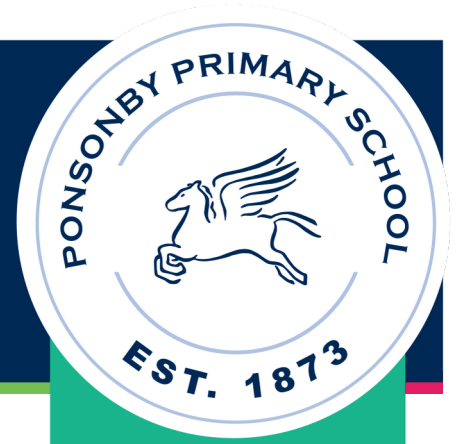


# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

*We welcome you to be a part of our community,*  
where every child's potential is celebrated and encouraged to grow!



TERM 1, WEEK 2 • 2025

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Ora Whānau, Term One is in full swing! Classrooms are buzzing with new ideas and learners are forming strong connections with their teachers and classmates. The school has a fantastic vibe and with this stunning weather, our fields and playgrounds are full of students playing games at lunchtime.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

A huge thank you to Room 6 & Room 2 for an amazing assembly—you've really set the standard! It was fantastic to see so many parents attending.

## CURRICULUM UPDATES – MATHEMATICS & ENGLISH

This year, we are implementing the new Mathematics and English curriculum changes with a purposeful and considered approach. One challenge has been the lack of direction from the Ministry of Education regarding assessment and reporting. Currently, we do not have clear guidelines on how to measure achievement or report to whānau. Until we receive further guidance, we will continue to report on student progress against the curriculum.

## NEWSLETTER UPDATE

Based on feedback, we will be moving to a fortnightly newsletter to ensure communication is clear and manageable for families.

## PAYMENTS MOVING FORWARD

We wanted to let you know that Ponsonby Primary is moving away from Kindo for bulk payments due to the high transaction fees associated with each payment. This includes payments for donations, EOTC, sports activities, and other school-related costs.

**Please note:** That Lunch orders will continue through Kindo.

Wishing you a fantastic weekend!

Ngā mihi nui

Sanjay Rama - Principal

## QUICK REMINDERS

••••  
**Wed 19 Feb**

Meet the Teacher Picnic  
5pm - 7pm on the  
school main field.

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**Mon 24 Feb**

Mihi Whakatau  
Welcome Ceremony  
9.30am -10.30am For our  
new families, held  
in the main school Hall.

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**FOOD SAFETY**

We have children with  
serious nut allergies in  
our school. **PLEASE  
NO NUTS**

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**SCHOOL HATS**

Its compulsory to have a  
brimmed hat for Term 1.

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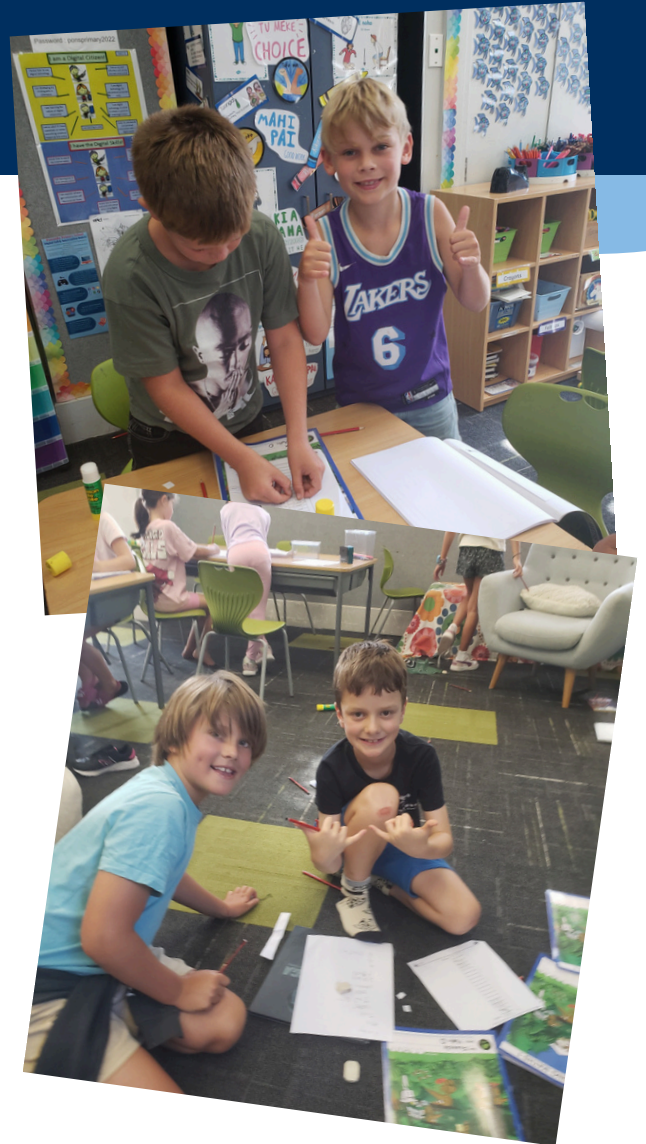
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# Classroom of the week



## ROOM 1 CLASSROOM UPDATE

Room 1 have got straight into learning in week 2. We are learning about place value up to 100,000. We have been helping each other with this tricky new leaning.



## Room 1

Mrs Nissen & Mrs Nanayakkara





# Upcoming Events

## MEET THE TEACHER PICNIC

Next Wednesday, we're hosting our Meet the Teacher Picnic—a great opportunity for whānau to connect with teachers and each other.

### Session Times:

Kākāriki 5:15 - 5:45 PM (Hall)

Puriri 5:45 - 6:15 PM (Rooms 2 & 3)

Kōwhai 6:15 - 6:45 PM (Wellness Room, next to the library)



PONSONBY PRIMARY

## MEET THE TEACHER

picnic

WEDNESDAY 19TH FEB | 5 - 7 PM

\$2 SAUSAGE SIZZLE



## ROB COPE CYBER SAFETY EVENING

Leading expert in cyber safety for children Rob Cope is hosting a session at Bayfield Primary School on Monday 3rd March from 7:30 - 9:00 pm in the Bayfield School Hall. He will cover topics around cyber bullying, social media, online predators and much more.

To purchase a free ticket to this event please click [here](#).

A big thank you to Bayfield for giving our parents the opportunity to attend this event.





# PONSONBY SKATE SCHOOL



TUESDAYS 3:30PM - 4:30PM AT PONSONBY INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.



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

**KIDS**  
**AFTER SCHOOL** Age 5-11  
**Art CLUB**

Sign up your little one to come join our Friday Afterschool Art Club.  
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Ponsonby Primary School has teamed up with Sonnie who have created this amazing range of PPS t-shirts. Both styles come in a range of size options and are \$45 each. Follow the link below to purchase a t-shirt.

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