

## Important Dates

### 4 February

Meet the Teacher  
Evening – 6pm

### 6 February

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No School

### 7 February

Events/Activities  
Expo - 12:30pm

### 11 February

BOT Meeting – 6pm

### 12 February

EOTC Starts

### 13 February

Options Starts

### 18 February

Central Zone  
Girls Tennis

### 20 February

Central Zone  
Boys Tennis

World Challenge  
Parents Evening

### 20 February

Swimming Sports  
Pt. Erin Pools

### 25 February

Central Zone  
Boys Softball

### 27 February

Central Zone  
Girls Softball

## Principal's Message

Welcome to Ponsonby Intermediate School 2020.

Meet the Teacher evening is on tonight Tuesday 4 February, at 6:00pm (car parking on the school field). Please assemble in the School Hall.

On Friday 7 February we hold the "Ponsonby Events/Activities Expo" from 12:30pm – 1:20pm. This event is designed to give students and parents information about all the events on offer this year. You will find information about the Library, Skiing teams, Rock bands, and the other "thousands" of experiences we have on offer (parking on the field).

Ideally all students would have arrived with all their stationery on the first day. Please visit the school website for the stationery list and a copy of the Parents' Handbook (link below).

<https://www.ponsonbyintermediate.school.nz/enrolment/>

Included is a list of Options we are offering in Term 1, please discuss with your child as they will be making choices later this week.

Finally, I have included information about the school costs and donation. It is important to note that the school will not pester you for ongoing requests of money. With school aged children myself, I find it frustrating when schools constantly ask for - bus fares, photocopy fees, art club supplies etc. I trust this one-off payment will suit your modern family.

**Nick Wilson**

**Principal**

## In this week's issue...

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## Student Safety

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At the front gate on Clarence Street there are painted yellow lines which indicate that there should be no stopping or parking. These lines are there for reasons of safety. We also have a teacher on duty at the gate for safety reasons. While the majority of parents have proven to be responsible and have not picked up their children on these yellow lines there have been incidents when the teacher on duty has had to remind people about the existence of the yellow lines and the need for caution.

**Clarence Street gets very busy at 3:05pm with children being picked up. This situation turns into a traffic jam on wet days, with the whole street getting blocked up. A very dangerous situation for hundreds of children exiting the school all at once.**

There are alternatives to picking up your child at the front gate at 3:05pm. Firstly, we have a rear car park at the bottom of Sheehan Street where there is far less traffic. Your child could meet you there. Another idea is to avoid the 'Rush' altogether, which only ever lasts 10 minutes, and pick your child up 10 – 15 minutes later than usual.

The main car park on Clarence Street cannot be used for picking up or dropping off children.

## 2020 Costs

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### **NB: Subject to review**

To maintain the high standard of facilities and the educational opportunities/programmes our school now offers, it is necessary to supplement the grant we receive from the Ministry of Education with specific funding via student costs. The Ministry of Education grant does not provide for any of the 'extras' or 'frills' of the educational programme/resources we provide.

We are very aware of the expenses facing parents/caregivers at the beginning of the school year. We have therefore tried to keep costs as low as possible. We are also aware that schools have a terrible habit of asking for money throughout the year for various reasons and know that this becomes an inconvenience for parents/caregivers.

For 2020 we pledge that the total cost asked for now will cover all costs for the entire year's activities/trips with the exception of the Term 4 Class Camp. However there are additional costs for activities such as – Ski Team, Hockey, Netball, Basketball, ICAS exam etc...

Yes, that is correct! We will not ask for money for trips, fundraising activities, educational excursions etc...

Below is a breakdown of costs. The total amount is \$580.00 for the year or \$145.00 per term.

We thank you for your support and trust this format of payment makes it easier for you.

Activity costs are expenses that all schools would collect at the beginning of the year and for such things as Special Events/Trips, Special Programmes, etc. and throughout the year as events occur.

School Donation is optional although we obviously encourage you to pay this and appreciate it greatly if you do. School Donations can be claimed back on your annual tax return.

