

Important Dates

5 September

NIWA Prize - giving
7pm

10 September

BOT Meeting 6pm

12 September

School Social
7pm – 9pm

18 September

CZ Boys Volleyball

Year 8 HPV 2 Girls and
Boys

immunisations
Boostrix catch up
(Yr 7)

Art Exhibition Evening
6pm

19 September

CZ Girls Volleyball

20 September

TEACHER ONLY DAY

23 September

Snowboard team out

25 September

HPV 2 Catch up

Boostrix catch up

NMSSA (National
Monitoring Project),
until Friday

27 September

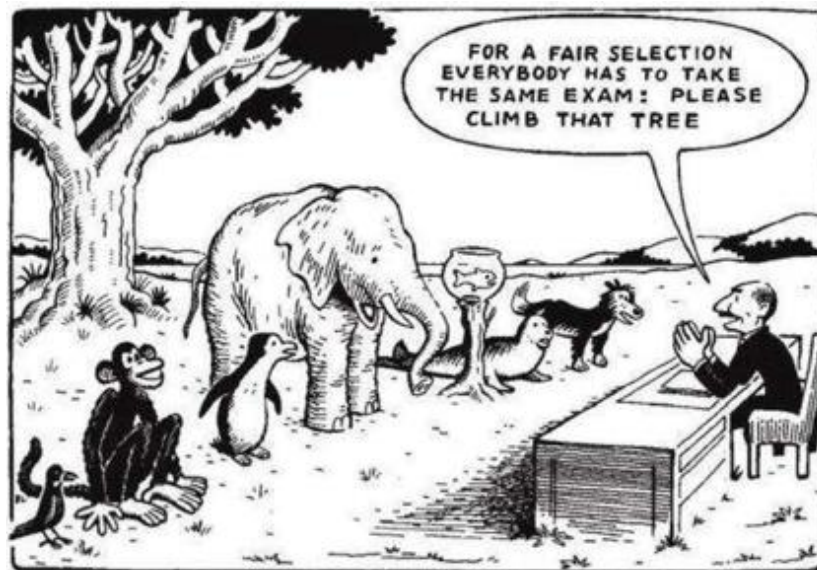
Out of Zone

Enrolments close

Showcase @ 1:20pm

Principal's Message

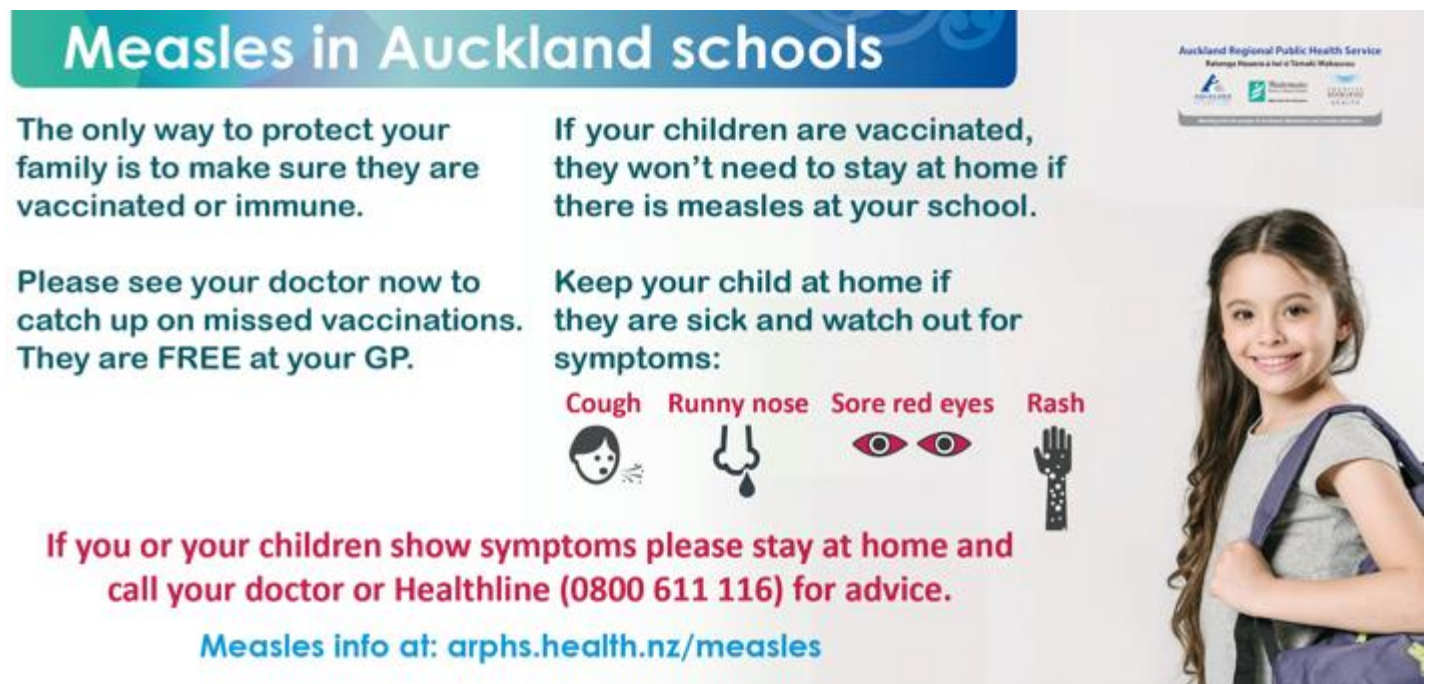
The plethora of curriculum learning intentions, assessments, activities, sports competitions and social student-initiated events continues at full steam ahead. However, in this week's message I'd also like to mention the importance of our school values (our GEMS) and how they underpin the Board of Trustees and Leadership Teams decision-making. We use our values to create the strategic direction of the School Charter. Interestingly, since the government's removal of National Standards (over a year ago) there has been no Ministry instruction to replace them with something else. This is fine by me, and during the beginning of this year we have been crafting together what we call a *Graduate Profile*. It is a student assessment based on our GEMS. This sort of focus must surely set students up for the unknown future that awaits them. Knowledge, information and facts can be accessed by simply reaching into your pocket these days, however, ways of being, behaving and thinking are now more important than ever. It will be interesting to see the outcomes of the *Graduate Profile* trial; I'll keep you posted.



Nick Wilson

Principal

Important message for all Parents/Caregivers:



Measles in Auckland schools

The only way to protect your family is to make sure they are vaccinated or immune.

Please see your doctor now to catch up on missed vaccinations. They are FREE at your GP.

If your children are vaccinated, they won't need to stay at home if there is measles at your school.

Keep your child at home if they are sick and watch out for symptoms:

Cough Runny nose Sore red eyes Rash

If you or your children show symptoms please stay at home and call your doctor or Healthline (0800 611 116) for advice.

Measles info at: arphs.health.nz/measles

Auckland Regional Public Health Service
Partnership between Auckland Council and the Department of Health

The poster features a young girl with a backpack on the right side. The text is arranged in columns, with icons for cough, runny nose, sore red eyes, and rash below the symptom list.

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NIWA Auckland Science and Technology Fair

Ponsonby Intermediate had an extremely successful outcome at the NIWA Auckland Science and Technology Fair this year. We had 9 entries and we won 9 awards. Congratulations to the following students:

Zephyr Bird - 1st in Planet Earth and Beyond and a Special Prize - with his project *Another One Bites The Dust*

