

Newsletter

Ponsonby
Intermediate School

Articulate, energised achievers, ready for the future

30 April 2019

Important Dates

1 May

Last EOTC Trip

7 May

Boys Futsal

8 May

Young Leaders Day

9 May

Girls Futsal

10 May

**Paid Union Meeting
- School Finishes at
12:30pm**

13 May

Waterpolo Zone Day

14 May

Open Morning
BOT Meeting
Auckland Writers'
Festival

15 May

Attitude Show

16 May

CZ Boys Rugby -
U45kg

17 May

Pink Shirt Day
CZ Chess
Great House Race



Dear Parents, Caregivers

You may be aware of the nationwide crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers.

While there are many more children coming into the school system, there are not enough new teachers being trained. Urgent and significant changes are needed to ensure that the teaching profession can attract the people it needs, and to ensure class sizes do not start to increase.

On Friday 10 May at 12:30pm, the teachers from this school will be attending a NZEI Te Riu Roa paid union meeting regarding the *Kua Tae Te Wā* - It's Time campaign. The campaign aims to free teachers to teach and principals to lead, by getting the additional support and staff that schools need. The meetings will allow our teachers to discuss how the Ministry of Education has responded to changes that the union is seeking.

The meetings are paid union meetings, which means the normal afternoon programmes (Periods 5 & 6) on **Friday 10 May between 1:25pm and 3:10pm** will not take place while staff attend the meeting. The school library will be staffed and remain open until 3:05pm. It is important for union members in our school to attend these meetings to have a say about the nationwide crisis.

Girls Talk – by Angela Barnett

On Friday, and back by popular demand we have our biannual Girls talk from Angela Barnett.

"Pretty Smart is a talk for teens to help them understand and see through the images coming after their confidence – online, through their 'feed' and all around them. Images that show perfection, that have been manipulated, facetuned, tweaked, tanned, toned. Images that don't celebrate our differences but reflect too much of the same.

The talk teaches the girls critical thinking. And gets them to question why we are so critical of appearance – both our own and of others. Because how we look can't, ultimately, be changed and being mean about it is as useful as teasing a cat for being a tabby. It's kind of ridiculous."

<https://prettysmart.nz>

If you wish for your child to be withdrawn from the class this specific activity is being taught, please make this known by contacting mattb@ponsint.school.nz

Ponsonby Learning Pathway

Our Vision

Articulate, energised achievers; ready for the future

New Zealand Curriculum

Ponsonby Community

At Ponsonby Intermediate we value:

Growth Through Learning

We are open to change, treating each challenge as an opportunity to learn. As life long learners we strive to be the best we can be.

Expressing Ourselves

We explore and share our thoughts, talents, feelings and beliefs because these make us who we are. We get the most out of life when we are true to ourselves.

Making Connections:

As a member of a class, a school and a community, we are part of a whole. We come together from many different cultures to learn from each other.

Showing Respect for other People

Because we have confidence in who we are, we are able to appreciate and let others be themselves. We care for, and support each other, inside and outside the classroom.

Personalising Our Path

Habits of Mind • Quality Learning Circle • Te Reo • Gifted and Talented • SMART Target Learning Journals • Positively Ponsonby • Inquiry Model • Specialist Teaching Ponsonby Passports • Student Council • Art/Culture Weeks • Direct Vocab Information Landscape • R.E.E.P. • E.O.T.C. • ESOL • S.S.R. • Options • Camps B-Cool • Reporting to Parents • Professional Development • Appraisal Tools for Learning • Planning • Overviews • Curriculum Reviews • Mentoring Keys to Success • Critical Thinking • Kori • Habits of Mind • SMART Targets

Key Competencies

Mathematics

- Thinking
- Using language symbols and text
- Managing Self

Humanities

- Thinking
- Relating to others
- Managing Self

English

- Thinking
- Using language symbols and text
- Managing Self

The Arts

- Thinking
- Managing Self
- Relating to Others

Technology

- Thinking
- Relating to Others
- Managing Self
- Participating and Contributing