

Important Dates

24 February
EOTC

25 February
Central Zone Boys
Tennis
Cultural Leaders
Planning Day

2 March
Central Zone Boys
Softball

3 March
EOTC

4 March
SWIMMING SPORTS
Pt Erin

9 March
Student Led
Conferences – Core

10 March
EOTC

11 March
Student Led
Conferences – Core

19 March
MARKET DAY

25 March
School Photos
Student Led
Conferences – Core

31 March
Councillors
Dance/Social

Principal's Message

The “Ponsonby Experience” is in full swing, yes – it is incredibly busy, we have dozens of academic, sports and cultural groups underway. It is important to note that statistics show students who participate in extra-curricular activities also excel academically. This is the reason the “Ponsonby Experience” offers such a huge range of opportunities. It is my belief that at intermediate school you need to try everything!

Here is a list of activities already up and running, I hope your child is engaging in these opportunities.

- **Basketball**
- **Netball**
- **Eco Warriors**
- **Councillors Camp**
- **Softball**
- **Table Tennis**
- **Skate School**
- **Production – Actors, Dancers, Singers**
- **Rock Band Auditions**
- **Mountain Biking – sign ups**
- **Orienteering – sign ups**
- **Chess**
- **Sports Leaders**
- **Positively Ponsonby Reps**
- **Librarians**
- **Lunchtime Sports**
- **Options classes**
- **EOTC trips**
- **Learning Centre and ESOL Programmes**
- **Cultural Leaders**
- **Tennis**
- **Waterpolo, Skiing, 6-a-side Cricket and Hockey - information coming soon**

We are also giving students daily information about the upcoming Market Day and there will be plenty more leadership positions made available as the year progresses.

The fact that we have tried to get the students engaged so quickly (despite the 3-day lockdown) means that the planned **Activities/Events Expo** is no longer relevant and we will use that Friday lunchtime to continue coaching teams and running activities.

Please use the link below that provides all the information you need about what we offer at Ponsonby Intermediate.

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

Regards,

Nick Wilson
Principal

Student Led Conferences (repeat notice)

Student Led Conferences are run every term at Ponsonby Intermediate.

Core subjects (English and Mathematics) hold conferences twice a year in Term 1 and Term 3.

Modular conferences happen every term (as students are involved in two different modular subjects each term).

On Line Conference Booking

Bookings can be made at <http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz> using the school code. **Please include your child's room number.**

Core Conferences:

Tuesday 9th March – 3:30 – 8:00pm (CORE1 Code: **w8mba**)

Thursday 11th March – 3:30 – 8:00pm (CORE2 Code: **yu8du**)

Thursday 25th March – 3:30 – 8:00pm (CORE3 Code: **28nn9**)

Modular Conferences

Thursday 18th March 3:30pm - 8:00pm (MODULE code: **h7prt**)

Below are the list of teachers and the classes they teach to make booking easier.

Thanks,

Cobey Bennett

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Core Teachers:

English:

Cobey Bennett: Teaching Rooms 11, 15

Kristen Rees: Teaching Rooms 3, 12, 16

Sarah Howie: Teaching Rooms 1, 9, 25

Penelope Dunn: Teaching Rooms 6, 14, 23

Kellie Spencer: Teaching Rooms 17, 21, 30

Charlotte Stone: Teaching Rooms 8, 26, 28

Angela Lane: Teaching Rooms 18, 20, 22

Maths:

Cherie Bolesworth: Teaching Rooms 15

Ian Wannamaker: Teaching Rooms 1, 12, 21, 25

Jaimi Athy-Timmins: Teaching Rooms 11, 18, 22, 30

Katherine Busch: Teaching Rooms 6, 17, 23, 28

Chanel Hanāk-Martin: Teaching Rooms 3, 9, 16, 20

Andrea Sherrock: Teaching Room 8, 14, 26

Kim Edwards: Mathematics Stretch students

Module Teachers:

Design and Textiles: Lorna Cooney

Teaching Rooms 3, 14, 20, 22, 28

Art: Sarah Valintine

Teaching Rooms 3, 14, 20, 22, 28

Performing Arts: Christine Cullen

Teaching Rooms: 8, 9, 12, 15, 21

Music: Paul Curtis

Teaching Rooms: 8, 9, 12, 15, 21

Health & P.E: Sam Jardine

P.E & Health - Teaching Rooms - 3, 6, 11, 17, 23, 28, 30

P.E - Teaching Rooms - 12, 15, 16, 18, 21, 22

Health & P.E: Michelle Murray

PE & Health - Teaching Rooms 1, 8, 9, 14, 20, 25, 26

Health - Teaching Rooms 12, 15, 16, 18, 21, 22

Home Economics: Kelly Richardson

Teaching Rooms: 1, 11, 17, 18, 25

Science: Margaret Marsick

Teaching Rooms: 1, 11, 17, 18, 25

Science: Zoe Soppet

Teaching Rooms: 6, 16, 23, 26, 30

Exploring Technology: Andy Wilson

Teaching Rooms: 6, 16, 23, 26, 30

Social Sciences: Jo McCullagh

Teaching Rooms: 1, 8, 11, 14, 15, 18, 20, 23, 26, 28

Learning Languages: Hasie Leung

Teaching Rooms: 3, 6, 9, 12, 16, 17, 21, 22, 25, 30

The Reporting Process (repeat notice)

Twice a year a report will come home, at the end of Terms Two and Four. These will contain grades for every subject area, student's work ethic and teacher comment.

Student Led Conferences with parents, teachers and the student also occur throughout the year. The Module subjects have conferences half way through their programme – usually about Week Six of each term. The Module subjects are Art, Performing Arts, Music, Science, Home Economics, Textiles and Design, Exploring Technology, Social Sciences and Learning Languages. We also include Health and Physical Education with the Modular Conferences. The Core subjects (Mathematics and English) will have three evenings of Conferences in Term One and two evenings again in Term Three.

Module subjects operate on a term-by-term basis, while Core subjects are taught throughout the year.

Meetings with relevant teachers can also be arranged by appointment, to discuss individual students.

Swimming Sports

Our School Swimming Sports will now be held at Point Erin Pools, Thursday 4th March as it was postponed due to Alert level 3.

Year 7 Information:

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 approximately 11:45am, have lunch at Point Erin Park and wait until the Year 8 students have entered the pool.

Year 8 Information:

Assemble on the Basketball Court 11:00am at the end of Interval. Walk to Point Erin Pools where the programme starts at 12:00pm, and finishes at 2.30pm approximately.

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 or email that is to be sent to the form teacher prior to 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.

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 members 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 and support each other inside and outside the classroom.

Our Values are GEMS

Ponsonby Intermediate Swimming Sports 2021

Pt Erin Pools

Year 7 Programme: 9:00am – 11:45am

Year 8 Programme: 12:00pm – 2:30pm

HEATS	
Event	Grade
100m Freestyle (straight Final)	Boys
100m Freestyle (straight Final)	Girls
33m Backstroke	Boys
33m Backstroke	Girls
33m Freestyle	Boys
33m Freestyle	Girls
33m Breaststroke	Boys
33m Breaststroke	Girls
33m Butterfly (straight Final)	Boys
33m Butterfly (straight Final)	Girls
33m Running Race (If time allows)	Boys
33m Running Race (If time allows)	Girls

FINALS	
Event	Grade
33m Backstroke	Boys
33m Backstroke	Girls
33m Breaststroke	Boys
33m Breaststroke	Girls
33m Freestyle	Boys
33m Freestyle	Girls
Class Relay (Form Teacher organises Team)	2 Boys and 2 Girls