

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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



TERM 1, WEEK 6 • 2025

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Ora Whānau,

Wow, we are already more than halfway through the term! The next few weeks will be incredibly busy, starting with our Three-Way Learning Conversations next week. Today was the final day to book an interview with your child's teacher. These conversations are a valuable opportunity for students, parents, and teachers to connect and reflect on progress.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

Next week, I will be meeting with the Director of Education to discuss reporting clarity for schools. All schools are navigating the same challenges, and as a proactive school, we have developed a reporting format that clearly shows how our children are tracking alongside the updated NZ curriculum. We are still waiting on the government and the Ministry of Education to provide guidance and support regarding reporting so hopefully we will gain more clarity from this meeting.

NZ MATHS AND ENGLISH CURRICULUM

With the changes to the NZ Maths and English curriculum, we expect to see a drop in student achievement data. This is simply because the goalposts have shifted. For example, a current Year 3 child is now being taught at a level that was previously a year ahead. These adjustments will take time to settle, and we will continue to support our students through the transition.

INNER CITY CRICKET TOURNAMENT

Last week, we sent two Year 5 & 6 teams to the Inner City Cricket Tournament. Both teams performed exceptionally well, and I was incredibly impressed with their sportsmanship. Our students showed fantastic encouragement and support for each other, even when they weren't winning. A huge thank you to Mr Bergin for organising both teams.

THE TASTE OF PONSONBY FUNDRAISER

We are also in the midst of planning our first major fundraiser, The Taste of Ponsonby, which will take place next term. We are currently seeking auction items such as vouchers, experiences, and sports memorabilia (e.g., signed equipment). All funds raised will go towards upgrading the Puriri playground to create a fantastic new space for our students.

If you or someone you know would like to contribute to the auction, please get in touch—we'd love your support!

Have a lovely weekend!

Ngā mihi nui

Sanjay Rama - Principal

QUICK REMINDERS

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**Mon 17 & Tue 18
March**

3 Way Learning
Conversations
Bookings close
Friday 14 March

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Tue 18 Mar
Positive Puberty
Year 6

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Fri 21 Mar
Year 3 Puriri Swimming
Carnival 12 - 1 pm
Kākāriki Swimming
Carnival 1.45-3pm

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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**

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A TASTE OF PONSONBY AUCTION ITEMS

We are on the lookout for live & silent auctions

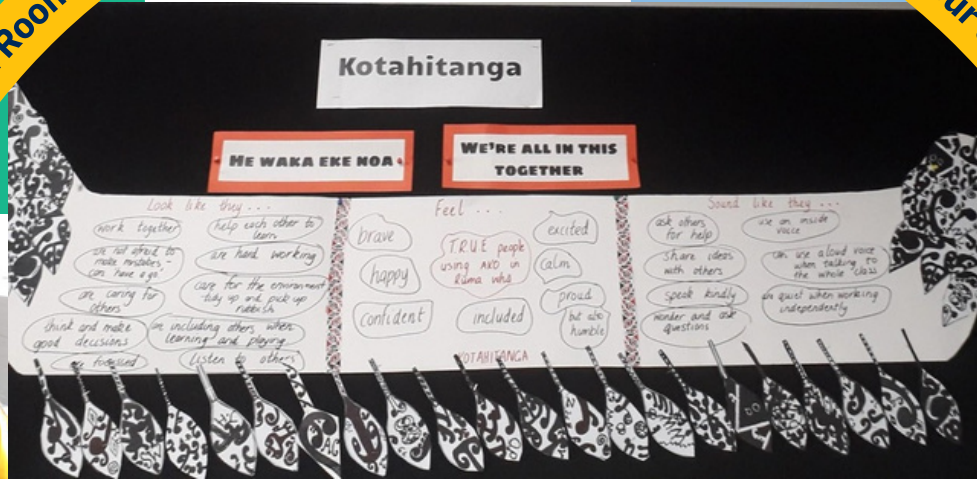
- Big ticket items for our live auction, such as: an overseas or local getaway, fishing charters, private chef experience at home or at a restaurant, golf experiences etc...
- Vouchers of any kind
- A family bach experience
- Restaurant dinner packages
- Beauty or wellbeing products or vouchers
- Jewellery items
- Sport and family experiences

