

Important Dates

31st July

CZ Girls Netball

3rd – 7th August

Roadshow Week

Culture Week

4th August

Olympic Ambassador at school

Central Zone Squash

Board of Trustees

Meeting

11th August

Wednesday timetable

Positively Ponsonby Rep

Training

12th August

Tuesday timetable

Open Evening 6:00pm

Performance Evening

7:00pm

18th August

Core Conferences

3:30pm – 7:30pm

19th August

Central Zone Cross

Country

Leadership Message

Kia ora whānau,

We have had a great start to Term 3 with the World Cup final between Spain and Argentina in the hall. It was lovely to have a bunch of keen students and parents watching together, and eventually the majority of the school to watch the exciting end to the match. There were grand chants for Spain across the morning and much celebration with the end result.

The past two weeks has seen our Deputy Principal Mr Bennie return and he has loved spending his time reconnecting with our Year 8 students and getting to know our wonderful Year 7 cohort. Please make sure you say “hi” and introduce yourself when you see him around the school at different events this term.

Over the past two weeks we have seen a number of international visitors from Korea and China taking part in a short-term ‘Ponsonby Experience’. We have wonderful kiwi buddies in each class who are looking after our visitors, introducing them to the New Zealand School system, culture and customs, while making fantastic global connections. A huge thank you to Keshani Naidoo and all our students and staff for making our visitors feel so welcome.

Next week is a very busy week at Ponsonby Intermediate with Culture Week and Roadshow running alongside each other. All students have been sorted into a new form class for the week and they will be participating in a range of cultural experiences over the week with a range of different teachers. Please make sure you contact your child’s usual classroom form teacher for any concerns or enquiries over the week.

Lastly, all the best to our travelling Roadshow students for next week. We know how excited the primary schools are to see you.

Arohanui

Katie Fiddian and Cherie Bolesworth

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Culture Week Organisation: Week 3

Next week is a very exciting week on our school calendar. It is Culture Week. This year's overarching theme is ***Responding with Wonderment and Awe*** as we explore a range of cultures and activities over the course of the week. Students will be placed in new Culture Week Form Classes with a new teacher and will move through the exciting culture week experiences together. There are 9 rotations throughout the week as well as a number of other exciting activities. Please see the overall schedule below. We hope our students take this week as a wonderful opportunity to experience a range of cultures throughout the week, while also recognising and celebrating their own roots. Thank you to all of our teachers for the exciting activities they have planned for the week.

Culture Week Overview Timetable 2026

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Form Time				Parade of Nations	
Block one	Culture Week Session 1 <i>Point Chev Roadshow</i>	Culture Week Session 4 <i>Roadshow students in class</i>	Culture Week Session 6 <i>Gladstone Roadshow</i>	Roadshow Performance Whole school	Culture Week Session 9 <i>Bayfield Roadshow</i>
Block two	Culture Week Session 2 <i>Freemans Bay Roadshow</i>	Olympic Ambassador <i>Roadshow students in class</i>	Recreation	Culture Week Session 8	Culture Week Form Class <i>Westmere Roadshow</i>
				Cultural Market @ lunch	SSR
Block three	Culture Week Session 3 <i>Roadshow students in class</i>	Culture Week Session 5 <i>Grey Lynn Roadshow</i>	Culture Week Session 7 <i>Ponsonby Primary Roadshow</i>	Music Assembly / Options <i>Birkenhead Roadshow</i>	ASSEMBLY Return to regular formtime <i>Roadshow students in class</i>

Roadshow Week and Performance Evening

While Culture Week provides a range of new activities at school, a group of 80 students will be touring our contributing schools as part of our 2026 travelling roadshow. This is a Performing Arts spectacle and we are excited to share the many talents of our students with the primary schools.

We are also excited to invite all of our Ponsonby Intermediate families and friends to the 2026 Ponsonby Performance Evening on **Wednesday 12th August**. This is your chance to see the full Roadshow performance as well as our winning Showquest piece up close and personal. This is always a highlight of the Ponsonby calendar. The show will start at **7:00pm** and run through until **8:15pm**. Please provide a koha (cash only) at the door if you can, to contribute towards our “Kids to Camp” programme

Student Led Conferences: Term 3

Student Led Conferences are run every term at Ponsonby Intermediate.

Core subjects (English and Mathematics) hold conferences twice a year in Term 1 and Term 3.

Modular conferences happen every term (as students are involved in two different modular subjects each term).

Please follow the links below to book conferences

Core Conferences

Tuesday 18th August - 3:30pm - 7:30pm

CORE code: **nkxy5**

Please include your child's room number.

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/nkxy5>

Wednesday 26th August - 3:30pm - 7:30pm

CORE code: **dxxuk**

Please include your child's room number.

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/dxxuk>

Modular Conferences

Wednesday 2nd September - 3:30pm - 7:30pm

MODULE code: **t5c7y**

Please include your child's room number.

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/t5c7y>

Below are the list of teachers and the classes they teach to make booking easier. Please find your child's room number and book in with those teachers.

