

The Ponsonby Times

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Meet the team



Ms Collins - Room 12 **Editor in Chief**

When I was seven I shut my own thumb in a car door, so now I have a flattened thumb that is shorter than the other. The nail fell off at the time but mercifully it grew back!

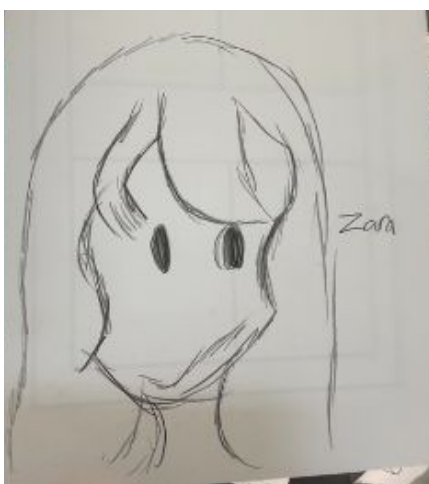
Welcome to our new school newspaper. The team and I hope that you enjoy it and stick with us as it evolves into a regular and fun publication!

Zara RM12

Comic Artist

When I was 4 I got up at 5AM, grabbed a massive knife, got on a stool, and cut open all the Christmas presents

I like music, drawing, playing guitar and I've also started trying mountain biking. I also like playing COD and Borderlands. One Piece is goated.



Lily - Room 17

Photographer & interviewer

When I was six I was jumping on the couch after being told not to repetitively, then I fell off and broke my collarbone.

I like dogs, pancakes, reading, taking random photos of random things, pizza, music, books and sports.

Reyansh – Room 23

Section Editor, Reporter, Writer

Words. Who doesn't love them more than Reyansh Misra? He loves to write all sorts of writings in his free time! He also loves to code, using html, css, and javascript to make various websites, all of different topics and looks. But, his favourite thing is maths. He would do anything related to maths.





AMELIA RM 8

JOURNALIST + CHIEF PROOFREADER/EDITOR

This creative writer here is fun, kind and really into sports like netball, basketball and optimist sailing. By joining the Newspaper Team I hope to make people laugh:)



Brooke 22

Journalist

Fun fact: When I was 11 I got arrogant and did a backflip off a box, landed it, and my friends thought it was so cool that they asked me to do another one, so I did. But this time my head on the concrete box and I got a concussion. I didn't go to school for a month because of the injury and my mum teased me because she thought I looked like an avatar because my forehead got massive from the box plus I got a concussion.



Jordan R12

Roles: Games Section

Super sigma newspaper writer.

I like to hang out with my friends, and play ball games.

I also speak a bit of Spanish, but I'm working on getting better. 🇵🇪



Milly Rm23

Writer, Journalist. Interviewer

I love dogs, CHICKEN NUGGIES, Olivia Rodrigo's music, books and food. If you don't like them, don't talk to me. My hobbies include drawing, reading, hockey, acting, writing and listening to music.



Harry J R25

Designer, puzzle, comic, editor.
I run into poles everyday

Hello My name is Harry Johnston. I am Extremely Clumsy and I love cats. I am American, specifically Alaskan but I lived in Hawaii then came to New Zealand.

Ramona Room 11

Once, when I was two I smashed my two front teeth down onto my kitchen bench, long story short, my teeth were gray for a long time

Hello everyone I'm Ramona and I love collecting information and writing stories. I also love to dance and act so I will not be a huge part of the Newspaper team this term due to production which takes precedence but next term i'll be back and fully on-board.



Meika Room 12

Roles journalist Interviewer

Once I fell off a boat because I was talking to a seagull

I'm a fun positive person and i'm very artistic and creative.

Olive Room 12

A few years ago I was at a friend's house and her clothes washer was broken. They had the blade on the kitchen table, I picked it up and started wearing it like a hat... It fell down on my nose and now I have a bump on my nose...

