

19 March 2026

Important Dates

19 March

Core Conferences
1:20pm – 6pm

20 March

Polyfest

26 March

School Photos

27 March

MARKET DAY

2 April

Last Day of Term 1 –
3:05pm finish

20 April

Start of Term 2

21 April

Year 8 Immunisations

23 April

Open Morning

24 April

Great House Race

27 April

Anzac Day Observed
(school closed)

28 April

Year 7 Immunisations

Principal's Message

Kia ora whānau,

As an intermediate school, with our students spending just two years here, we are dedicated to building a strong school culture and establishing the 'Ponsonby Experience' as quickly as possible. Every event, activity, trip, sport and cultural experience is thoughtfully planned with this goal in mind.

Our new Year 7 students have been absolutely fantastic, and we are thrilled to see our efforts come to fruition. They are fully engaged and truly enjoying the vibrant energy of our school. There's a strong sense of respect in the classrooms, at assemblies, and across the playground, and we even know how to use the rubbish bins!

We are excited to meet many of you again next Friday for our Market Day. Thank you so much for supporting our tamariki, this will be a wonderful learning experience for everyone. Please invite your family and friends thanks to the hard work of Mrs Fiddian and our school Councillors.

Nick Wilson

Principal

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Student Expectations

We've recently had to remind a number of our students about the uniform expectations and the policy around phones and devices at school. We would appreciate you reiterating this at home with your children.

- Students need to have their fitness uniform Monday to Thursday in the morning. This is the school shorts or trackpants, the school t shirt and a hat.
- Students need to have sports shoes on each day, not slides, crocs or sandals
- Sports shoes and long hair tied back are also needed in the technology classes for safety
- Cellphones need to be off at the gate and handed into Form Teachers at the start of the day
- Any late students will check their phones in to the late phone box when they sign in at the office

Tools for Learning

Setting up for success starts with having the right equipment for learning. Please take some time to ensure your child has a fully stocked pencil case including a pair of wired headphones or earphones. This is an important practice for Year 8's in particular, as most high schools will require them to bring a computer to school and keep it safe all day. Practicing with their pencil case and headphones can help to create strong habits.

Market Day

The students have been working hard to prepare their Market Day stalls for next weeks market. We welcome friends and whānau to attend to support our students. Parking will be available on the field and we recommend bringing along a shopping bag and lots of change. Pop down to the school on your lunch break to get some delicious kai. There is even a few coffee stalls this year. We can't wait to see you all there. The market will open at 12:30pm and close at 1:45pm. An email will come out early next week with more of the finer details about Market Day



School Photos

School photos will be happening on Thursday 26th March. The students will have class photos and individual portraits taken on this day. If you would like your children to have sibling photos taken please let Cherie Bolesworth know (cherieb@ponsint.school.nz). The students are to be in full school uniform for their photos.

A couple of weeks after the photos have been taken you will receive a unique keycode which you can use to view and order your child's photos.

Sports Update

Basketball

Our season is underway, we have had our first two grading games with potentially another grading game or two to come. Based on these results teams may get moved up or down a grade, hopefully to find the right division for a challenging yet fun season of basketball.

Most teams are up and running with team comms, training sessions and incredible parent assistance from managers and coaches, to transport providers.

Our Year 7 uniforms are still on track to be delivered for the first games of Term 2.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions as the season progresses. I will be in touch with all teams throughout the season via email and will be checking in with coaches during their training at school.

A final thank you to all our coaches/managers and basketball parents for making our Ponsonby Basketball possible.

samj@ponsint.school.nz

Cricket Boys 6-a-side, Central Zone

In 6-a-side cricket all players bowl one over each, with wides and no balls being awarded two runs. Batters bat in pairs and face two overs and a wicket is negative two runs.

Following the school trials, we knew Ponsonby had amazing Year 7 and Year 8 teams. And it proved to be the case! Extra pressure was added into the equation as the Year 8 boys were defending champions.

Congratulations Boys!

Year 8 Boys - 1st

Year 7 Boys - 2nd (Remuera needed 3 from the last ball in the final, they hit a four!)

Year 7 Boys 6-a-side Cricket Team	Year 8 Boys 6-a-side Cricket Team
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ben 23 2. Renner 19 3. Harry 17 <i>Captain</i> 4. Charlie 23 5. Spencer 23 6. Oscar R 20 7. Quinn 17 8. Hunter 17 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rocky 14 2. Oscar B 11 <i>Captain</i> 3. Dylan 8 4. Daniel W 11 5. Meldric 8 6. Daniel D 3 7. Jameel 25 8. Hugo G 8 9. Otis 11



Absences and Lateness

This week Form Teachers have been emailing caregivers for details about any absences we have not been notified of and have been left unexplained.

If your child is absent or going to be late to school, **please call and leave a message on the school absence line (09) 376 0096 Extn 1, or complete an absence report from the School App or Website.** If you know in advance your child will be away, please email the office and copy in your child's Form Teacher.

If your child is late, they must provide a note from a parent/caregiver providing an explanation and sign in at the office. The note can be written in their Student Planner.

For student safety if the school is not notified of your child's absence you will receive a text message.

Following Ministry of Education guidelines if the school is not advised of a student's absence they will be marked as truant.

ezLunch Orders

You can order ezlunch, Kindo's lunch service everyday by simply [clicking here!](#)

- Go-Deli's Catering and Café menu - warm and cold mains, sushi, Asian and café meals, snacks and drinks
- Subway Ponsonby – 6inch subs, combos, Teachers' Corner subs, drinks & cookies
- St Pierres Sushi



Order (or cancel) before 9am on the day or schedule in advance. Your ezlunch will be delivered to the school in time for lunch.

