

The Ponsonby Times

WELCOME TO THE FIRST EDITION OF THE PONSONBY TIMES FOR 2026

IT WOULD BE WRONG TO START IT WITHOUT INTRODUCING THE NEW TEAM. TAKE IT AWAY FOLKS!

Name: Luka Babic

Room number: 22

What section/job I'm in charge of in the newspaper is writing the sports articles and a photographer

My favourite animal: Is a Black Mamba.



Name: Alexine Aerith

Room number: 23

What section/job I'm in charge of for the newspaper: Debate, Proof reader, First Co Editor in Chief

My favourite animal: Ducks!!! Any kind! maybe.

My funny story: A funny story I had is when I was really really young, I saw a youtube video about bangs! I wanted bangs so I took scissors and cut my side hair for bangs, instead of the desired result, I got shorter side hair and hair all around me! I now have REAL bangs and not the funky ones!!!



Name: Artem

Room number: 23

What section/job I'm in charge of for the newspaper: Designer, Photographer

My favourite animal: Octopus, Red Panda

My funny story: At last school's year 6 camp we had a task where we had to build a raft then make it float using plastic barrels and wooden poles. Our one looked impressive but it imploded after we got on it as the lashing wasn't strong and nearly everyone got dumped off.



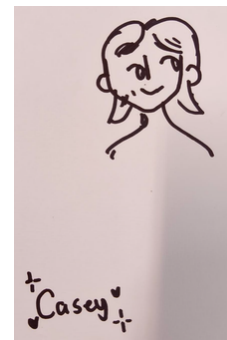
Name: Casey

Room number: Im in room 23! (the best class)

What section/job I'm in charge of for the newspaper: Debate, interviewing and nature section.

My favourite animal: My favourite animals are definitely the Basking shark and the Peacock mantis shrimp.

My funny story: Once I shaved off just 1 of my eyebrows because I wanted to see if a shaver actually worked. I was in year 1 if it makes it better.





Name: Finlay

Room number: 28

What section/job I'm in charge of for the newspaper: History you should know about

My favourite animal: SEA CUCUMBER

My funny story: One time I was at the warehouse and me and my dad was buying a giant handsaw and a bunch of other things, and at the checkout, the giant handsaw didn't need Id verification BUT FOR SOME UNKNOWN REASON, The completely normal medium-sized stainless steel bowl DID! We still don't know why



Name: Ada McGeorge

Room number: 22

What section/job I'm in charge of for the newspaper: Interview, comic, debate

My favourite animal: Piglets

My funny story: My brother got me a tin of slime from a bookfair when I was about 3 or 4 and I played with it for about 3 minutes and then spilled it on the bottom of a rug we had in my old house and never told anyone until this year.



Name: Dhanya

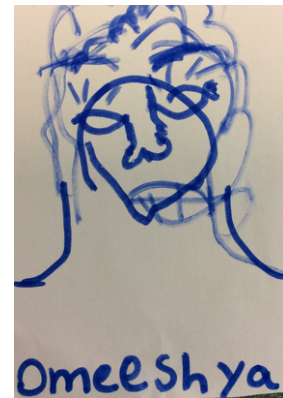
Room number: 15

What section/job I'm in charge of for the newspaper:

The interviews, and the photography

My favourite animal: Cavalier King Charles Spaniel puppy.

My funny story: My funny story is that once when I was really little, I cut my hair in secret so I could have a fringe, but I cut it too short, so it looked like I had too much baby hair. But, good thing it grew out.



Name: Omeeshya

Room number: 22

What section/job I'm in charge of for the newspaper: I am an interviewer

My favourite animal: Snow Leopard

My funny story: My funny story is once I was at my grandparents house and they had this dog and so basically I was trying to find my brother and the dog started chasing me and so I ran, but then the dog cornered me and I had nowhere else to go. I was really scared at this point so I had to find a way to get away from it and not to mention there was a car next to me so the only option I had was to jump over the car and so I did but my parents saw me and they were freaking out.



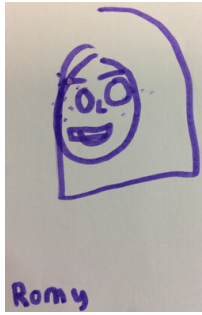
Name: Benja

Room number: 21

What section/job I'm in charge of for the newspaper: Fun facts and I take photos

My favourite animal: Elephant

My funny story: One time in Coromandel I went kayaking with my dad. We got to a different island and then took a break, but when we got back on to the kayak the whole thing tipped over and sent us flying. Luckily we were still near the shore.



Name: Romy

Room number: 22

What section/job I'm in charge of for the newspaper:
I'm in charge of the comic and riddles n' puzzles
section

My favourite animal: Gooses ← that's just how I say it,
and mules 😊

My funny story: When I was at camp in year six, we were making rafts, when we raced them our rafts, ours collapsed and everyone disappeared (not literally, I just have no idea where they went) and some confused guy was dragging the raft with me on it screaming at the top of my lungs chicken banana!!



Name: Etta Avery

Room number: 30

What section/job I'm in charge of for the newspaper:

Video games and books to read and play

My favourite animal: CAT

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My funny story: One time when I was little, I LOVED penguins, cats and turtles. Me, my mum and dad went to the place in Auckland that had all of them Kelly Tarltons (they don't have cats but one of the people there did bring one in.) I saw the penguin and said to my mum:

“Mummmmmmm I wanna get penguin
caaaaaaaaannnnnnnn I have one please!!!!!!” So my
Mum said, “You can get one for Christmas, dear.” I was
sooo excited and as you guessed, I got a SOFT TOY!! I
was so smad (mad and sad) but now she is my bestie!! I
called her the best name ever PENGUIN!!! I am so good
at naming things right? (I was five okay!??)