Hello I'm Olive and I'm a quirky twelve year old, if you look past my accident-proneness you will find great ideas for stories and other things alike.

Sabine Room 16

Roles: Journalist and Interviewer

Silly fact: I: when I was 5 I ran out from the bathroom and slipped long story short I cracked my head open on the pantry door.

I love writing stupidly entertaining scripts and stories! Also I love taking photos and self-care. My nickname is Sabina carpet (according to Jack and Luca) I'm an extremely sensible person... but I have a terrible bad mouth.



Sally Room 23

Roles: Editor and writer

Silly fact: When I was a toddler I used to call gymnastics “gymbiscuits” and whenever my dad would say “kumara” i would giggle *hysterically* :D

Bio blurb: I love creating absurd stories and comedic relief characters, as well as goofing around with my friends. I used to live in Australia, so I can do accents pretty well :). I love crocheting, (I know, old lady) cats, chinchillas, art, music, and theatre. I also like dancing, but I'm not very good at it! I also do athletics, skiing and netball.

Jack: Room 16



Roles: Cartoonist and interviewer

Silly fact: i ate concrete :P

Bio blurb: I absolutely LOVE drawing and making random doohickeys, trinkets, doodads, tchotchkes AND MORE. I enjoy hanging out with friends, running around and i enjoy playing with things i'm not supposed to as well as watching **HORROR**. I also like frogs and ducks :D

Olive Room 30

Roles: Journalist and writer

I LOVE reading, my record of books read in one year is over 100. I have jumped off the harbour bridge, and my nickname is Olivia Rodrigo (according to Jasper.) I like writing short stories and I am currently writing a novel called “The Art of Murder.” I like Brooklyn 99, The Hunger Games, cats, horror movies, and listening to music. I have been to six countries, four schools, and nine houses.

TOP 10 Snacks and drinks As selected by The Ponsonby Times team

Kiwi Sorbet! -Amelia



Cadbury chocolate and tea -Reyansh

Coffee jelly flavoured milk -Zara



Doritos and L&P -Jordan



Oreos and Coke -Meika

Pomegranate seeds and Coke -Brooke



Hooleys chips and Sprite zero -Ms Collins

Chicken nuggets and Maccas drinks -Milly

Cadbury Breakaway and pineapple juice -Lily

Gummy worms and Milk -Jack



Donuts and Sugar out of a packet -Harry

BY Brooke

Edited by Amelia



Comic - Lunchtime sport By Zara



HOW PUZZLING... Word Search

BOGGLE

C	I	L	Z
H	A	N	S
F	K	E	O
U	R	I	B

This is a optional **CLASS** activity: so, at form time your teacher will write the letters up on the board and **EVERYONE** can participate. Your teacher can hand in the final paper to Ms Collins in rm 12 and the class with most words will be announced at assembly. 3+ letters. Don't use the same letter twice - unless there are more than two of the letter in the grid.

Due date for this Boggle: Thursday afternoon, week one, term 2, 2025

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Aroha
Comics
English
Fitness
Interview
Mahi
Math
Modular
Newspaper
Pencil
Ponsonby
Times
Publishers
Reviews
Stationary
Wiata
Whanau
Write

2 Easy, 1 Hard, 1 Extreme

There are 5 differences
(Pairs act as 1 difference)















Spot the difference

Horoscopes

*Brought to you by *Cosmic Collins**

(disclaimer: Cosmic Collins is not liable for any bad things that happen, however, very happy to take credit for any good things)

