

Important Dates

2 June

Readers and Writers
Festival

3 June

Showquest Rehearsal Day

Open Morning

9:15 – 10:40am

CZ Rugby

8 June

Parent Meeting for Grief
with Doctor Lucy Home
6:30pm

12 June

Showquest Performance
Day and Evening

15 June

CZ Hockey Boys

16 June

Open Morning
9:15 – 10:40am

CZ Hockey Girls

BOT Meeting

18 June

CZ Table Tennis

25 June

Ponsonby's Got Talent
Finals 1:30pm

Leadership Message

Talofa lava,

We would like to start by saying a huge thank you for the outpouring of love, messages, flowers and food we have received over these past few weeks. People far and wide have reached out in support and we are so grateful for the wrap around care our school has been receiving.

We'd like to take the time now to say how proud we are for the way our staff have managed these past few weeks and the way our students have as well. Support continues to be in place for those that need it and we appreciate your patience with all of the changes needed over the last few weeks.

Nick would have been proud of his farewell and also the way the students and the school have continued on with joy and spirit. Many of our activities and events have continued with our students throwing their energy into these wholeheartedly.

We have some fantastic events coming up over the next few weeks with Samoan Language Week, celebrated with a range of activities in and out of the class this week and our 2026 Showquest piece competing Friday 12 June at the Kiri Te Kanawa Theatre, Aotea Centre.

Our Teacher Only Day last Friday was focused on the new reporting structure that has been released by the Ministry of Education. This gave our teachers valuable time to ensure that we are set up for our Mid-Year Reports and the new progress indicators are clear. More information about these new nationwide reports will be sent out in the coming weeks.

Lastly, we encourage our community to attend the evening we're hosting with Dr Lucy Hone on Monday 8 June at 6:30pm; 'Grief & Loss and how to talk to your kids'. This informative talk is designed to provide you with the tools to have meaningful discussions with your children.

Fa'afetai tele lava

Katie Fiddian and Cherie Bolesworth

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To the Ponsonby Intermediate Students, Families and Community

Jack, Mia and I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for the incredible love, support and kindness we have received from the Ponsonby Intermediate community during this difficult time.

A special thank you to the students and staff for the beautiful blanket that adorned Mr Wilson's coffin. The messages and memories shared on it have brought immense comfort to Nick's parents, and in time, Jack, Mia and I know we will treasure reading them as well.

Thank you also for the many cards, flowers, meals and messages we have received. Every act of kindness has meant so much to us and has reminded us of the strength, compassion and generosity of a community that Nick – Mr Wilson – loved so dearly.

A special thank you to Room 19 and their whānau for the gorgeous gift basket. We were deeply touched by this thoughtful gesture, and it brought our family a moment of comfort and joy during a very difficult time. We would also like to thank Kristen Rees for taking such wonderful care of Room 19 while I am on leave. Your kindness and support is greatly appreciated.

We would also like to thank the group who performed the haka at Nick's funeral. It was a powerful and moving tribute that he would have been deeply honoured by. Seeing former students return to pay their respects was incredibly special and a testament to the positive impact he had on so many lives.

To the Board of Trustees, staff, Learning Centre Team, Katie, Cherie, Matt, Rachel and Cobey, thank you for your unwavering support, kindness and care. We are so grateful for everything you have done for our family and for the love and respect you have shown to Nick, his students and his school.

We will be forever grateful for the compassion and support that has surrounded us during this time.

Please hold your loved ones close, cherish every moment, and kia kaha.

With love,

Racheal, Jack and Mia Wilson

Yellow Popsicle Picnic Day

In the spirit of Mr Wilson and for a fun end to a heavy few weeks the school came out in yellow, ready for a fun picnic lunchtime last Thursday. The field was covered with groups of friends setting up picnics, dancing and eating popsicles. For the second half of the lunch break the picnic blankets were moved to the banks and our Year 7's and Year 8's fought it out in a game of whole school flags. The field was covered and it was an incredibly fun way to end our week with the students. The Year 8's were victorious with a 2-1 win, but the Year 7's walked away ready for the next time they meet in whole school flags.



An Evening with Dr Lucy Hone

When: Monday 8 June, 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Where: School Hall

Who: Open to all parents, caregivers, and whānau

The sudden passing of our beloved Principal has been a massive shock to our school, and we know it is bringing up some very big, heavy grief feelings for our students, staff, and families alike. Navigating these waves of loss with our kids can feel incredibly daunting.