Name: Harry

Room number: 12

What section/job I'm in charge of for the newspaper: Sue chef (second person in charge).

My favourite animal: Quokka

My funny story: I am 11, I like Crocheting, Tumbling, and watching TV In my free time. I want to be in charge of the whole Newspaper team and to be Captain of the News paper team. One time I was cooking dinner and I went to the sink while holding the sharpest knife in my house. Well, I went to wash my hands. After I had washed them I flicked the water on to the ground, then I took a step and slipped and the knife flew out of my hand and landed right next to my face!



Name: Su

Room number: 22

What section/job I'm in charge of for the newspaper: Reviewer

My favourite animal: Foxes and Red Pandas!!

My funny story: when I was in year 5, me and my friend were playing something at school that involved chasing. I was running but I tripped and fell onto the door stopper. I found out later that the doorstopper broke and no one found out who it was except me and my friends.



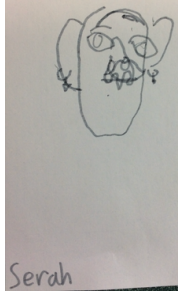
Name: Jonathan Yoon

Room number: 23

What section/job I'm in charge of for the newspaper: Making newspaper games.

My favourite animal: Axolotls?

My funny story: When I was born, I did a massive poo on my Mum. I don't actually know how that happened, but at the very least, the nurses cleaned it up, so I guess that was that.



Name: Serah Ginesh

Room number: Rm 25

What section/job I'm in charge of for the newspaper: The K-pop/music section.

My favourite animal: Cats

My funny story: A funny story for me is when I was hanging out with my friends and a random person said hi, I thought they were talking to me, so I said hi. Turns out they were talking to the person behind me LOL.



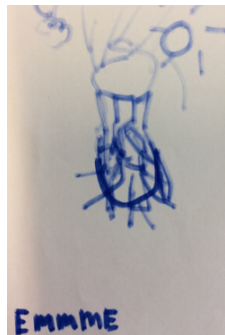
Name: Vyga Vipin

Room number: Rm 3

What section/job I'm in charge of for the newspaper: Journalist

My favourite animal: Dogs!

My funny story: Once when I was really young I wanted to cut my hair short, and I secretly cut it and hid the hair under my bed. But.... the haircut turned out too short and I ended up getting a haircut shorter than wanted.



Name: Emme

Room number: 22

What section/job I'm in charge of for the newspaper:

Interviews and polls and find a words.

My favourite animal: Giraffe.

My funny story: When I was three I jumped off the couch and my dad didn't catch me and I broke my whole jaw.



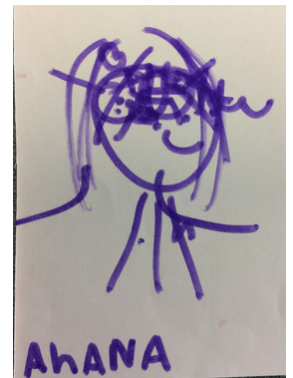
Name: Fatima Ashar

Room number: 15

What section/job I'm in charge of for the newspaper: Article Writer about history of how simple things around us were made.

My favourite animal: Cats

My funny story: A few days ago, I accidentally dropped my tablet and now, its screen is damaged. Then, I got a new phone but while I was walking to the bus stop with a jacket, water bottle and my new phone in my hand, I accidentally dropped it too. But thankfully, it did not stop working or something. Afterwards, I took my sister's tablet with (out) her permission because my phone was on charge and I accidentally dropped it too. Just like my tablet, its screen is also damaged now but both of our tablets will be repaired.



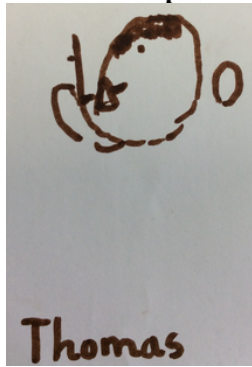
Name: Ahana Rangith

Room number: Rm.12.

What section/job I'm in charge of for the newspaper: The section I want to be in charge of is the section where you interview others about the latest news.

My favourite animal: Pomeranian Dog

My funny story: Once upon a time, 4 or 5 years ago, I was celebrating an Indian festival called diwali (which now I know is extremely dangerous), there were loads of fireworks and these clay cups holding fire on a thread. Then I was absolutely in the moment not noticing anything else, which is when I heard someone yell "Ahana your skirt is on fire!". Then it was absolute chaos, my dad ran up to me and somehow got the fire out and I was hanging onto life with all my might. Thankfully and obviously I came out alive and safe.



Name: Thomas

Room number: 23 (cool class)

What section/job I'm in charge of for the newspaper: Cooking or Selling and I'm a proofreader

My favourite animal: I don't know, Barn Owls maybe?

My funny story: Last Christmas, I was at my cousin's house.

Right after I opened my presents I went to bounce on the Trampoline. It was quite an old worn-out trampoline so when I tripped, I stumbled backwards into the net. I fell through it and my body landed in the garden. My head however, did not. The back of it hit the edge of the concrete. Before I got stitches, the doctors gave me laughing gas to numb the pain. I'm happy they gave it to me but it made it a bit hard to focus on Jurassic Park which I was watching at the time.



