

Important Dates

10 November

Modular Student
Led Conferences

11 November

Central Zone
Badminton

12 November

Bandquest

13 November

Ponsonby Athletics
Day

16 – 20 November

Positively Ponsonby
Week

18 November

Central Zone
Athletics

9 December

Prizegiving –
1:20pm

10 December

Year 8 Graduation

11 December

Last day of School –
Year 7's Only, 12pm
finish

Principal's Message

Kia Ora Whanau,

We have had some massive weeks here at Ponsonby recently. Following the school camps, the students all completed Cross Country – an event usually associated with damp, muddy and windy conditions. Completing Cross Country in late October certainly puts a different spin on it!

Many of you attended the Performance Evening. The talented students should be so proud, as should you, their parents. It was a wonderful show, including a very slick Moonwalk to top it off!

Last week saw a celebration titled “Turn Back Time”, thank you to Katie, Chrissie and the Councillors for this, and this Friday we are all travelling to Mt Smart for the School Athletics Day.

The Ponsonby Curriculum is also going at full steam, with exciting Geometry lessons in Maths classes and students finishing up their Novel studies in English. We are also at the mid-point of the term for the modular subjects.

We are busy with our transitioning processes – making sure students move into or out of Ponsonby Intermediate effectively. Year 8 students should be enrolled in their 2021 secondary school. If you have not done this yet, we suggest making it a priority.

Regards,

Nick Wilson
Principal

Athletics Day

When: Friday 13th November (No Save Day)

Where: Mt Smart Athletics Arena, O'Rorke Road, Penrose

Students, please remember:

- Full PE uniform
- Covered shoes
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Warm clothing
- Water bottle and a packed lunch – Bring a healthy one!

Students are allowed to wear spikes for 100m, 200m, 400m.

We will be travelling to the event on buses at 9.00am and returning by 3.00pm. There is a full timetable of the track and field events at the end of this newsletter.

If your child is sick or has flu or cold like symptoms please keep them at home as required by Alert Level 1 Health and Safety Guidelines.

Please note: The 800m race is on Thursday 12th November 8.45am at Ponsonby Intermediate.

Central Zone day is Wednesday 18th November at Mt Smart Arena.

Attention Parents/Caregivers

We require 2 parents to assist on the day with time keeping. If this is something you would like to volunteer for, please email mattb@ponsint.school.nz by Thursday 3:00pm. Thank you.

End of Year Prize-giving

This special event will be taking place on **Wednesday 9th December** in the Ponsonby Intermediate Hall at 1:20pm. There will be parking on the field and allocated seating for family and friends.

Your child will be notified on Wednesday 25th November if they are receiving a prize. They will be bringing a letter home on that day with the necessary information. We encourage you to come along to celebrate your child's success with us, however, please consider that the Ponsonby Intermediate Events Centre has a limited amount of space so please carefully consider the number of family members.

Not all students will receive a prize, but we would remind all parents and caregivers that throughout the year we recognise and celebrate students' success during our weekly school assemblies and on other occasions.

Year 8 Graduation

We will be celebrating the Year 8 students' two year "Ponsonby Experience" on **Thursday 10th December** with a special Graduation Ceremony. A letter outlining this event will be sent home Friday 20th November.

In this letter it will provide specific information about the event and what your child will need to bring on the night. It is a formal evening so we encourage the Year 8 students to dress smartly.

The event starts at 6.00pm and there will be allocated seating for all parents and family members. However, please consider that the Ponsonby Intermediate Events Centre has a limited amount of space so please carefully consider the number of family members. There will also be parking on the field.

We look forward to seeing you there to celebrate the amazing two years your child has had at Ponsonby Intermediate.

Sports Updates

Basketball

Basketball is charging ahead and we are approximately half way through the re-started season. All teams have done a tremendous job to maintain their training. A massive thank you to all team managers and coaches for driving this! We have approximately 3 more weeks of games, let's finish the season well!

Rugby 7's

Both the Boys' U45 and U55kg teams had a very successful outing to the CZ Rugby 7s tournament. Facing some tough competition, both teams played well and displayed some great Rugby. Considering we had some students new to the sport involved, the teams carried themselves very well, with the U45 team placing 4th, and the U55 team finishing a very respectable 6th. Appreciation to all the parents who supported the team on the day.

Netball

Most of our Year 7 and Year 8 netball teams re-started the season by entering to play in the Spring League competition at Netball North Harbour. Players have been back training, competing with a passion and enjoying being back on court each week. Huge thanks to the

team coaches, managers and parents who've been there for our teams, excellent courtside support!

Swim League

Congratulations to these Swim League team members who finished the final round of racing on Saturday with an exciting win - Tom Kenny, Marley Hicks, Emma Yao, Naomi Amarasingham -Young, Alba Erikson, Luc Michot, Olive Beran-Wright, Jasper Stevenson, Zachary L'Ami and Isabella Noakes. Results to be confirmed for overall school placings in the League. Special shoutout to Jennifer Murphy who has dedicated her time to organise the swimmers and support the team throughout the Swim League this season.