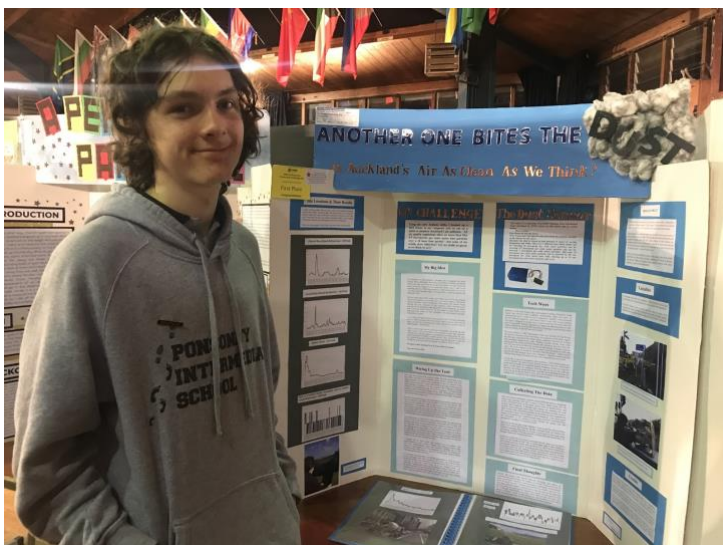
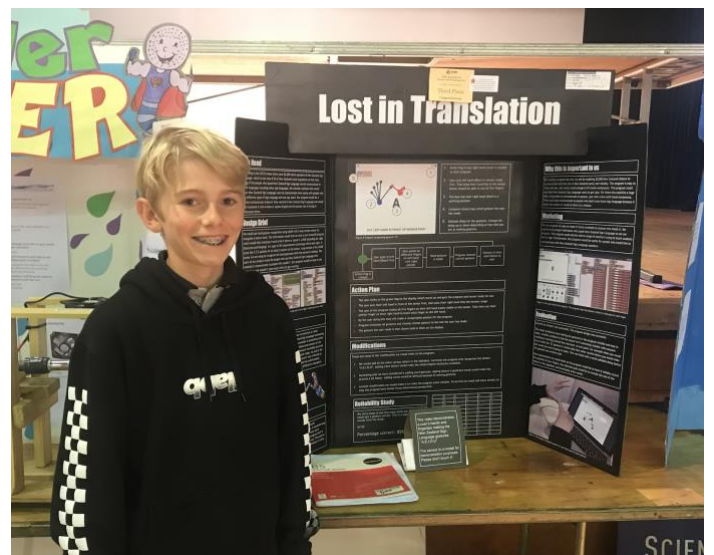
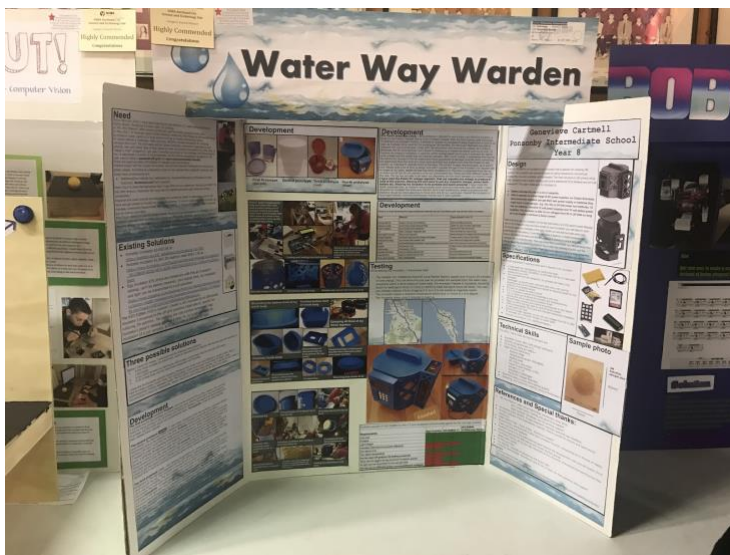
Agam Aharon - 2nd in Technology and a Special Prize - with her project *Spectro Patronum*