Costs and Donations can be paid by Automatic Payment, Credit card, Term by Term or the total for the year

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**We offer a 5% discount on the full amount of \$580.00 if paid before the end of March 2020.**

Sports and Ed. Outside the Classroom	\$50.00
Special Events/Trips	\$50.00
Options Modules	\$50.00

Printing (including School Magazine)	\$40.00
The Arts	\$50.00
Internet Levy	\$50.00
Transport	\$30.00
Technology	\$110.00
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Activity Costs	<b>\$430.00</b>
School Donation	<b>\$150.00</b>
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Total Per Year	<b>\$580.00</b>
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## Coronavirus (Repeat Notice)

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As you will have seen in the media the situation is rapidly evolving internationally concerning the Coronavirus.

This is a new virus and its specific nature is currently unclear, however it appears that you can have the virus at an early stage and not be showing any symptoms. This incubation period is currently considered to be 14 days.

Children and Teachers are currently returning to classrooms. The health of students and staff is a priority for all.

**For any student, staff member or parent/caregiver who may be at high risk of exposure because they have recently been to China or have been in close contact with someone confirmed with the virus, we ask that these persons delay the start of their school year for 14 days and voluntarily stay away from school.**

*Should the situation change in any way, we will work with the Ministry of Health to provide you with the relevant information as soon as it becomes available.*

Please do continue to refer to the Ministry of Health's information page on their website. It will be updated as new information comes to hand. [Novel coronavirus \(2019-nCoV\) guidance – Ministry of Health website](#)

MFAT also has useful information for you if you are considering travel - <https://www.safetravel.govt.nz/>

Some key messages from our school are;

- *Ponsonby Intermediate is closely monitoring information being provided by Ministry of Health, in regard to the Coronavirus*
- *the risk of an outbreak in New Zealand is currently low and Health's current advice is that there is no specific action to be taken at this time*
- *just to reaffirm, there are no cases of the virus in New Zealand currently*
- *should the situation change, as we do with other infectious diseases such as measles, mumps and influenza, we will follow our pandemic plan for managing the illness*
- *included in there is some advice (for travellers) to help reduce the general risk of infection:*
  - *avoiding very close contact with people showing symptoms*
  - *frequently washing hands*
  - *avoiding close contact with sick live farm animals or wild animals*
  - *practicing cough etiquette (maintain distance, cover coughs and sneezes with disposable tissues or clothing, and wash hands).*
- *the Ministry of Health will continue to update that content, as further information becomes available*

## Information sent home

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Over the last few days you will have received the following information from your child:

- **Friday 31st January: EOTC Medical and Parent help information**
- **Monday 3rd February: BYOD and Cyber Safety Contract**
- **Tuesday 4th February: Keeping Safe on-line and Bullying Prevention Policies and Procedures**

Please check their bags if you haven't received this information. You will need read through this and send back the appropriate forms.

Form teachers will be going through each of these with your child, but we encourage you to spend time looking at them together.

## Education Outside the Classroom (E.O.T.C)

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All Year 8 classes will be attending their first EOTC trip on Wednesday 12th February. The Year 7's will be going on their first on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February. Our 5 trips for 2020 are: Auckland Museum, MOTAT, Circability, Parnell Bath and Jump. Classes may also be booking in an extra trip to Pt Erin Pools to make the most of this great weather.

Our EOTC programme focuses on experiences outside the classroom with a literacy component. The more active and risk taking activities will be happening when the students go on camp in Term 4.

If you are available to help on any of these trips please contact your child's form teacher. All the information about EOTC and when the trips are will be in your child's Student Planner and the form that they brought home last Friday.

## Swimming Sports

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**Our School Swimming Sports will be held at Point Erin Pools, Thursday 20 February.**

### **Year 7 Classes:**

Assemble on the Basketball Court at 8.35am – walk to Point Erin Pools where the programme begins at 9.00am.

