

30 January 2023

Kia Ora Ponsonby Whanau,

We hope you are all doing ok at this difficult time.

It is heartbreaking to have to send you this information, this is not the start we were hoping for in 2023. However, with the possibility of further weather damage leading to more disruption, the Secretary for Education has directed that schools, kura, early learning services and tertiary institutions in the Auckland region (Wellsford to Pukekohe) must close for physical attendance and instruction until Tuesday 7th February.

We know this is a late announcement that will cause disruption but we think the decision has been made to keep traffic on the roads to a minimum to allow for emergency services and repairs.

We are really sad as we were looking forward to welcoming students back to school and are thinking of everyone that suffered any loss or damage during the weekend. At this stage Ponsonby Intermediate has not suffered any significant damage.

We will spend the week assessing school and getting it ready for students. Take care - we will be in regular communication with you all.

Nga mihi

Nick Wilson Principal