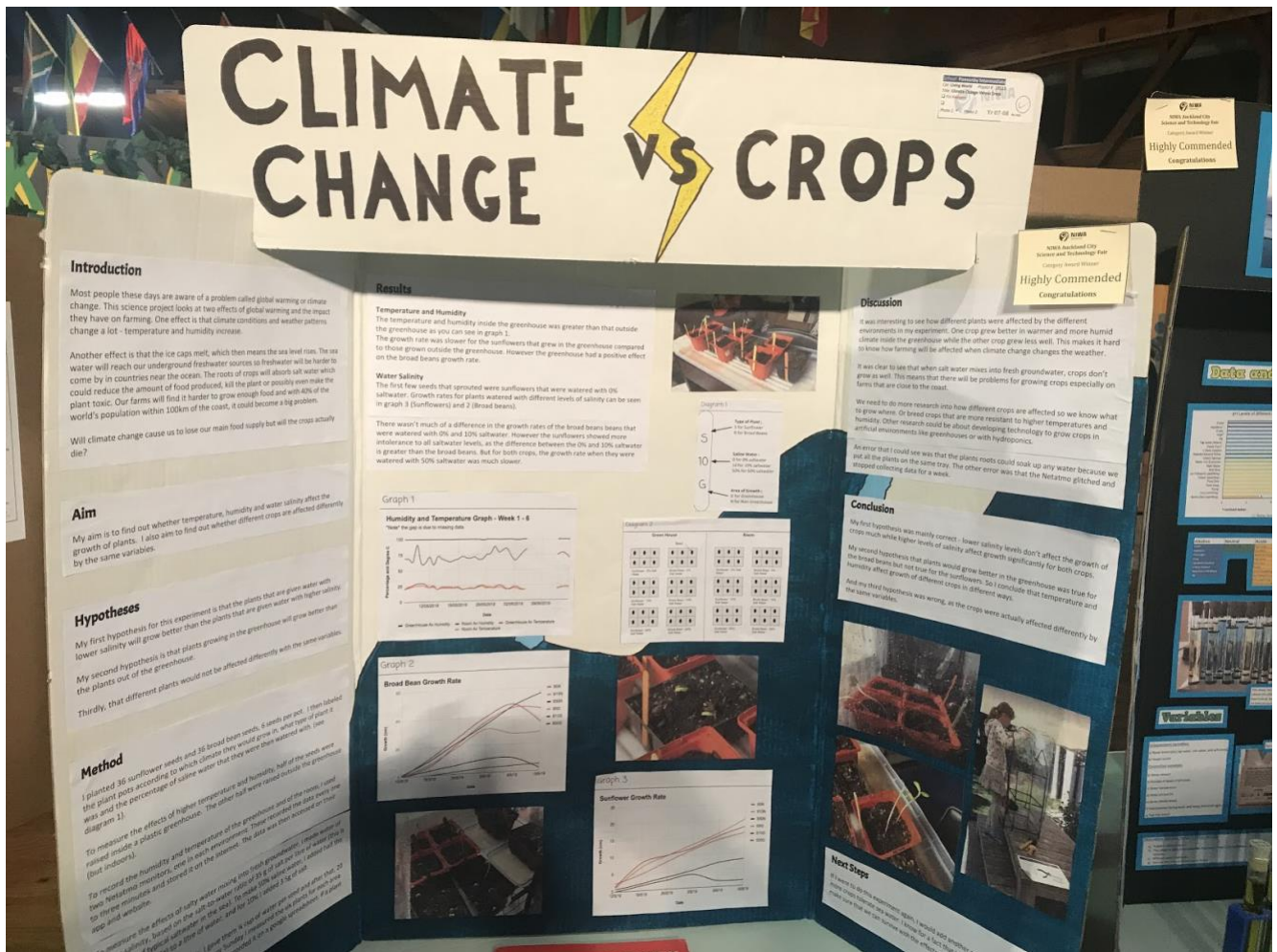
Charlie Frater and Oscar Paterson - 3rd in Technology and a Special Prize - with their project *Lost in Translation*

Genevieve Cartmell - Highly Commended and a Special Prize for her Technology project - *Water Way Warden*

Flo Rodgers - Highly Commended in Living World with her project *Climate Change Versus Crops*
Well done to all the participants in this annual event. Prize-giving is this Thursday, 5 September at 7:00pm at Kings' Prep, Remuera.

The Science Department and the School Community are very proud of you all.





Mathex 2019

On Thursday 22nd August our school Mathex Team (Edward Gravit, Jonathon Yu, Zephyr Bird, Eric Hu, Ian Li, Jake Miller, Leo Qin, Eden Graves, Renée Cunningham, Victor Coen, Shyamal Naran, Jacob Johnston, Sachet Khare, Ansel Weatherall, Rhys Hanna, Solomon Randerson, Isabella Noakes and Charles Lu) went to the Barfoot Thompson Stadium to take part in a problem solving competition. The competition was fierce! 130 teams at each year level, 20 questions, 30 minutes and over 1000 parents and teachers watching. The entire team did our school proud, with each group scoring over 85% and Year 7B gaining a third place. Well done all of you.

