

Important Dates

18 September

CZ Boys Volleyball

Year 8 HPV 2 Girls and
Boys- immunisations
Boostrix catch up Yr 7

Art Exhibition
Evening

19 September

CZ Girls Volleyball

20 September

TEACHER ONLY DAY

27 September

Last day of Term.
Out of Zone
Enrolments Close
4pm

14 October

Term 4 Starts

15 October

Camps depart
Ballot date

18 October

Camps return
between 1:30 - 3pm

28 October

LABOUR DAY

29 October

BoT Meeting

31 October

Rugby 7's Festival

Principal's Message

At the start of the term, I made the comment that in Term 3 we really see our academic curriculum come to the fore. Well, now at the end of term – how did we get on?

Every student completed a 3-minute speech and a novel study or wrote an original narrative. Our Pr1me mathematics and Manga-high programmes continued. Students continued with the specialist modular subjects and over 150 students participated in Science Fair, Mathex, ICAS Exams, Epro8 and the Lit Quiz (Term 2). All students were encouraged to complete the school cross-country.

Ponsonby is a mid-sized Intermediate school; there are plenty of significantly larger, high decile intermediate schools in Auckland. The results our school achieved this term in the Auckland-wide academic competitions are simply stunning.

NIWA Science Fair: 1st Platinum Award – Zephyr Bird.
(9 Ponsonby entries, 9 awards)

Literacy Quiz: 2nd (*by half a point!*)

Mathex Quiz: 3rd in Year 7 at 100% and Year 8 also at 100%

We also need to acknowledge you as parents, the local primary schools, the talented Ponsonby staff and our dedicated students - all contributing factors to this outstanding success.

Clearly, what we do here works! The “Ponsonby Experience” is a deliberate and carefully planned two-year programme with a strong focus on pastoral care and student well-being.

Nick Wilson

Principal

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Auckland NIWA Science and Technology Fair

On Thursday the 5 September NIWA held its annual Science and Technology Fair's prize giving. Our students did incredibly well. We are extremely proud of them.

The results are listed below:

- Zephyr Bird (Room 23) - First in Planet Earth and Beyond and The Platinum Award NIWA Auckland Prize for best exhibit in Atmospheric and Water Science (best in show in other words) for his project ***Another One Bites The Dust.***
- Agam Aharon (Room 17) - Second in Technology and a Gold Award - Dodd Walls Centre for Photonic and Quantum Technologies Prize for her project ***Spectro Petronum.***
- Charlie Frater and Oscar Paterson (room 23) - Third in Technology and a Gold Award - Photon Factory Award for Technology - Years 7 & 8 for their project ***Lost In Translation.***
- Genevieve Cartmell - Highly Commended in Technology and a Gold Award - Photon Factory Award for Technology Years 7 & 8 for her project ***Water Way Warden.***
- Flo Rodgers (Room 23) - Highly Commended for her project in The Living World category - ***Climate Change Versus Crops.***

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”*.

Showcase Invite – Rooms 6, 13, 16, 23 & 26

Parents are invited to view some of the work that our students have been doing in Performing Arts and Music this term. Rooms 6, 16 and 26 will be performing at Music Assembly this Thursday 19th September at 1.30 and Rooms 13 and 23 will perform at Music Assembly 26th September at 1.30pm.

Enrolments for 2020 – closing soon

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 at 4:00pm.**

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 – 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 Int. School – Thursday 21 November – 9:00am – 10:15am.

Camp – Important Information

Firstly, a friendly reminder that fees of \$290 are due this Friday. Any concerns regarding this payment, please contact your child’s form teacher or the office.

Each camp will have a specific time that they need to be at school before departure. Your child will be made aware of this time at the end of term and again on the Monday before departure. It is important that they are on time so that the camps can leave as scheduled.

All camps return back to Ponsonby at around 2pm Friday 18th October, depending on traffic. You will need to organise for your child to be picked up from school. Students who do not have a ride home with a parent or caregiver will be required to wait in the library until 3:05 where they will have teacher supervision.

If you have any questions regarding camp, please contact your child's form teacher.

Black and White Social



Ponsonby students were treated to an amazing 'Black and White' Social last Thursday. We raised some more funds for our 'Kids to Camp' sponsorship so students can attend camp in Term 4.

A special thank you to Mrs Fiddian and the Councillors who worked incredibly hard organising the whole event and doing an outstanding job of decorating the hall.

Our next social will be for our Year 8 students on their last day to celebrate their graduation.

