

Newsletter

Ponsonby
Intermediate School

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What a shame we are back here in a Level 3 lockdown, just as we had a great week planned to build the Ponsonby Experience culture. Let us hope it is only 3 days!

Please find attached the documents outlining Ponsonby Intermediate's Home Learning Package for this week. These documents will also be shared with the students on Google Docs also. If students have forgotten their Google Doc username and/or password please email Cherie Bolesworth, cherieb@ponsint.school.nz, for assistance.

This week the students will be working through a range of activities from all of the subject areas. If they are not in a subject this term (e.g. Home Economics) but they would like to complete the activity they are welcome to. Also included in the document is a link to a Google Document where the students are able to ask questions. Teachers will be online between 10:00am and 11:00am answering these questions.

If lockdown continues into next week, Google Classrooms will be set up. More information in regards to this will come out later in the week if needed.

The key message from the Ministry of Education remains that, if you can, you should keep your child at home. If your child has a health condition or is sick, you must keep them at home. If you or your child has come into contact with a suspected case of COVID 19 or someone from overseas you must let the school know as soon as possible.

I do want to recognise that many of you will be dealing with some major challenges during this time. Should your situation change during Alert Level 3 and you need to send your child to school, please contact the office by 2pm the day before. This will help us maintain and build the bubble structures.

[Year 7 Home Learning Link](#)

[Year 8 Home Learning Link](#)

Hard Copy Packs

Hard copy packs will be available for pickup from outside the school office between 9am and 3pm daily, starting Tuesday 16th February.

Ponsonby Intermediate Bubble Information and Safety Plan

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>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 other students are 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. These will not be available and you cannot bring these into</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. 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 8:30am as possible. If your child is arriving earlier than this can you please notify the office so we can arrange an alternative safety plan.</p> <p>Students will be in bubbles of no more than 10 with two teachers.</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>We would ask that your child bring their own device if possible, with headphones.</p> <p>The school is providing each student with and 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 your child may be required to remain at home.</p> <p>Bubbles can not interact with each other.</p>

school either.

During break times, you need to stay in your bubble, with the 2 metre rule in an allocated area.

You will need to sanitise hands as you enter and exit the classroom each time.

EOTC

Trips can not proceed in Alert level 3. These trips will be cancelled or postponed depending on the trip and the availability of the venue to re-book. Trips proceeding will also depend on the rules and guidelines of the venue. We will keep you up to date each week with EOTC information.

Swimming Sports

This will be postponed and move to a later time if there is an available date at Pt Erin Pools. Once this date has been confirmed, we will let you know.

Your Well-being / Message from Guidance Coordinator

Here we are again! What a shock to go back into Lockdown again.

We feel for our Year 7's who have just started getting underway in their programmes, adjusting to new routines and getting to know their new form classes. We will continue to focus on friendships being fostered. Some students may experience many different emotions particularly as we are all in a place of waiting for what will be announced next. Taking it one day at a time can be helpful in these times, and trying to stay in some sort of routine. Reminding our kids that we have done this before, and can get through this again together! If your child is struggling, you are most welcome to contact our school Counsellor: Rachel Maitland-Smith for support. rachelm-s@ponsint.school.nz