Newsletter Ponsonby Articulate, energised achievers, ready for the future

7 August 2019

Important Dates

7 August Central Zone Basketball - Boys

8 August Central Zone Basketball – Girls

9 August Central Zone Netball -Girls

12 August

Science Fair Due Weekly Basketball comp begins

14 August

Ponsonby Cross Country 1:30pm Open Evening – 6pm Science Fair Open Evening 6pm Performance Evening 7pm

16 August

School Speeches in Assembly

20 August Final Open Morning Core Conferences

22 August Mathex Evening Central Zone Squash

23 August Daffodil Day

Principal's Message

At the moment we are busy processing all the enrolments for next year. Ponsonby Intermediate School has always accepted many students from out of zone and this will continue. I should also make it clear that my goal is for class sizes and the school roll to remain the same heading into 2020 and beyond.

To help provide certainty, it is important all enrolments for 2020, whether you are 'in zone' or 'out of zone' are received by the end of this term – Friday 27 September.

You will be notified of your acceptance by email and formal letter in mid-October. Information on term dates, stationery and uniform will be included.

Please let your friends and neighbours know these deadlines – the transition process from primary school into intermediate is important. We will visit all our major contributing primary schools for Year 6 transitioning in November -Ponsonby Primary, Freemans Bay Primary, Richmond Rd Primary, Bayfield Primary, Gladstone Primary, Westmere Primary, Pt Chevalier Primary and Grey Lynn Primary.

The Year 6 students from other schools need to attend the Out of Zone Transition Morning here at Ponsonby Intermediate School – Thursday 21 November – 9:00am – 10:15am

In this fortnight's newsletter we cover - Performance Evening, Student Led Conferences, Student Lateness, School Camps

Regards,

Nick Wilson Principal

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Roadshow and Performance Evening – 14th August

This week we have been taking our travelling Roadshow on tour to our contributing primary schools. Up to 80 students will be performing in the eight shows and this is always a highlight for our students to participate in. Our students have fond memories of seeing the Ponsonby Roadshow when they were younger, but also love returning to their primary schools to perform. A follow up Performance Evening will take place in **Week 4, 14th August** Wednesday night, where friends and family can enjoy the Roadshow performances. We will have drinks and snacks as well to help raise money for Kids to Camp.

Open Evening – 14th August

To add to our busy day on the 14th August we have our Open Evening. All parents and caregivers will arrive at the front office at 6pm to start their tour. Once you have finished your tour with the student Councillors, all parents will meet in the library by 6:40pm where they can ask any questions of the Leadership Team.

Students who are helping out with the Open Evening must be picked up from the classes they are in by their parents/caregivers at 6:45pm.

Parking will be available on the field, weather permitting.

Careers Education

Term 2 ended with a week of promoting careers. Students were treated to a series of motivational guest speakers presenting their careers and lifestyles surrounding these jobs. Starting Term 3, Health teachers Ms Murray and Mr Jardine presented two follow-up sessions for classes to reflect on this topic. To broaden students' knowledge and to prompt thinking about pathways to a career, students learnt, about making connections between personal interests they enjoyed, skills that are learnt and related job interests. Interesting conversations flowed about students' career choices and visions of their future, with some students already taking action. Ace Williams from Room 9 has turned his passion for creative design into reality by revamping old jeans. He uses fabric paints to draw his funky, bold patterns onto the jeans, stitches and hand sews embroidered objects or animals to the pocket areas, front and back. Ace loves working on his jean creations and also has plans to sell his jeans. Great to see Ace is using a smart entrepreneurial mindset and thinking about his career.



Sports Update

Cross Country – 14th August

Start time: Assemble at 1.25pm sharp in Houses on basketball court.

Event Times: Year 7 Girls - 1.40pm Year 7 Boys - 1.55pm Year 8 Girls - 2.10pm Year 8 Boys - 2.20pm

Distance: All races are 3000m (approx)

Information regarding race protocol and organisation will be given to the students at our Friday assemblies and in our daily notices. Parents and Caregivers are welcome to come along and watch from the road wall along Clarence Street, where you will get a great view of the races. Students have already started training during their Kori time and maps of the course are available for students in our hall foyer.

We encourage all students to participate; those students who are unable to compete due to sickness or injury, must bring a note to their form teacher on the day.

Central Zone Boys' Netball

On Friday 2 August Ponsonby Intermediate boys netball teams competed in the CZ Boys Netball Tournament at Windmill Road courts. It was a gusty, blustery day for netball, but both teams persisted to play seven rounds of games. Players gave 100% in all games, demonstrating some impressive skills through the court with slick ball handling, aerial intercepts, tight defence and superb shooting! Overall an exciting, fun day of netball.

