



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

QUICK REMINDERS

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Mon 3 March PAT TESTING

Begins next week for years 3-6. Please send your child to school with a **CHARGED DEVICE EACH DAY**

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Thur 06 March Inner City Cricket

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SCHOOL HATS

Its compulsory to have a brimmed hat for Term 1

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FOOD SAFETY

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



TERM 1, WEEK 4 • 2025

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora Ponsonby Primary Families,

Let me start off by saying how lovely it was to see so many of you dropping in for our sessions on Wednesday at the Meet the Teacher evening. If you weren't able to make it, all the slides will be available on the school website for you to view. On Monday, we held our annual Mihi Whakatau, a special ceremony to welcome new students and parents to Ponsonby Primary. It was such a beautiful occasion, and it was a pleasure meeting and greeting some of the new families who have started at our school.

THREE-WAY LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

Next week, Karen will be sending out a link for you to book your three-way learning conversations with your child's teacher. These meetings will focus on how your child has settled into school and provide valuable insights into their progress.

PAT TESTING

Also next week, our Year 3-6 students will be undertaking their PAT tests. Parents, please ensure your children arrives at school on time, and if possible, avoid scheduling appointments during the morning block, as this is when the tests will take place.

SCHOOL REPORTING

The Ministry of Education is yet to provide guidance around reporting. We recently met with the Minister, and she clarified that more information will be shared with schools in the coming weeks. What we do know is that our students are thriving and embracing the new curriculum changes, especially the structured approach to literacy.

YEAR 6 SCHOOL LEADERS

Today, at assembly, we recognised our Year 6 school leaders. They are fantastic role models for our younger students, and it's inspiring to hear about their aspirations and new initiatives to make our school an even better place to be. We look forward to seeing the leadership groups in action and making a positive impact.

SCHOOL DONATIONS

Lastly, a quick reminder: if you have not yet paid your donations, you can do so online or at the office. These donations are crucial for our school, as they help fund extra teacher aides and the wonderful opportunities our students enjoy. You can also claim back your taxes on school donations.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and we look forward to another great week ahead.

Ngā mihi nui
Sanjay Rama

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Classroom of the week

ROOM 2 CLASSROOM UPDATE

Room 2 has had such a fun start to the year! We have been loving getting to know each other and we have been embracing all of our learning areas.



Last week, we were lucky enough to have our very first assembly, and we were the stars of the show. It was extra special because we got to connect with our big buddies, who we love spending time with.



In P.E., we are really enjoying our throwing and catching lessons with Mrs Marron. We love getting outside the classroom, learning new ways to move our bodies, and developing our coordination and body awareness.

Room 2

Mrs Bengé



We love exploring the Makerspace. We are all so creative! We work as a team and collaborate to create amazing projects.





Upcoming Events

SCHOOL HOODIE COLLAB WITH SONNIE

We have an option for our community to begin purchasing Sonnie/PPS school hoodies. Before we begin taking pre-orders we just want to gain interest from our community. Each hoodie will cost \$75 each. Please click on the button below to complete our hoodie interest survey.

[Interest Survey](#)



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 7:00 - 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.

The Jared Box Project



Let's spread kindness
and brighten a child's
hospital stay
together!

We're excited to bring The Jared Box Project to New Zealand for the first time!

Jared Boxes are filled with small toys and activities to bring joy to young patients at **Starship Children's Hospital**.

For over 20 years, these special boxes have delivered countless smiles across the U.S.—and now, Ponsonby Primary will be part of this amazing tradition!

Participation and donations are completely voluntary.

How You Can Help:

Donate small, new toys like crayons, card games, puzzles, stickers & more (ages infant to teen).

A **donation box** will be located outside the school office for easy drop-off from Monday 03 March.

Toy drop off times are 8:30-8:50am & 3:00-3:15pm on school days.

Watch out for more updates in the next newsletter.

Please **NO** food, tiny items, glass, snow globes, pencil sharpeners, bubbles, or holiday-themed items.

Deadline for donations: 28 March

Learn more about The Jared Box Project:
www.thejaredbox.com



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The Beckman Family

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INSPIRING CREATIVITY & CONFIDENCE

Imaginaire

SPEECH & DRAMA

ABOUT US:

Imaginaire offers an exciting, fun and dynamic Speech and Drama programme, inspiring confidence and creativity in our students.

At Imaginaire, we take equal delight in nurturing the next generation of acting extraordinaires and empowering children to overcome shyness and communicate with confidence.

We offer a 'no obligation' introduction lesson so your child can try our lessons out.

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- Public Speaking Skills
- Acting Skills
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- Vocal Skills
- Positive Body Language
- Poetry Recital
- Reading Aloud
- Speech Writing & Delivery
- Manners and Relationship Skills
- Building Self-Esteem & Confidence

JOIN US FOR:
**SPEECH &
DRAMA
LESSONS**

📍 **PONSONBY PRIMARY
ON THURSDAYS DURING
THE SCHOOL DAY**

ENROL NOW FOR
TERM 1

We also offer professional qualifications from Year 4+ through Speech NZ Board.

OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS FROM YEAR 0-6

FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO ENROL PLEASE VISIT:
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**AFTER
SCHOOL
TUTORING!**

**IN-HOME AND ONLINE
TUTORING
YEARS 1 - 10**

**MATHS
READING
WRITING
ESOL**

**PHONE/TEXT
RACHEL ON
027 2366402**

**NZ REGISTERED
TEACHER**



CUSTOM MADE
CHAIR BAG
NAMESAKE



Introducing the Personalised Chair Bag - Equal parts playful and practical, these bags fit snugly over kids chairs to create an organised and beautiful learning environment at home or school. Embroidered with children's names in your choice of font and colour, these bags are a fun way to create a designated study spot. [Click here](#) to purchase a custom made chair bag.

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PONSONBY SKATE SCHOOL



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



For all information and bookings, visit younggunsskateschool.co.nz

KIDS
AFTER SCHOOL Age 5-11
Art CLUB
Sign up your little one to come join our Friday Afterschool Art Club.
(Ponsonby Community Centre)
X6 weeks \$175 - Starting Friday 21st Feb!
Limited places available!
All materials and snacks included!

Registrations Essential
Email: Thecreativerume@gmail.com @TheCreativeRume

Drawing **Painting** **Mixed Media**



LIMITED EDITION
PPS MERCH
COLLAB WITH
SONNIE

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.

ORDER TODAY

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