Thanks,

Cobey Bennett

cobeyb@ponsint.school.nz

Core Teachers:

English:

Katie Fiddian: Teaching Rooms 11, 17

Lauren Collins: Teaching Rooms 3, 16, 22

Inger Moffat: Teaching Rooms 9, 25, 30

Penelope Dunn: Teaching Rooms 15, 19, 23

Kellie Spencer: Teaching Rooms 1, 21, 26

Stephanie Bruce: Teaching Rooms 8, 14, 28

Jane Jeon: Teaching Rooms 12, 18, 20

Maths:

Ian Wannamaker: Teaching Rooms, 12, 21, 22, 30

Carolyn Hunter: Teaching Rooms 1, 12, 17, 18

Katherine Busch: Teaching Rooms 15, 19, 23, 28

Lisa Stephenson: Teaching Rooms 3, 9, 16, 20

Ellen Legge: Teaching Rooms 8, 14, 26

Cherie Bolesworth: Teaching Room 11

Module Teachers:

Design Technologies: Cobey Bennett

Teaching Rooms 15, 17, 18, 25, 30

Art: Sarah Valintine

Teaching Rooms 15, 17, 18, 25, 30

Performing Arts: Christine Cullen

Teaching Rooms: 3, 12, 20, 26, 28

Music: Claire Holmes

Teaching Rooms: 3, 12, 20, 26, 28

Health & P.E: Sam Jardine

P.E & Health - Teaching Rooms - 1, 3, 15, 17, 19, 23, 28

P.E - Teaching Rooms - 11, 12, 16, 18, 21, 22, 28

Health & P.E: Michelle Murray

PE & Health - Teaching Rooms 8, 9, 14, 20, 25, 26, 30

Health - Teaching Rooms 11, 12, 16, 18, 21, 22

Home Economics: Kelly Richardson

Teaching Rooms: 1, 14, 16, 19, 23

Science: Sione Taupeaafa

Teaching Rooms: 1, 14, 16, 19, 23

Science: Andrea Sherrock

Teaching Rooms: 8, 9, 11, 21, 22

Exploring Technology: Andy Wilson

Teaching Rooms: 8, 9, 11, 21, 22

Social Sciences: Sarah Howie

Teaching Rooms: 1, 3, 9, 12, 15, 16, 19, 21, 22, 25

Learning Languages: Holly Francis

Teaching Rooms: 8, 11, 14, 17, 18, 20, 23, 26, 28, 30

Teacher Only Day: Friday 28th August (repeat notice)

The Ministry of Education granted schools two Teacher Only Days in 2026 to help with the development of the new curriculum changes.

Our next Teacher Only Day will be **Friday 28th August**. Note this date has changed from Friday 4th September.

Supervision will be provided if needed, email office@ponsint.school.nz

Year 8 High School Enrolments

Year 8 students are starting to get organised with high school tours, enrolments and interviews. Please make it a priority to enrol your child at their high school so they can be included in all of our transition processes for high school. We know that many high schools sit entrance tests later in the year and we will meet with students to help prepare them for what to expect as best we can. High schools don't provide us this information so if you are able to email katief@ponsint.school.nz with your child's high school testing information or date we will aim to group the students, talk through what to expect and give them tips for the entrance tests.

For any parents unsure of how to enrol their child for high school please first try the high schools website. We highly recommend booking in on a tour of the high school to help your child start the transition process. It's so important for them to have a feel for where they will be going next year.

Tools for Learning Restock

The start of term is a great time to check your child's pencil case and help them to get set up for success. Please make sure they have all the essential stationery items listed below. If your child is taking Languages this term, they will need a pair of headphones or earphones for class. We recommend storing these in a small zip-lock bag inside their pencil case to help prevent tangling and reduce the chance of them becoming damaged.

Pencil Case:	8 x Blue/black pens	Protractor
	4 x Red pen	Compass
	4 x Green pen	Ruler
	8 x Pencil	4 x Glue Sticks
	2 x Erasers	4 x highlighters
	Pencil sharpener	Earphones/Headphones

Camp Fees

The fee for attending camp this year is **\$370 for Year 7 and \$430 Year 8**. This amount can be paid online using the link below or at the front office.

If you pay online, please follow the instructions with regards to payment details. You can pay in as many instalments as you like leading up to the **due date of September 12th**.

<https://www.ponsonbyintermediate.school.nz/online-payment/>

If you have any questions regarding camp, your first point of contact is your child's Form Teacher.

Kids to Camp Sponsorship

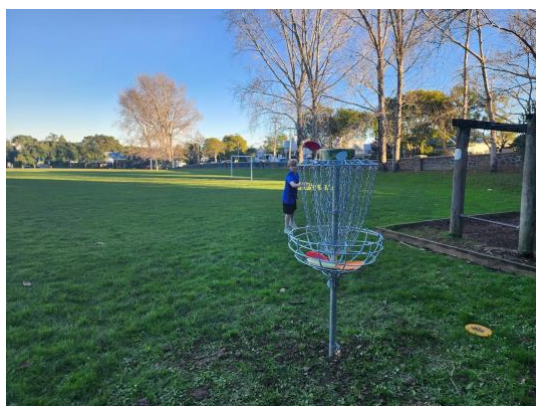
Throughout the year, we are raising money to sponsor students to attend camp in Term 4.

