

Principal's Message

We wanted to give you a quick update on what we are doing under Alert Level 3.

Our Remote Learning is working well. While it will certainly have challenges for you at home balancing work and care for your children, we are getting a lot of great feedback too. The month of May is traditionally **New Zealand Music Month**. So this week's programme for the students has a common theme woven through it.

Hopefully, this will be engaging for you too! At the top of my play list is always Dave Dobbyn, Salmonella Dub and the Exponents. However, your children may be more into Ponsonby local, Bennee who is a Tik Tok sensation...beware of "colourful" language. Look out for Friday's PPTV/Assembly episode, I'm sure the talented staff here will come up with something interesting!

On that note of video messages and following on from the statement in the previous newsletter, video from your child's teacher is regular – Monday, Wednesday, Friday (PPTV). You probably received an email recently from the class teacher. The intent of this message to you, as the parent, along with the video message to the students, is designed as a team effort to help you out, if (like me) you have a child at home who needs a gentle nudge to engage more in the Ponsonby Remote Learning package.

Our "bubble programme" at school has been very successful and safe. As I said last week, should you need to send your child to school, please let the office know by 2pm the day before.

I am looking forward to the potential of Alert Level 2. At this stage we still do not know what the guidelines for schools are, however, I can assure you the Ponsonby Experience will be safe, well planned and include a wide range of opportunities.

All the best out there,

Nick Wilson
Principal

Online Mathematical Olympiad

The inaugural New Zealand Online Mathematical Olympiad (NZOMO) is taking place on Saturday 9th May 2020, from 2:00pm to 4:15pm NZT. Students will have 2 hours to attempt 10 problems.

The competition is targeted at capable New Zealand students in Years 8 to 11. There will be two divisions: the Junior Division for Year 8 and 9 students; and the Intermediate Division for Year 10 and 11 students. Younger students may enter the Junior Division, but may find it challenging. Students from other countries may also participate, but will be competing separately to New Zealand students.

As a mathematical Olympiad, students are expected to fully justify their answers and write proofs. The questions are designed to be accessible and no special preparation is needed, though students may want to try the [sample papers](#).

Students who wish to participate must register individually. For more information, see the [registration page](#). There is a \$15 registration fee - payment information is found on the registration page.

The registration deadline is 10:00am NZT on Saturday 9th May. Interested students are encouraged to register as early as is practicable - if the event proves very popular and the number of registrations reaches our marking capacity, registration may close earlier.

Well-being Message

If you are concerned about your child's well-being during these uncertain times feel free to contact our School Counsellor for support. As we adjust to the new norms we may experience different emotions and responses.

You can contact Rachel Maitland-Smith on rachelm-s@ponsint.school.nz

Science Fair

Ponsonby Intermediate is unable to run the annual Science and Technology Fair for 2020 in its normal format.

If your child has been working on a project I am more than happy to receive their finished project for assessment. If the NIWA Science and Technology Fair does take place we may be able to enter the project, however, at the stage we have no confirmation.

If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Kindest Regards
Margaret Marsick,
Science and Technology Fair Coordinator

Sports Update

Sport restarting for our Ponsonby Intermediate teams is very dependent on Alert 2 Level and what restrictions may come with this.

Local sports associations have informed us of tentative start dates for teams playing in after school competitions, as follows:

Netball North Harbour - Term 2, 2nd June.

Atlantis City Intermediate Water Polo - Middle of Term 2 (June) or beginning of Term 3.

North Harbour Hockey Association - Term 2, June (date to be confirmed).

Auckland Table Tennis Association - Term 2, 12th May.

North Harbour Basketball Association - Term 3.

Central Zone Sport - Term 3 (to be confirmed).

Ski/Snowboarding

There will be a meeting for students on our return to school to gauge numbers, followed by a parent meeting - date/time to be confirmed. Snow Planet has been booked for training, start date is Wednesday 3 June. Bookings at Graduates and Whanganui Ski Clubs have been tentatively made. NIPS entries postponed until further notice as organisers have informed us it is unlikely the event will go ahead until the North Island is back on Alert Level 1 - tbc. Registration for the event will open again when we return to Alert Level 2.