 <p>Capricorn</p>	<p>Capricorn December 22–January 19 Put that phone down! Get off your devices and enjoy a day without technology. You will feel recharged. Lucky number: 78</p>	 <p>Cancer</p>	<p>Cancer June 22–July 22 You might get a bit crabby with those that care about you. Be careful and think before you speak. Lucky number: 14</p>
 <p>Aquarius</p>	<p>Aquarius January 20–February 18 Take an umbrella with you everywhere you go. Trust me. Lucky number: 23</p>	 <p>Leo</p>	<p>Leo July 23–August 22 Put those claws back in! When you disagree with someone this week, be careful not to tear them to shreds. Lucky number: 1</p>
 <p>Pisces</p>	<p>Pisces February 19–March 20 Something's fishy. Don't trust everyone you meet and everything you hear. Be selective! Lucky number: 97</p>	 <p>Virgo</p>	<p>Virgo August 23–September 22 Your inner strength will shine this week! Others will be drawn to you and ask for your help. Lucky number: 77</p>
 <p>Aries</p>	<p>Aries March 21–April 19 It's a quiet time for you at the moment, at least it is in your mind. Get your brain working out by doing sudoku or puzzles. Lucky number: 16</p>	 <p>Libra</p>	<p>Libra September 23–October 23 You need to find balance in your life. If you work hard, make sure that you have fun too. Lucky number: 555</p>
 <p>Taurus</p>	<p>Taurus April 20–May 20 Shoot your shot! Go for your dreams, all the best. Lucky number: 2</p>	 <p>Scorpio</p>	<p>Scorpio October 24–November 21 If something is bothering you, it's best to talk about it. Find a trusted person and get some advice, or just have them listen. Lucky number: 4</p>
 <p>Gemini</p>	<p>Gemini May 21–June 21 Who are you? Do you even know? What day is it? Recommendation is for you to buy a diary and start using it. Lucky number: 5</p>	 <p>Sagittarius</p>	<p>Sagittarius November 22–December 21 You need to read more, and when I say read, I mean actual books. Read yourself to sleep! Read on the bus! Lucky number: 25</p>

Horoscope icons lovingly created by Jack Room 16 - ka mau te wehi, tō mahi!

Meme of the Month

Brought to you by Meika - Room 12

On Thursday in week four the newspaper team took a vote to pick a meme for meme of the week. There were three contestants: Tralalelo tralala, Tung Tung Tung Sahur, and Bombardiro Crocodilo but in the end Tralalelo Tralala came out on top. That's right folks, a shark wearing Nikes came out on top! The reasons for students selecting this shark are:

- "He's funny"
- "He's the OG"
- "He's the original!"
- "He's sigma"

Get used to this Ponsonby! Each edition I'll be releasing a new meme based on the votes of your beloved newspaper team into the paper but if you have any memes drop by Room 12 and we might add it to the paper but it needs to be:

- Clean
- Appropriate
- Has to be popular/trending

Enjoy the rest of the paper!!!



Cooking or Selling?

By Jordan Room 12



DELTARUNE is a game you've probably never heard of, which is great, because I get to tell you about it.

Deltarune is a game by Toby Fox, inspired heavily off his hit game Undertale. The great thing about Deltarune, however, is that it's free! Deltarune is a twist on your typical RPG game, with funny and well written characters, with heaps of secrets and different ways to play the game.

The best part of Deltarune in my opinion, is the music. Just like all of Toby Fox's other games, he has made some absolute bangers for Deltarune, the best in my opinion is 'Field of Hopes and Dreams'.

I would advise giving Deltarune a try, as the first two chapters are free, and if you really like it, 3 & 4 are out for \$40.

The chapter 3 & 4 version will also receive chapter 5, 6, and 7 as free updates.



Deltarune is available on PC, Macbook, PS4, PS5, Nintendo Switch, and Nintendo Switch 2.

Overall Ratings

Music: 10/10

I would definitely recommend listening to the soundtrack, because Toby Fox made some insanely good music for this game.

Story: 8/10

The overall story of deltarune is clear, but sometimes dialogue can be a bit too long at times, but you have the power to skip through it faster if you choose.

Gameplay: 7/10

Fights are fun, and in chapter 1 they aren't too hard. Chapter 2 however, gives you some challenging enemies, which forces you to stay alert and adapt to the enemy.

I can safely say that Deltarune is COOKING!