That's why we feel so incredibly privileged to welcome **Dr. Lucy Hone** to our school hall next Monday evening to help us navigate this chapter together.

Based in Christchurch, Lucy is a bestselling author, director of the New Zealand Institute of Wellbeing & Resilience, and a global expert in grief science. Her moving TED Talk, *"Three Secrets of Resilient People,"* has been watched by millions around the world.

More than her academic titles, Lucy speaks from the heart with real, lived experience. She knows firsthand what it means to face profound loss, and she bypasses the usual textbook advice to offer what families actually need right now: real, practical tools that work in everyday life.

What we'll talk about:

This evening is a safe, gentle, and supportive space for our community to come together. Lucy will be sharing:

- **Practical tips** on how to take care of yourself and your family when riding the "waves" of grief.
- **Simple, honest ways** to hold comfortable conversations about our Principal's passing with your children.
- How to build a toolkit of resilience to help our kids feel safe and settled when their world feels shaken.

Join us for this free event

Whether your child is struggling to process this loss, you are navigating your own grief, or you simply want to know how to support a friend, you are so welcome here.

Please let us know if you are wanting to attend this evening so we can plan ahead by filling out this Google Form - [Register for Dr Lucy Hone](#)

We will be offering supervision in the library for families that want to attend and don't have childcare options.

Grief & Loss

and how to talk to your kids

Ponsonby
Intermediate
Hall

Monday 8th June

6:30 - 8:00pm

Supervision for children provided



**Dr. Lucy
Hone**



School Camps: Term 4 Week 1

This week you will be receiving information about your child's school camp experience. Camp is a highlight of the school year, with all classes participating in camp on the first week of Term 4. We will be travelling to a number of camps across the wider Auckland area. Please look out for this important information coming home on Thursday this week. This includes medical forms, parent help and student code of conduct forms. It is important that we get these forms completed and returned as soon as possible so teachers can continue their planning for camp. We will need parent helpers for each camp to assist with activities and transport. Thank you in advance to all of the parents that are able to help out this year. For new families to Ponsonby Intermediate School please take a look at our 2025 PPTV Camp special to better understand Ponsonby school camps and the joy and activities students can expect on their camp experience.

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

Showquest Update

98 students have been enthusiastically rehearsing and preparing our Showquest piece, *One Last Dance*, which will be performed for an audience on Friday 12th June at the Kiri Te Kanawa Theatre. Showquest provides students with an opportunity to tell a story through movement, digital elements, and music in just eight minutes, and our students have brought incredible energy, passion, and creativity to the process.

We are excited to showcase a performance centred on the love of grandparents and the lasting legacy they leave behind. A heartfelt thank you to all the parents who have generously offered their support on what will be a long, but incredibly exciting, performance day. Here is a sneak peek at rehearsals.



Book Battle Success

A huge congratulations to our Book Battle teams that competed last week in their first ever Book Battle. Our Ponsonby teams took out first and second place in the Intermediate category and were rewarded with trophies and two big boxes of books for our school. The teams were given a list of books to read in preparation for the competition and had been studying hard, with these wins as a fantastic pay off. Congratulations Book Battlers. Thank you to parents Anna Dawson and Warwick Sextus who rallied around to get the team to the competition.



Ponsonby Intermediate School

SAMOA LANGUAGE WEEK

VOLLEYBALL Lunch time in the hall	TUES
SO MAKA LO Lunch time in Room 24	WED
PANIKEKE FOR SALE Lunch time in Room 24	THURS
PERFORMANCE Assembly	FRI

Samoan Language Week: Week 7

This week, we will celebrate the language and culture of Samoa with activities each day, all organised by the Pasifika group. We are always eager to have parents and family involved, so if you would like to help teach songs or dances to our talented Pasifika group, please contact Holly Francis (hollyf@ponsint.school.nz).

Des Hunt Author Visit

On Wednesday, 27 May, Ponsonby were privileged to have a talk presented to them by the renowned NZ children's writer, Des Hunt. As well as being the author of many non-fiction texts and over 25 novels, Des began his career as a science teacher. His talk used science as a metaphor for the building blocks needed to write an engaging and successful story. We were all enthralled and learnt a great deal as well as enjoying the wild and wacky scientific demonstrations. Check out his books on his website <https://www.deshunt.com/books>.



