



# PONSONBY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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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. In 2024 and 2025, we were able to upgrade our Kākāriki and Puriri classroom furniture. This year, we are planning to upgrade **Kōwhai** classroom furniture and complete the fundraising towards replacing the Pūriri playground, along with completing our sustainable garden where children can grow their own vegetables and fruit (we have already begun this project!). In the future, we hope to upgrade the Hall kitchen so it can be used for cooking lessons and be more user-friendly for community hire.

These improvements are made possible solely through donations and fundraising, as they fall outside government funding. We will also use these funds to continue providing your child/ren with maximum educational opportunities. The donations and fundraising you contribute directly support our Learning Assistants (teacher aides), who work with students needing extra assistance. We employ five Learning Assistants, 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.

As you are aware, there are many inequities in government funding. The reality is that the government's funding of \$545,000 (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. However, it does not cover activities outside the curriculum, such as EOTC activities, additional school trips, experts in school experiences, the Year 6 Motutapu Camp, Year 5 Marae and Surf School visits - all of which we know makes Ponsonby an extra special place.

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,

Molly Fletcher & the Ponsonby Primary School Board.



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## **Ponsonby Primary 2026**

### **Suggested Contribution amounts:**

Suggested schedule of costs

<b>Number of children in the family</b>	<b>Full year contribution suggested amount. (Note per child discount for more than 1 child)</b>	<b>Term by term contribution option</b>	<b>Weekly direct payment to school account 12-3019-0472255-00</b> <i>Calculated over the whole school year 45 weeks including holidays but please finish payment 18<sup>th</sup> December. Use the child's full name &amp; 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

## **How to Pay**

### **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

### **Payment through the HERO App**

This function will be set up in early 2026

**Call the office 09 376 3568 if you have any issues with these payment options.**

Please send an email to Holly Pailegutū [accounts@ponprim.school.nz](mailto:accounts@ponprim.school.nz) if you wish to further confirm payment.