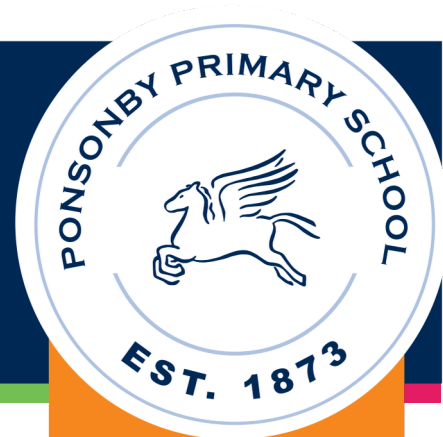


SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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



TERM 2, WEEK 6 • 2025

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Whānau,

I hope you all enjoyed the lovely long weekend!

There has been a lot happening over the past two weeks at school. Last week, we held our Junior Cross Country, and what a fantastic event it was! The sun was shining, the children were smiling, and it was great to see them all having fun running around the school grounds. A big thank you to all the Kākāriki teachers, especially Miriam, for organising such a wonderful event. It was also heartwarming to see so many parents attending, our school truly has a special community spirit, something I will deeply miss.

INNER CITY SWIMMING

We had 22 swimmers represent our school at the Inner City Swimming event last week, and they all did exceptionally well! A special congratulations to Justin Li, who was crowned the overall best swimmer of the meet after winning all his races, what a fantastic achievement and certainly one to watch in the future!

Other notable performances include:

- Hunter Mundy – 2nd in the 25m Backstroke
- Olivia Bines – 1st equal in the 25m Breaststroke
- Natasha Isofea – 3rd in the 25m Breaststroke
- Raphael Craig-Menzies – 3rd in the 50m Freestyle and 25m Breaststroke
- Relay Team – 2nd place overall

A big thank you to Arran who organised the event.

CURRICULUM REPORTING

As many of you are aware, the Government has made several changes to the national curriculum, particularly in Maths, Reading, and Writing. As I've shared in previous updates, the goalposts have shifted. For example, Year 2 students this year are now being taught content that would previously have been covered in Year 3. These changes will impact how mid-year data looks, and you may notice some shifts in your child's progress compared to previous years. Please rest assured that this reflects curriculum changes, not a drop in your child's effort or ability.

TASTE OF PONSONBY

Next week we are excited to host our first major fundraiser of the year: Taste of Ponsonby, on Friday evening from 7.30 pm to midnight. If you haven't yet purchased your ticket, they are still available from the school office. All funds raised will go towards our new playground in Puriri, so please come along and support this great cause. It promises to be a fantastic night!

We are still on the lookout for auction items, if you can help in any way, please let us know.

Let's hope the rain stays away this weekend, and best of luck to all our students playing sports.

Ngā mihi nui,
Sanjay Rama

QUICK REMINDERS

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Friday 06 June
2:15 pm

Whole School
Assembly hosted by
Rooms 8,18 &16

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Thursday 12 June
Inner City Kiwi Tag

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Friday 13 June
Taste of Ponsonby
7:30pm-12:00am

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16-19 June
Matariki Celebrations
Week
Disco 17 Jun 5:45-7pm

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PARKING

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mindful when parking
outside the school
and in side streets,
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our school. **PLEASE**
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A message from the Board of Trustees

On behalf of the school board I am delighted to announce that we have appointed Molly Fletcher as the new Principal of Ponsonby Primary School. Molly is currently the Deputy Principal at Whenuapai School.

The Board were impressed with Molly's enthusiasm and passion throughout the interview process and her strong leadership experience.

Molly starts with us at the beginning of Term 3. There will be many opportunities at this time for students, staff and whanau to meet Molly, including a powhiri. I know she is keen to meet you all.