If you are a parent/caregiver who would like to sponsor a student feel free to follow the link below with the reference 'Kids to Camp'. You can contribute as little or as much as you like. It all helps to ensure students do not miss out on camp due to financial hardship. Your contribution is greatly appreciated.

Sports Update

Disc Golf at Ponsonby

What started as a simple question from George (R11) "Do you think we could have disc golf baskets at school?" led to it being processed, planned, approved and finally installed by Mr Atkins and Mr T. The school has 4 new disc golf baskets spread out on the top field area, allowing for a new game to be played at school during PE, lunchtime, or after school. You don't need expensive equipment; just a Frisbee, walking shoes, and an opponent to make it interesting. You can make the course as easy or challenging to ensure the game and experience is memorable. It's a great reason to get outdoors, have a walk, and throw with a mate!



Central Zone U45kg Rugby TERM 2

Last Term the U45kg Rugby Team was put through their lunchtime practices in preparation for the Central Zone Tournament held at the Avondale Race Course on 3rd June. The team was well led by their Captain, Max (1) and comprised a mixture of Y7 and Y8 students. The Tournament had four teams playing in a round robin of matches. Our performances were inconsistent, despite some solid individual contributions from Max (1), Edward (15), Mason (9), Ben (23), and inspirational efforts by first-time player Archer (18) in each game. Max was selected by an official as Player of the Day and received a package from Auckland Rugby. A great day out was had by all despite the weather!



Central Zone Table Tennis Term 2

The Central Zone Table Tennis day was held on June 18th at the Auckland Table Tennis Stadium. The squad was very fortunate to have the current Number 1 age group player in Auckland in the squad, Ke (Rm 19). Ke was able to share his knowledge with the team during practice and was a great support to his teammates. Most of the squad made it into the second round of matches, where their opposition were first and second placed from the other round robin matches. Luca (16) and Ke (19) made it into the third round, which comprised very skilful club players. Ke went on to the final and played last year's tournament winner, who also happens to be a very good friend, Ke took out the final 3-0. A huge thank you to Mrs Mcelwee, who supplied pizza for the team—it was greatly appreciated by all!



Western Springs College – 2027 Enrolments open now

<https://westernsprings.school.nz/2026/07/23/western-springs-college-2027-enrolments-open-now/>

Following on from our Open Week Tours (and yes! – **we are running additional tours on Wednesday 29th July, Thursday 30th July, and Friday 31st July 2026**), it is important that families now begin the enrolment process for a place at Springs.

Simple steps to follow:

1. Go to our website and click on the Western Springs College logo on the left. This takes you to the website opening page.
2. Click on the ***Enrolment*** button and scroll down to: ***Online enrolment application***
3. Parents – fill in your name (first and last name) in the boxes, add your email address and an enrolment link will be sent to you at that address so that you can begin your application. Please do this promptly.

If you wish to book in for one of the additional tours, you can register [HERE](#)

Imaginaire Speech and Drama Thursday afternoons

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 TV: Online Pornography

Experts say that the internet is sexualising kids too soon. It is making it easier for children to engage with pornography, both by choice and inadvertently. Regrettably, this is forcing parents to have the 'birds and bees' chat with their children at a very young age.



With the rise of social media and online porn, many parents are alarmed about protecting the innocence of their children. Unfortunately, what kids are seeing is distorting their idea of sexuality and intimacy. Parents are encouraged to educate their kids on sex and sexuality with age appropriate information.

However, when it comes to having conversations with their kids around pornography, many parents feel ill-equipped. A young person's brain is highly impressionable and vulnerable to forming addictive patterns of behaviour which can affect their development and even impact their academic performance.

In this edition of SchoolTV, parents will learn strategies on how to have those difficult conversations and what they can do to minimise the negative effects of online pornography.

We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this edition of SchoolTV 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 **Online Pornography** edition of SchoolTV

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

Piano Lessons



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GET READY FOR A FUN

Girls Time

Girls Aged 8-12
Friendships Workshop

Monday 24th August
4pm - 6pm
Grey Lynn

In this workshop, we'll strengthen self-esteem, explore participants unique qualities and learn how their actions can create a positive vibe around them.

Next, we'll dive into friendship magic! What qualities do they want in a friend? How can they be the kind of friend who makes a difference? We'll break down the good and not-so-good behaviours and learn how to stay true to ourselves while lifting others up!

Through empowering and engaging activities, they will boost their confidence and learn to handle those tricky friendship situations like a pro! By the end, they will feel empowered to influence their environment and their friendships in a way that reflects their values.

Led by Racheal Wallis, a dynamic, registered social worker with years of experience working with youth in NZ, London and Los Angeles - this is an experience you don't want to miss! Let's build friendships that last and self-esteem that shines!

Book online: www.strongerwithin.org



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