

Ponsonby Primary School

Te Kura o te Rimu Tahī

What a year we have had! Our children and teachers truly shine in every way. Like I said at the end-of-year assembly, our teachers, senior leaders, and support staff are outstanding humans who go above and beyond for our students. To all the staff, thank you for your incredible dedication, and I wish you a well-deserved and restful break. As I reflect on the year, there have been so many highlights. On the sporting field, our senior relay team achieved an incredible first place—a feat we haven't accomplished in a long, long time. We also excelled in swimming and cross country, with our students performing exceptionally well. Our netball and Flippa ball teams had fantastic seasons too. A heartfelt thank you to all the parents who coached and supported our teams throughout the year, and to the teachers who organised and put on these amazing events for our students.

This year's speech competition was another standout. Two of our students represented Ponsonby Primary at the Auckland Speech Competition—a truly outstanding achievement.

And of course, the highlight of the year has to be the school show. It was simply spectacular! Every child shone on stage, and it was a true celebration of talent and teamwork.

This year we have raised a combined \$111,000 from our three main fundraisers - A Taste of Ponsonby, The Wonder-thon & Colour Run Carnival. A huge thank you to our parent community for all of your support with these fundraising events as without you this would not be possible. These funds will go towards our new Puriri playground and gardening space. This is an ongoing fundraising project that will take us a couple more years to implement.

To our Year 6 children, thank you for all you have contributed during your time at Ponsonby Primary. We are so proud of you and wish you all the best on your new adventures. As you move on and achieve great things, remember the support, care, and belief your teachers have shown you throughout your journey.

Important Reminder

Our school goal-setting day is scheduled for Tuesday, 4th February 2025. Karla will send out a link where you can book your session with your child's teacher. Each session will be an hour long, and once the hour is up, you can collect your child.

For our Year 1 students, this will be a school visit, and their session will last for two hours.

Our first full day of school will be Wednesday, 5th February 2025.

Finally, I want to wish everyone a wonderful holiday break. Have a Merry Christmas and a fantastic New Year. I look forward to seeing most of you back for another exciting year in 2025!

Ngā mihi nui,
Sanjay Rama

TERM 1 DATES

5 February - 11
April 2025

REMINDERS FOR TERM 1 2025

- 2025 Goal Setting day-
Tuesday the 4th of February
- First official day of Term 1 2025 -
Wednesday the 5th of February 2025

Christmas

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**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



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PONSONBY PRIMARY

ON THURSDAYS DURING
THE SCHOOL DAY

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