Name: Delilah

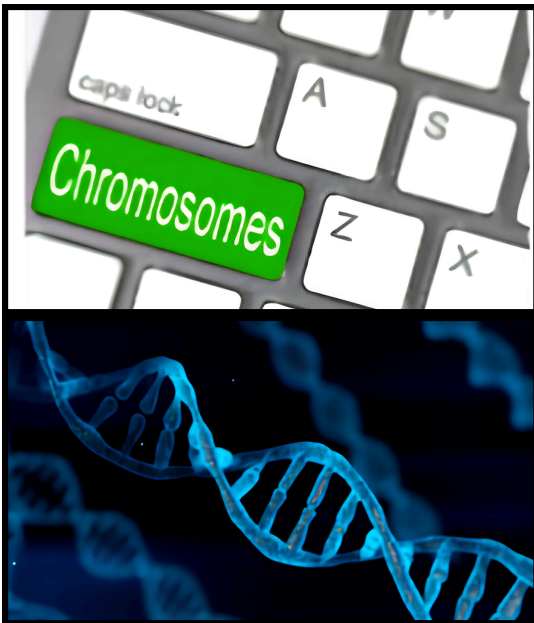
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What section/job I'm in charge of for the newspaper:
Dedicated article writer.

My favourite animal: I love dogs, specifically golden retrievers. More specifically golden retrievers mixed with collies. Even MORE specifically, my dog Goose.

My funny story: Once, about five minutes before my dad left for a work meeting with the boss of the whole company, my dog, Goose jumped up and slammed his muddy paws into him! He tripped backwards and caught himself by splashing his hand into a full sink! He had to get changed out of his best suit because it had a muddy paw print and a soaking sleeve. And, just to top that off, he was late for the meeting. 😊

Why do girls have more DNA than boys?



Girls, or people that were born female have more DNA than people that were born boys. But why? Well, it all comes down to chromosomes.

The average human male has XY chromosomes while the female has XX chromosomes. The X chromosome has around 155 million base pairs or 900-1000 gene points. The Y chromosome has around 59 million base pairs or 50-100 gene points. This combination leaves the human male with less DNA than the female. But why? Well, sometime long ago, the two chromosomes had the same amount of DNA attached to it, then over millions of years, the Y chromosome stopped swapping genes with the X chromosome, causing it to lose its genes over time.

- Casey Rm 23

CHEESE ROLLING



Cheese rolling is a dangerous downhill sport held on Copper hill in Gloucestershire, England. Competitors chase a 7 pound wheel of double Gloucester cheese down a 182 m slope reaching speeds of 70 kph. Since the cheese is so fast and you can't catch it, the winner is the first to get to the finish line.

Cheese rolling is a very dangerous sport. Injury is very common and people break bones and get concussions all the time and there is a medical team that treats about 15-40 people every year when this event occurs. Cheese rolling was invented almost 200 years ago. This sport has a 1-2 gradient, which means it goes 1 meter vertically and 2 meters horizontally.

By Luka Rm 22 😊

MEME OF THE MONTH

By Finlay room 28

You're on the bus going home from school, you're just staring at your phone, doomscrolling and you seem to have forgotten about time, unaware of your surroundings, blankly staring... All of a sudden, you realise that you saw something weird, you scroll back up, and you see it saying this: 2027 was prime bro, like 2026 aint even that good. Oh no! You've scrolled into the future!

Here it is, the August 2027, I mean 2026? meme of the month!





Fun Facts

This section will tell you 10 random facts and each issue will have a new topic. This issue's topic is...

Animals!

1. Did you know that a blue whale's heart is the size of a small car?
2. Did you know that sloths can hold their breath longer than dolphins can.
3. Did you know that koalas sleep around 18-22 hours a day?
4. Did you know that the largest land mammal to ever exist was related to a rhino? (Paraceratherium)
5. Did you know that there are over 20,000 species of bees?
6. Did you know that there is a very rare blue lobster that is 1 in 2 million?
7. Did you know that fish have lived on earth for over 450 million years?
8. Did you know that octopus have 3 hearts and 9 brains?
9. Did you know that over 10,000 years ago, the woolly rhino existed, having 2 huge horns and was covered in fur?
10. Did you know that some species of lizards such as beaded lizards, gila monsters and Komodo dragons are venomous?

By Benja Rm 21 and Jonathan Rm 22

INTERVIEW WITH MRS. FRANCIS

Mrs. Francis

1. Why do you think culture is important?

Answer: I think culture is important because it is a big part of our identity; it connects us to our family; it teaches us what's important and what our values are.

2. Have you been to any other country apart from Japan and NZ?

Answer: Yes, I think I have been to 32 countries. I have lived in Japan, Egypt, and Uzbekistan.

3. Why did you choose to be a language teacher?

Answer: I have always taught English literature, so this was a big change. I was offered this job teaching languages, and I was very happy to accept it because I love talking about travel and Culture, but it's a big challenge for me because I have to study all the time what I have to teach.

4. What do you like about learning different cultures?

Answer: Because then I remember that there is no one "normal" way of doing things because every culture has its "normal," so it reminds me not to judge what other people are doing.

