

### Important Dates

#### TERM 4

**26<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Labour Day**

**3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Library book Sale**

**16<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Ponsonby**  
**Intermediate**  
**Athletics Day**  
**@ Mt Smart**

**19<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Central Zone**  
**Athletics**

**23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Positively Ponsonby**  
**Week**

**26<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Module Conferences**  
**3:30 – 6pm**

**8<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Year 7 Prizegiving**  
**@ 11.30am**

**9<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Year 8 Prizegiving**  
**@ 11.30am**

**9<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Year 8 Graduation**  
**@ 6pm**  
**(Year 8 final day)**

**10<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Year 7 students**  
**finish @ 12pm**

### Leadership Message

Kia ora whānau,

Welcome back to Term 4. Our students had a great week at camp last week with a variety of challenging activities in a range of locations. We'd like to take the time to thank every parent who ensured camp week was a success. From transporting students, to running activities and evening activity support, we are so grateful for all of your support to ensure camp is a success. We would also like to say a huge thank you to all of our Camp Leaders and teachers for their tireless efforts and organisation that went into camp.

This week we have settled into the final term of learning for the year. For our Year 8 students there is a big focus on setting them up for their next step into high school and we encourage them to prioritise spending time with their friends from Ponsonby and enjoying the last term together.

For our Year 7's we are focusing on looking ahead to Year 8 and the opportunities and experiences they want to focus on to maximise their 'Ponsonby experience'. They will all be completing their final module round this term and can look forward to building on all of these skills next year in Year 8.

Our PE programme is focusing on teaching all of our students the essential skills to enjoy a successful Athletics Day. This will take place later in the term at Mount Smart Stadium. Full schedule and information will be emailed out in the next newsletter. A huge thank you to our PE Department for readying our students for these events.

We have some big events coming up to celebrate our learners over the term. Please take note of these dates.

We'd like to end by saying a huge thank you to all of our school community for their continued support. We have wonderful students here at Ponsonby Intermediate School and after a difficult year we are so proud to watch them continue to thrive each day.

Arohanui,  
**The Senior Leadership Team**

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## Important Term 4 and End of Year Fridge Dates

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|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October</b>    | Labour Day Public Holiday                                                          |
| <b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November</b>   | School Athletics Day at Mount Smart Stadium                                        |
| <b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November</b> | Final Modular Conferences                                                          |
| <b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>   | Year 7 Prizegiving @ 11:30am                                                       |
| <b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b> | Year 8 Prizegiving @ 11:30am, Year 8 finish @12.30pm<br>Year 8 Graduation @ 5:45pm |
| <b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b> | Year 7's Final day of Term 12:00pm finish                                          |

## Yearbook Photos – Important Date

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Yearbook photos will be taking place in **Week 4 on Thursday 29 October.**

These photos will be of all the sports teams, cultural, creative and leadership groups your child may have been involved with this year. Please ensure your child comes to school in **full school uniform.**

Just like our class photos in March, they will all be done in one day and cannot be rescheduled. Please ensure that your child is made aware of this date so they don't miss out. We will be reminding the students of this date in our daily notices and assembly.

# Uniform Expectations – Term 4

Below is some reminders regarding uniform and staying sun smart during Term 4.

- School sports t shirt and school shorts (no track pants) for all Kori, PE classes and excursions
- Sports shoes / covered shoes (no slides, Crocs etc)
- Hats (brim or bucket) worn for all PE classes, Kori, Recreation, Options (if outdoors) and all outdoor break times
- If you are not required to be in your uniform please ensure you are sun smart.
- Sunscreen and water bottles are a MUST this term.