Kim Edwards
Mathex Co-ordinator



Central Zone Speech Finals 2019

Ponsonby Intermediate were proud to host the Central Zone Intermediate Speech Finals for the second year. Nine intermediates took part and the standard was high with a diverse and entertaining range of speeches from 'Skinny Jeans' to 'Conspiracy Theories'. Congratulations to first place getter Olivia Brown from Kohia Terrace with her speech on 'Disney Princesses'. Olivia goes on to represent Central Auckland at the Interzone finals. Second was Ansh Trivedi from Mt Roskill Intermediate with his speech on 'Skinny Jeans' and Mac Carver from Remuera Intermediate, with a speech on 'Laws', was third. Thanks to our judges Kate Laurence, director of Heads Held High, Michael Stretton, Director of Performance. Net and Kerri McKay, Principal of Bayfield Primary.

Mrs Dunn

Transition to High School

It's that time of year to get organised with enrolling into high schools. This transition from intermediate to high school can be a daunting time for some students and families! If you feel your child requires extra support with this process please get in touch with our Guidance Coordinator for some tips rachelm-s@ponsint.school.nz.

Camp Fees and Sponsorship

Just a friendly reminder that camp fees of \$290 are due by **20th September**. It is important that these fees are paid on time as all the camps require deposits for activities and accommodation. Any issues regarding this payment, please contact your child's form teacher or the office, office@ponsint.school.nz

You can pay online using the link below, reference 'camp fees' and your child's name and room number:

<http://www.ponsonbyintermediate.school.nz/pay-online.html>

Kids to Camp Sponsorship

If you are still interested in sponsoring a student to camp, whether it is full or part sponsorship, you can also use the link above using the reference, "Kids to Camp"

Teacher Only Day – Staff First Aid Training

On **Friday 20 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"*.

ICAS Exams (repeat notice)

On Tuesday the 3rd of September the ICAS exams commenced. This year all of the exams are undertaken online. The students are welcome to bring their own devices to use for all exams, however, they will need to check that their device is compatible with the testing. They can do this at the following link; [Device Compatibility Link](#). Also if the students are wanting to use their device for the Writing or Spelling Bee exams they need to have a locked-down browser downloaded onto their device. They are able to access the information about this using the above link also.

Below is the timetable for all six ICAS exams over the three weeks. It is important that all students are on time for the exams. There will be more details in the daily notices for the students prior to each of the exams.

If you have any questions please email Cherie Bolesworth, cherieb@ponsint.school.nz

Week 7	<u>Tuesday 3rd</u> <u>September</u>	<u>Wednesday 4th</u> <u>September</u>	<u>Thursday 5th</u> <u>September</u>	<u>Friday 6th</u> <u>September</u>
8:45 am start	Year 7 Digital Technology		Year 8 Science	Year 7 Science
11:00 am start		Year 8 Digital Technology		
Week 8	<u>Tuesday 10th</u> <u>September</u>	<u>Wednesday 11th</u> <u>September</u>	<u>Thursday 12th</u> <u>September</u>	
8:45 am start	Year 7 Writing	Year 8 Writing	Year 8 Spelling Bee	
11:00 am start			Year 7 Spelling Bee	
Week 9	<u>Tuesday 17th</u> <u>September</u>	<u>Wednesday 18th</u> <u>September</u>	<u>Thursday 19th</u> <u>September</u>	
8:45 am start	Year 7 English	Year 8 English	Year 8 Maths	
11:00 am start		Year 7 Maths		

Sports Update

Central Zone Cross Country

The sun was shining on the top 32 runners from Ponsonby Intermediate for the Central Zone Cross Country race held at Waiaura Reserve. The runners faced slightly different conditions to the school cross country, having to face wet, muddy and slippery conditions on the track, but we were there for a cross country and our athletes embraced it!

Every single Ponsonby runner made the school proud, leaving every ounce of effort they had out on the course.