5. What is a highlight from culture week?

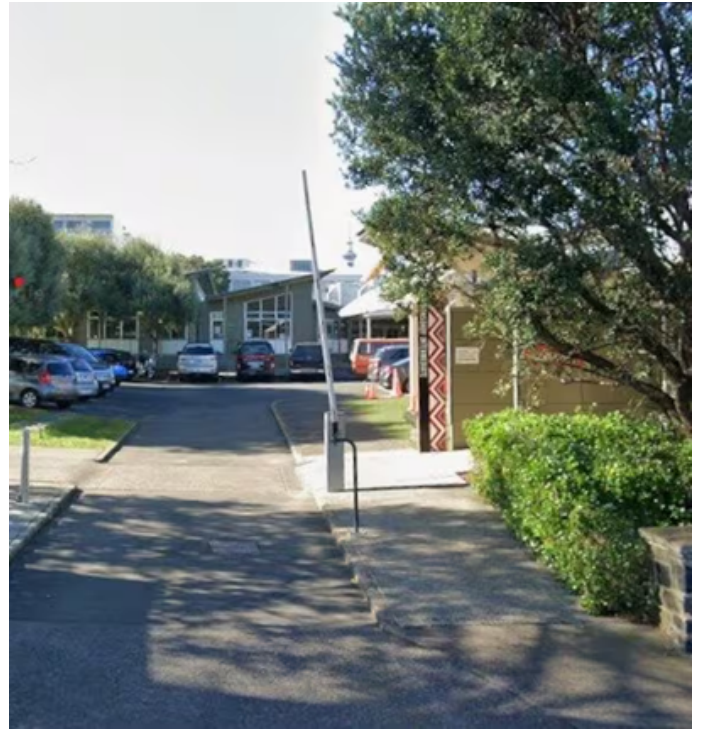
Answer: My two highlights were the parade of nations because I love seeing everyone connect with their culture in a particular way, and the other one was the cultural market because I love working with the cultural ambassadors making food and sharing that with the school.

by Benja rm 21 and Jonathan rm 22

THE HISTORY OF PONSONBY

Ponsonby. What a beautiful place it is. But do you know how it all started? When was it named, what did it look like and was it always called Ponsonby? Well, here you go.

Ponsonby was first named Ponsonby in 1873. Before that it was called Dedwood. Honestly, I'm glad of the change because Dedwood just sounds depressing. Europeans first settled there in the 1860s and even earlier than that, it was swarming with ancient māori trading routes dating back to the 14th century! Did you know that Dedwood might even be named after a ship's captain? Well, not exactly. It was, in fact, named after a farm near Shelly Beach road. However, this was supposedly named after one Captain Dedwood. Now Ponsonby is a fun-filled, bustling suburb with lots of shops and restaurants and the best intermediate school the world has ever seen. - Delilah



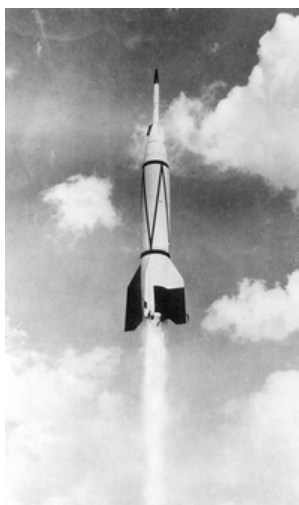
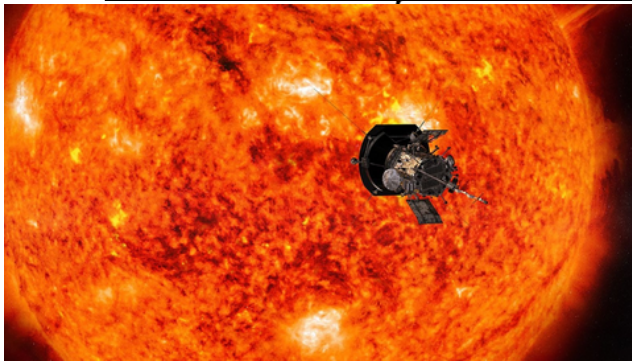
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Sushi
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Pizza
Pasta
Ramen
Candy
Egg
Marshmallow
Tomato
Salad
Bread
Butter



by Emme R22



HISTORY YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT - FINLAY R28

Have you ever wondered: "What is the fastest thing humans have ever made over the years?" Well, here I have the perfect answer for you. First, in the prehistoric times of the 1800's and before, the fastest thing they had was drumroll please... A whip! The crack sound that you hear from one is actually a tiny sonic boom at the tip. This is caused by the whip essentially going faster the further away it is from where it's being held. Pretty insane, right? Well, now, into the 20th century, technology has advanced much faster than ever before. On February 24, 1948, the Bumper 5 (which is basically a German V2 with a tiny WAC Corporal rocket strapped on top) launched at white sands missile range, New Mexico. This was the first two-stage liquid-fueled rocket, and it got to speeds of 8288.122km/h! That means it would take you about 15 minutes to go from the top of Cape Reinga to the bottom of Bluff! If you drove the same distance in a car, it would take you more than 29 hours! This is already insane, but things just get faster and faster! Now, from the 1950's to the 2000's, there is the Helios probe, a joint mission between West Germany and the USA; this probe gets sent to a height of 0.29 AU from the Sun! That is closer to the Sun than Mercury! But wait. That was just fast because of the Sun's gravitational pull accelerating it; it's not just raw speed. So that's why, in 2001, what I think is one of the coolest things NASA has done: launching an X-43 that is mounted on a Pegasus rocket off a B-52 Peacekeeper- let's just say the X-43 is not yo' average drone, for those who don't know, the X-43 is a hypersonic scramjet plane developed by NASA. The Pegasus rocket is a small solid rocket that can be launched off a plane; therefore, it can be lighter with more payload, and it can also launch at any inclination too. Fun fact, the name "Pegasus" was actually based on a Star Trek episode. And the B-52 is, well, a bomber plane. Back to the X-43, it reached a speed of Mach 9.6! That is 9.6 times the speed of sound, 11854.1km/h, THAT'S AROUND THE WORLD IN 32 MINUTES!!! Still isn't enough to get to orbit, though. Also, the X-43 is tiny. It is 3.7 meters long, 1.5 meters wide, and 60 centimeters tall. After all, the X-15, its predecessor, is just much better; like, come on, NASA, you don't need to take all the "safety precautions" and just do it! Look at the X-15! If a human can survive Mach 6.7, he can also survive Mach 9!