Sports Update

Netball

Ponsonby Intermediate Year 7 and Year 8 netball teams have finished the season at Netball North Harbour (NNH), ending Thursday 29 August. This season our Year 7 teams were smartly represented wearing the new Ponsonby Int. netball uniform (see below) and in 2020 we'll see both year levels in this uniform. Throughout the 15 week season players have had fun participating, building on their netball experience and competitive skills while gaining great camaraderie with their teammates. Feedback from coaches, managers and parents has been really positive about their team's commitment with one coach commenting to say *"They were so passionate and enthusiastic and came together as a team! I never once witnessed any player being singled out by the others, they treated each other with respect and played because they really enjoyed it, not just to win. Their social interaction after the game was a true delight to witness as they had a good laugh over their hot chocolates and chips. I will miss being a part of the scene. They were simply awesome and a pleasure to coach! Thanks for the opportunity to get involved as a coach even though I knew little about netball."* Well done Ponsonby Intermediate netball teams, fantastic efforts! Huge thanks to parents - coaches, managers, umpires and supporters for making this a successful netball season.

NNH Final Grade results:

Year 8/1 - 2nd Grade 2 Championship, Y8/2 - 5th Grade 3 Flight, **Y8/3 - 3rd Grade 5 Championship**, Y8/4 - 3rd Grade 6 Flight, **Y8/5 - 1st Grade 6 Championship**, Y8/6 - 5th Grade 8 Flight. Year 7/1 - 5th Grade 1 Flight, Y7/2 - 5th= Grade 3 Flight, **Y7/3 - 2nd Grade 4 Championship**, Y7/4 - 5th Grade 5 Flight, Y7/5 -6th Grade 7 Flight.

Congratulations Year 8/1, Year 8/5 and Year 7/3 teams who receive awards at NNH Prizegiving.



Water Polo

Ponsonby Intermediate water polo teams - Sharks and Marlins have been competing in the Central League Water Polo competition this year. Both teams have had a successful season with players continuing to extend their experience and positional skills in the game. On Friday 6 September, the Sharks team made it into the B Grade Finals to play off for the Gold medal at the Central League Water Polo Championships held at Epsom Girls Grammar Aquatic Centre. They were up against Auckland Normal Intermediate. Sharks Coach Deborah Somerville was out of town, so two ex-Ponsonby Intermediate students Ethan Ivey and Edie Ancell stepped in to coach them through the game. The team were very keen to claim the Gold, having taken out the Silver medal in the previous weekend's Tim Sonderer Tournament against Pasadena Intermediate. The players didn't disappoint, demonstrating tight defence, great goal-saving and sharp shooting into their opponent's goal from all areas of the pool. It was a super close game, exciting to watch and a proud moment for the Sharks as they took out the game 6-4, GOLD medal winners! The Sharks were robustly supported by Co-managers Michelle Dowd and Robyn Ancell, parents, friends and family. It also lifted the players' game to see Sports teachers Ms Murray and Mr Jardine on the sideline cheering them on too. Congratulations to both water polo teams for their outstanding efforts this season.

Sharks: Ike Ancell, Theodore Wilson, Cohen-Jones Taylor, Emerson Ivey, Luc John, Ryder Ivey, Renee Cunningham, Lara Hoey, Benji Meyburg and Jasper Stevenson.

Marlins: Co-Coaches Sofia Gorman and Briar Hollick, Joe , Noah Curtis, Noah Farman, Maddie Elvis, Aleeza Shahab, James , Tom , Hugo , Bruno , Phoebe , Naomi Amarasingham-Young, Benjie Fairclough.



Sailing

Edward Gravit, Levi Jenkins, Mirai and Hinata Arao represented Ponsonby Intermediate at the NZ Intermediate Schools Sailing Regatta held recently in Tauranga.

Thanks to Jonathan Gravit for his wrap up on the event - weather conditions were light to moderate, but with a cold wind, and rain on the second day this proved challenging for the boys and there were a number of retirements over the regatta. There were 62 Optimists sailing. Mirai (Year 8) and Hinata (Year 7) sailed in the same fleet, with Mirai just missing out to make Gold fleet in qualifying. He went on to sail very well on the last day of Finals to finish 1st = in the Silver fleet, however placed 2nd on countback. Hinata also had a great last day and ended up in a 3 way tie for 3rd to finish 4th on countback.