## Term 4 Calendar

| Week | Monday                                    | Tuesday                    | Wednesday                                                                  | Thursday                                    | Friday          |
|------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------|
|      | 26 October                                | 27 October                 | 28 October                                                                 | 29 October                                  | 30 October      |
| 3    | Labour Day                                | BoT Meeting 6pm            | CZ Girls Touch<br>Epro 8 Interscholar Competition 4 - 7pm                  | Yearbook Sports and Extra-Curricular photos | CZ Boys Touch   |
|      | 2 November                                | 3 November                 | 4 November                                                                 | 5 November                                  | 6 November      |
| 4    |                                           | Library Book Sale          | Library Book Sale<br>CZ Badminton                                          | Library Book Sale                           | Diwali Assembly |
|      | 9 November                                | 10 November                | 11 November                                                                | 12 November                                 | 13 November     |
| 5    |                                           |                            |                                                                            | Year 7 Immunisations (catch ups, 2nd round) |                 |
|      | 16 November                               | 17 November                | 18 November                                                                | 19 November                                 | 20 November     |
| 6    | Ponsonby Athletics Day @ Mt Smart stadium |                            |                                                                            | CZ Athletics                                |                 |
|      | 23 November                               | 24 November                | 25 November                                                                | 26 November                                 | 27 November     |
| 7    | Positively Ponsonby Week                  | BoT Meeting 6pm            |                                                                            | Modular Conferences 3:30pm - 6pm            |                 |
|      | 30 November                               | 1 December                 | 2 December                                                                 | 3 December                                  | 4 December      |
| 8    |                                           |                            |                                                                            |                                             |                 |
|      | 7 December                                | 8 December                 | 9 December                                                                 | 10 December                                 | 11 December     |
| 9    | House Reward 1-3pm                        | 11:30am Year 7 Prizegiving | 11:30am Year 8 Prizegiving<br>Year 8 finish @ 12:30pm<br>Graduation 5:45pm | Year 7 finish @ 12pm                        |                 |

## High School Transition

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A reminder to all of our Year 8 parents to prioritise enrolling your child for high school so they can be included in the transition process for their next school. We want to set all of our Year 8 students up for success for their move to high school. Katie Fiddian and Cherie Bolesworth will meet with students to help prepare them for what to expect with any upcoming high school entrance testing. Not all schools require this but we will offer this for students who will undertake these tests. Any questions please contact [katief@ponsint.school.nz](mailto:katief@ponsint.school.nz) or [rachelms@ponsint.school.nz](mailto:rachelms@ponsint.school.nz)

## Cellphone Rules – Ministry of Education Guidelines

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A reminder that phones are not to be used at school. Students must turn off their phone at the gate and place it in their bag. The phone is then handed in to their Form Teacher before the beginning of school. Your support at home with this is greatly appreciated.

## Diwali

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The Festival of Lights is at the start of November, and our dancers are getting ready to perform for the school. If any parents or family members would like to help decorate or prepare some celebrations, please contact [hollyf@ponsint.school.nz](mailto:hollyf@ponsint.school.nz)

## Help Wanted at School - Saturday 7 November at 9am

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We are organising a 'working bee' at school to tidy up our gardens and we need lots of help please.

**Come along on Saturday 7 November - starting 9am.**

Bring your own garden gloves and water.

The main work is weeding if you have any garden tools that could help then bring those along. Useful tools include: hedge trimmers, pruners, secateurs, blowers, wheelbarrow.

The results will be rewarding and kids are welcome.

Volunteering is a great way to meet other people and to get to know our school better. If you have any questions or ideas call or text Hamish on 021 481 300.

Results from our May volunteer day looked like this:



## Interior Design Advice wanted

The school is looking to upgrade a couple of our interior spaces. They are not major projects but we would like a nice result. We would appreciate someone with either some experience or expertise in this area to give us some guidance. If you think you might be able to help out then please contact Hamish on 021481300 - call or text.

## SchoolTV - Cybersafety

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Young people today are growing up in an increasingly connected world where technology is part of their everyday lives — for learning, socialising, and entertainment. While the digital world offers enormous benefits, it also comes with serious risks. From cyberbullying and online predators to inappropriate content and screen time concerns, navigating the online environment can be challenging for young people and their families.

