

26 May2021

Important Dates

24 - 28 May

Careers Week

26 May

Author Visit – Gareth Ward

27 May

Central Zone Year 8 Girls Football

28 May

Talent Quest – 1:20pm

1 June

Central Zone Year 7 Boys Football

3 June

Central Zone Year 8 Boys Football

4 June

SCHOOL CLOSED – Kahui Ako Waitemata Teacher Only Day

7 June

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY

Principal's Message

The school will be closed on the upcoming dates, please make note.

- **Friday 4 June – Kahui Ako Waitemata Teacher Only Day**
- **Monday 7 June – Queen's Birthday**
- **Tuesday 22 June from 12:30pm – NZEI Paid Union Meeting**
- **Friday 2 July – Ponsonby Teacher Only Day**

While these closures are frustrating, they are in line with the teachers' Collective Contract under the NZEI Union. Last year we kept the school open as much as possible, trying to make up for lost time, so thank you in advance for your understanding here.

The school may be able to organise supervision on these dates (except Queen's Birthday) if needed. Contact office@ponsint.school.nz if this is required.

Last week, **Bully Free Week** was celebrated with many different activities. You will have to check them all out on the next episode of PPTV. The students also told me that many of their parents wore pink shirts on Friday too, thanks for joining in whanau! Also, a special thank you to Rachel Maitland-Smith and the Positively Ponsonby reps for their excellent organisation.

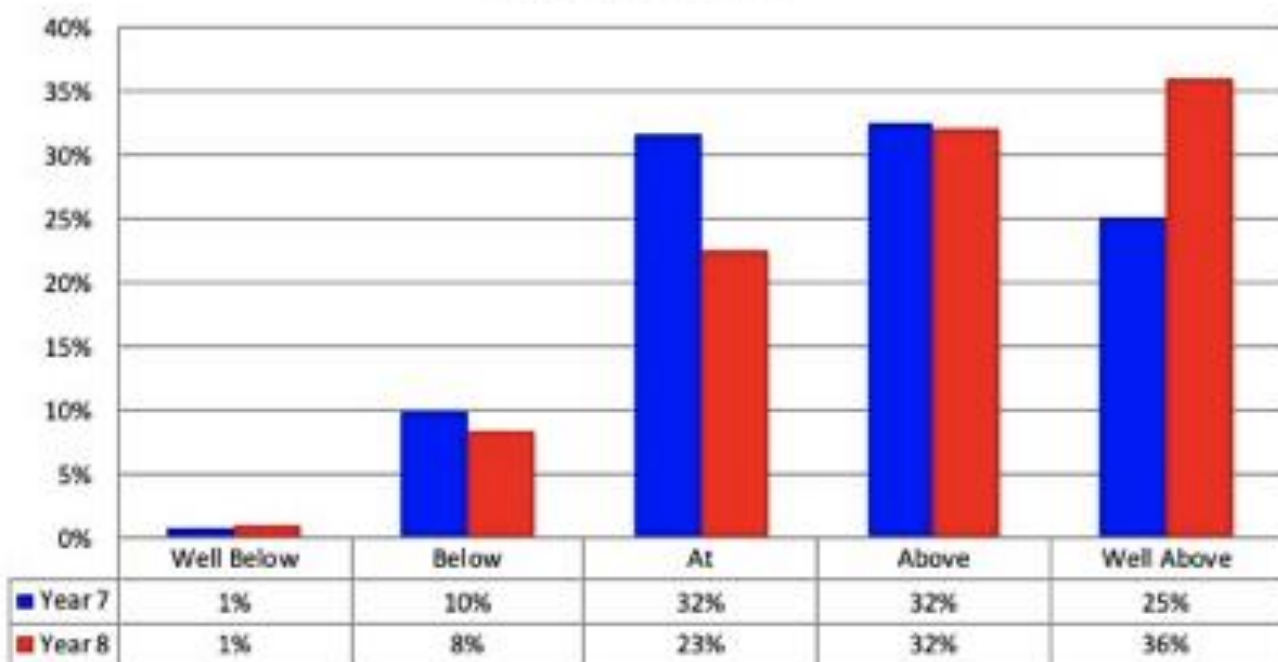
We have completed the **Great House Race** and all whanau are invited to the **Ponsonby's Got Talent Finals** on Friday, that has been appropriately included in this week's **Careers Week**. Guest speakers in Careers Week have been – Firefighters, a Physiotherapist, Zoo Veterinarians, Television Presenters and current parent and friend of the school - Bernice Mene.