(Actually, it isn't NASA's fault; I know that their budget hasn't been great.) But there also is the Parker Solar Probe, which launched in 2018, then spent the next six years doing gravity assist manoeuvres, which is basically using celestial bodies' gravity to gain or lose speed for free. And in December 2024, it made its closest pass to the Sun, with only 6.2 million kilometers from the sun, still, at this height, the probe is already in the Sun's upper atmosphere, or corona, and it was traveling at approximately 690,000 km/h, 191km per SECOND, 0.064% THE SPEED OF LIGHT!

But of course, I saved the best for last, introducing the PASCAL-B MANHOLE COVER. They dug a hole, put a 29-kilogram nuke into the hole, and welded a 900-kilogram manhole cover on top, thinking it would hold the blast. Obviously, it didn't, and the manhole cover got sent off at 6 times earth ESCAPE VELOCITY; that's 67.2 km/s! But sadly, air friction exists, and the legendary manhole cover probably got vaporised by atmospheric heating.

So now you know! The fastest object humans ever made is probably a manhole cover.

Y7 GIRLS JUST PLAY

Today I interviewed 8 kids in the Y7 girls just play option with Mr T and asked them what their favourite sport is. Badminton, Gymnastics and Softball all got one vote, leaving them each in third. Water polo and Basketball got two votes which leaves them in second. In first place, it was a tie between Football and Netball. They both got five votes each and both each got 27.8% of the vote.

By Emme Rm 22



ENOLA HOLMES MOVIE REVIEW

(contains spoilers if you are currently watching it!)

First is Enola Holmes 1. I LOVED the first movie since it gives off an independent main character vibe, and the whole movie was all connected, which made sense. Some of the characters were written nicely but I didn't really like Mycroft as a character because throughout the first movie, he was kind of controlling and it made me sort of mad of how he wanted Enola to enter this school with a teacher who sounded really harsh on Enola but that means that the actor who was acting as Mycroft did a wonderful job as him to the point I wanted to just rewrite a new and kinder brother just for the movies. Next is Enola Holmes 2. I haven't rewatched this movie for a long time, so this is going to be based on my old perspective. When I first watched this movie, I really liked Tewkesbury, and his connection to Enola was so good. Like, just imagine a prince falling in love with you, but obviously Enola was oblivious and didn't realise until the end of the movie. Other than the love story and stuff like that. The plot twist was SO GOOD, honestly; if I could hug the actor and the writer all together, I would. Lastly, Enola Holmes 3... Oh boy. I think this was the worst out of all the movies since the plot was kind of bland, like unseasoned chicken tenders. I did like how the movie setting was in Malta, which gave off a coastal vibe, and I am in for it! I couldn't really give you a detailed rating since I could not remember anything except that the house burnt down and people connected to Enola got kidnapped. But other than the bad things, Tewkesbury's first name got released! I will forever call him Tewkesbury since it's just better than Earnest, or rather, just nincompoop. Overall, Enola Holmes will forever be in my top 10 movies, and I can't wait for Enola Holmes 4!

- Su Rm 22

HOW TO MAKE A SQUISHY AT HOME

Recipe #1: Stress Ball

What you will need:

- Balloon
- Paint or shaving cream
- Cornflour or flour
- Sugar (optional)
- Flour

How to make your squishy:

1. Get your balloon. Blue, light purple and pink work best.
2. Pour your paint or shaving cream into your balloon.
3. Add your desired amount of corn flour.
4. (The more flour, the harder it is; the less, the more watery.)
5. Sugar is optional, but it gives it a crunchier feel.
6. Cornflour is also optional, and that gives it an oobleck texture. (You can replace the flour with cornflour completely).
7. Tie your balloon, and then you are DONE!

Recipe #2: Slow-Rising Squishy

What you will need:

- Foam
- Paint or pens
- PVA glue
- Tissues
- Needle
- Paintbrush

How to make your squishy:

1. Cut your foam to the shape you want.
2. Get your paintbrush and PVA glue.
3. Fully coat the foam with PVA glue.
4. Quickly wrap the tissues all around the foam.
5. While doing this, make sure there are no creases.
6. After it has dried, paint it the colours you want.
7. Then, poke a couple of holes in it with the needle.
8. Then your squishy is done!

BY HARRY ROOM 12



PENCILS VS PENS: WHO WILL COME OUT ON TOP?

Alexine: Pencil team

Casey: Pen team

Alexine: Pencils are better because they can be rubbed out more easily, and rubbers are easier and cheaper to get, unlike pen erasers, which are a lot harder to get and honestly, who even wants to buy a pen eraser when you can get a pencil! There are people who like to chew on stuff, specifically pencils. They chew on the pencil top because they can; if you chew on the top of a pen, the ink will get on you! Pens are NOT useful in any way because pencils already do that.