Highlights - By Lily & Milly

We ask some people around the school what theirs are

Miss Bruce

What was your highlight from this year so far?

"Mine is probably Talent quest."

What's the funniest thing that's happened this year?

"A funny thing that's happened this year - that happens every year is people making excuses for not having their homework done on time."

What kind of excuses are they?

"Well, the most common excuse is "my mum didn't put it in my bag"

Ramona Room 11

You were a part of talent quest, what act did you do?

"I did a musical dance to I want to be a rockette."

What place did you come?

"Umm, 1st."

Did you find it fun?

"Yes it was really fun."

How long did you practice for?

"Umm, like a few weeks."

Was it self - choreographed?

"No, my dance teacher choreographed the dance."

Thank you.

Mr Wannamaker

What are your highlights of this year?

"Ohh that's a hard question. Highlight of the year. I've got a couple actually the Te Rimu Tahi opening on ponsonby where we had a ponsonby band, they were awesome that was quite a cool event. We got to see the mayor make a speech that was a highlight."

Sloan room 20

Questions about the Ponsonby opening.

How do you think the opening went?

I think it went really well.

What songs did you play?

We played Guilty Love by *stares intently* Ladyhawke & BROODS and Party in the USA by Miley Cyrus.

Do you have anyone new to your band this year?

Yes we do, Violet.

Thank you.

Miss Brune

What are your highlights of this year?

"It has to be pink shirt day or maybe talent quest."

What's the funniest thing that's happened this year?

"At Ponsonby I think it's maybe I guess just having Canadian and New Zealand words mixed up can like students saying "Can I go grab my jumper?" and me just being like "Why do you want to jump?" Another one is that I'm an english teacher who doesn't know what a full stop is cause in Canada we call it periods."

Kerin room 28

What's your costume for pink shirt day?

"Umm I was wearing a bunch of tutus which made me look like a bumblebee or a caterpillar"

What place did you come?

"I came first in the pink shirt day, what would you call it? Fashion show."

What did you get for coming first?

"I got a uhh pink shirt day cookie."

Thank you

Ms Howie

What is the funniest thing that's happened to you this or last term?

One of the funniest things that's happened this term is that on pink shirt day two of my students climbed into a t- shirt.

Although just then my option broke the blooket. The blooket in social sciences broke and they glitched the gold the numbers on the screen showed 67 x 1054

James Room 11

What happened in the booklet?

So we were playing cafe mode in the booklet and everyone started getting to infinity and the timer stopped and Ms Howie had to end it and everyone screamed.

Mrs Spencer

What have been your highlights this year?

My highlight was taking two teams of students to the kids lit quiz last term. We didn't do so well this year but it was still really fun.

What's the funniest thing that's happened to you this term?

I'm not sure but I'm trying to think of something funny about Ms Collins.

Spike Room 23

How was the kids lit quiz?

It was very fun and we came 25 out of like 80 schools

What's the funniest thing that's happened to you this term?

Umm I know this interview

Mr Andy Wilson

What are your highlights this term?

We got two new crazy fast flash 3D printers and when it used to take over an hour to print a key tag it now takes 30 minutes! They are crazy fast!

Aliya Room 30

What do you know about the new exploring tech printers?

I don't know much about them but they are faster and more efficient

What colour are they?

They are black

How will it help exploring tech?

It prints faster and everything is more important.

OPINION PIECE

Video games do more harm than good

- **REYANSH MISRA**

The peregrinations (*journey*) of video games have vastly transformed from time to time. People waving their hands in exciting gesticulations (*actions*). People slamming their controllers in vexation (*anger*); getting themselves in trouble for reprobate (*angry, bad*) behaviour. The excessive use of video games can effectuate (*operate*) a substantive change to users: physically, mentally, and behaviorally.