The **Mathematics** and **NZ Histories Curriculum**s have been getting much attention in the media recently. Mathematics - in terms of student performance and the NZ Histories – around the redesign of content. I can assure you, that at Ponsonby Intermediate we always have our eye on the ball and would like to share with you some of our "End of Year 2020" maths data and an update on how teacher, Jo McCullagh, is making sure our students' Social Sciences learnings reflect the new changes.

Regards,

Nick Wilson
Principal

% of students working at expectation in Mathematics



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Social Sciences – Jo McCullagh

Year 7 programme: Ponsonby - Our people, our places

Currently, I have 6 Year 7 classes and we have been continuing our investigation into the history of our local community. Students have learnt about the Dawn Raids, the impact of

Māori and European on Ponsonby and surrounding areas, and how important we are as individuals and our role in communities.

So far, students have enjoyed the process of learning how to research using the Westhaven Ilit model, research skills, how to create a bibliography using APA and how to use the Social Sciences online planner to create an essay through dot jot notes. Following the completion of this, they will complete a rubric for their work which uses the school GEMS as its base plus complete a rubric related to the English rubric. We will use this in 2022 as their reflection tool and 'where to next'. This ensures continuity across curriculums.

Year 8 programme: A short history of New Zealand, 1800 to 1900

There are 4 Year 8 classes in this half of the year. They are continuing their research assignment from Term 1 into the Musket Wars, Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the New Zealand Land Wars. Currently, they are in the process of turning their notes into essays (using the English department's rubric as a check and edit tool).

Once completed, these students will use a Passion Project to investigate a time in history that has had an impact on New Zealand. This will be presented using student choice (ie, slide show, play, art work, podcast etc).

This year, I changed the research to include the Musket Wars and the Te Tiriti o Waitangi. However, the research material available is difficult to use and above the understanding of most 12 year olds. Therefore, I will go back to using the Land Wars as our main topic next year. At a professional level, I have been invited to be part of the process examining and giving feedback on the new New Zealand Histories curriculum. This involves reading current material provided, plus the new curriculum and providing feedback during a Zoom meeting plus written feedback during the last 2 weeks of June.

Student Led Conferences

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.

Modular Conferences

Wednesday 9th June 3:30pm - 8:00pm **(MODULE code: eyqrc)**

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

Thanks,

Cobey Bennett

cobeyb@ponsint.school.nz

Module Teachers:

Design and Textiles: Lorna Cooney

Teaching Rooms 6, 16, 23, 26, 30

Art: Sarah Valintine

Teaching Rooms 6, 16, 23, 26, 30

Performing Arts: Christine Cullen

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

Music: Paul Curtis

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

Health & P.E: Sam Jardine

P.E - Teaching all classes

Health & P.E: Michelle Murray

Health - Teaching all classes

Home Economics: Kelly Richardson

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

Science: Margaret Marsick

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

Science: Zoe Soppet

Teaching Rooms: 3, 14, 20, 22, 28

Exploring Technology: Andy Wilson

Teaching Rooms: 3, 14, 20, 22, 28

Social Sciences: Jo McCullagh

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

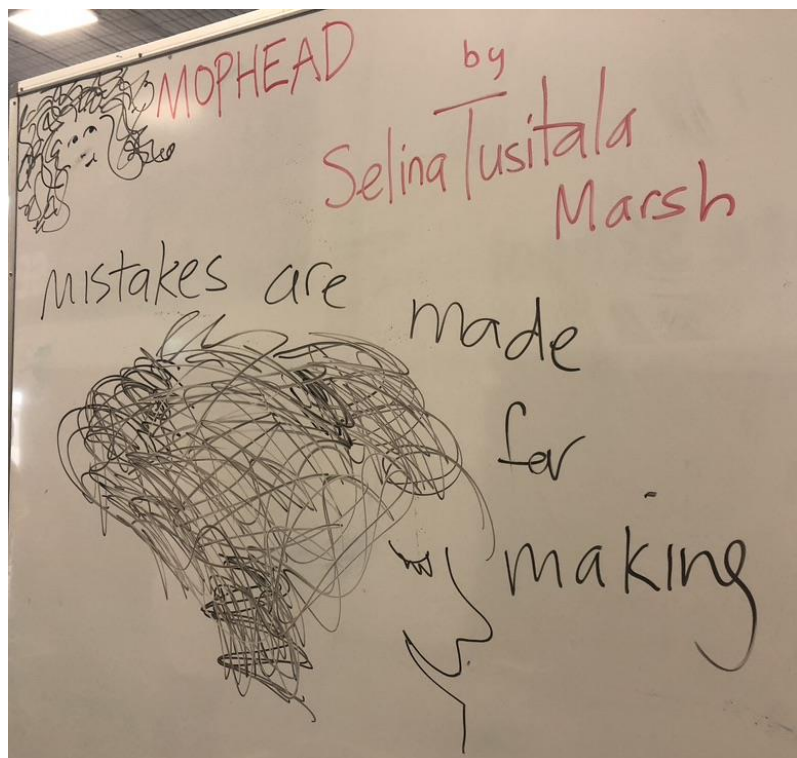
Learning Languages: Hasie Leung

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

Bully Free Week / Pink Shirt Day

Last week we promoted Bully Free Week where the PP reps ran activities through the week. We had lots of fun with the Rubik's cube competition, a massive three legged race, painting T-Shirts and, to finish off, a pink picnic and painting T-Shirts. It was an epic week, and a good opportunity for us to discuss such an important topic.

We were lucky to have Selina Tusitala Marsh join us on Friday to read her book Mophead to the school. In our Mitey lessons during DEEP we are studying this book and looking at themes such as identity, bullying, racism and inclusion



Camp Information and fees 2021

The whole school will attend camp in **Term 4 Week 1 (Tuesday 19th to Friday 22nd October)**. Your child has been informed of where they are going for camp and which classes they are attending camp with. More information regarding camp such as parent help and medical forms will be sent home later this term in Week 7.

If you have any questions regarding camp, your first point of contact is your child's form teacher.

Camp fees

The fee for attending camp this year is \$350.00 per student. This amount can be paid online using the link below or at the front office.

If you pay online, please following the instructions with regards to payment details. You can pay in as many instalments as you like leading up to the due date of September 24th.

<https://www.ponsonbyintermediate.school.nz/online-payment/>

Kids-to-Camp

Throughout the year, we are raising money to sponsor students to attend camp in Term 4. If you are a parent/caregiver who would like to sponsor a student feel free to follow the link below with the reference 'Kids to Camp'. Your contribution is greatly appreciated.

<https://www.ponsonbyintermediate.school.nz/online-payment/>

Camp Locations 2021

Year 7 Camps	Year 8 Camps
<u>Shakespeare</u> Kelly Richardson 16 Sarah Valintine 18 Cherie Bolesworth	<u>Camp Bentzon</u> Chrissie Cullen 6 Kellie Spencer 20 Ian Wannamaker 1
<u>Peter Snell</u> Zoe Soppet 14 Margaret Marsick 15 Katherine Busch 28	<u>Carey Park</u> Cobey Bennett 11 Sam Jardine 17 Angela Lane 22 Chanel Hanak-Martin 3
<u>Chosen Valley</u> Sarah Howie 9 Charlotte Stone 8 Jo McCullagh 25	
<u>Willow Park</u> Kristen Rees 12 Andrea Sherrock 26 Michelle Murray	<u>Marsden Bay</u> Penelope Dunn 23 Lorna Cooney 20 Jaimi Athy-Timmins 30 Andy Wilson

Talent Quest Invite

Auditions are currently being held for Ponsonby Intermediate's annual Ponsonby's Got Talent. From over 30 acts, about 12 will be selected to perform in the Finals Performance on 28th May in the school hall, commencing 1.20pm. All whanau are encouraged to come along and support our wonderful performers.

Great House Race

On Thursday 13th May, Ponsonby Intermediate held our annual Great House Race! Every student in the school participated for their house in various challenges such as Ping Pong Rally, M&M Chopsticks and Water Transfer. It was a riveting race with Puriri holding the lead for the first half of the race; then it all came head to head at the Roll a 6 challenge. Shout out to our Councillor Runners for assisting at the challenges, and congratulations to Kauri house for sneaking the win for the second year in a row!



Careers Week

This week, students have been learning about careers from their form teachers and some dedicated time during their classes. We also have had special guests coming in from a range of careers to talk to the school. They have been sharing with the students what inspired them to have the career they do and about their journey from secondary education.

Careers is an important part of our Ponsonby Curriculum and we are looking forward to hearing from our guests as well as teaching some great activities focused around having a career.

Girls' Futsal

CZ Girls' Futsal tournament was held in Week 2 of this term at the Auckland Netball Centre courts. Ponsonby Intermediate Year 7 and Year 8 teams were an energetic group of players, demonstrating some excellent futsal (and football) skills throughout their games. It was a bonanza day for both teams with Year 8s taking 1st place, tournament winners again (2019, 2021) and Year 7s placed 2nd overall after a tight finals playoff. A nail biting, but exciting day for parents and coaches! Congratulations to both teams.

