

Important Dates

18th June

CZ Table Tennis

19th June

Westlake Boys High
School talk Y8 boys

25th June

Ponsonby's Got Talent
Finals 1:30pm

3rd July

End of Term 2

TERM 3 DATES

20th July

Start of Term 3

24th July

School reports sent out
via email

28th July

Open Morning

CZ Boys Netball

29th July

Roadshow rehearsal day

31st July

CZ Girls Netball

3rd – 7th August

Roadshow Week and
Culture Week

Leadership Message

Kia ora whānau,

It has been a busy few weeks at Ponsonby Intermediate with some fantastic success and big learning happening across the school. Congratulations to our Showquest team and our Auckland Year 7 Boys football champions. You represented the school incredibly well and we couldn't be prouder.

Last week we sent out an update on the new New Zealand reporting structure and the timeline for Ponsonby Intermediate School. Thank you for your patience with this. Reports will be sent out via email on Friday 24th July the end of Week 1, Term 3.

Last Monday, we also hosted Dr Lucy Hone for an evening to support our community with talking to children about grief. Dr Hone talked about how we move through grief and, how it looks different in everyone, but also that that's okay. Dr Hone provided practical tools for us on how we can manage hard times and loss in a range of contexts. We hope this evening provided the same solace to our school and wider community as it did to a number of our staff.

Thank you to all of the families that have returned their camp forms and to all of the parents for volunteering to help during camp week. Camp is such a valuable experience for all kiwi kids and we love to see how our students thrive in the outdoor environment, stepping out of their comfort zone to complete challenges and work as a team.

With the school holidays approaching we are looking ahead to Term 3 and making plans for another exciting term ahead. This sees our travelling Roadshow visiting 9 schools in Week 3, as well as our full school Culture Week. We will also be introducing our schoolwide Knowledge-A-Thon fundraiser.

We hope to see many of you at next week's Ponsonby's Got Talent finals to celebrate the many talents of our students – Thursday 25th June from 1.30pm in the school hall.

Katie Fiddian and Cherie Bolesworth

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Showquest Success for Ponsonby

Our Ponsonby Intermediate Showquest team presented their piece 'One Last Dance' on Friday at Kiri Te Kanawa Centre. It was a fantastic day and we were so proud to walk away with the **WIN** for the Auckland Junior category. We also picked up *Recognition* awards in *Dance and Drama* and *Excellence in Culture*. There were 98 students involved on the day. A special and memorable day for all involved. Thank you for the incredible support in the audience on the night.



Lost Property Updates

Our lost property has been overrun with unnamed clothes as winter starts. We had a successful collection day on Wednesday with many items returned to their owners. Our monitors return named clothes to their owners on a regular basis. Please see below the photos of where the Lost Property is situated in the hall foyer, and what was left after classes went through the collection display. All unclaimed lost property will be donated at the end of the term. A huge thank you to Paddy, Otis, Daniel, Cyrus (Room 11) and Jet (Room 28) for taking care of the collection this week.



Ponsonby's Got Talent Finals:

Please join us for our Ponsonby's Got Talent finals show next Thursday from 1:30pm in the school hall. There are 11 fantastic acts from over 60 auditions showcasing music, dance, circus and more. The acts have wowed our councillor and teacher judges and are ready to take the stage for our guest judges. This is always a highlight of Term 2. We hope to see you there.

Ponsonby's Got Talent Finals

Thursday 25th June

1:30pm in the school hall

Samoan Language Week Photos



Library News

We are nearing the end of term and have many overdue library books. Can you please help your child look at home for any books lurking under the bed and have them returned as soon as possible. Thank you.

School Camps: Term 4 Week 1

Two weeks ago your children received their camp forms for our exciting start to Term 4. Please ensure you get these back as soon as you can so teachers can continue to organise details. Camp is an important part of the Outdoor Education programme in the New Zealand Curriculum. We understand that camps are expensive. This can be paid off over the year or please reach out to katief@ponsint.school.nz if you need some financial assistance in getting your child to camp. If you are wanting to sponsor a child to camp then please reach out as well. Please look at the video below to see the exciting activities on offer at camp.

