



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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Friday 02 May
Y4-6 Cross Country

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05 - 09 May
Book Week

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Thursday 08 May
IC Cross Country

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Friday 16 May
Pink Shirt Day

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Enrolment Reminder

If you have a child turning 5 this year and haven't yet notified the office, please let us know as soon as possible. We are currently planning our Year 0 classes that will begin at the end of Term 2.

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FOOD SAFETY

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

TERM 1, WEEK 10 • 2025

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora e te whānau,

As we near the end of the term, it's been a memorable and rewarding few months filled with growth, achievements, and special moments. From our school swimming sports to the inner-city sporting events, and the meaningful learning shared during our three-way learning conversations—including students' visual pepeha and learning journeys—it's clear that Ponsonby Primary continues to go from strength to strength.

A standout this term has been our newly revamped library, which has quickly become a vibrant and engaging hub of learning. When I reflect on all we've achieved, it's evident that our kura is a place where learning never stops.

A huge thank you to our incredible teaching and support staff. Their dedication and hard work continue to inspire, and I know they're all looking forward to a well-earned break. If Term 2 is anything like Term 1, it'll fly by in a flash!

I AM T.R.U.E

Looking ahead, next term we're excited to be introducing new characters that represent our school values, aligned with our school motto: Steadfast and True. Each character will embody a specific value, and we'll focus on one value per term. In Term 2, our focus will be being a Trustworthy Tui. We'll also be launching a new values-based certificate system, where students who consistently demonstrate that term's value will be recognised and celebrated at our assemblies. For more information, check out the home page of our school website. We're looking forward to seeing our values come to life in fun, meaningful ways for our learners.

TASTE OF PONSONBY

Another exciting event on the horizon is our annual Taste of Ponsonby school fundraiser, happening on Friday 13th June. This year's theme is Haunted Manor—a night full of mystery, fun, delicious food, great drinks, and the chance to bid on some incredible auction items. All proceeds will go toward upgrading our Puriri playground. Tickets will be available early next term, and we're currently on the lookout for exciting auction items. If you or someone you know can contribute, please get in touch at srama@ponsprim.school.nz—your support would mean the world to us.

A quick reminder that in Week 1 of Term 2, our Year 4–6 Cross Country will take place on Friday 2nd May. You should have received a letter with details of the event, please get in touch if you haven't.

Over the break, keeping routines simple and consistent, like regular bedtimes, will go a long way in helping our tamariki return to school ready to learn. While schools play a big role in a child's learning, the home will always be their first teacher, and we deeply value that partnership.

Enjoy the term break with your whānau, we look forward to seeing everyone back, rested and ready for another exciting term ahead!

Ngā mihi nui
Sanjay Rama

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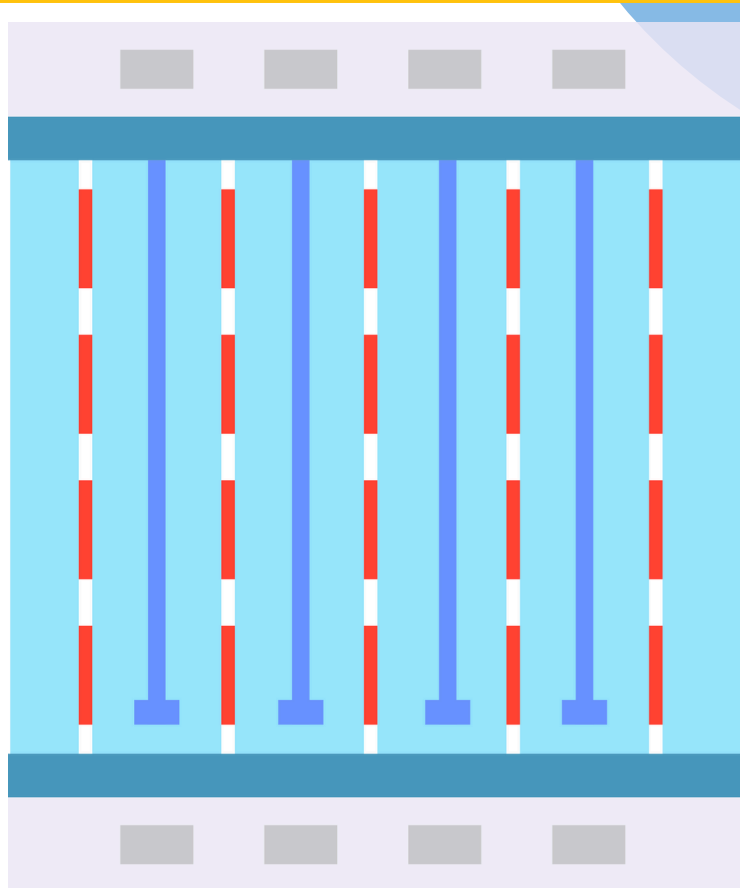
Classroom of the week