Year 8 students Edward Gravit and Levi Jenkins sailed in the O'Pen Skiff division. This wasn't their regular boat, and because of the weather, both sailors had only been in the yachts twice before the Regatta. In a fleet of 35 boats Levi finished 9th and Edward 16th, with Ponsonby 2nd team. The winner had finished 2nd in the Worlds earlier in the year.



Auckland Swim League

Ponsonby Intermediate swimmers teamed up in Term 3 to compete in the Auckland Swimming League. They were a committed group, often juggling between other sports - rugby, football, waterpolo - to attend the competition races. The team finished 4th overall and were really pleased with holding onto this position as they were a mix of swimmers - confident and novice, competing against many experienced club swimmers. Many thanks to Myriam Crosswell for her organisation to recruit swimmers and be there poolside with parents, all supporting and encouraging them (loudly). Shout out to the swim team for their determined efforts.

Y8 Girls/Boys: Hereata Crosswell, Frede Ancell, Eva Glengarry, Ike Ancell, Noah Curtis, Joel Blijlevens.

Year 7 Girls/Boys: Lucie Harrison, Emma Wallace, Jessica Webb, Isabella Noakes, Vyshnavi Panchumarthi

Phones at School

Just a friendly reminder that students are required to hand in their phones to their form teachers at 8:35am. If you could remind your child of this school policy it would be greatly appreciated. This policy is in place to keep students focussed on their learning and safe online during school hours.

Student Options Choices – Term 4

Cultural Games: Mr Wannamaker - Room 1 Enjoy sport or playing games? In this option we explore games from other cultures through active participation. So if you learn through doing and are open to new and exciting sports, sign up!	Create Your Own Christmas Wreath: Mrs R Wilson- Room 2 If you enjoy craft then this is the Option for you. We will be making a Christmas wreath from cardboard, a large range of Christmas wrap and many different craft materials, be as creative as you can!
Chess: Miss Rawstron- Interact Do you want to have fun and meet new and interesting people? If so, the Chess option could be for you. The game of Chess involves a test of your patience, nerves, will-power and concentration. It enhances your ability to interact with other people. It tests your sportsmanship in a competitive environment. The more you practice, the better you'll become.	I Need More Drama In My Life: Mrs Cullen - Room 6 Do you wish you could still do drama even though it is not your term for Performing Arts? This option is for those budding actors who wish to work on the craft of acting.
I can Animate! : Mr Curtis- Room 7 Good at drawing, have creative ideas and enjoy computers. Then this option could be for you. We will explore a program called 'I can animate' to draw 2D animations and 3d stop motion to create lego motion and clay-mation. You'll need patience and persistence to produce your take home MP4 animation.	Comic Book Making : Mr Rishworth - Room (TBC) Are you into comic books? Always wanted to design and write your own? Get inspired to draw, layout and write your own comic strips, with the end goal to develop your own digital comic book.
Crafting Crazy: Miss Howie - Room 9 Do you like to get crafty? This could be the option for you! We will experiment with a range of different activities each week.	Song writing: Miss Valintine - Room 12 Do you love music? Do you ever think about creating a song like your favourite musician? In this course we will explore how different artists and songwriters write lyrics and use chords to make a song come alive. You will need to be able to play a few basic chords and enjoy writing poetry or raps. .
Cartooning: Mr de La Haye - Room 13 If you have a passion for drawing, this could be the course for you! No prior experience necessary. We will cover the	Card Games: Mrs Marsick - Room 15 Would you like to learn the many card games I learnt from my Grandad? Rummy, Trumps, 500, Samba... A