Camp PPTV 2025 link here: [Camp PPTV 2025](#)

World Vision 40 Hour Challenge

The World Vision 40 Hour Challenge is this weekend, so we are challenging students to go offline for 40 hours and raise funds for children in the Solomon Islands. Whether it's no phone, gaming, social media, or even power, students can choose a way to engage in the challenge and ask friends and families to sponsor them. Last Friday, World Vision representative Aarthi Candadai led an inspiring workshop for our Cultural Ambassadors, who are now taking the lead in promoting the challenge throughout the school and encouraging others to participate. All fundraising is completed through World Vision's online platform, making it a simple and streamlined process for both participants and donors. Every contribution will help support vital projects that improve the lives of children and families in the Solomon Islands.

World Cup Fever

The FIFA World Cup kicked off last week and at school each form class is supporting one of the participating countries. Students drew a flag from a bag to determine their country, which was met with great enthusiasm by the audience in assembly. Classes will now keep track of their country's progress, learn about some of the trailblazers in the teams, and tie it into their statistics studies in DEEP. This is a perfect lead up to our Culture Week in Week 3, Term 3, where students will spend the whole week learning about different cultures. Culture Week will conclude with a Parade of Nations, so this is a great time to think about how your child could represent their culture.



Sports Update

Auckland Champs: Year 7 Football

As of last week, Ponsonby Intermediate is very proud to be able to say they have the top Y7 boys football team in the whole of Auckland.

This was a team that our Principal, Nick Wilson, selected for Central Zone. A team that he described as one of, if not the best football teams he had seen in his time here at Ponsonby Intermediate.

The boys did nothing short of living up to this praise and expectation with a stunning performance at our Central Zone Tournament a few weeks ago. This result qualified them for the Inter-Zone tournament, the best of each zone competition set to determine the title of top team in Auckland.

In short, the boys played phenomenally well. The skills on display, the intelligence, the competitiveness while still remaining composed and positive all lead towards an incredible result. As expected, the competition was tough. However the team rose to meet the challenge, with their undeniably best performance coming in the final which they won 3 - 1 against a tough Sacred Heart team.

Every single boy played a role in this victory and they all displayed a level of football I never have or ever will



possess. It was truly a special tournament to watch, a fitting tribute to Nick Wilson and the boys should all be extremely proud of themselves.

A massive thank you must go out to our parent supporters and volunteers for their assistance with these football days. Our Central Zone day especially, we felt very lucky to have such a supportive group of parents who were able to ensure the boys still got their moment and opportunity to excel. A special thank you to Tom Mayson, who has coached the team through both the Central Zone and the Inter-Zone tournaments and has led them out the other side with first place each time.

Thank you Tom, and a thank you to all our parent supporters, half-time orange providers, transporters and gear managers for making the days possible.

Back row: Tima, Axel, Harry, Henry, Ben, Miller. **Front row:** George, Oscar, Renner, Liam, Archer.

Basketball

Our final few games of the first season are upon us, with numerous Ponsonby Intermediate teams in their respective leagues semi-finals.

A massive thank you must go out to our team coaches, managers, score-bench operators and car-poolers. Without you, our incredible parents assisting with the season and team operations, we would not be able to offer basketball to so many students.

With the first season almost at an end, the trials/team selection and team organisation process for our next season is underway and trial dates will be communicated to students through our morning notices. Again, as with our first season, we will be relying upon keen parent coaches and managers to help guide the teams through the season.

Good luck to all of our teams through their last two games of this term.

Should you have any questions about the second season or anything basketball related, please do not hesitate to reach out samj@ponsint.school.nz

National Youth Theatre: Ponsonby Intermediate

A big congratulations and good luck to these students who will be performing in the next National Youth Theatre show next week. We're so proud of you.



The image features a promotional poster for the National Youth Theatre production of Disney's 'The Little Mermaid'. The poster is blue and white, with a central image of a young woman with long red hair, representing Ariel. Text on the poster includes 'NATIONAL YOUTH THEATRE production of Disney THE LITTLE MERMAID', 'MUSIC BY ALAN MENKEN', 'LYRICS BY HOWARD ASHMAN & GLENN SLATER', and 'BOOK BY DOUG WRIGHT'. It also states 'ORIGINALLY PRODUCED BY DISNEY THEATRICAL PRODUCTIONS', '4 SHOWS ONLY', and '26 - 28 June Kiri Te Kanawa Theatre Aotea Centre'. Logos for sponsors like Auckland Life, Foundation, Four Winds, and Ticketmaster are at the bottom.