NIPS Event Year 7 & 8 Skiers is Monday 24 August - Thursday 27 August at Whakapapa.

Snowboarding Event Friday 21 August at Turoa ski field. (Dates tbc).

If you have any further sports queries, you're welcome to contact me.
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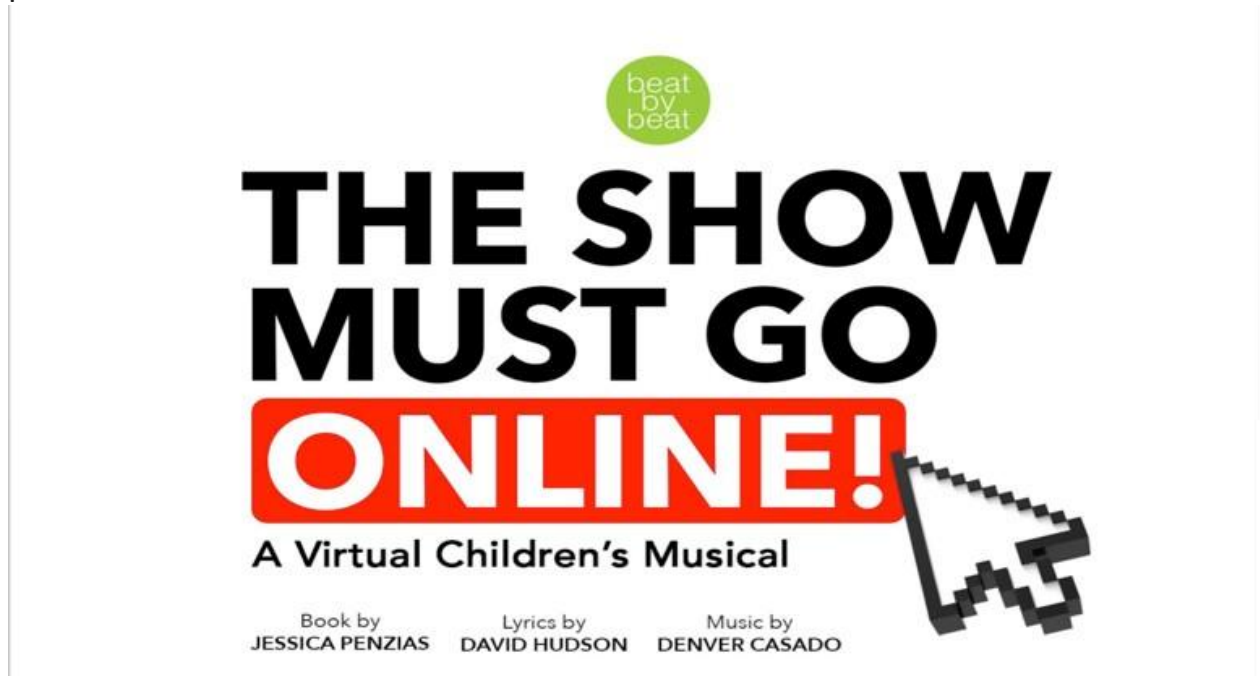
Performing Arts

Many of our students are missing drama classes and the experience of collaborating and creating together. Beat by Beat decided to create a show for schools and drama clubs who had to cancel their shows due to covid-19. They wanted to create a show that drama teachers and students could work on remotely and still have an opportunity to perform. And so The Show Must Go Online was born- the world's first virtual children's musical written specifically to be rehearsed and performed at home.

Ponsonby Intermediate have approximately 30 actors who will each receive a 1 minute monologue and/or song that they rehearse, record and upload, with support from Mrs

Cullen. When all the videos are played in sequence, they tell the story of a group of kids who are desperately trying to save their musical by putting it online.

Students are beginning to work on this virtual musical and we look forward to seeing the end product.