history and basics of cartoon drawing from ancient until modern times. You will learn step by step, how to draw many famous characters and will have the opportunity to create your own.	fun way to spend the afternoon learning new games and reliving the past.
Game Creation: Mr Jardine - Basketball Court Term 4, time for some fun in the sun! Get creative, make a game, play it, repeat. Too easy. Maybe you'll see your game being played during the next rec rotation?	String Art: Miss Richardson - Room 18 Come along to the art room and create some amazing geometric art using string! You will need to have good coordination and some patience, but will make an amazing looking artwork.
3D Design and Printing: Mr Wilson - Room 19 Welcome to the future! We will be designing in 3D and printing on our newly updated school 3D printers. This option is open to both Year 7 and Year 8 students.	Scrapbooking: Miss Cooney- Room 20 You will be creating your very own scrapbook, to hold all your important memorabilia.
Book Club: Miss Smith - Library Do you love to read? Do you live to escape into different worlds and meet new and interesting characters? In book club we will discover, discuss and review books and of course READ.	Eco Jewellery: Mrs Lane - Room 22 Would you like to make Eco jewellery, or sustainable jewellery, that uses sustainable resources, recycled and upcycled materials, and which is made using ethical practices that respect people and planet? This is the class for you. Everything provided.
The Ponsonby Press / Yearbook: Mrs Dunn - Room 23 Students preselected for this option	Handcraft: Ms Orr - Room 24 Enjoy handcraft. We will be making banana plushies and follow on with other hand crafts.
Armchair Travel: Mrs McCullagh - Room 25 Got a holiday coming up, dreaming about places you would like to go to? Want to know what a travel agent does? Design holidays with a presentation to sell it to the group. There is a prize for the winning holiday design!	Filmmaking: Ms Busch - Room 28 Do you love film and television? Do you want to be involved in the process, but not in front of the camera? Come and learn about the world of film from behind the scenes. Then create and present your own film using cameras and video editing software.
More Math Madness: Ms Edwards - Interact Do you LOVE Mathematics? Are five periods of Math a week not enough for you? Do you look forward to the next Otago Problem Solving Challenge like primary school children look forward to Santa? Do you go to bed hoping you dream about Mathematics? If you answered YES to these questions then this is the option for you. We will immerse ourselves in Marvellous Mathematics.	Crazy Sports: Mr Bennie - Field Choose this option if you like playing hard out sports. We will be playing lots of new and unique games. All you need is a drink bottle, your fitness uniform and a 'fairplay attitude'!
Touch Typing: Mrs Maitland-Smith - HUB Come and learn how to type without using the sense of sight to find the keys. You will learn the useful skill of Touch Typing using Interactive learning games and speed.	Softball: Mrs Murray - Field (by office) Have a passion for playing in a team and hitting a home run? Then softball is your sport. Enjoy being outdoors, having the freedom to run bases and show off your catching, throwing, batting and umpiring skills. Competing for house points will be lots of fun - Sign up now!!
Girls' Yoga: Nicci - Room 26 Learn Yoga with a professional instructor. Mats, straps, blocks etc all provided. Gain an understanding of body awareness, improved alignment or posture, strength and stamina.	Martial Arts: Taku - Room 3 Do you want to learn Kempo Karate and Kung-Fu by a master? It is a highly effective art that revolves around strong stances and utilises both short and long-range hand and foot techniques. Including self-defence sets, Karate and Kung-Fu stances, hand and foot techniques, leadership traits.
Quizzes Galore : Miss Athy-Timmins - Room (TBC) Do you have a wide general knowledge? Are you interested in trivial facts? If the answer is yes, come join me and	•

experience the world of knowledge in a fun and competitive way.	
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Head Held High Programme

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



Mental Health Awareness Week

The Positively Ponsonby Reps are running a series of activities each lunchtime to promote good well-being practice across our school. Each day will explore one side of the Whare tapa wha, the model we use at school to show our Hauora.

There will be a range of activities such as a mini planting project, mindfulness, games, and much more. This could be a great way to explore well-being as a whanau!

MHAW 23 - 29 SEPTEMBER 2019



Mt. Albert Grammar School



Enrolments for Year 8 students in 2020: Please enrol on line using the 'Enrolment' link on the MAGS website www.mags.school.nz.

Please note: Class and Options for 2020 are filling fast and it is critical that our In-Zone enrolments for 2020 are received as soon as possible to ensure students are able to take their preferred option choices. Parents will also appreciate that enrolment information and numbers are also important to assist with staffing decisions for 2020.

MAGS Academic Testing times

Year 8 Girls - Tuesday 5 November - 9.00am-12.00pm (approximately)

Year 8 Boys - Wednesday 6 November - 9.00am-12.00pm (approximately)

MAGS Year 9 Sports Academies Trials (after a brief lunch break)

Year 8 Girls - Tuesday 5 November - 12.30pm-2.30pm

Year 8 Boys - Wednesday 6 November - 12.30pm-2.30pm

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
Kaitiaki Takekōwhiri o Te Kaitiaki Takekōwhiri



Get your kids offline and on the track





For all 9-13 year old BeYOUtiful young women
1 day school holiday workshops

Monday 30 September 2019

9am-3pm

<https://www.facebook.com/events/612081959320643/>

Investment \$55

Friday 11 October 2019 9am-3pm

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2052615598177581/>

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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