

Newsletter

Ponsonby
Intermediate School

Articulate, energised achievers, ready for the future

2 April 2026

Important Dates

2 April

Last Day of Term 1 –
3:05pm finish

20 April

Start of Term 2

21 April

Year 8 Immunisations

22 April

Final EOTC trips
Rooms 17, 20, 22 and 30

23 April

Open Morning

27 April

Anzac Day Observed
(school closed)

28 April

Capital City Tour departs

Year 7 Immunisations

Central Zone Futsal
(Boys)

29 April

Great House Race

30 April

Central Zone Futsal (Girls)

5 May

Central Zone Water Polo

Open Morning

6 May

Kids Lit Quiz

Principal's Message

Kia ora whānau

The 'Ponsonby Experience' is in full swing!

Whether you are new to the school or you have been here a while, I hope you've enjoyed the energy of Term 1. It's been a joy to watch the students embrace intermediate life with such enthusiasm.

The "theme" of this year is definitely **participation**. Whether it's in sports, cultural groups, EOTC or the fantastic buzz we saw at Market Day, the students are stepping up and getting involved in everything Ponsonby has to offer. Thank you for supporting them through this learning journey, it's been a fun ride for all of us so far.

Mrs Fiddian did a superb job organising the Market Day, and I know she will have big plans for an exciting Term 2 ahead. We start the term with The Great House Race, followed by Talent Quest and then Showquest.

Next term also sees all students with new Modular subjects and Options choices.

It's going to be a thrilling term ahead. We can't wait!

Have a safe and happy holiday break.

Nick Wilson

Principal

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Polyfest



Polyfest was an amazing experience, full of great food and stunning performances. Each stage showed a different display of culture and unity, not to mention the abundance of new and delicious food. We spent the day watching performances, drifting between shops, and laughing with friends. We were so lucky to have the opportunity to see this first-hand. There was so much to see and do, and we're sure it will be a highlight of our year. Thank you to Mr T, Mrs Bolesworth, Ms Francis, Malachi and all the parent helpers for the opportunity.

Sofia and Lauren Room 11



Market Day Wrap Up

What an absolutely stunning day Market Day ended up being. We were so impressed at the quality of the stalls and the products on offer. We were also proud of the hard work that each stall owner put into setting up their business. Thank you to all of the whānau, friends and community who came to support our budding entrepreneurs. A great day had by all. Congratulations to all raffle and prize winners. Well done also to the four stalls who received their stall rent back for creating the best dressed and marketed stalls. Frankie and Gabe's ***Biscoff Cheesecake stall***, Jake and Max's ***Dice Rolling Game Station***, Harper Kerr's ***Garden Barrow Plant Stall*** and Georgie and Issy's ***Loaded Donuts*** shop.





Sports Update

Ponsonby Intermediate students who are involved in a range of sports teams are set to start their weekly competitions in Term 2. Many thanks to the parents and high school students who volunteer as coaches and managers to support our sports teams throughout the season. See below for sports and start dates:

- **Hockey** - Tuesday 21 April. Year 7, 8 Kiwi Sticks 7 A-side.
Competition games at the North Harbour Hockey Centre, Rosedale
- **Water Polo** - Friday 1 May
Games played at Diocesan and Epsom Girls Grammar School pools
- **Netball** - Year 7, Tuesday 5 May / Year 8, Thursday 7 May
Games are played at Netball North Harbour Centre, Northcote
- **Swim League** - Saturday 16 May (first round meet of 8 rounds)
Competition at Trent Bray Swim School

Term 2 Central Zone Sports Tournament Timetable

Students must check the daily notices for TRIAL days/times, held at school.

If there are any changes to the timetable students will be notified in advance.