Camps 2020

There will be more detailed information regarding camps later in the term when we have more information about what Alert Level 2 looks like.

If you are a parent who is interested in volunteering your help for camp, please keep the camp dates in mind which are from **Tuesday 13th to Friday 16th October (Week 1, Term 4)**.

Ponsonby's Got Talent

Our annual talent quest is coming up. It is an opportunity for all students who have talent, and enjoy performance, to express themselves. Whether singing, dancing, playing, juggling or comedy, every act will get the opportunity to show their skills. Auditions will begin soon so students are encouraged to start preparing now. More information will be given as it comes to hand.

Live Video – update (repeat notice)

Ponsonby Intermediate is aware that other local schools are using live video platforms.

We are putting more pre-recorded video into our Week 3 Remote Learning package, while also working to develop sound policy around live video platforms. The policy needs to be in place to keep teachers safe, and our pre-teen 11-13 year olds safe. When we are convinced that live video will always be a positive experience for all, and enhance learning and well-being the school will proceed.

We are mindful that a large number of students are unable to access or use zoom from home and we want to make the learning experiences from home are equitable for all students.

It is important children maintain social connection. We have been encouraging students to connect with their trusted friends and family, please support the children to do this in ways that suit your family.

Ponsonby Intermediate Bubble Information and Safety Plan – Alert Level 3

For Students	For Parents/Caregivers
<p>You are to enter school grounds as soon as you arrive either by bus, car or any other form of transport.</p> <p>You will arrive and exit the school through the same gate you usually entered before lockdown, keeping 2 metres at all times.</p> <p>Whenever you are moving around the school you are expected to maintain a 2 metre distance from all other people and 1 metre distance or more within the classroom</p> <p>Students will meet on the basketball court at 8:45 on Wednesday 29th (first day back). You will go directly to your allocated placing where your name will be. Keeping 2 metres, with the seating plan set by the teachers on the basketball court.</p> <p>When in class, you will sit at the same desk, use the same device and wipe down your area each day. Please bring your own device to school if you can.</p> <p>You will not interact with students from other bubbles.</p> <p>You will continue with the same remote learning programme you were doing at home and teachers will supervise this.</p> <p>You will not be in your form class or with your form teacher, instead you will be in a specially designed bubble for all of Alert Level 3 and this will not change.</p> <p>You will use the bathroom assigned to you during class time and break time, remembering to wash your hands and use available hand sanitiser throughout the day</p> <p>You can not share anything including such things as sports equipment or board games during class time or break time. This will not be available and you cannot bring this into school either</p> <p>During break times, you need to stay in your bubble, with the 2 metre rule in an allocated area</p> <p>You will need to sanitise hands as you enter and exit the classroom each time</p>	<p>Your child can not attend school unless you have notified the school and contacted the school office - office@ponsint.school.nz</p> <p>Your child can not attend school during Alert Level 3 if they have had contact with a suspected COVID 19 case or from someone overseas.</p> <p>Or if they are sick, especially if they have any cold or flu-like symptoms, including a high temperature, runny nose or cough.</p> <p>Can you ensure your child comes to school as close to 8:45am as possible. If your child is arriving early than this can you please notify the office so we can arrange an alternative safety plan</p> <p>You can not enter the school property, please wait for your child at the front gate (Clarence street) or back gate (Sheehan street), keeping to the 2 metre distancing rule</p> <p>Students will be in bubbles of NO more than 10 with two teachers</p> <p>We would ask that your child bring their own device if possible, with headphones.</p> <p>The school is providing each student with their own hand sanitiser</p> <p>We encourage all parents/caregivers not to visit the school</p> <p>You will need to provide your child with their own lunch and water bottle as our tuck shop and water fountains will not be available.</p> <p>If your child poses a safety risk by not following our strict alert level 3 health and safety procedures, you will be contacted and may be required to remain at home</p> <p>Bubbles can not interact with each other</p> <p>If you have a child that was part of another bubble during lock down, please notify the school to assist us with placing students in their bubble.</p>

