Wine Co
The Skinbar Voucher - \$500
2 x Servilles cut and colour \$300 value each
Davines hair pack \$600 value

HARRIS TAPPER



FAMILY RAFFLE

- 2 night stay on Great Barrier Island - Medlands Beachfront family bach - sleeps 5
- Inflatable SUP paddle board
- 1 years supply of Ecoroll toilet paper for 1 family, valued at \$600
- Bunnings gardening pack
- Waitomo Top Cave family experience - 2 adults & 3 children
- 4 tickets to Tim Bray's The Santa Claus
- 4 tickets to Auckland FC Opening Game
- 4 Premier Courtside tickets to any NZ Breakers regular session home game 2025



**Ponsonby Primary School's new music school 2025:
Years 3 - 6 Enrolments are now open! Please see information below.**



Avalon

MUSIC SCHOOL

MUSIC LESSONS AT PONSONBY PRIMARY

From 2025 Avalon Music School will be conducting music lessons at Ponsonby Primary School. Please see below how you can enrol your child in music lessons.

Background

With over 25 years of guitar teaching experience Ben Jurisich is an established music teacher and professional guitarist. As well as teaching Ben is a consummate live performer who has opened for artists such as Bryan Ferry, Jeff Beck and Eric Clapton.



AMS at Ponsonby

Lessons will be conducted by Ben Jurisich on a weekly basis every Thursday of the school term. Lessons will commence from approximately 8:00 am and finish around 4:00 pm. The lessons will run alongside the students weekly Thursday Programme for students in years 3 – 6.

Lesson Offerings

Avalon Music School offers one-on-one and group lessons in the following instruments: guitar, bass, ukulele, drums, keyboard and voice. There will also be an opportunity for students to audition for the school rock band. Lessons are tailored to meet the students individual needs, this allows for more freedom and flexibility in the learning process.



Lesson Prices

Students in years 3 – 6

Individual lessons:

\$25 per 20 minutes

Paired lessons:

\$20 per student for 30 minutes

Group lessons: (3 or more students)

\$15 per student for 30 minutes

Our Vision

Our vision at Avalon Music School is to inspire and nurture a lifelong love of music in our students. We believe in providing a supportive and enriching environment where creativity and talent can flourish.



Contact Us

For inquiries and bookings

Email

avalonmusicnz@gmail.com

Term 3 Week 5 **Taku Akomanga**

Check out the pronunciation on [Te Aka - The Māori Dictionary](#)



pene rākau - (pe ne rā kau) - pencil

rūri - (rū ri) - ruler

kukuti- (ku ti ku ti) - scissors

papamā - (pa pa mā) - whiteboard

pikitia - (pi ki ti a) - picture

Here is a sentence to try:

Tikina te/ngā _____ . Get the _____.

THANK YOU!

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