



PONSONBY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Steadfast and True • Te Kura O Te Remu Tahī

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Dear Parents and Whānau of Ponsonby Primary School,

We value your support in providing a high level of resources for our students at Ponsonby Primary School. Parent donations and fundraising are crucial in bridging the gap between government funding and our aspirations for the school community.

These contributions enable us to offer a wide range of educational opportunities and resources that enhance the learning experience for our students. Over the past three years, we have been able to upgrade our Kākāriki playground and install a shade cover over the area. We have also upgraded the bottom court with a state-of-the-art basketball/netball surface. This year, we are planning to upgrade classroom furniture in **Pūriri** and eventually raise money towards replacing the **Pūriri playground along with creating a sustainable garden and kitchen area where children can grow their own vegetables and fruit (we see this as being a three year project)**. These improvements are made possible solely through donations and fundraising, as they fall outside government funding. We will also use these funds to continue to provide your child/ren with maximum educational opportunities. The donations and fundraising you contribute directly support our Learning Assistants, who work with students needing extra assistance. We employ four Learning Assistants (teacher aides), yet government funding covers fewer than one full-time position.

Additionally, these funds support part-time teachers, ancillary staff, and essential learning resources that are not covered by government funding. We are also committed to maintaining smaller class sizes, and over the past three years, we have funded a teacher through our Government grant to support this initiative.

As you are aware, there are many inequities in government funding. The reality is that the government's funding of \$400,000 (GST exclusive) is insufficient to run our school. Without parental support, we cannot meet our outgoings for essential services.

Our proposed parent donation raises \$193,000 annually. In 2025, this amount will include children's extracurricular activity costs that parents previously paid for during the term, such as Life Education and performing arts workshops. However, it does not cover optional activities outside the curriculum, such as the Year 6 Motutapu Camp, Year 5 Marae and Surf School visits, Year 4 Mangere Mountain and Millennium Institute experiences, and Year 1 & 2 Parnell Baths visits.

Your support makes a significant impact on our students' learning journey, and we truly appreciate your ongoing commitment. If you have any questions or need further information, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Ngā mihi,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sanjay Rama'.

Sanjay Rama

Ponsonby Primary 2025

Suggested Contribution amounts:

Suggested schedule of costs

Number of children in the family	Full year contribution suggested amount. (Note per child discount for more than 1 child)	Term by term contribution option	Weekly direct payment to school account 12-3019-0472255-00 <i>Calculated over the whole school year 45 weeks including holidays but please finish payment 20th December. Use the child's full name & word donation as reference please.</i>
1 child	\$580	\$145.00 per term	\$14.50
2 children	\$1050	\$262.50 per term	\$26.25
3 children	\$1415	\$353.75per term	\$35.37

A reminder to you, our wonderfully supportive families, that we see these as the minimum amounts needed to subsidise government funding. **Note -If your child is in a special, or enrichment programme, or receives extra help, or you just want to give a little more because you can e.g. reading recovery, special learning support, please feel free to do so.**

How to Pay

This year we have chosen to not use Kindo for our school donation payments as they take a massive fee per transaction and this would take away thousands of dollars from our overall school donations.

Payment through internet banking

You can set up weekly / termly automatic payments. Our ASB bank account number is 12-3019-0472255-00

Ensure you put your child's name and reason for payment. eg. Mary Smith Donation \$580 on payee details

Payment at the School Office

With a debit / credit card or cash

Call the office 376 3568 if you have any issues with these payment options.

Please send an email to Wendy Steedman wsteedman@ponsprim.school.nz if you wish to further confirm payment.