Ponsonby Intermediate School Newsletter

Articulate, energised achievers, ready for the future

20 November 2026

Leadership Message

Kia ora Parents and Caregivers,

What a fantastic start to the week we had with our whole school Athletics Day on Monday. This was a great chance for our students to showcase the skills they have been working on over the Term in PE classes. It was a huge day for all involved and we were so proud of the grit and determination our students showed at all of their events. Congratulations to Puriri House for winning the day! Special thank you to Matt Bennie, Sam Jardine and Michelle Murray for their support and fantastic organisation of the day.

The Term has flown by and our teachers are finalising reports, which will be sent out to families by email on the students last day of Term. When looking over some of these we can see the amount of effort our students continue to put into their learning. This is something we encourage you to celebrate with your children as well.

Next week we have our annual Positively Ponsonby Week, where our Positively Ponsonby Representatives organise a range of activities to promote a positive and fun culture during break times.

To our Year 8 families; we will be sending home information about our Graduation Ceremony on Monday 23 November. Thank you to our councillors who are working hard to organise this special event to farewell our Year 8's.

Not long to go until a well-deserved break for all of our students and teachers! Aroha mai!

The Leadership Team

Important Dates

TERM 4

23 - 27 November
Positively Ponsonby Week

26 November
Module Conferences
3.30pm - 6pm

8 December
Year 7 Prizegiving
11:30am start

9 December
Year 8 Prizegiving
11:30am start

Year 8 Graduation
5.45pm - 8:30pm

10 December
Year 7 students finishing at 12pm

2027

Term 1
Thursday 28th January 8.30am
(First day)

Important Term 4 Dates

Thursday 26th November	Final Module Conferences
Tuesday 8th December	Year 7 Prizegiving @ 11:30am
Wednesday 9th December	Year 8 Prizegiving @ 11:30am
	(Year 8's leave after prizegiving approx 12.30pm)
	Year 8 Graduation @ 5:45pm
Thursday 10th December	Year 7's Final day of Term 12:00pm finish