If you don't want your pencil to be rubbed out then just use a coloured pencil... They are WAY harder to rub out plus it adds colour into your life 😊 Honestly, it just really depends on what kind of pencil you're thinking of, it could be one of those really dark pencils used for sketching or those really light pencils. Anyways, wouldn't you want to draw in pencil rather than pen? It's sooo much easier when you have a reliable source to rub out easily and be able to know where to draw because you can use a pencil lightly! I would NOT want a permanent MISTAKE on my beautiful artwork.

Casey: Pens are way better than pencils in my opinion. They're permanent, bold and easy to read and way easier to write with. Pencils however, are less bold, less easy to write with, aren't permanent and you have to constantly sharpen them, and as soon as you sharpen it, it breaks! However, you never have to sharpen a pen, plus it has plenty of ink, so you can use a pen for near years! Pens also come in a myriad of colours and can bring plenty of joy into your life, far more than pencils.



COOKING OR SELLING?

By Thomas Rm 23

Pokémon Legends Arceus is one of many Pokémon games. In this entry, you still catch a range of cute and tiny creatures to massive, menacing monsters. One of the differences from the main games, however, is that in the main games, wild Pokémon fight your Pokémon. In Pokémon Legends Arceus, wild Pokémon fight you.

One of the best parts of Pokémon Legends Arceus is definitely the boss battles. You fight some ginormous Pokémon known as the nobles because they managed to beat Arceus, the Pokémon god. They aren't evil, but they have been put in a frenzy by the secret-villain. To defeat them, you throw balms of their favourite food at them to calm them. The secret-villain is VERY mentally-ill, I don't trust him at all.



The pokedex in this game is quite a cool feature, instead of automatically registering a Pokémon when you catch it, you're the first person ever catching these Pokémon so you need to survey and research them over time. The research tasks can be anything from feeding a pokemon a berry, to defeating them in battle. It's a cool game but it is expensive so I would recommend getting it for your birthday or christmas and it's available on Nintendo Switch and Nintendo Switch 2.

Story: 7/10

The story for Pokémon Legends Arceus is pretty cool, I like how it takes place in the past because stuff like the old Pokéballs look quite cool and I like that you fall from the sky.

Gameplay: 9/10

The gameplay in Pokémon Legends Arceus is amazing, a lot of new mechanics were introduced or expanded on in Pokémon Legends Arceus, I don't think any bad things were added.

Battles: 7/10

The battles are really fun, but some of them are quite hard (Volo), I like how if you make too many Pokémon angry, they will gang up on you and destroy you.

With this information, I have decided that Pokémon Legends Arceus is cooking!

ROADSHOW 2026 INTERVIEWS!

Year 7.

Roadshow interview with Ben R23.

Omeeshya: What part of the roadshow were you in?

Ben: I played electric guitar at every show in the orchestra.

Omeeshya: Which school was your favourite to visit?

Ben: Probably Gladstone cause I went there, and Ponsonby Primary School cause I knew some people there.

Omeeshya: What primary school did you think had the most energy?

Ben: Ponsonby Primary School was pretty loud.

Roadshow interview with Emma R23.

Ada: What part of the roadshow were you in?

Emma: I was in, um, the grandparents scene, and I filled in for someone in oceans apart which was Showquest.

Ada: Which school was your favourite to visit?

Emma: I liked Gladstone because it was my primary.

Ada: What primary school did you think had the most energy?

Emma: I think Freemans Bay.

Roadshow with Abby

Ada: What did you do in the roadshow?

Abby: I was in the Orchestra.

Ada: What was your favourite school to visit?

Abby: Gladstone.

Ada: What school did you think had the most energy?

Abby: Um, Ponsonby Primary.

Year 8.

An interview with Oscar, RM 3.

Vyga - Did you take part in the roadshow last year?

Oscar - Yes, I did.

Vyga - Which school was your favourite to visit?

Oscar - Grey Lynn, because I got to see all my teachers again; it was a great experience.

Vyga - What part(s) of Roadshow were you in?

Oscar - Band and Orchestra.

Vyga - What primary school did you think had the most energy?

Oscar - Probably Ponsonby Primary because the little kids were really curious.

An interview with Ramona rm 11.

Dhanya - Did you take part in the Roadshow last year?

Ramona - Yes.

Dhanya - Which school was your favourite to visit?

Ramona - I liked Freemans Bay.

Dhanya - What part(s) of Roadshow were you in?

Ramona - I was in Showquest and the dance piece.

Dhanya - What primary do you think had the most energy?

Ramona - Freemans Bay.

An interview with Kieran, RM 28.

Vyga - Did you take part in the roadshow last year?

Kieran - Yes, I did.

Vyga - Which school was your favorite to visit?

Kieran - Ponsonby Primary; it's where I went.

Vyga - What part(s) of Roadshow were you in?

Kieran - I was in the busy scene and oceans apart scene in Showquest.

Vyga - What Primary School do you think had the most energy?

Kieran - Probably Richmond Road.

TALENT QUEST 2026 INTERVIEWS!

Year 7.

Talent Quest with Rory, Rm23

Omeeshya: Other than yourself, what was your favourite performance?

Rory: Maybe like the band (RELM).

Omeeshya: What did you do in Talent Quest?

Rory: The guitar.

Omeeshya: Did you get any awards?

Rory: I was one of the finalists, and every finalist got a certificate.