***Year 7 students will finish the programme at 12:00pm, have lunch at Point Erin Park and wait until the Year 8 students have entered the pool.***

### **Year 8 Classes:**

Assemble on the Basketball Court 11:00am at the end of Interval. Walk to Point Erin Pools where the programme starts at 12:15pm. Finish at 2.30pm and walk back to school.

### **All Students will need:**

Togs, Towel, Sweater or Rain jacket, Sunhat, Sunscreen, Lunch and their drink bottle.

Finals will be held in Backstroke, Breaststroke and Freestyle. All events are 33 metres in length, apart from 100m Freestyle. There are 2 fun races if time allows. All students are encouraged to enter at least 2 events, and will accumulate House Points.

If your child cannot participate in the Swimming Sports, please make sure you have organised a note that is to be given to the form teacher on the morning of the event.

There is no use of the Point Erin Tuck-shop, no chewing gum, energy drinks, fizzy drinks, and no glass bottles to be taken. Full programme at the end of this newsletter.

## Sports Trials

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**Tennis and Softball** trials have already commenced during week 2, as our first Central Zone tournament days are fast approaching. Students need to be checking the Daily Notices every morning and should be using their Student Planners to take note of when their trials are. We will have more sporting information available at the Expo this Friday.

**Netball** trials start next week as follows:

Year 8: Monday 10 February, Year 7: Tuesday 11 February, Backup trial: Thursday 13 February. Trials will be held at school during lunchtimes 12:15pm - 1:30pm on the top courts.

Netball North Harbour Competition days are Year 7 - Tuesdays and Year 8 - Thursdays.

After trials and teams are selected there will be a Parent/Player meeting scheduled for the organisation of team coaches/managers; further information will be given about the 2020 netball season.

**Table Tennis Club** starts Monday 10 February from 3:20 - 4:00pm in the school Tech Dome. This is run by coaches from the Auckland Table Tennis Association. An information letter is coming out for students to join up.

### **Auckland Schools Orienteering Series**

Students who are keen to get involved in orienteering can enter the Auckland Schools Orienteering Series by entering the Year 7 and 8 Intermediate section. Check out the website: <https://www.lacticturkey.co.nz/schoolsorienteeing/>

## School Lateness

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If your child is going to be late to school, we require a note explaining the reason for their lateness. This note should be written in the Student Planner if possible or emailed to the form teacher. This system is very important for tracking students and is to ensure students are safe and arriving to school on time. There are a number of important admin tasks that take place during form-time and it is an opportunity for students to see what is happening for the day and what is coming up.

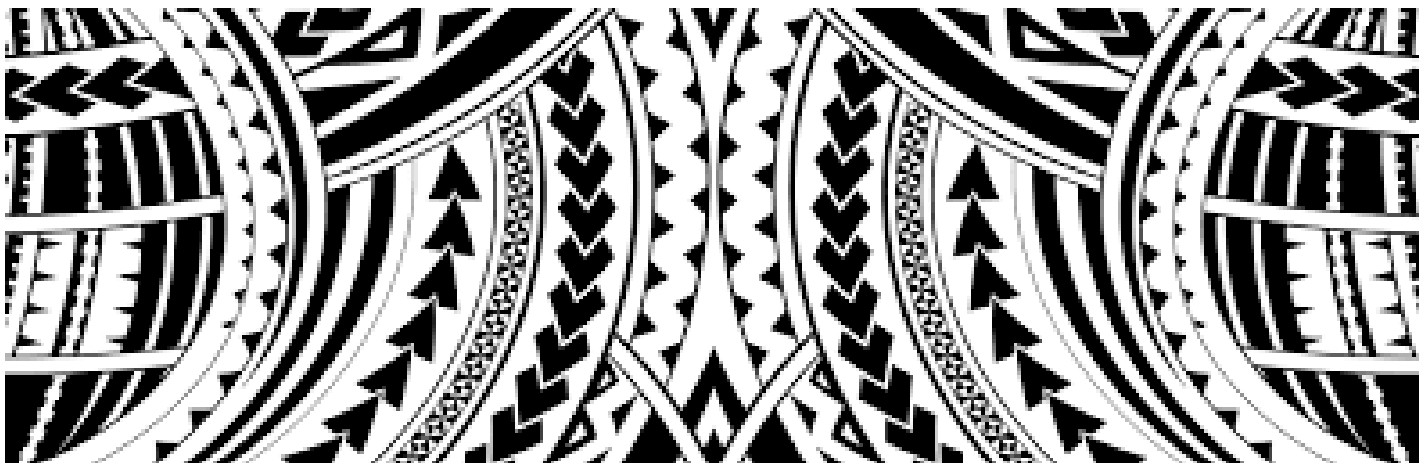
If a student is late and does not have a note explaining their absence we will contact the parents or caregivers.