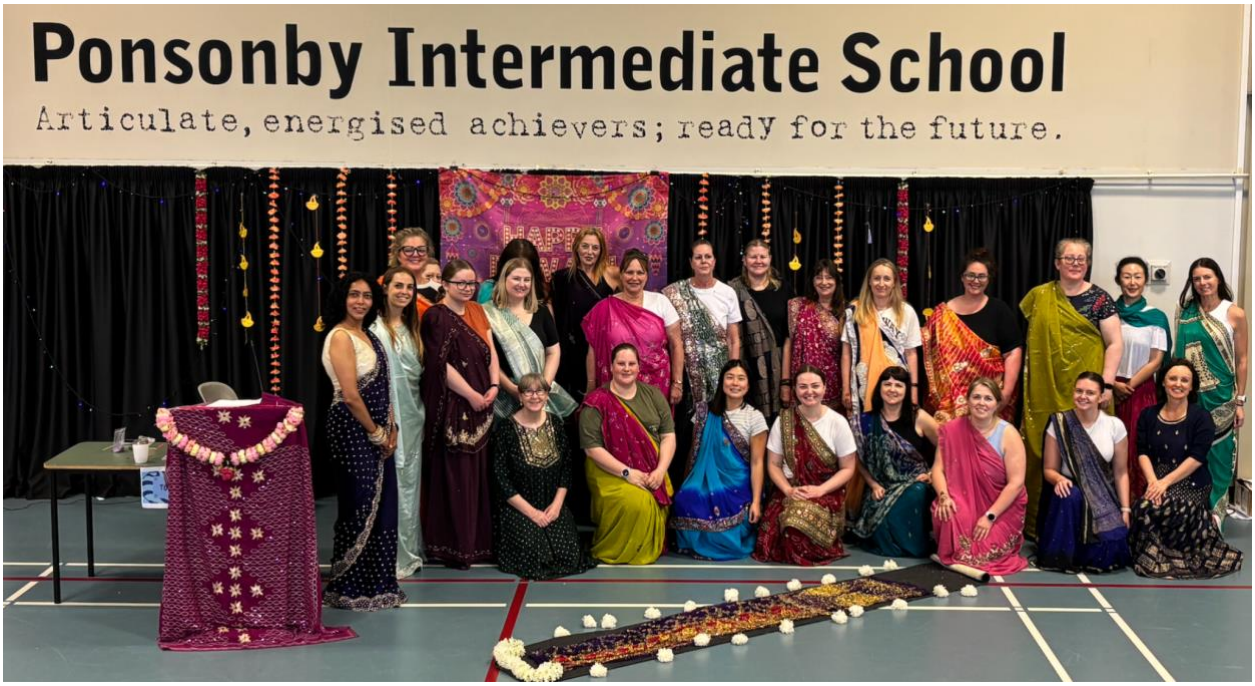
2027

Thursday 28th January 2027 - *First day of Term 1, 8.30am*

Diwali

In Week 4, our school gathered to celebrate Diwali with vibrant dancing, stunning decorations, saris, and delicious sweets. A special thank you to our dedicated dancers, who gave up their lunch breaks to practice and joyfully share their culture with everyone. We are also grateful to the parents who kindly helped dress the teachers in saris - everyone looked fabulous. Finally, a huge, heartfelt thank you to Moski for generously donating the saris, providing the decorations, and treating all of our students to jalebi sweets to try!





Filipino Club

Ponsonby's very first Filipino Club started this year, and their hard work throughout Term 3 paid off at last week's Music Assembly! The group showcased their culture through singing and tinikling, even inviting students from each form class to give the traditional bamboo dance a go. Everyone quickly realised just how much coordination, balance, and fitness it takes! A massive thank you to Mia and Dylan's families for treating all the participants to delicious Filipino snacks.





Athletics

We had stunning weather out at Mt Smart on Monday. The participation level was incredible and students were very supportive of each other on the track and in the field. Congratulations to our place getters and well done to all the teachers for making the day happen.
Best of luck to all students who qualified for the CZ team.

The final results are attached to this newsletter in PDF form.

Sports Update

Pickleball

Recently students represented Ponsonby Intermediate at the inaugural Central Zone Pickleball Tournament. Our students did incredibly well and achieved results which spoke for themselves.

Year 7 girls singles - 3rd (Zoe C)
Year 7 boys singles - 1st (Renner S)
Year 8 girls singles - 2nd (Zitong)
Year 8 boys singles - 1st (Luca)
Year 7 girls doubles - 2nd (Charlotte and Emma)
Year 7 boys doubles - Won all their games, just missed play-offs.
Year 8 girls doubles - 3rd (Elie and Mia P)
Year 8 boys doubles - 1st (James O and Austin)

Our students did so well in their final placings that they achieved first place for Ponsonby Intermediate overall.

Lunar New Year

Lunar New Year falls early in 2027, and our eager students are already preparing for the celebrations. We have some wonderful lunchtime activities planned, and if any parents are interested in helping, please email hollyf@ponsint.school. Also, if there are other cultural celebrations you would like to see at school, please let us know. It is a wonderful opportunity for student agency, as they can create the ideas and bring them to life for our school community.

Uniform Expectations - Repeat Notice

Below are 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) on for all PE classes, Kori, REC and 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.

High School Transitions

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's up for success for their move to high school. Any questions please contact katief@ponsint.school.nz or rachelm-s@ponsint.school.nz

Student Led Conferences

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).

Modular Conferences

Thursday 26th November - 3:30pm - 6:00pm

MODULE code: **45vjr**
Please include your child's room number.

https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/45vjr

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

Module Teachers:

Art: Sarah Valintine
Teaching Rooms 8, 9, 11, 21, 22

Performing Arts: Christine Cullen
Teaching Rooms: 1, 14, 16, 19, 23

Music: Claire Holmes
Teaching Rooms: 1, 14, 16, 19, 23

Health & P.E: Sam Jardine - unavailable
If you would like to discuss your child's learning in Health or PE, please contact samj@ponsint.school.nz

P.E & Health - Teaching Rooms - 1, 3, 15, 17, 19, 23, 28
P.E - Teaching Rooms - 11, 12, 16, 18, 21, 22

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

Design Technologies: Cobey Bennett unavailable
If you would like to discuss your child's learning in Design Technologies, please contact cobeyb@ponsint.school.nz

Home Economics: Kelly Richardson
Teaching Rooms: 3, 12, 20, 26, 28

Science: Sione Taupeaafe
Teaching Rooms: 3, 12, 20, 26, 28

Science: Andrea Sherrock
Teaching Rooms: 15, 17, 18, 25, 30

Exploring Technology: Andy Wilson
Teaching Rooms: 15, 17, 18, 25, 30

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

Library Information

We have a large number of outstanding library books that we would love returned by the end of the year. Please help your child search at home for any books they may have and have them returned as soon as possible. Thank you.