The use of video games tends to create an aggressive atmosphere within an individual. Intemperate outburst concerning the excessive use of video games has been studied throughout, with not just children, but in all ages. Over the course of time of 'playing' video games, the human tends to occupy more thoughts in the brain about that game. *When will school end? When can I play that game?* Studies show that video games can change the behaviours of people who use excessive amounts of them, making them more impatient, agitated, repulsive, and even more violent. Video games are causing more behaviour harm than the good that is being accomplished.

Using video games can almost be said the act of 'vandalization' to your eyes. Every human being knows that looking at any form of a screen is harmful to the eyes. The potential risk of vision deficiency occurs due to blue light exposure, and the strain placed on the eye to look at the task. It has also been proven that the human eye has signs of diminution (*less of*) of blinking, as we tend to get so concentrated with our tasks that the brain prioritizes all the capacity of concentration to finishing the task, and the nature of the visual stimulus – thus the brain hence (*so*) forgets to give the signal for the eye to blink. In a long term period, this physically harms the eye, showing video games are causing more physically harm than the good.

Playing video games for a long term period of time has proven to create memory loss, and an increase in absent mindedness, becoming more and more prominent as the days move on. 'Gamers,' themselves have admitted during interviews that they tended to start forgetting things more often from when they first started to play video games – showcasing the analysis done by scientists. People using video games tend to spend an average of 8.5 hours of time in a week. Video games tend to trick the mind into thinking that it has been a short duration of time, whereas, opposing to reality, time has struck by – 2 hours done that fast? You can see video games are truly causing more mental harm than the good. So, what is the point of playing video games? I'm not saying DON'T PLAY, I'm just saying keep track of your time spent playing, and seriously, there are so many better things out there: sports, hobbies, the list can go on..

MEANING BEHIND THE LYRICS



*Ring-a-ring-a-rosies.
A pocket full of posies.
A-tishoo! A-tissue!
We all fall down.*

This lullaby is really common. Everyone knows it, right? But do you know what's the meaning behind the lyrics?

The earliest written version of "Ring a Ring o' Roses" dates back to the mid-19th century, with a first recorded mention in English appearing in 1855. The song is said to be a folk memory of the 1665 Great Plague of London. The "rosie" part refers to the red rashes associated with bubonic plague, while a "pocket full of posies" is thought to be a reference to carrying herbs to mask the stench of disease. The "a-tishoo, a-tishoo, we all fall down" lines are interpreted as representing the sneezing associated with the plague and the eventual death of those infected.

By Lily K

MOVIES WITH MEIKA

MOVIE : Ace Ventura

He loves pets and is a detective. Ladies and gentlemen, I give you 'Ace Ventura Pet Detective'.

Ace Ventura was released in 1994 starring actor Jim Carrey. The movie follows a quirky detective named Ace Ventura, who solves murders, car crashes and kidnappings that don't apply to him. He's more into hamsters in drain pipes, or birds stuck on roofs and dogs who got lost in the wrong backroads. Ace has one job and one job only: he finds lost pets.

This wonderful whimsical movie is sequenced by one more movie named "Ace Ventura: Call of Nature".

My rating of this movie is 4.5 stars, due to the comedic timing and suspense but the plot line was edited many times and watchers agreed it wasn't as exciting as the original plot line.

It can be found on Netflix, Amazon, Apple TV, Fandango Home and is rated PG.

All in all, 'Ace Ventura' is a hilariously comedic movie with plot twists and I would recommend this movie to anyone with a sense of humor or loves action.



Opinion piece: Why the newspaper team should have a badge

Newspaper

Like this



The Ponsonby Newspaper team deserves a badge as a symbol of their dedication and creativity. We keep the school community informed and engaged. A badge would not only recognize the team's efforts and hard work writing and publishing articles, it would encourage more students to join knowing that their contributions are being acknowledged. Plus, the badge would serve as a professional / good looking identifier during school events or future interviews, showing that the newspaper teams importance in the school.

Mr Wilson, after reading this I am sure that you will give us the honor of having a badge.

P.S. "If you kindly do so, could it please be a purple badge?" -Ms Collins

Written Brooke Glidden