Starring Your Ponsonby Intermediate Students

Gretchen Turner

Kieran Saunders

Georgia Appel

Tickets from \$35.00* Ticketmaster
***Booking & Credit Card fees additional**

Immunisation Update

Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora has made changes to the delivery of HPV vaccination in schools. We have attached their letter explaining the important change to how human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination is delivered through the School Based Immunisation Programme. This information is for parents and caregivers of children in Years 7 and 8.

What is changing?

From Term 3 2026, children will be offered one dose of the HPV vaccine at school, with parent or caregiver consent. The approved HPV vaccination course in New Zealand is currently two doses for children aged 9 to 14 years. However, evidence from studies around the world shows that a single dose provides strong protection against HPV infection and HPV-related cancers ¹

We have attached the full letter from Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora at the end of the newsletter.

School TV: The Power of Sleep



In this edition of School TV - The Power of Sleep

Students juggle extremely busy schedules, with ever-increasing responsibilities at school and at home. Many young people, especially adolescents, are going to bed later and later and are at risk of sleep deprivation. This affects three areas of development: psychological, physiological and psychosocial. All three are essential to a young person's growth, learning ability and overall wellbeing. Sleep is vital to their overall development and is as important as diet and exercise.

Sleep also strengthens the immune system and supports their ability to function properly on a daily basis. Children who do not get enough sleep may show increased levels of aggressive behaviour, reduced attention and lower energy levels. Trying to catch up on sleep on weekends is not the answer and can still contribute to ongoing sleep deprivation.

In this edition, we explore the importance and power of sleep and how sleep deprivation can adversely affect overall health and wellbeing.

We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this edition of School TV and we always welcome your feedback. If you have any concerns about your child, please contact the school counsellor for further information or seek medical or professional help.

Here is the link to the **The Power of Sleep** edition of School TV

<https://ponsonbyintermediate.nz.schooltv.me/newsletter/sleep>

Imaginaire Speech and Drama in Options

Imaginaire Speech & Drama at Ponsonby Intermediate – Term 3

Give your child the opportunity to build confidence, creativity, and communication skills through our fun, engaging and dynamic Speech & Drama programme at Ponsonby Intermediate. At Imaginaire, we love inspiring the next generation of young performers while also supporting students to overcome shyness and express themselves with confidence.

Each lesson includes:

- Public Speaking skills

- Drama and Acting skills
- Improvisation and Impromptu Speaking
- Communication, Conversation, Listening, and Teamwork skills.

Students also have the option to work towards nationally recognised Speech & Drama exams through Speech NZ.

Class Details:

- Small group sessions
- 30 minute lessons on Thursdays during school hours and after school
- No obligation trial lesson available
- Limited spaces available.

Secure your child’s place today:

Please contact Nicole at nicole@imaginaire.co.nz for more information. Or complete our enrolment form here: <https://www.imaginaire.co.nz/speech-and-drama/enrolmentform/>



School App

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Freemans Bay Markets



Freemans Bay Community Centre, 52 Hepburn Street

9am - 1pm
Saturday 27 June

Makers Market of artists and boutique handmade products

Garage Sale of locals selling second hand items

visit our website: freemansbaycommunity.org.nz

Term 3 After School Classes

Ages 6-14



Senior Writing Club



Musical Theatre

Become part of a community of learners,
building skills and confidence to take into
the classroom and beyond!



New in T3!

Performance Crew

Musical Theatre

Drama

Writing Club

Singing & Piano



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26 Prosford St, Ponsonby



Speech & Drama Children and Teen Classes

Performing arts
Communication skills
Poetry, prose and drama
Script work
Improvisation
Exam options

The Details:

- Ages: 5+
- Ponsonby Intermediate Saturdays
- Small groups, Pairs and 1-1s
- Exam options Trinity and Speech NZ
- Students attending Saturday classes at Ponsonby Intermediate can be from any school
- Tutor Fiona Mogridge, professionally trained performer and educator (LTCL, ATCL speech and drama teaching)

www.dramahub.co.nz

Speech and Drama Lessons which build essential communication and connection, public speaking with confidence, drama and performance skills.