Sports Update

Year 7 Boys CZ Football Tournament

A huge congratulations to our Year 7 Central Zone Football team who competed on Tuesday 19th May at Seddon Fields. The team were slick and put up some incredible play in their games over the day. Mr Wilson was excited for this team and the boys were so proud to have taken out the competition in his honour. The team wore bands on the day for Mr Wilson. A huge thank you to all of the parents that rallied around the boys to get them to the competition.



Year 8 Boys Central Zone Football

Last Thursday, a group of our Year 8 boys proudly represented Ponsonby Intermediate at the Central Zone (CZ) Football Tournament held at Seddon Fields.

The team showed great determination, resilience, and sportsmanship throughout the day, competing against some very strong opposition. Their tournament began with matches against ANI and St Peter's, where the boys battled hard in two closely contested games. They then secured an exciting 1-0 victory over Kowhai, with Jasper calmly converting a penalty to seal the win.



Finishing third in their pool earned the boys a place in the quarter-finals against Waikowhai. After another tense match ended scoreless, the game went to penalties, where the boys were narrowly defeated. They went on to finish 8th overall in the tournament - a fantastic achievement considering the high level of competition. The boys represented Ponsonby Intermediate with pride, teamwork, and perseverance. Well done to everyone involved!

Year 8 Girls Central Zone Football

Ponsonby Intermediate's Year 8 Girls Football team competed in the Central Zone tournament at Seddon Fields last week, Thursday 28th May. The first round was played in 2 Pool groups with Ponsonby versus Mt Roskill, ANI, Diocesan - 3 losses; Kadimah and Waikowhai - 2 confident wins!!

The playoff round was Ponsonby versus Pasadena - an exciting nil all game that went on to a shootout ending with Ponsonby just missing out to a 0-1 score. The last game was a tough match with player injuries from both teams and although a loss the girls were proud of their efforts.



Considering many of the Ponsonby players do not play football as their main sport, the team showed grit, resilience and positively awesome attitudes in every game, to place 8th overall. Special mention to Dylan Morrison and Meldric Corneille for their capable refereeing. Shout out to the team for their respect towards

teammates, opponents and supporters and for organising their boots and shin pads. Way to go Molly, Olivia FH, Mixki, Olivia W, Cadence, Rafaela, Genevieve, Ishana, Summer and Elena.

Skiing, Snowboarding



Team members in the school's Ski and Snowboard Race Squad - Elijah, Artem, Thomas, Max, Mason, Ruben and Sabine had an exciting day out last week at Snowplanet competing in the Primary/Intermediate Schools Challenger Cup 2026 Series. This is an annual event which includes the Giant Slalom (GS) Race - two runs, with combined times determining results and Slopestyle - one judged run, with top athletes invited to complete one or two additional runs at the judges' discretion. The Series is a great opportunity for the team to participate in, in preparation for the North and South Island Ski/Snowboard events coming up later in Term 3.

Results: Mason - 2nd Boys Snowboard Race and 2nd G+B Snowboard Slope. Artem - 6th Boys Ski Slope.

Sabine - 10th Girls Skiing,

Gymnastics

Year 8 student Julia Macpherson recently competed in Gymnastics at the Oceania Championships and Queensland State Championships in Australia. She was the youngest member of the New Zealand team and was also the youngest athlete to be taken on a Gymnastics Development tour like this. Receiving her first NZ tracksuit has been so exciting. Julia is a Level 7 competitor (Level 10 is in Olympic conversations) and placed first on Beam and Floor routines and second all around. Amazing results Julia!! A very proud moment for you and your family supporters. Ponsonby Intermediate are very proud of your achievements too.





ezLunch

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.

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School TV: Grief and Loss

Grief and loss are feelings and experiences that everyone will face at some point in their lives. It is important to understand that these feelings are a normal and natural response to losing something or someone that was important to us. When we experience loss, it can be difficult to understand and accept. However, with love, support, and time, most people are able to heal and move forward. As a parent, it is important to talk to your children and adolescents about grief and loss, to help them understand what they may be feeling and provide them with the support they need to heal.

<https://ponsonbyintermediate.nz.schooltv.me/newsletter/grief-loss>

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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