Year 7 Girls: May Farquhar, Scarlett Williams, Kate Thompson, Zara Baldwin, Lottie King, Addie Ferris, Isla Roberts, Lucile Brendolise, Tully Cook.

Year 8 Girls: Olivia Wong, Alba Erikson, Gemma Douglas, Hollie Buckley, Emily Worsley, Maddie Harcourt, Tara Milkop-Kerr, Scarlett Hannah, Lucille Miller, Lucy Carroll.



Water Polo

The Sharks Water Polo team did amazingly well in the Central Zone Water Polo Tournament last week, held on Monday 17 May at Diocesan Aquatic Centre. The team placed 3rd out of 14 schools competing, many of these teams in A Grade level.

Round Robin games resulted in the Sharks having a draw (v St Mary's) and a win (v Dio). Then in the pool crossovers, the team won both games against St Peters' and Remuera Intermediate, qualifying for the semi-finals - a loss to Auckland Normal Int. The playoff game against St Mary's for 3rd/4th place was epic. With only two minutes to the end of the game, the Sharks were down 2-5. With gritty determination the team pulled it together, one goal at a time to draw 5-5 at the final whistle. Extra time of 5 minutes was played for a winner by Golden Goal. Ponsonby Sharks scored the magic Golden Goal about 2 minutes into play after a fierce battle with St Mary's. Needless to say everyone was screaming with joy, what a great comeback by the players!! Big thanks to coaches Bailey Hollick, Bella Raynes, Manager Marina Purdon and parents vocal support.

Photo below of the Sharks... posing as Sharks!



Mountain Biking

Year 8 student Joe McLean, competed recently in the Under 13's Mons Royale Auckland Schools Mountain Bike Racing Series. The XC Champs was an exciting event held at Kawakawa Bay on Sunday 23 May, with over 80 riders competing around a tough course. It was an awesome effort by Joe to place 3rd overall in this category, with only minutes between the top 3 riders.

ICAS Exams (Repeat Notice)

We are delighted to inform you that Ponsonby Intermediate School will be participating in the world-renowned ICAS Assessments™ this year.

ICAS is designed to target students' higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee and Digital Technologies.

Each assessment celebrates students' accomplishments by providing opportunities for recognition and development. Every student will receive a printed certificate and an online results report. Top performers will be eligible for medals and are invited to attend special award ceremonies to have their academic excellence publicly recognised.

Learn more about ICAS **here:** <https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas>

This year parents can sign up and pay through the ICAS Assessments parent payment system (PPS). Through this system parents can pay for ICAS directly online while tests will still be held at our school. Please use the following details to register your child.

Access details for parents

Your school access code is:	CHX600
Your parent page link is:	https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps

SUBJECT	CLOSING DATE FOR SCHOOLS TO SIGN UP TO PPS	CLOSING DATE FOR PARENTS TO PURCHASE VIA PPS*
Writing & Digital Technologies	Sunday, 18 July 2021	Sunday, 25 July 2021
English	Sunday, 25 July 2021	Sunday, 1 August 2021
Science & Spelling Bee	Sunday, 1 August 2021	Sunday, 8 August 2021
Mathematics	Sunday, 8 August 2021	Sunday, 15 August 2021

Pricing for New Zealand: NZD18.40 (incl. GST) per test for all subjects excluding ICAS Writing. NZD24.73 (incl. GST) per test for ICAS Writing.

Hoodie and Track Pants Order

You can order the jersey (hoodie or sweater) and track pants using the link below. Ordering for this garment is open from **26th May to 4th June**.

Your child also has the option of having their name on the back of the hoodie. Guidelines for the name are outlined on the website. Please read these carefully before placing an order.

If you need to try on sample sizes, these are available at the office to try on before and after school. This hoodie/sweater is not compulsory for all students to have, it is a choice and not a required part of the school uniform.

We also have track pants. The track pants are ordered the same way as the hoodie and are not compulsory but are great for the winter months when doing physical activity.

These items will be delivered straight to your home address. Please follow the link below:

<https://schooluniformcentre.co.nz/ponsonby-intermediate/>



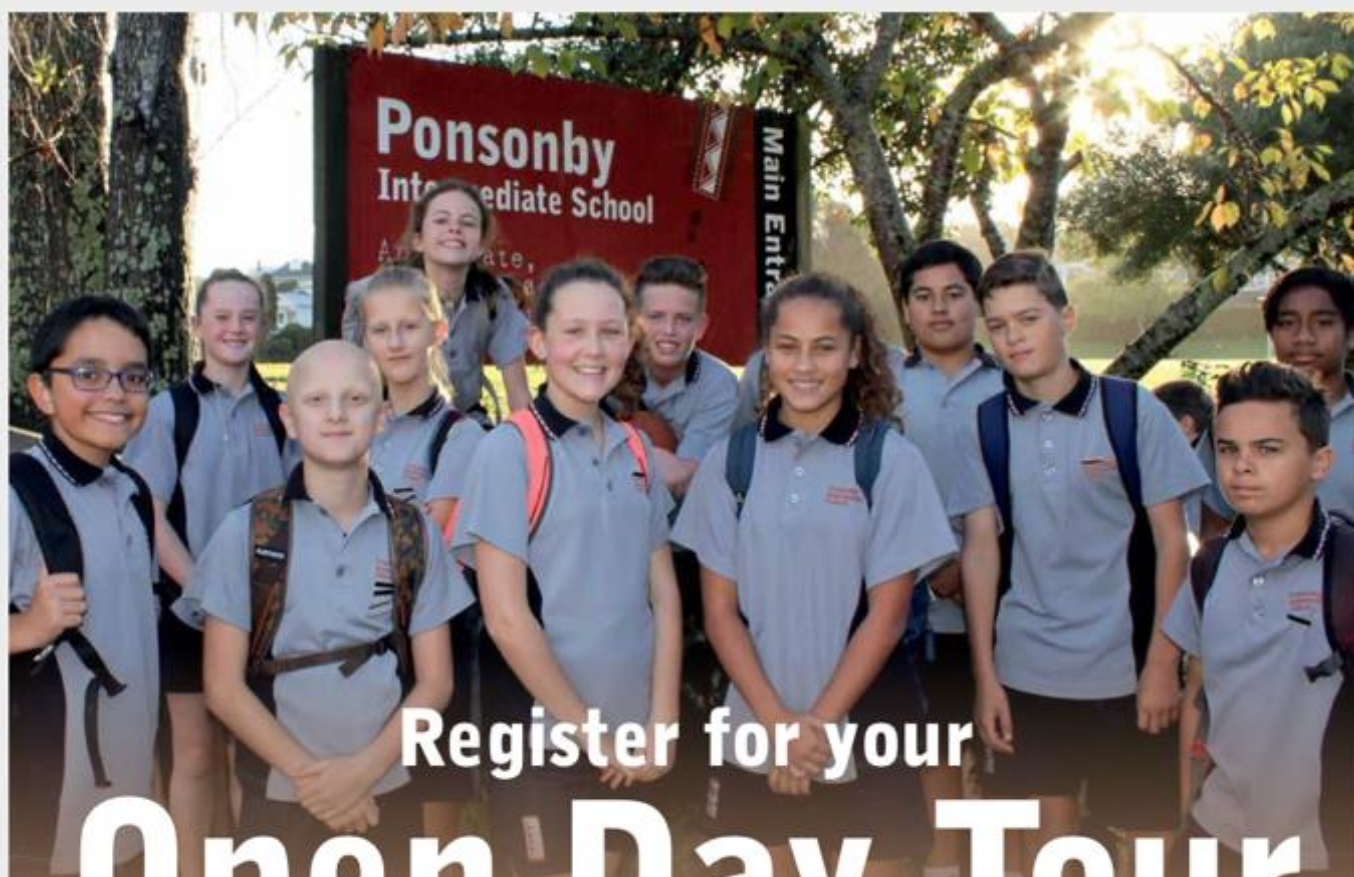
Library

The Library is buzzing at lunchtime. There are a great variety of books to select from and I encourage students to use the library and its services regularly. There is even a puzzle on the go. Please make sure your child brings their overdue library books back. Thank you.

Mrs Marsick

Cardboard Rolls Needed (repeat notice)

For a project that every student will be involved in, we require each student to have a cardboard roll which will be used for an activity for Hauora. You can collect them from tin foil rolls, or baking paper rolls. We know not all families may have these, so bring in a couple if you do. Can students collect these and bring them to their form class teacher over the next two weeks.



Register for your Open Day Tour

Email today: office@ponsint.school.nz

Term 2

**Open Mornings – Tuesday 18 May, Thursday 10 June,
Tuesday 15 June, Wednesday 16 June**

9:15am - 12:00pm for Year 6 students and parents/caregivers. Students will be invited to come to Ponsonby Intermediate School from 9:15am with their parents/caregivers. This is a chance to see the school in action.

Term 3

Open Morning – Tuesday 3 August

Open Evening – Wednesday 18 August

6:00pm - Tours of the School in action
6:45pm - Principals address in the Hall
7:00pm - Ponsonby Performance Evening.

Open Morning – Tuesday 24 August

All welcome. Bookings only.
Email office@ponsint.school.nz

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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