Thanks to umpires Brooke Margison, Rebecca Green and Mia Kara who were a great support to the Year 7 team applying their netball knowledge to organise the boys for warm-up drills and player positions on court. Also thanks to Ms Murray for umpiring Year 8 team games and Ponsonby Intermediate parents for their courtside support.

Year 7 team: Braxton Hanak-Faitau, Nico Clare, Archie Faville, Jack Dundunski, Rudy Smart, Rhys Hanna, Callum Rae, Thomas Cunnington, Blake Webby, Jasper Stevenson and Jayden Amin.

Year 8 team: Jackson Clatworthy, Cole Middleton, George Allan, Ben Holmes Young, Ryder Robinson, Emerson Ivey, Jack Erikson, Charli Kaye and Noah Curtis.

Results: Year 7 team - 7th; Year 8 - 6th.





Squash

Beginning Term 3, Squash Auckland delivered their Kiwi-sport programme - a one week PE cycle taster session with the micro-court. Classes were involved in team-based rotational activities learning to serve and rally. It was a great week of squash, students were highly motivated playing, demonstrating they clearly enjoyed participating in this sport. As a follow-up to gain more hitting time students were offered the opportunity to play at the Herne Bay Squash Club on Friday 2, 9, 16 August from 3:30 - 4:30pm. Great to hear so many students have already taken up this opportunity. Collect flyers from Ms Murray.

FREE SQUASH HAVE-A-GO!

Friday 16 August 3:30 - 4:30pm. Herne Bay Ponsonby Rackets Club, 10 Westend Road. Register to play or join the club - email jarrod@doubledotsquash.com

Cambodia photo album fundraiser



As a fundraiser to provide library books for our Project school in Cambodia, the group that visited last term has made a photo album of their best pictures. The plan is to sell the hardcover album for \$30. If you would like to order an album please make payment to the School bank account (12.3019.0486833.01 code CAM) Orders close by the end of this week Friday 9th August. Please email Mr Curtis - <u>paulc@ponsint.school.nz</u> to confirm your order.

Parents Camp Meeting Follow Up

Thank you for attending our camp meeting last night. Hopefully we managed to give you a clear understanding of what camp is all about and were able to answer any questions you had. At this stage in the planning process, some parts of camp are still to be finalised by teachers and are dependent on all forms being returned. If your child has still not returned their form or is not attending camp, can you please let your form teacher know.

Your child's form teacher is your first port of call regarding camp but they may need to clarify things with their camp leader so you may not get a response right away.

Thanks again to all parents and caregivers who have volunteered to help with camp, it is greatly appreciated and without your help and support, camp wouldn't be possible. Not all of you who have volunteered will be able to help out due to ratio and budget restraints but you will be informed either way if you are needed.

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).

On Line Conference Booking

Bookings can be made at <u>http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz</u> using the school code.

Please include your child's room number.

<u>Core Conferences:</u> Tuesday 20nd August – 3:30 – 8:00pm (CORE1 Code: xxgja) Thursday 29th August – 3:30 – 8:00pm (CORE2 Code: h9efp)

<u>Modular Conferences</u> Wednesday 28th August 3:30pm - 8:00pm (MODULE code: 95yj8) Below are the list of teachers and the classes they teach to make booking easier. Thanks, Cobey Sweetman <u>cobeys@ponsint.school.nz</u>

Core Teachers:

English:

Katie Fiddian: Teaching Rooms 11, 15 Paul Rishworth: Teaching Rooms 3, 8, 13 Sarah Howie: Teaching Rooms 1, 9, 25 Penelope Dunn: Teaching Rooms 6, 18, 23 Kellie Smith: Teaching Rooms 21, 26, 30 Sarah Valintine: Teaching Rooms 12, 16, 28 Angela Lane: Teaching Rooms 17, 20, 22

Maths:

Kristen Rees: Teaching Rooms 11, 17, 22, 26 Ian Wannamaker: Teaching Rooms 1, 12, 21, 25 Kim Edwards: Teaching Rooms 8, 13, 15, 30 Katherine Busch: Teaching Rooms 9, 16, 20, 28 Emma Rawstron: Teaching Rooms 3, 6, 18, 23

Module Teachers:

Design and Textiles: Cobey Sweetman Teaching Rooms 1, 11, 17, 18, 25

Art: Kelly Richardson Teaching Rooms 1, 11, 17, 18, 25

Performing Arts: Christine Cullen Teaching Rooms: 6, 13, 16, 23, 26

Music: Paul Curtis Teaching Rooms: 6, 13, 16, 23, 26

Health & P.E: Sam Jardine Teaching Rooms: 3, 6, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 26, 28

Health & P.E: Michelle Murray Teaching Rooms: 1, 8, 9, 12, 13, 15, 20, 21, 22, 25, 30 Home Economics: Jody Hart Teaching Rooms: 3, 20, 22, 28, 30

Science: Margaret Marsick Teaching Rooms: 3, 20, 22, 28, 30

Science: Ben de La Haye Teaching Rooms: 8, 9, 12, 15, 21

Exploring Technology: Andy Wilson Teaching Rooms: 8, 9, 12, 15, 21

Learning Languages: Tricia Orr Teaching Rooms: 1, 3, 8, 11, 13, 15, 17, 20, 23, 30

Social Sciences: Jo McCullagh Unavailable due to absence.