We would greatly appreciate your cooperation with reinforcing this system so we can ensure our students are not missing out on any opportunities that Ponsonby has to offer.

## Pasifika Group

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Are you are someone (or know someone) that could help support a Pasifika dance / culture group at our school? We have some keen students who would love to dance and express their culture within our community. We can be flexible with times, and negotiate that with you, but would perhaps like it to be once a week. Get in touch with Rachel at [rachelms@ponsint.school.nz](mailto:rachelms@ponsint.school.nz)



## Library

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The library is now open for borrowing. The students can take three books out at a time for a period of two weeks.

## Options Term 1

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<p><b>Cultural Games: Mr Wannamaker - Room 1</b> 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!</p>	<p><b>Explore NZ: Mrs R Wilson- Room 2</b> If you want to learn more about NZ, then this is the Option for you. We will learn about the different towns and cities in NZ, where they are located on the NZ map and why different towns/cities are unique and special. We will also focus on famous New Zealanders, now and in the past. Lastly you will plan a holiday for a group of tourists to a town or city in NZ.</p>
<p><b>GLEE Club: Mr Rodricks - Room 3</b> Have you got the moves like Jagger? The charisma of Bruno Mars or the vocals of Beyonce? Well join us as we use our talents to recreate iconic moments from Taytay to Gaga. No experience? No worries.</p>	<p><b>It's a Small World: Mrs Cullen - Room 6</b> Do you often wonder what it is like for kids your age around the world? Do they go to school or are their families like yours? We are all protected by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights but not everyone enjoys life as we know it in New Zealand. In this option we will explore the lives of children less fortunate than us and find ways to help them in some small way from New Zealand.</p>