Email: mjurisich@ponsprim.school.nz
or pop into the school office to see Morgan



Classroom of the week

This term Room 4 has been sharing ideas about what we can include in our class treaty

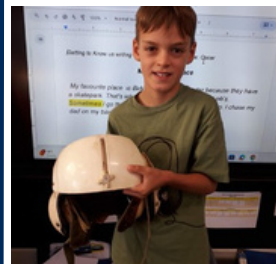


Here is our finished waka and treaty.

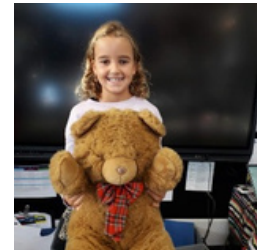


Room 4 Mrs Cowsill

We have been bringing in treasures which tell stories about our families. We are going to use these for our visual pepeha.



We have put this on a class waka, and instead of signing our names, we have designed hoe waka/paddles which tell stories about us with Māori traditional patterns.





Upcoming Events & Notices

VISUAL PEPEHA SHOWCASE

On Friday 4th April from 2-3 pm our students will be hosting their Visual Pepeha Showcase. This is an accumulation of their terms inquiry work. Throughout this inquiry students have explored their cultural heritage and the things that make them special. This showcase is to celebrate the students wonderful work with their families. We will be meeting in the school hall at 2:00 pm for a quick introduction to the showcase, followed by moving around the different classrooms to view the amazing work on display. We look forward to seeing you there!

PONSONBY PRIMARY

VISUAL PEPEHA

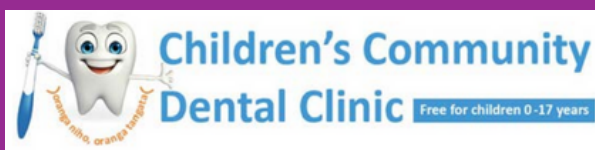
TERM 1 SHOWCASE

FRIDAY 4TH APRIL | 2 - 3 PM | SCHOOL HALL

Come and view a summary of learning from our incredible tamariki!

AUCKLAND REGIONAL DENTAL SERVICE (ARDS)

Dear parents and caregivers,
The Auckland Regional Dental Service (ARDS) is a Te Whatu Ora-operated service, which provides FREE dental care to children across greater Auckland. In order to prevent any eligible children missing out on receiving free dental care, ARDS is cross-checking their own records with school rolls. For our children's better oral health and wellbeing, our school roll will be shared with the service as required.



To find out more information about ARDS, please visit ards.co.nz or call **0800 TALK TEETH (0800 825 583)**.

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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.

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LINKS

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The Jared Box Project



Bring joy to a Child at Starship Children's Hospital in Auckland!

We're collecting donations for The Jared Box Project, bringing smiles to young patients at Starship Children's Hospital in Auckland.

Help us fill shoebox-sized containers with small but meaningful gifts!

Needed Items: New markers, crayons, colored pencils, coloring books, pop-its, water ring games, fidget toys, and more for infants to teens. Toys must fit in a plastic shoebox.

Participation and donations are completely voluntary.

A **donation box** is located at the school office
Toy drop off times are 8:30-8:50am & 3:00-3:15pm on school days.



Swimming Carnival Friday, March 21

Stop by our table to write a note of encouragement for a child in the hospital! You can also bring donations that day.

Important Guidelines: No food, tiny items (choking hazard), glass, snow globes, bubbles, holiday items, or pencil sharpeners.

Deadline for donations: 28 March

Thank you for making a difference!

www.thejaredbox.com

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The Beckman Family

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.

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- Reading Aloud
- Speech Writing & Delivery
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- Building Self-Esteem & Confidence

📍 **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**

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ESOL**

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**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.