About your tutor

Fiona is an enthusiastic and experienced educator. She has a professional background in the performing arts in TV, film and theatre. She teaches at a number of schools around Auckland and is thrilled to be at Ponsonby Intermediate.



Ready to get started?

Get in touch or enrol your child today

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10 June 2026

Kia ora parents and caregivers,

Changes to the delivery of HPV vaccination in schools

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This information is for parents and caregivers of children in Years 7 and 8.

What is changing?

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Why the change?

Studies have shown that a single dose provides around 97–98% protection against the high-risk HPV types that cause cancers. Based on this evidence, the World Health Organization now recommends a single-dose HPV vaccination schedule. Many countries, including Australia and the United Kingdom, have already adopted this approach.

This change will help ensure young people have more opportunities to receive HPV vaccination at school, providing protection against HPV-related cancers and supporting efforts to eliminate cervical cancer in New Zealand.

It will also allow our Public Health Nursing teams to focus more on reaching students who have missed important vaccinations, including protection against whooping cough (with the Boostrix vaccine) and measles (with the MMR vaccine). This is particularly important as New Zealand continues to experience measles outbreaks and a whooping cough epidemic.

A second HPV dose remains free and available through general practice (GPs), pharmacies and community health providers at least six months after the first dose, should you want this for your child.

What is the HPV vaccine?

HPV is a very common virus that can cause several cancers later in life, including cervical cancer and head and neck cancers in all genders.

¹ Three doses are recommended for people who are immunocompromised or who start their HPV vaccination course at age 15 years or older.

Most people will be exposed to HPV at some point, often without knowing it. HPV vaccination is the best protection against HPV infection.

Year 7 or 8 is the best time for immunisation, as a pre-teen's immune system is very effective at making antibodies in response to the vaccine and protection is long-lasting.

With high vaccination uptake, New Zealand has the opportunity to eliminate cervical cancer and reduce other HPV-related cancers.

What this means for your child and your family

If your child has **already** received one dose at school:

- No further HPV vaccination will be provided at school.
- Your child will be well protected against HPV.
- A second HPV dose remains free and available from your local GP, pharmacy or community health provider at least six months after their first dose, should you want this for your child.

If your child has **not** yet received an HPV dose:

- They can receive **one dose** at school through the School Based Immunisation Programme.
- If you have not received a consent form for your child to be immunised at school, please contact your school. Alternatively, HPV vaccination can be accessed through your local GP, pharmacy or community health provider.
- A second HPV dose remains free and available from your local GP, pharmacy or community health provider at least six months after the first dose, should you want this for your child.

Thank you for taking the time to read this information.

These changes reflect the latest international evidence on HPV immunisation and will help ensure more young people are protected against HPV-related cancers.

If you have any questions about HPV vaccination, we encourage you to speak to your healthcare provider.

Ngā mihi,



Nikki Canter-Burgoynes

National Director, Prevention - Immunisation

National Public Health Service



OPEN WEEK TOURS AT WESTERN SPRINGS COLLEGE

School tours at Western Springs College with the Principal will take place from **Tuesday 21 July 2026 to Friday 25 July 2026** (Term 3, Week 1).

The tours will start at 9am and take approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes, and there will be time for a Q&A session at the conclusion of the tour.

Where to meet: WSCW Cafeteria (under the deck; or inside if raining) **before 9am**.

The tour will showcase a normal operating school day at Western Springs College in an Innovative Learning Environment (ILE).

Please join us for this opportunity. [BOOK HERE](#)

Other Dates of Interest

Whānau wishing to enrol in Ngā Puna o Waiōrea, our Māori immersion kura, will have the opportunity to visit on Waiōrea's Open Day at a later date.

Finally, our Springs New Students Orientation Evening (for incoming Year 9s for 2027) will be held on Thursday 26 November 2026 from 5:30pm in Te Hōro (Hall).

OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENTS for the 2027 school year

For 2027, Western Springs College will accept enrolments for students in Year 9 or Year 10 who are living out of zone (zone defined by the Western Springs College Enrolment Scheme), according to out of zone priorities 2 - 6.

For 2027, this will be capped at 30 out of zone places for Year 9 students and 5 out of zone places for Year 10 students. However, the Board may extend this number at its discretion should space become available.

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