<p><b>I can Animate! : Mr Curtis- Room 7</b> Bring your ideas and stories to life by creating your own animations using computer programs such as Stykes and I can Animate</p>	<p><b>Art Alphabet: Miss Howie - Room 9</b> Do you like drawing? Do you enjoy knowing you have helped others? Come learn how we can join these two things together.</p>
<p><b>Sign Language: Miss Soppet - Room 13</b> Come and learn the 12th most spoken language in New Zealand, without having to say a word! This option will cover a variety of topics such as: how to introduce yourself, sports, food, animals and much more! Everyone welcome!</p>	<p><b>Librarians: Mrs Marsick - Library</b> This is for the School Librarians who have already been selected. PLEASE NOTE: This Option is only for the selected Librarians.</p>
<p><b>Basketball: Mr Jardine - Basketball Court</b> Come and play some basketball under our new shade canopy. All abilities welcome</p>	<p><b>Song Writing: Miss Valentine - Room 18</b> Do you often wonder how some of your favourite musicians create songs? This option is all about songwriting. You will learn all about the basic elements of writing lyrics and melody.</p>
<p><b>3D Design and Printing: Mr Wilson - Room 19</b> 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.</p>	<p><b>Scrapbooking: Miss Cooney- Room 20</b> You will be creating your very own scrapbook, to hold all your important memorabilia.</p>
<p><b>Stop-motion film making: Mrs Spencer - Library</b> Using a HUGE lego collection including Harry Potter, Star Wars, Spiderman, Batman and Bionicle figures we will write, create and make stop motion movies.</p>	<p><b>Kids' Lit Quiz: Mrs Dunn - Room 21</b> Do you love reading? Love quizzes and love prizes? Then join the Ponsonby Kids' Lit training squad. Last year more than 50 students applied for 8 spots to take part in Term 2's Kids' Lit Quiz competition. Ponsonby came 2nd by 1/2 point out of over 60 schools. Can we take out the top prize this year???</p>
<p><b>Glass beading and jewellery design: Ms Leung - Room 24</b> Using 3D geometries and patterns; design and create jewellery and ornaments.</p>	<p><b>Mindful Mandalas: Mrs McCullagh - Room 25</b> If you crave some down time and are curious by nature, join me in Rm25 where we will practice some relaxing art activities. We can spend time discussing the world around us and what's important to you (or just listening if that's your style). You might even learn some new skills like slow viewing, mindfulness and diaphragmatic breathing (don't worry, its painless!).</p>
<p><b>Chess: Ms Busch - Room 28</b> Are you interested in playing one of the most popular games in the world? Are you interested in pitting your skills against other players? Then the chess option is for you. Players of ALL abilities welcome.</p>	<p><b>Math Games: Ms Edwards - Interact</b> Come and learn some games that require mathematical thought and skill. We will play some games as a class and others in small groups.</p>
<p><b>Rugby Clinic: Mr Bennie - Field</b> If you are an enthusiastic rugby player and want to improve your skills then this is the option for you. All you need is a mouth guard and a positive mindset!</p>	<p><b>Touch Typing: Mrs Maitland-Smith - HUB</b> 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.</p>
<p><b>Softball: Mrs Murray - Field (by office)</b> Come along and make up teams to play softball. Rules can be modified to support all</p>	<p><b>Stretching and Pilates: Miss Gibbins- Field (by office)</b> Come along and increase your flexibility while also building your strength. Great for Cheerleaders, Dancers, Gymnasts and keen sports people!</p>

capabilities and learn more about this summer sport.	
<b>Mr N Wilson: Hard-out Sports - Top courts</b> Sports extension and enrichment. Different styles of sport that will test all your skills. Teamwork and persistence necessary. Not for the faint-hearted, you must be prepared to go HARD every week!	



# Swimming Sports 2020 – 20 February Programme

**9:00am – Year 7 Programme starts**

**12:15am – Year 8 Programme starts**

## Heats

<b>Event</b>	<b>Grade</b>	
100m Freestyle	Boys	(Straight final)
100m Freestyle	Girls	(Straight final)
33m Backstroke	Boys	
33m Backstroke	Girls	
33m Freestyle	Boys	
33m Freestyle	Girls	
33m Breaststroke	Boys	
33m Breaststroke	Girls	
33m Butterfly	Boys	(Straight final)
33m Butterfly	Girls	(Straight final)
33m Running Race	Boys	(If time allows)
33m Running Race	Girls	(If time allows)

## Finals

<b>Event</b>	<b>Grade</b>	
33m Backstroke	Boys	
33m Backstroke	Girls	
33m Breaststroke	Boys	
33m Breaststroke	Girls	
33m Freestyle	Boys	
33m Freestyle	Girls	
Class Relay	2 Boys and 2 Girls	Form Teacher organises Team



PONSONBY INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

## SPEECH & DRAMA LESSONS

### WHO?

Open to all Ponsonby Intermediate School students.

### WHEN?

Lessons are held after school at Ponsonby Intermediate School, on Mondays.

### WHERE?

Ponsonby Intermediate School

### LESSONS INCLUDE...

- Public speaking skills
- Acting skills
- Positive body language
- Speech writing & delivery
- Vocal skills
- Poetry recital
- Reading aloud
- Manners & relationship skills
- Building self-esteem & confidence

We also offer professional qualifications through our association with NZ Speech Board and Trinity College of London.

#### For more information

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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](http://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](mailto: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