Special mentions to Year 7 Boys Solomon Randerson (5th), Benjie Fairclough (8th), Year 8 Girl Amelie Kelly (3rd), Year 8 Boy Jack Erickson (1st), and the Year 8 Boys' team who placed second in the team event.

Solomon, Benjie, Amelie and Jack will be representing the school at the Inter-zone cross country race, held on Tuesday September 3rd out in Pukekohe.

A massive thank you to all the parents who came to support the Central Zone runners.

Ponsonby Intermediate Ski Teams

After weeks of training at Snow Planet during Term 2 and Term 3, the Ponsonby Intermediate Ski Teams headed down to the ski fields at Whakapapa last week to compete in the North Island Primary and Intermediate Schools Snow Sports Championships (NIPS). Despite only 1.5 days of skiing and 1 day of racing, the teams had a fun week and a great experience skiing together. They can all be very pleased with their team and individual efforts. Team 1 placed 3rd (behind St Kentigerns A and Diocesan) which is a fantastic result for the boys. Great results also for Hugo Morganti 6th and Louis Burling 8th who finished in the top 10 for the Giant Slalom. Support from parents has been amazing to ensure the skiing trip was a success - a group effort helping with administration, team managers, course assistants and chaperones. Thanks to Julie Dunn, Danny Beh and Gordon Horsley for their ongoing organisation and communication.

Team Results

Team 1 3rd - Hugo Morganti, Louis Burling, Stan Urlich, Reuben Adye, Jasper Stevenson

Team 2 18th - Jackson Clatworthy, Will Kueglar, Max Nicholson, Zachary Imrie, Oscar Armstrong

Team 3 23rd - Charli Dunn, Anna Horsley, Tom Jordon, Ameila Jones, Ethan Peak

Team 4 67th - Claudia Pool, George Lowe, Cooper Turner, Hunter Harkness, Jacob Calder-Thompson

Team 5 71st - Indigo Upton, Oliver Kennedy, Jaimie Curran

Giant Slalom Positions

Hugo 6, Louie 8, Stan 13, Jasper 21, Claudia 33, Charli 37, Max 43, Jackson 44, Tom 49, Reuben 59, Indigo 59, Amelia 61, Jamie 64, Oscar 78, Anna 102, Ethan 112, Will 115, Zach 132, George 189, Hunter 200, Jacob 212, Cooper DNF, Oliver DNS.

Good luck to the Snowboarders team - Louie Hardy, Fynn Mangan, Jacob Scott, Beck Siegers, Alfie Richards and Oliver McBride. They will be heading down to Turoa to compete in the North Island Primary and Secondary Schools Snowboard Competition from 23 - 25 September. *Watch this space for results.*





Tennis Achievements - Jamie Mackenzie – Tour of Europe

Last week, Jamie went to Europe to compete against some top class players. Just to give you a clue we are talking about number ones in Russia, Belgium, Romania, France and Germany.



Results:

Jamie finished 1st place in the first tournament winning singles and doubles in Belgium beating the number 1 in France 7/6, 6/3 to move on and play the number 1 in Belgium, playing the best match he felt he had ever played and won 6/2, 6/0. Then Jamie won the doubles with a non-speaking English partner winning the doubles 6/4, 6/2. He had to communicate by google translate and put it into Flemish.

In the second tournament Jamie was playing in Germany and won the 12&under singles fairly comfortably only dropping 12 games in 5 matches. In that same tournament he was playing 14&under and made semi-final and lost to the number 11 in Germany for 14s 7/6, 6/7, 7/6.

In the 3rd tournament Jamie was playing a 12&under in Germany still but he was playing a category 1 which is the best tournament you can find making quarterfinals and losing to the number 1 from Russia 7/5, 6/4. He came 3rd in doubles with an English partner losing to the number 1 and 7 in Germany 7/6, 6/7, 10/8.

Last tournament he was playing 12&under in category 1 and he had to play the number 2 in Germany first round and beat him 6/4 6/4 to go on and make quarters and lost to the number 1 Romanian 6/1, 4/6, 6/3.

Overall Jamie had a great trip with lots of success and hopes to carry it on.