Room 6 - Mrs Vollmer

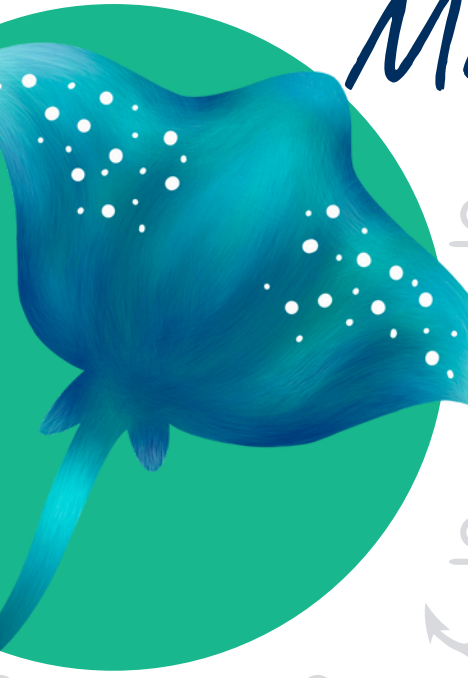
What a fantastic way to wrap up Term 1!

Room 6, along with all of our Year 4–6 students, took part in an exciting Swimming Sports day at the Millennium Pool. After a term of practising in the school pool, it was great to see everyone giving it their best and showing courage by having a go in their races. Whether it was freestyle, backstroke, or fun relays, the energy and support for one another was amazing.

Check out some of the awesome Room 6 moments captured in the photos below!

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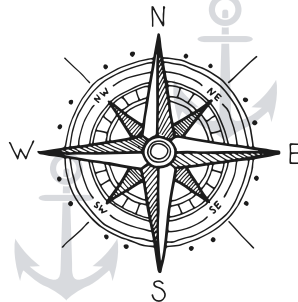
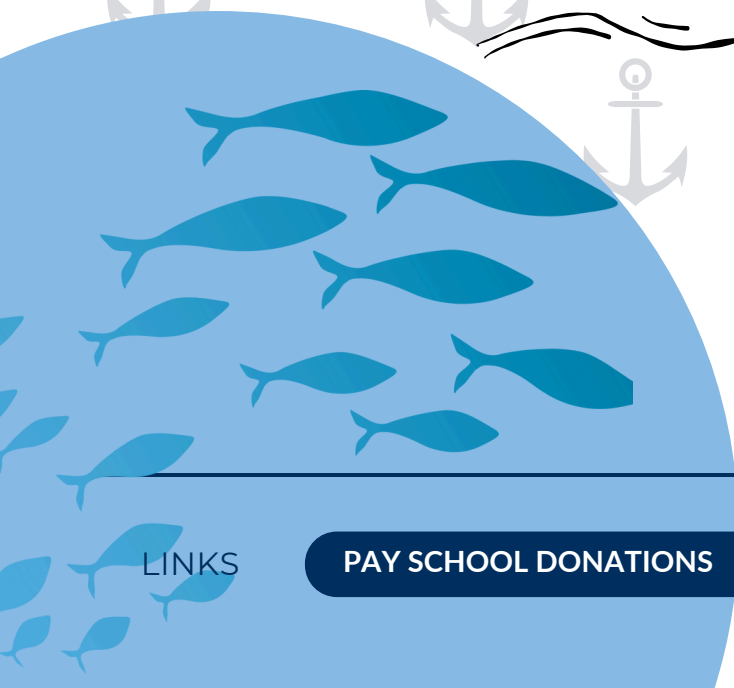
Maritime Museum Visit



Last week Kākāriki children enjoyed an amazing trip to the Maritime Museum. The trip consisted of sailing for one hour on the Ted Ashby boat which was the highlight of the day as well as an educator's workshop and self guided tour around the museum, the 'Whare Taonga' House of treasures.

Children learned about the importance of being a Kaitiaki of the Moana, they fed the fish on the pontoon and worked in groups to observe and identify what lives in the ocean.

A huge thank you to the teachers, parent helpers and our office staff who ensured both days ran so smoothly.