Term 2 Central Zone Intermediate Sports Tournaments		
Sport	Week	Date
Futsal Year 7, 8 Boys	2	Tuesday 28 April
Futsal Year 7, 8 Girls	2	Thursday 30 April
Water polo	3	Tuesday 5 May
Football Year 7 Boys	5	Tuesday 19 May
Football Year 8 Boys	5	Thursday 21 May
Football Year 7 Girls	6	Tuesday 26 May
Football Year 8 Girls	6	Thursday 28 May
Rugby Girls/Boys U45/U55/Open	8	Wednesday 3 June
Hockey Year 7,8 Boys	9	Monday 15 June
Hockey Year 7,8 Girls	9	Tuesday 16 June
Table Tennis	9	Thursday 18 June

Bus Behaviour (repeat notice)

A large proportion of our students are catching buses to and from school. We met with all of these students this week to reinforce our expectations of their behaviour on buses. Students are expected to display our GEMS at all times on their bus journeys, in particular expressing themselves positively and showing respect for the drivers, members of the public and each other. Ponsonby Intermediate students are representing the school on these journeys and we have had recent reports of unacceptable behaviour.

School staff will be stationed at the bus stops to ensure students are waiting appropriately for their bus.

A number of students are buying items from the BP on Jervois Road before or after their journey and leaving rubbish at the bus stops. Students are also yelling, pushing each other onto the road and blocking the Footpath.

If your child takes a bus to or from school we ask that you have a conversation with them about bus conduct and how they show their best selves.

Immunisations

Year 8 Immunisations take place Week 1, Term 2 - Tuesday 21 April and Year 7 Immunisations will be in Week 2, Term 2 - Tuesday 28 April.

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. *Orders are made online through your myKindo account. One account for the whole family! Get started now and be ready... [Click here](#) or go to www.mykindo.co.nz to start ordering!*

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SPECIAL REPORT

Discussing War & Conflict



A Special Report: Discussing War & Conflict

Children are frequently exposed to distressing news through the 24-hour news cycle and social media. These experiences can provoke anxiety, especially in young minds still forming their worldviews. Parents and caregivers should be mindful of overexposure to such content as it can lead to symptoms similar to post-traumatic stress disorder. Children's responses to trauma can vary, from being strong emotional reactions to being indifferent. It can leave an emotional imprint that can affect a child's behaviour and perception of danger.

Children need reassurance about their safety as they navigate uncertain times. Tailor conversations to your child's age and emotional maturity. Younger children benefit from simplified explanations focusing on peace, empathy, and cooperation, whilst older children can delve into historical events, root causes of conflict, and the complexities of international relations.

Before discussing these topics with your child, it is also important to assess your own emotions and comfort level. By staying calm and providing physical comfort will help your child regulate their own emotions. In challenging times, compassionate adults play a crucial role in helping children cope with anxiety and providing hope and understanding in our complex world.

This Special Report provides guidance on how to tackle this difficult topic and helping children understand there is still hope in our complex world.

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-discussing-war-conflict



Ponsonby Intermediate School

OPEN DAYS

2026



Open Morning Dates

Thursday 23 rd April	Tuesday 5 th May
Thursday 28 th May	Wednesday 3 rd June
Tuesday 16 th June	Tuesday 28 th July
Thursday 20 th August	Tuesday 1 st September

TOUR 1: 9:15AM
TOUR 2: 9:45AM

Open Evening

Wednesday 12th August 6:00 pm

Email to register for tours

office@ponsint.school.nz

Out of Zone Enrolments

Close: Friday 28th August

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Join the Proford 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



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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.

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INFORMATION EVENING FOR IN-ZONE 2027 PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS FROM PONSONBY INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

We would like to extend an invitation to **IN-ZONE** Year 8 parents and guardians, and their sons/daughters, to attend a presentation about Mount Albert Grammar School in the **second week of Term 2, 2026**.

WHERE: Mount Albert Grammar School in the F.W. Gamble Hall

WHEN: WEDNESDAY 29 APRIL 2026

TIME: 7.00pm-8.00pm

EVENING PROGRAMME

- A visual presentation about Mount Albert Grammar School for Year 9 students in 2027.
- Information about our Enrolment procedure for the 2027 intake.
- The opportunity to ask questions about the Academic, Sporting and Cultural opportunities at Mount Albert Grammar School.

As parking is unavailable within the school grounds, we would recommend that you park in the surrounding streets.

We look forward to meeting you at this information evening.

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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.

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.

Making Connections

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.

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