Cybersafety is not just about blocking access — it's about empowering young people with the knowledge and skills they need to use technology responsibly and safely. This includes understanding privacy settings, recognising scams, and developing healthy digital habits. At the same time, it's important for parents and caregivers to stay informed, have open and judgement-free conversations with their children, and lead by example through positive online behaviour.

In today's digital age, safeguarding a child's wellbeing must also include protecting their online life. This edition of SchoolTV will help you better understand the digital landscape your child is navigating and offer practical strategies to help them stay safe, confident and in control online.



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 **Cybersafety** edition of SchoolTV:

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

## Christmas Tree Fundraiser

This year Ponsonby Intermediate are working with Zach's Christmas Trees as a fundraiser. Families pick their tree size, choose pick-up or home delivery, and every tree ordered through our page raises money for Ponsonby Intermediate.

<https://www.zachsxmastrees.co.nz/products/ponsonby-intermediate-fundraiser>

Tree prices (pick-up):

Small (3.5-4.5ft): \$72

Medium (5-6ft): \$90

Large (6-7.5ft): \$117

Home delivery is an extra \$30 and January tree removal is an extra \$30 (\$50 for both).

Ponsonby Intermediate earns commission tree sales, based on the number of trees ordered through our page.

1 to 20 trees: 15%

21 to 40 trees: 19%

41 or more trees: 22%

The advertisement features a green background with a photo of a forest of Christmas trees under a blue sky. In the top left corner is a red circular logo for 'ZACH'S XMAS TREES' with the tagline 'Auckland's Finest Christmas Trees'. In the top right corner is a yellow circular badge that says '10% OFF'. The main text reads 'Get your tree. Support our school.' followed by 'Ponsonby Intermediate'. Below this are three numbered steps: 1. 'Pick a size' (Fresh Auckland trees, small to large), 2. 'Order online' (Use our school page so we get the credit), and 3. 'Collect or get it delivered' (From one of our sites, or we bring it to you). Under these steps are three white boxes with red text: 'SMALL \$72', 'MEDIUM \$90', and 'LARGE \$117'. Below these boxes is the text 'Delivery \$30 · Removal \$30 · Both for \$50'. At the bottom left is a QR code. To the right of the QR code is the text 'Scan to order' and 'Our school's own page. Every tree helps Ponsonby Intermediate.' followed by the URL 'zachsxmastrees.co.nz/products/ponsonby-intermediate-fundraiser'.

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# Make afternoons the highlight of their week!

Ages 7-14



Senior Writing Club



Musical Theatre

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



Performance Crew

Musical Theatre

Drama

Writing Club

Singing & Piano



[prosfordstudio.co.nz](https://prosfordstudio.co.nz)



26 Prosford St, Ponsonby

## TERM 4 AFTER SCHOOL JUNIOR SQUASH PROGRAMME



### TUESDAYS

**DATES:** 20 October to 15 December (9 weeks)

- 3.15pm - Primary
- 4.15pm - Intermediate and High School

### FRIDAYS

**DATES:** 23 October to 18 December (9 weeks)

- 4.30pm - All Kids

**VENUE:**  
Herne Bay Rackets Club

**COST:** \$135/term  
or \$15/session

CONTACT MANU AT 021886583 FOR BOOKINGS

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Herne Bay  
Rackets Club  
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Grey Lynn Community Centre  
Garden Room

No dance,  
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no uniform.

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Garden Room -  
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in Term 4

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and curriculum

**\$165**

Starting Oct 16

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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



## Speech & Drama

Saturday Classes **Term 4**

### 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
- To enrol [www.dramahub.co.nz](http://www.dramahub.co.nz)

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

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

### About your tutors

**Leonardo** is a trained actor with Toi Whakaari and loves working with children to bring out their confidence, acting and speaking skills.



**Fiona** is an enthusiastic and experienced educator. Professionally trained as an actor and speech and drama teachers, she is thrilled to be at Ponsonby Intermediate.



### Ready to get started?

Get in touch or enrol your child today

✦ [info@dramahub.co.nz](mailto:info@dramahub.co.nz) ✦ 021 583 049