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Swimming Sports

Years 4-6



Upcoming Events

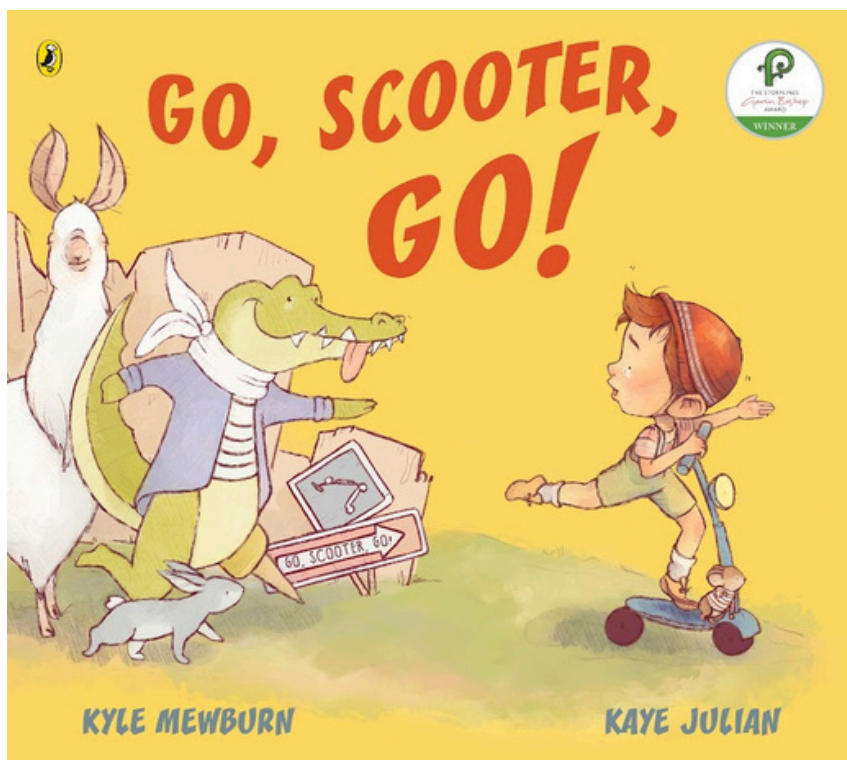
Book Character Parade

Dress up, join in, and bring beloved characters to life!

Friday 9th May



Parade in the hall at 9am - all welcome!



If you would like to purchase their book please fill in this order form and make the payment by Thursday 10th April.

The books will be delivered to school on Friday 11th April - just in time for the holidays.

Book Order Form

Buy the Book and Win a Scooter!

As well as bringing your family a lot of joy, buying the book makes you eligible to enter the draw to win a \$200 voucher for a scooter purchase.

Find out more about the draw [here](#).

Go, Scooter, Go!

The author (Kyle Mewburn) and illustrator (Kaye Julian) of new NZ picture book **Go, Scooter, Go!** visited Ponsonby Primary this week and spoke to the children in years 1 and 2.

Kaye is the winner of the Storylines Gavin Bishop Award and Kyle is a much-loved NZ author.

THE
dorothy butler
CHILDREN'S BOOKSHOP



The Jared Box Project



WE PACKED 70
BOXES FOR
KIDS IN **TWO**
HOSPITALS!

THANK YOU
FOR COMING
TOGETHER TO
DO THIS KIND
THING FOR SO
MANY
FAMILIES.





HOLIDAY PROGRAM



PONSONBY INTERMEDIATE

APRIL

MON 14TH

TUES 15TH

9AM - 3PM

AGES 8 - 11

COST: \$150

To register please contact

matt@baycityslick.com

Please note this is a 2 day holiday program, not a 1 day only program



CLOTHING DRIVE

Westmere School will be hosting a second hand clothing market & we'd love your support.

We're looking for donations of pre-loved clothing in all sizes (including kids & babies) as well as accessories. All donations to be in good condition (no stains, tears, broken zips etc).

DONATIONS TO BE DROPPED OFF AT WESTMERE SCHOOL OFFICE ON FRIDAYS (TOP OF LARCHWOOD AVE ENTRANCE)

**2ND HAND CLOTHING MARKET
WESTMERE SCHOOL · 27 JULY · 11AM-2PM**

Snowplanet

Rip n Ride Academy
Saturdays 10am-12pm
\$630 for 9 weeks

Includes: 1.5hr group lesson, 1.5hr snow access during the lesson, 1.5hr skis/snowboard, boots and helmet hire. Clothing is an additional charge which can be hired weekly on site.

Rip 'n' Ride Academy



BOOK NOW FOR APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS! at West End Lawn Tennis Club

Tennis holiday camps are running from 14-17 and 22-24 April at West End Lawn Tennis Club for children aged 5+.



Where?
West End Lawn Tennis Club
Cnr West End Road & Fife Street
Westmere



When?
14-17 April
22-24 April



Cost?
Members: \$50/day
Non-members: \$55/day

Book at www.cartertennis.com for fun filled days of tennis and lots more!



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As we wrap up another term.....

...we want to wish everyone a wonderful holiday break! Take the time to rest, recharge, and enjoy the company of family, friends—and maybe a good snack or two (Gecko highly recommends anything off the staffroom floor).

Make the most of the break—sleep in, laugh lots, and come back ready for a new term full of fresh energy and fewer lost homework excuses (we can't blame Gecko for everything... or can we?).

Gecko's already signed up for next term—he's aiming for perfect attendance, more belly rubs, and possibly a leadership role in lunchtime supervision.

Take care,
have fun, and
see you all soon!