SCHOOL TV - Puberty and Relationships

Puberty is a time of significant change, bringing new experiences, emotions and questions for young people and their families. Alongside physical development, children and adolescents are navigating changing friendships, growing independence and an emerging sense of identity. These changes can feel exciting, confusing and sometimes overwhelming.

Conversations about puberty and relationships need to start early, before these changes begin. Introducing age-appropriate discussions about bodies, feelings, personal boundaries and respect helps lay the foundation for later conversations about consent and intimate relationships. For adult carers, this means creating regular opportunities to talk, listening without judgement and letting children know their questions are always welcome.

This Special Report provides practical guidance to help families start these conversations early and keep them going as children grow.

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-puberty-relationships-nz

Term 4 Calendar

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	23 November	24 November	25 November	26 November	27 November
7	Positively Ponsonby Week			Modular Conferences 3:30pm - 6pm	
	30 November	1 December	2 December	3 December	4 December
8		BOT Meeting 6pm			
	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 Year 8 finish @ 12:30pm Graduation 5:45pm	Year 7 finish @ 12pm	

Athletic Day Results

Year 7 Boys									
Track	**1st**	**Rm**	**Time**	**2nd**	**Rm**	**Time**	**3rd**	**Rm**	**Time**
1500m	William O	26	5:53	Tino H	20	5:57	Anderson J	22	5:58
800m	Archer T	18	2:40.44	Ben M	23	23	Tommy M	20	
400m	Tommy M	20	1:08.00	Archer T	18	1:08.69	Jack S	19	1:15.63
200m	Archer T	18	30.19	Tino H	20	30.62	Jake S	12	30.80
100m	Tima L	12	13.18	Tommy M	20	14.25	Jake S	12	14.47
							Archer T (4th)	18	14.57
Relay									
Field									
High Jump	Renner S	19	134cm	Ben M	23	128cm	Mason M	26	127cm
Long Jump	Tommy M	20	4.1m	Archer T	18	4m	Ben M	23	3.9m
Discus	Joseph T	30	21.74m	Jake S	12	20.92m	Tima L	12	20.7m
Shot put	Tima L	12	8.76m	Felix B	30	8.25m	Joseph T	30	7.67m

Year 8 Boys									
Track	**1st**	**Rm**	**Time**	**2nd**	**Rm**	**Time**	**3rd**	**Rm**	**Time**
1500m	Paddy M	11	5:32.41	Hugo G	8	5:48.50	Oscar B	11	6:22.97
800m	Paddy M	11	2:44.00	Osgar M	11		Mason B	9	
400m	Paddy M	11	1:07.71	Walter R	25	1:15.59	Jason X	14	1:15.90
200m	Cooper O	16	28.03	Paddy M	11	28.44	Ritchie H	3	29.81
100m	Cooper O	16	13.06	Paddy M	11	13.50	Ritchie H	3	13.70
							Daniel D (4th)	3	14.70
Relay									
Field	**1st**	**Rm**	**Length/ Height**	**2nd**	**Rm**	**Length/ Height**	**3rd**	**Rm**	**Length/ Height**
High Jump	Cooper O	16	147cm	Meldric C	8	143cm	Max P	14	135cm
Long Jump	Cooper O	16	4.3m	Ritchie H	3	4.17m	Presley M	9	4.09m
Discus	Jason X	14	21.28m	Harrison L	16	19.11m	Daniel D	3	18.67m
Shot put	Jason X	14	8.77m	Harrison L	16	8.57m	Cooper O	16	8.48m

Ponsonby Athletics Day - Final Results 2026

Year 7 Girls

Track	1st	Rm	Time	2nd	Rm	Time	3rd	Rm	Time
1500m	Anouk D	21	6:08	Delilah G	17	6:14	Zoe C	30	
800m	Delilah G	17	3:11.35	Anouk D	21	11.78	Zoe C	30	
400m	Anouk D	21	1:17.44	Zoe C	30	1:17.47	Delilah G	17	1:17.94
200m	Anjini M	12	32.19	Lucy M	22	33.13	Anouk D	21	33.66
100m	Millie L	23	14.94	Willa P	12	15.19	Dylan O	18	15.31
Relay									
Field	**1st**	**Rm**	**Length/ Height**	**2nd**	**Rm**	**Length/ Height**	**3rd**	**Rm**	**Length/ Height**
High Jump	Kaea J	20	121cm	Tylah R	30	117cm	TBC		
Long Jump	Vivian F	18	3.4m	Millar D	26	3.39m	Mia W	19	3.25m
Discus	Zoe C	30	15.12m	Alice H	23	14.48m	Mia W	19	14.26m
Shot put	Maeve R	21	7.15m	Tilema T	20	7.09m	Rainbow E	20	6.28m