The recruitment process for the new principal attracted some excellent candidates. It was an extremely thorough process and included gathering input from our community and obtaining professional assistance from The Education Group in running the process. After a rigorous short-listing process from a pool of great candidates, the Board interviewed four candidates and visited each of their schools. The process provided the Board with insight into how highly respected Ponsonby Primary School is in the education community and to confidently make this appointment.

Below is a note from Molly to introduce herself.

Please join me all in welcoming Molly to the Ponsonby Primary family.

I would also like to acknowledge the continued strong leadership of Sanjay who remains with us until the end of the Term 2 holidays and is committed to a successful transition of leadership to Molly.

Lisa Crooke

Presiding Member

Kia ora koutou,

My name is Molly Fletcher, and I'm delighted to introduce myself as the new Principal of Ponsonby Primary School. It's a privilege to join such a vibrant and well-regarded school community, and I'm excited about the journey ahead. Since beginning my teaching career in 2008, I've worked in a range of schools across Auckland and have held various leadership roles, predominantly in Literacy, Mathematics, and community engagement. My leadership style is grounded in open, honest communication and strong collaboration, with a focus on making thoughtful, informed decisions that benefit our learners. What drew me to Ponsonby Primary was the strong sense of energy and readiness for growth—particularly in light of the opportunities presented by the changes to the New Zealand Curriculum. I'm looking forward to building meaningful relationships with our parents and caregivers, staff, and students so that, together, we can support all learners to thrive.

Originally from Matamata, I've also spent time living abroad and now call Auckland home. I enjoy bringing creativity into everyday school life and love spending time in my home pottery studio when I can. At home, I'm supported by my husband, our two daughters—who are beginning high school—and our wee dog, Lola.

I want to acknowledge the work of the staff and leadership team who have built such a strong foundation, and I thank the Board and wider community for the warm welcome I've already received. I'm genuinely looking forward to getting to know you and your children in the weeks and months ahead. Please don't hesitate to say hello when you see me on the sports field, at events, or around the school.

Ngā mihi nui,

Molly Fletcher





Classroom of the Week

We have been really enjoying our gymnastics lessons this term where we have been learning about control and balance. We have been practising skills like dismounts, rolls, different jumps and even cartwheels!

Mrs Oliver Room 10



Harold loves to go on adventures with the kids over the weekends. He has been to Matakana, Waitomo Caves and even to Australia this year.



We love it when Daphne comes to help out in the classroom. She listens to us read....sometimes it makes her fall asleep but she is listening!

Book Character Day - we love dressing up as our favourite book characters.



We have been learning so many new things in our Structured Literacy programme including how to write compound and complex sentences.



Upcoming Events



PONSONBY PRIMARY

A TASTE OF PONSONBY

HAUNTED MANOR

FRIDAY THE 13TH OF JUNE
SCHOOL HALL | 7:30 PM - 12:00 AM | TICKETS \$85
TICKET INCLUDES | TAPAS, DJ & CHAMPAGNE ON ARRIVAL

TICKETS ON SALE NOW FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE OR VIA OUR
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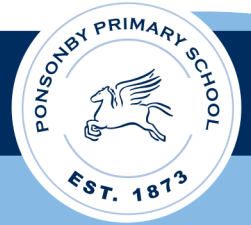
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We are on the lookout for live & silent auctions

- Big ticket items for our live auction, such as: an overseas or local getaway, fishing charters, private chef experience at home or at a restaurant, golf experiences etc...
- Vouchers of any kind
- A family bach experience
- Restaurant dinner packages
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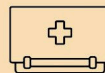
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Be Bright Eat Right Magic Show



On Tuesday, Children in Years 1-3 were delighted to see the exciting interactive magic show

"Be Bright, Eat Right".

The show was exciting and fun with the children loving all the magic tricks, music and showmanship from Vas, but also learning about eating healthily, different food groups and why it is all so important.

An exciting event for the term!



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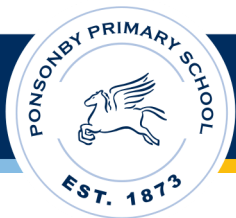
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