By Jamie Mackenzie

CZ Girls' and Boy's Squash Tournament

On Thursday 22 August, Ponsonby Intermediate squash teams competed at the Central Zone Squash Tournament at the Remuera Rackets Club. This year schools could enter teams. Three players from each team competed, playing a match against the same ranked player from the opposing team. It was great to see so many students actively involved, cracking the squash ball around the courts and winning many well placed shots. Our girls' teams demonstrated their squash (and tennis) skills on court; highlights were watching the Ponsonby girls' teams playoff with each other as they challenged with strong serves, tricky shots and played some long rallies across the court. Excellent skills shown by the boys teams too! Students had loads of fun scoring games and cheering their team mates on during the matches. Thanks to our wonderful parent support, boys managers Debbie Hardy, Mary Hanna and girls manager - Ms Murray.

Team 1: Tess Bailey, Sofia Naran, Amelie Kelly

Team 2: Charli Dunn, Neve Dobson, Isla Smith.

Team 3: Maeve Pope, Eden Graves, Renee Cunningham.

Team 1: Rhys Hanna, Louis Hardy, Callum Rae

Team 2: Niko Clare, Stan Urlich, Theodore Wilson.

Team 3: Xavier Miller, Bailey Young, Tom Diamond Burkhardt.

Year 7, 8 Girls' Competition Results

1st - Ponsonby Team 1, 2nd - Ponsonby Team 2, 3rd - Ponsonby Team 3

Year 7, 8 Boys' Competition Results

3rd - Ponsonby Team 1, 6th - Ponsonby Team 2 (2nd in the Special Plate Competition)

13th - Ponsonby Team 3 (1st in the Consolation Plate)





Rhythmic Gymnastics

Pascale Rive, a Year 7 student from Room 25, entered the North Shore Primary and Intermediate Schools Rhythmic Gymnastics Competition on 21 August. She competed in the competition performing 2 routines- Ball and Hoop in the Stage 3 & 4 category (is currently in Stage 3) and achieved 2nd place overall. Pascale's rhythmic gymnastics group, who are all members from different schools, also used the competition as an opportunity to practice and perform their routines. Pascale has qualified again this year for Nationals in October held at the Trust Stadium in Auckland during the first week of the school holidays, competing in Individual and Group category. Pascale is working hard training for the Nationals event and really enjoys competing in her chosen sport. Well done Pascale, fantastic achievements !!



Orienteering Update - NZ Schools Orienteering Championship Results

Congratulations to all the Ponsonby Intermediate Orienteering teams who competed in the NZ Schools Orienteering Champs held over 3 days last week, 23 - 25 August. Comments from Mark Frater ... "There were about 400 competitors each day of the competition ranging from Year 7 through to Year 13. The weather wasn't always kind but this didn't dampen competitors' spirits. For many students, it was their first competition with forest orienteering, so good efforts for having a go at something new that was probably a bit outside their comfort zone. All students should be very proud of themselves!" Many thanks to Mark Frater for his organisation of the teams; thanks to parents' support, especially those who braved the 60km trip into the depths of the Woodhill Forest. Great results for the teams.

Long Event run in Woodhill Forest: Year 7/8 Boys Standard Grade - Max Armstrong 7th, Zac L'Ami 9th, Victor Coen 12th. Year 7/8 Boys Championship Grade - Charlie Frater - Mispunched.

Year 7/8 Girls Championship Grade - Ami McGowan 18th

Sprint Event held at Glenfield College: Year 7/8/ Girls - (81 Competitors) - Ami McGowan 20th, Ellen Thompson 46th. Year 7/8 Boys - (41 Competitors) - Charlie Frater 4th, Max Nicholson 13th, Zachary L-Ami 30th, Victor Coen 33rd. **Relay Event** in Woodhill Forest: Year 7/8 Boys Relay Team 1 - 4th place Jackson Clatworthy, Max Nicholson, Charlie Frater. Year 7/8 Boys Relay Team 2 - Mis-punched (Disqualified) Victor Coen, Zac L'Ami, Ethan Peak
Year 7/8 Girls Relay Team 1 - 12th place Charli Dunn, Maeve Pope, Ami McGowan



Water Polo Update

Sharks and Marlins were back in action this past weekend for the Tim Sonderer Intermediate Water Polo Tournament. Marlins had tough competition in the C Grade but managed to put some goals on the board and once again learnt a lot and played with Ponsonby Pride. The Sharks gave it their all and after winning three of their four pool games - with the fourth being a draw - they went through to the semi-final against Waikowhai coming out with a 9-3 win. Next up was the GOLD final against Pasadena on Sunday night. The Sharks fought hard against a well-oiled Pasadena team full of club players. They walked away with a Silver medal - excellent effort all round. Emerson Ivey was awarded the Sharks Most Valuable Player with Renee Cunningham picking up the Most Improved Player.