Touch

Two touch teams were entered in the CZ Girls Touch Tournament last week. Many of the players were new to the sport and had some great support from the more experienced team members. Both teams played seven games showing some great pace to run in some impressive team tries and also chasing opponents around the field. Team 1 placed 3rd overall after losing a tight semi-final game, and Team 2 placed 8th overall. Teams were very proud of themselves and had loads of fun learning more about touch. Thanks to parents for your support on the day.



Cyber Safety Message

Currently we have a number of incidents coming to our attention regarding inappropriate online behaviour outside of school. Although this is happening at home and not at school, we still have duty of care to deal with it accordingly if it comes to our attention, especially if it is affecting the student(s) at school.

We ask that parents/caregivers work together with the school to ensure students are being safe online and not behaving in such a way that is malicious or harmful to others.

We all have a role to play to ensure our young people are being safe and not experiencing harmful content, whether it is threatening or not age appropriate.

Please monitor your child's internet usage particularly late at night. Regular conversations about being safe online can help reinforce the message they are receiving at school.

Netsafe is another organisation that can help your child if they are sent inappropriate content or harmful messages, www.netsafe.org.nz

Positively Ponsonby Week

This will take place next week and is organised by our Guidance Councillor with the help of the Positively Ponsonby Representatives and the Student Councillors. It is a great opportunity for students to get involved and make the most of their last 4 weeks at Ponsonby. There are a number activities taking place that will be explained in our daily notices. Some events include a skate competition, Year 8 v Year 7 Capture the Flag game, and many other activities.

We will be encouraging all student to get involved in at least one of these activities.

This has been a difficult year for many so what better way to finish the year doing something positive.

Library Returns

The Library will be closed for borrowing from the end of Week 5 - 13th November. Can you please help ensure that your child/children has/have returned all their school library books by this time. This would be highly appreciated. Thank you.

Turn Back Time – Councillor Event

The school councillors organised a fun Friday last week called “Turn Back Time”. Teachers rediscovered the top songs from when they were in intermediate and students were able to get involved in some fun activities at lunchtime. Students tried their luck at Gutter-boards, Hula Hooping, Pogo Sticks, Elastics, Unicycling and more.



Mount Albert Grammar – Boys’ Testing Day

Unfortunately there is a clash of dates with the boys’ MAGS testing day and our School Athletics Day (Friday 13th November)

However, there are catch up days. The Sports Academy catch up Day is 17th November at 12:30pm and the catch up testing day is 30th November 8:30am.

If you would like your child to attend the catch up days so they can attend our school Athletics Day this Friday, you will need to notify MAGS that you are doing so.

Hats, Sunscreen and Drink Bottles

As you would have noticed, the weather has improved dramatically and with that we need to make sure students are being sun smart. All students must bring a hat to school, this is compulsory for when they are outside for Kori or PE. We also encourage them to bring a water bottle to help them stay hydrated and apply sunscreen. Students can bring their own sunscreen or use sunscreen provided by the school which is located at the front office. Your support with this is greatly appreciated.

Ponsonby Athletics Day Timetable

Track Events

9:45am	BOYS/GIRLS	1500m	Boys – Year 7
		1500m	Boys – Year 8
		1500m	Girls – Year 7
		1500m	Girls – Year 8
10:00 – 11:45am	GIRLS	100m	Heats
		200m	Heats
		400m	Straight Final
12:00 – 1:45pm	BOYS	100m	Heats
		200m	Heats
		400m	Straight Final

Field Events

EVENT	BOYS				GIRLS			
	10:00	10:25	10:50	11:15	12:15	12:40	12:05	1:30
High Jump	Kauri	Rimu	Puriri	Totara	Kauri	Rimu	Puriri	Totara
Long Jump	Totara	Kauri	Rimu	Puriri	Totara	Kauri	Rimu	Puriri
Discus	Puriri	Totara	Kauri	Rimu	Puriri	Totara	Kauri	Rimu
Shot Put	Rimu	Puriri	Totara	Kauri	Rimu	Puriri	Totara	Kauri

Finals

1:45pm	BOYS and GIRLS	100m
2:00pm	BOYS and GIRLS	200m
2:15pm	YEAR 7 and YEAR 8	Class Relay

POMPALLIER TENNIS CLUB

21.12 - 24.12
CHRISTMAS
TENNIS
PROGRAMME

04.01 - 29.01
SUMMER HOLIDAY
(JANUARY)
TENNIS PROGRAMME

HALF DAY
8:30AM - 12:30PM

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FULL DAY (21.12 - 23.12)
8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

FULL DAY (18.01 - 29.01)
8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

(FROM 3 YEAR OLD ONWARDS)

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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