

Ponsonby Primary School

Te Kura o te Rimu Tahī

Kia Ora Parents and Whānau,

What a fantastic Colour Run Carnival we had over the weekend! It was an incredible event that truly brought our community together. As I often say to new parents, the success of any school lies in its relationship and engagement with the community. A massive thank you to the teachers who gave up their time on a Saturday, and especially to Morgan and Arran. The time, effort, and attention to detail they put into organising this event were absolutely outstanding. Events like this don't just happen overnight—it takes dedication and a lot of hard work! Thank you to all of our Parent Liaison's and parent volunteers who gave up their time leading up to the event and on the day.

This week, we also had our three-way learning conversations, and it was wonderful to see so many parents attending. These conversations are such a valuable opportunity to celebrate our children's successes as learners and reflect on their growth throughout the year.

I'd also like to share some insights from our end-of-year data. Please note that our Year 1 data can be a little misleading, as many of these students have not yet had a full year at school: The below data shows students progress "At" or "Above" curriculum levels.

Reading:

Year 1: 83%
 Year 2: 90%
 Year 3: 88%
 Year 4: 88%
 Year 5: 91%
 Year 6: 95%

Maths:

Year 1: 94%
 Year 2: 92%
 Year 3: 90%
 Year 4: 98%
 Year 5: 91%
 Year 6: 89%

Writing:

Year 1: 85%
 Year 2: 82%
 Year 3: 95%
 Year 4: 78%
 Year 5: 89%
 Year 6: 90%

TERM 4 DATES

14 Oct - 18 Dec

REMINDERS FOR TERM 4

NEXT WEEK IS WEEK 8

- PARENTS**
 Please update your contact details if anything has recently changed.
- Monday 2nd of December
Kākāriki pools trip to Panmure Pools
- Tuesday 3rd of December
Year 3 EOTC to Art Gallery
- Wednesday 4th - Fri 6th of December
Year 6 Camp

Next year, we expect our data to look quite different. With the introduction of the new curriculum, the "goalposts" are shifting. For example, what is currently taught in a Year 3 curriculum will now be covered in Year 2. We view this as a positive change, as it reflects a more cohesive approach to teaching and learning. However, it will naturally impact how we interpret our data moving forward.

Finally, a big congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 children who competed at the Inner City Athletics. All students competed exceptionally well! A special mention to:

Fletcher Jessop, 1st in the boys 100m,
Finn Gray, 1st in the boys 200m,
Audrey Moore, 1st in the girls 200m,
Lily Vonn Southcombe, who came 3rd in the girls 800m and also placed 3rd in both of the girls 100m and 200m,
Jayden Spicer, 3rd in the boys 200m,
Jacob Griffiths 2nd in the 10+ year old boys long jump
Kaea Parker 2nd in the 9yr old girls long jump
and
The Ponsonby relay team, who won the relay—an incredible achievement as this is the first time we've won in many years!

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to our school.
Together, we achieve great things!

Ngā mihi nui,
Sanjay Rama

Congratulations to the 2024 Jolly Jar Winners



Room of The week Room 1



Rm 1 has had a fantastic few weeks with Rm 4. We have been to Western Springs park with Urban Ark for the Waiorea Project. We loved being scientists and doing ph testing, clarity testing and checking the health of the water.

Follow our instagram @ponsonbyprimary

Room of The week Room 1



We have also been to AUT Millennium pools and learned water safety and how to work as a team. This week we went to the National Library and had a Treaty time machine workshop. Ka rawe!



Visit our website at www.ponsprim.school.nz

Christmas

SOUND BATH

THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER 6:30 - 7:30 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.

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No experience is required. Ages 13 years +



SCAN THE QR CODE TO PURCHASE TICKETS!

LUNA
& The Aura Club

**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 7 Ngā Tae

Check out the pronunciation on [Te Aka -The Māori Dictionary](#)
And this song [Annika Moa](#)



kōwhai (kō whai) - yellow

kiwikiwi - (ki wi ki wi) - grey

waiporoporo- (wai po ro po ro) - purple

māwhero - (mā whe ro) - pink

Kākāriki - (kā kā ri ki) - green

Here is a sentence to try:

He aha te tae? What is the colour? He _____ te tae.



NEXT LEVEL BASKETBALL



1 HOLIDAY CAMP: 2024 DECEMBER
ONE WEEK : 16th - 20th DECEMBER

2 HOLIDAY CAMP: 2025 JANUARY
ONE WEEK : 20th - 24th JANUARY

9 AM - 3 PM
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TENNIS



BOOK NOW FOR SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS!

at West End Lawn Tennis Club

Tennis holiday camps are running from this summer from 17-20 December and 6-24 January at West End Lawn Tennis Club for children aged 5+.



Where?

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



When?

17-20 December
6-10 January
13-17 January
20-24 January



Cost?

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

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