Bus Changes

From 18 August 2019, buses on route 134 will be re-routed to serve Williamson Ave.

Route 134 currently operates along Great North Rd, but we're changing the route so that it runs along Williamson Ave. This change is being made in response to a petition of 183 signatures, and a request from the Waitematā Local Board.

Services will operate every 30 minutes during the day, and hourly after 7pm, seven days a week.

Buses will still be running on Great North Road every 5 to 10 minutes throughout the day, as a combination of the following bus services: 18, 110, 129, 132, 133, 195. <u>Your new bus stops:</u>

The 134 service along Williamson Ave towards the city centre will take you to Karangahape Rd, Upper Queen St, Mayoral Drive, and Hobson St. You can catch the bus in this direction from bus stops at:

- 135 Williamson Ave
- 107 Williamson Ave
- 69 Williamson Ave
- 33 Williamson Ave
- 1 Williamson Ave

The 134 service from the city centre will take you to the Grey Lynn shops, Western Springs, Pt Chevalier shops, and Henderson. You can catch the bus in this direction from bus stops at:

- 2 Williamson Ave
- 40 Williamson Ave
- 84 Williamson Ave
- 112 Williamson Ave
- 144 Williamson Ave

Please note that from 18 August these locations will no longer be available for parking vehicles.

You can plan your journeys to and from Williamson Ave using Auckland Transport's online journey planner and AT Mobile app. Please go to <u>www.AT.govt.nz/journeyplanner</u> and enter a travel date after 18 August.

Kids-to-Camp

Throughout the year, we are raising money to sponsor students to attend camp in Term 4. The councillors have already raised enough to sponsor 4 students.

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'. Your contribution is greatly appreciated. <u>http://www.ponsonbyintermediate.school.nz/pay-online.html</u>

Camp Fees

Camp fees of \$290.00 are due by Friday 20th September. If you have any concerns or questions regarding this payment please contact your child's form teacher. <u>http://www.ponsonbyintermediate.school.nz/pay-online.html</u>

Student Road Safety

We have had a number of incidences involving students crossing busy roads to and from school without using crossings, putting them a potentially dangerous situation. Could you please have a discussion with your child regarding how to stay safe when walking to and from school. We have particularly noticed this when crossing the road to get to a bus stop. Your support with this is greatly appreciated.

Science and Technology Fair

Our annual Science and Technology Fair is drawing to a close. The projects are due on the 12th August at 8:30am. Please deliver them to Room 15. There will be an Exhibition on Wednesday 14 August from 3:30 - 7:00PM. This will be part of our Open Evening. Please feel free to come to Room 15 and browse the projects. You will be amazed at what our students can produce. Margaret Marsick

Teacher Only Day – Staff First Aid Training

On **Friday 13 September** Ponsonby Intermediate Staff will complete their bi-annual First Aid training. The school will be closed to students.

We do realise this can be problematic for parents, however, as you can understand it is important we follow school policy that *"all students will have access to a trained First Aider at all times"*.

National Day of Support for Principals

The teachers and support staff of Nick Wilson are joining with their colleagues all over the country on 9 August to call on the government to give primary and intermediate principals a fair deal. And we need your support as we stand up for our principal, and all principals.

Teachers recently won pay parity with their secondary colleagues, because a teacher is a teacher, regardless of the age of their students. But the government refused to give primary and intermediate principals parity with principals of comparably sized secondary schools, or any support for growing workloads. In small schools, principals are doing a complex job but often without any extra support, and while teaching as well. And these principals are often paid less than some teachers in large schools.

We're calling on the Government to do the right thing by principals. It's only fair.

On 9 August, we'll be wearing green in support of our principal. Please come out and support the principals of Aotearoa, who do such a vital job leading the teaching and learning in our schools.





<u>Term 2</u> Open Morning - Tuesday 14th May

9:15am – 12:00pm for Year 6 students and parents/ caregivers. Students will be invited to come to Ponsonby Intermediate School at 9:15am from their school with their parents/ caregivers. This is a chance to see the school in action.

Open Morning - Tuesday 11th June

Open Morning - Wednesday 12th June

<u>Term 3</u> Open Morning - Tuesday 30th July

Open Evening - Wednesday 14th August 6:00pm - Tours of the School in action 6:45pm - Principals address in the Hall

Final Open Morning – Tuesday 20th August

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