Year 8 Girls

Track	1st	Rm	Time	2nd	Rm	Time	3rd	Rm	Time
1500m	Amelia B	28	5:58.42	Jade B	28	6:11.99	Sabine C	16	6:30.00
800m	Amelia B	28	2:54.00	Lauren S	11		Darina H	11	
400m	Amelia B	28	1:09.04	Lauren S	11	1:13.78	Ruby M	1	1:14.66
200m	Amelia B	28	30.66	Molly B	25	31.56	Maelee S	3	32.07
100m	Amelia B	28	14..07	Molly B	25	14.59	Chloe P	14	14.63
							Lauren S (4th)	11	14.73
Relay									
Field	**1st**	**Rm**	**Length/ Height**	**2nd**	**Rm**	**Length/ Height**	**3rd**	**Rm**	**Length/ Height**
High Jump	Maelee S Amelia B	3 28	130cm 130cm				Zitong W	11	125cm
Long Jump	Amelia B	28	4.01m	Zitong W	11	3.89m	Hazel M	1	3.78m
Discus	Ishana P	8	15.66m	Hazel M	1	15.5m	Chloe C	9	14.22m
Shot put	Ishana P	8	6.96m	Abigail C	14	6.33m	Tilda D Maia O	11 28	6.07m 6.07m



Ponsonby
Intermediate School

TERM 1
FRIDGE DATES 2027

Important start of term information

First day of school: **Thursday 28th January 8:30am**

21st, 22nd, 25th January	Uniform Sales **9:00am - 2:00pm**
Tuesday 2nd February	Ponsonby Whanau Evening **5:30pm**
Wednesday 3rd February	EOTC programme begins (details to come)
Friday 5th February	Ponsonby Events Expo **12:45pm - 1:15pm**
Tuesday 9th February	Setting Up for Success Form Teacher Conferences **1:20pm - 6:00pm (school closes 12:30pm)**
Thursday 11th February	Swimming Sports (details to come)
Monday 15th February	Rob Cope 'Our Kids Online' Evening **6:30 -8:30pm**

KEEP UPDATED IN 2027:
SCHOOL APP, NEWSLETTER, WEBSITE AND EMAILS

Articulate, energised achievers; ready for the future

DramaHub

shine SCHOOL OF CONFIDENCE

Christmas Adventure
December Holiday Programme

A fun holiday programme for Years 1 to 6 built on speech and drama games. Snowmen, cheeky elves and artistic gnomes come alive as children play, make puppets and perform their own Christmas stories.

The Details:

- Dates: Wednesday 16th, Thursday 17th and Friday 18th December 2026
- Book 1 day or several
- Time: 9am - 3pm
- Years 1-6
- Shine School of Confidence and Dramahub Tutors
- Venue: Ponsonby Intermediate
- From $120 per day



Ready to get started?
Get in touch or Enrol your child today
Fiona@dramahub.co.nz
021583049



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.

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%



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

Northcote & Birkenhead Yacht Club — Birkenhead Wharf, Hinemoa Street - nbyc.org.nz

Learn to Sail

Summer sailing lessons for kids aged 9 and up — no experience needed!



STARTS Sunday 22 November* - Sunday mornings, 9am to 12 noon - $395 per sailor - 8+ sessions - no membership needed

We provide

- Club Optimist dinghies
- Lifejackets and buoyancy aids
- Yachting NZ qualified coaches
- Safety boats on the water
- Yachting NZ Learn to Sail log book

You need

- To be 9 or older
- To swim 50 m in a lifejacket
- Wetsuit or quick-dry layers
- Sun hat, sunscreen, water shoes
- Towel and warm change of clothes

Enrol online now — nbyc.org.nz/enrol-learn-to-sail — Takes 5 minutes. Questions? enrolments@nbyc.org.nz.

Parents can learn too — ask about adult Learn to Sail.

*Subject to the Birkenhead boat ramp being open. We'll confirm the start date with everyone who enrols.