Talent Quest with Bella 21

Ada: Other than yourself, what was your favourite performance?

Bella: Probably Ollie and Carys' one.

Ada: What did you do in Talent Quest?

Bella: Singing.

Ada: Did you get any awards?

Bella: I got two certificates and a gift card with 40\$ for coming in second place.

Talent Quest with Mia 23

Ada: Other than yourself, what was your favourite performance?

Mia: Probably the dances.

Ada: What did you do in Talent Quest?

Mia: I did a mime.

Ada: Did you get any awards?

Mia: I got a certificate for being a finalist.

Talent Quest with Eva 23

Ada: Other than yourself, what was your favorite performance?

Eva: Probably Ollie and Cary's circus performance.

Ada: What did you do in the talent quest?

Eva: Mia and I did a mime piece.

Ada: Did you get any awards?

Eva: No.

Year 8.

An interview with Ollie, Rm 3.

Vyga - Other than yourself, what was your favourite performance?

Ollie - Um, other than myself, I would have to say Zaiara and Bella's singing performance.

Vyga - What did you do in Talent Quest?

Ollie - I did a circus act involving Rola Bola and Contortion.

Vyga - Did you get any awards?

Ollie - This year I won first place, and last year I got crowd favorite.

An interview with Maisy Rm 28 and Sylvie Rm 28.

Dhanya - Other than yourself, what was your favourite performance?

Maisy and Sylvie - Umm, let me think, oh, Rory's guitar solo.

Dhanya - What did you do in Talent Quest?

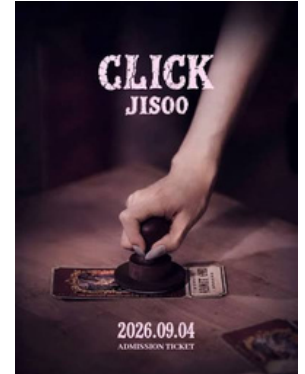
Maisy and Sylvie - We did a dance piece.

Dhanya - Did you get any awards?

Sylvie and Maisy - We got highly commended!

COMEBACKS AND DEBUTS

Look, I know Katseye is not a K-pop group, but the countdown is officially over. Their new song, Animal, has reached over 57 million views on Youtube (Isn't that insane?!) but they're not the only ones with a comeback... Lets introduce Stray Kids (My favourite k-pop group, by the way) with their new album THIS&THAT, with over 10.3 million streams on Spotify they broke the record for the coolest group ever (I totally did not make that up, but it's true that they got 10.3 million streams on Spotify)



Stray Kids have made many comebacks before, but THIS&THAT is officially my favourite comeback of all time. This album features 8 new songs (All the songs are fire!!!) Farming, I Do, Way out, Run it, Back then, After you, THIS&THAT (which is the title track) and THIS&THAT festival version. Okay that's enough about Stray Kids, lets move onto Aespa's latest releases. Ever heard of a song called KISS N TELL, well Aespa recently released a song called kiss n tell and it's AMAZING (I am not lying) They also released a song called Switchblade(feat. Ty Dolla \$ign).



Kiss of life is one of those groups that are way too underrated. I mean you can agree with me, right? First, they released Igloo, then they released who is she, and now they've got another banger named Sweat. They truly are an amazing group.

Groups like Cortis, Hearts2Hearts, All Day Project, Kickflip, and KiiiKiii debuted in 2025 and they are already so successful. But that was last year. What about this year? These are some of the k-pop groups that debuted in 2026. Longshot, OURBIRTHDAY, Unchild and Tuide that is set to debut on August 24, 2026.

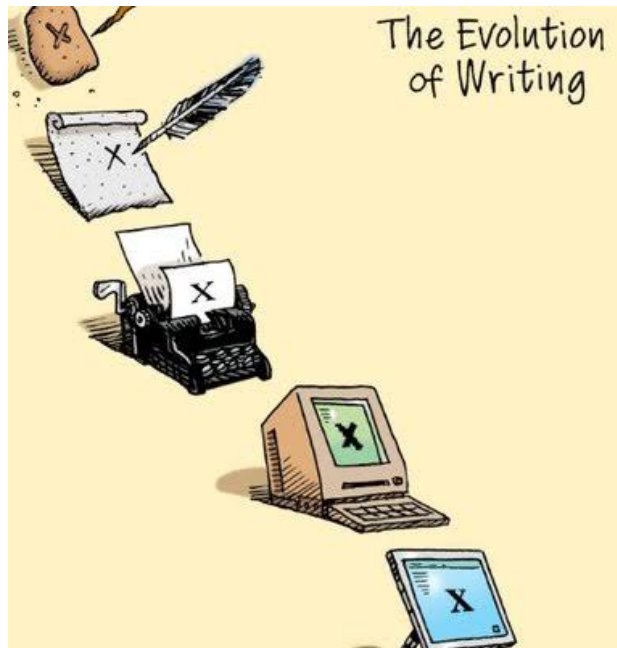
All these groups have dropped bangers like Moonwalking, Squeezy, Energy and Meet my girls.

Now let's move onto solo songs and solo artists. Evan, a former member of Enhypen (Also known as Heesung) dropped a new song called Ride Or Die which will be one of the songs in his album Death of me releasing on September 7 2026. Jennie (Blackpink) released a new EP called Fallen Angel, which features 6 total songs on the physical CD release. Felix (Straykids) released a song called Slow it down, Jisoo (Blackpink) released a song called CLICK and Lisa (Blackpink) released a new song called SaWaDiKa.