Both teams have their last league game this Friday night with the Sharks in the B Grade final against Auckland Normal Intermediate at Epsom Girls Grammar Aquatic Centre, 6.30pm. Free entry - all welcome. It will be a close one!



Hackathon

This fortnight, the Tech Experts, led by Jonathon Yu, are hosting Ponsonby Intermediate's second annual Hackathon 2019. 27 students have signed up and have been given the challenge of creating something digital with this two week time frame. In last year's event, students submitted Minecraft creations, games scripted in python and java, Scratch coded games, photoshop edited images among other ideas. The event concludes Friday 13th September. The Tech Experts and Mr Andy Wilson will go through the submissions and awards prizes later on this term.

Daffodil Day

On Friday 30th August, all students were encouraged to dress up in yellow and green and participate in a variety of activities organised by the Councillors, in order to raise money for the Cancer Society. Well done Ponsonby! We raised \$485 for this worthwhile cause. It was a fun day culminating with over 300 students dancing in the hall to Just Dance. Thank you to everyone who supported the Councillors' efforts.



Starting in Term 4, 2019, Head Held High classes will be available at Ponsonby Intermediate School on Mondays after school.

In an ever-changing and fast-paced, technology-addicted world, it can be difficult to guesstimate what skills our children need in order to prepare them for an uncertain future.

However, there is a bedrock set of skills that have always been essential throughout history, and will continue to be for all generations to come. That is; the skills that give us the ability to communicate, to be creative, and to have a grounded sense of self-confidence.

In a nutshell this is exactly the family of skills that Head Held High speech and drama lessons are designed to develop.

At Head Held High we use hundreds of fun games and imaginative scenarios in our lessons, to teach conversation skills, confident body language, respect for ourselves and others, how to relate positively to peers and adults, public speaking skills, good manners, and harnessing creativity. All blended into a programme that all types of students love and have fun being a part of!

In addition to all of the above, Head Held high students also have the opportunity to gain globally recognised qualifications by sitting Trinity College of London or NZ Speech Board examinations.

To enrol for your FREE trial lesson simply visit:

www.headheldhigh.co.nz/enrol-for-head-held-high/

Or, if you've got questions, we're happy to answer them! Simply email: kateimlach@headheldhigh.co.nz

Ponsonby Learning Pathway

Our Vision

Articulate, energised achievers; ready for the future

New Zealand Curriculum

Ponsonby Community

At Ponsonby Intermediate we value:

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.

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.

Making Connections:

As a member 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.

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 for, and support each other, inside and outside the classroom.

Personalising Our Path

Habits of Mind • Quality Learning Circle • Te Reo • Gifted and Talented • SMART Target Learning Journals • Positively Ponsonby • Inquiry Model • Specialist Teaching Ponsonby Passports • Student Council • Art/Culture Weeks • Direct Vocab Information Landscape • R.E.E.P. • E.O.T.C. • ESOL • S.S.R. • Options • Camps B-Cool • Reporting to Parents • Professional Development • Appraisal Tools for Learning • Planning • Overviews • Curriculum Reviews • Mentoring Keys to Success • Critical Thinking • Kori • Habits of Mind • SMART Targets

Key Competencies

Mathematics

- Thinking
- Using language symbols and text
- Managing Self

Humanities

- Thinking
- Relating to others
- Managing Self

English

- Thinking
- Using language symbols and text
- Managing Self

The Arts

- Thinking
- Managing Self
- Relating to Others

Technology

- Thinking
- Relating to Others
- Managing Self
- Participating and Contributing