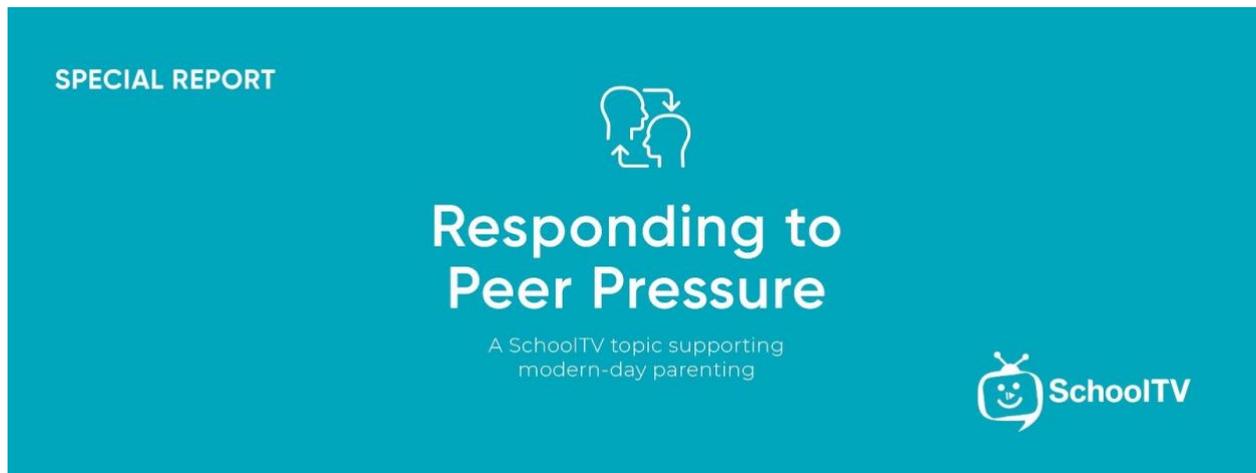
Click [here](#) to view the menu.

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for *Apple* and Android users download the mykindo app.

Help? Visit support.mykindo.co.nz or tel. 09 869 5200 weekdays 8am-4pm.

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A Special Report: Responding to Peer Pressure

Peer pressure is a natural part of growing up. As children and adolescents place greater importance on friendships and belonging, the influence of peers can shape their choices, behaviour and sense of identity. While this influence can be positive, it can also create pressure to conform or take risks, particularly during adolescence.

In today's digitally connected world, peer pressure extends beyond face-to-face interactions. Social media and online communication expose young people to constant comparison and unspoken expectations about how they should look, act and perform. Understanding how peer pressure works, both on and offline, helps families support young people to build confidence, make healthy decisions and stay connected to their own values.

We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this Special Report, and as always, we welcome your feedback.

If you do have any concerns about the wellbeing of your child, please contact the school for further information or seek medical or professional help.

Here is the link to your special report:

https://ponsonbyintermediate.nz.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-responding-peer-pressure-nz

School App

Newsletters and information are emailed directly to you and uploaded to our School App and website. Download our School App from Google Play and the App Store, search '**Skool Loop**' and choose **Ponsonby Intermediate**.



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Find your voice



Join the Prosford Studio crew, building performance skills and confidence in a supportive, small-group setting.

Check out these Term 2 classes for Year 7-8 students:

Musical Theatre

Mondays 5:30-6:30pm
Ages 9-12, \$20/week

Singing & Piano

Tuesdays 3:15-6:30pm
Any age, 1:1, enquire for price

Drama Club

Wednesdays 5:25-6:15pm
Ages 11-13, \$15/week



Scan to learn more!



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WESTERN SPRINGS COLLEGE
COMMUNITY

CAR BOOT SALE

Saturday, March 21st, 10am-1pm
Western Springs College, Motions Road
Find us behind TAPAC



Live
music

Coffee
Bake sale
BBQ

Clothes
Crafts
Jewellery
Books
CDs
Plants
Homemade
treats



Book your car space
\$30 per stall



WSCW Parent
Action Group

Easter **Holiday** Programme

Creative drama, performance & play for ages 8–13

Ages 8–13

Wed 8 – Fri 10 April 2025

9am – 3pm

Ponsonby Intermediate

Max 10 per group

A holiday programme filled with fun creative activities that build communication and group skills as well as public speaking, confidence and performance. Each day is a mix of:

- ◆ Performing arts activities
- ◆ Group movement and music
- ◆ Script work and improvisation
- ◆ Making a character prop



◆ Term 2 – Saturday DramaHub ◆

Saturday speech and drama sessions for ages 8–16 at Ponsonby Intermediate.

Develop oral communication, performance skills, and self-belief through the power of drama. In these collaborative group classes, children explore improvisation, scripts, and character creation building both their on stage abilities and their capacity to work effectively as a team.

- ◆ Age-based group lessons
- ◆ Saturday mornings and afternoons
- ◆ One-on-one and pair spots available



Tutor Fiona is an experienced, enthusiastic educator who loves teaching speech and drama. Trained in New Zealand and France, she holds advanced Trinity College qualifications and has worked professionally in TV, film and theatre – acting, producing and directing. She has taught in schools around Auckland and is thrilled to be at Ponsonby Intermediate.

Come along for a free trial. Group lessons – max numbers of children to ensure individual attention.

Ready to get started?

To learn more, visit www.dramahub.co.nz
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Junior Muster

THURS 19TH MARCH
6:30 PM

VIC PARK
19 HALSEY ST

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 members 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 and support each other inside and outside the classroom.

Our Values are GEMS