If you asked me what my favourite song was, I wouldn't be able to answer, because all of the latest releases are so good. Thank you for reading (and look out for any new releases).

- Serah RM 25

HOW PAPER WAS INVENTED?



Where do you write the ideas you get? On the computer? Or on a piece of paper? Papers are one of the very important essentials of our daily lives. Whether you want to write a story, get a legal paper signed or simply just doodle. While it is true that computers are now slowly replacing papers, papers still remain an important part of our daily lives. They still have many advantages. Studies have shown that people who do tests on paper usually have a higher score than those who do it on a computer. Also, computers can be a distraction sometimes. Notifications, pop-ups, catchy links and lots of extra tabs that confuse the mind.

However, have you ever wondered about the history of paper? Dating back to 105 AD in China (中国) during the Han Dynasty (汉朝). A court official, called Cai Lun (蔡伦) mixed some plant fibers like mulberry bark, hemp and old rags with water. He then made a pulp mashing all these ingredients and pressed it into thin sheets of paper leaving it to dry afterwards the process was completed. Before the paper, people used weird things to write on. Like Papyrus, made from pith of aquatic papyrus plant, that was used in Ancient Egypt. Or parchment and vellum that was made from untanned animal skins like sheep, goat or calf. Or in ancient China bamboo strips or costly silk were used for writing. Pretty weird right? Also, it was very hard to write about those types of things. Imagine writing something on an animal skin!

Seeing the problem, Cai Lun decided to solve the problem. He first looked at the silk-bleaching process. Then, just as stated before, he used waste ingredients to make paper. Later on, the paper slowly started to spread all over the world. It first reached the "Silk Road in China". Then, by the 8th century, it started spreading in the Islamic World where it became useful in literature and science. Then finally, it came to Europe in the 11th century. In 1440, paper finally became very "developed" and popular. Johannes Gutenberg's paper press turned paper into the foundation for books, newspapers and mass literacy. Then, wood-pulp paper-making machines made the job easier.

Paper soon became universally accessible. It gradually changed from becoming a rare item to a common household item. I'm not sure if the paper not being invented would have made life more difficult and easier, but surely, things might have been very different if paper wasn't invented. This could be both bad, good or just fine. While computers *can* be more convenient than paper, let's not forget that paper first helped us write our ideas on it or simply just stroke some lines for a nice and good drawing. I mean that is very much better than writing on animal skins or anything else weird!

Paper in Chinese: 纸 pronounced as Zhǐ

By Fatima Ashar

What videogames should you play?

By Etta Avery room 30



Let's talk about the top 10 video games of the week. Every week, I will tell you about the top games! If you have an idea, please let me know! Sometimes we will do a poll to see the most popular of the top! Some of these games will be well-known games that you already know about; some will be completely new! Now let's start the story!

Number 1 is **MINECRAFT**

This fun sandbox game is perfect for new gamers and people who like to build unlimited worlds or play a fun game where you are fighting for your life while making cool homes and bases.

Number 2 is *Animal Crossing: New Horizons*

Animal Crossing is a cool existing game about moving to a deserted island and making it home. You can make fun builds with existing items. There are fun DLC packs with endless new adventures.

Number 3 is *Princess Peach Showtime*

This sweet spin of Mario is a fun-filled game that is made to show you the power of the theater. Saving people from the evil Bowser bunch that want to make life a tragedy. Dun dun dun!!!!!!

Number 4 is **Super mario 3d world**

This game is all about the fun, free way that Mario games always are. It looks like your average game but with a cool twist: everyone's a cat! This game is the perfect game for a beginner in the Mario world; old fans also love this sweet game, a must-play.

Number 5 is *Super mario wonder*

A revolutionary game, the latest 2nd mario game released in 2024, with fun, cool levels that are perfect for any level of gamer. Have fun playing!

Number 6 is *Super Mario Odyssey*

This around-the-world game is a cool game where you go all around the world to spacey places and cool adventures.

Number 7 is 

Yeah, you know what I'm talking about; I don't need to say much

Number 8 is **MARIO PARTY JAMBOREI**

Do you like board games? Because this one is a banger; play this online board game with up to four players!! Don't forget about the most important part: the..... MINIGAMES

Number 9 is Super Smash Bros. Ultimate

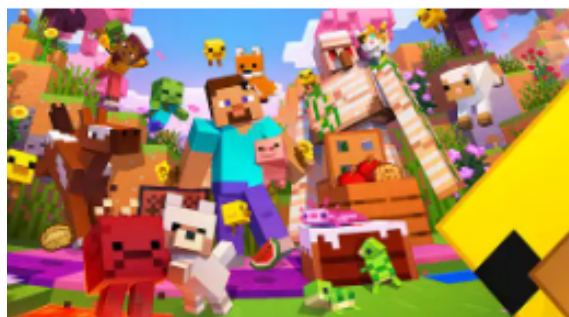
Wanna fight your friends and make them mad? Want to fight your enemies and make them sad? Enter super Smash bros!!!

And last but not least.....

Number 10 is.....   

Probably the gentlest game on this list, but don't overlook it; this sandbox-like game is not just happiness, you're allowed to be sad, and that's what this game is about!!!

Thanks for reading. Love it if you try these games: have fun and keep playing :)



NED & Grace



CHECK OUT NED AND GRACES ADVENTURES NEXT... TIME...!

IN AMAZING
COMIC
BY MY MASON

I Think?