

29 June 2021

Important Dates

28 June – 1 July
ARTS WEEK

2 July
Teacher Only
Day. School
closed for
instruction

5 July – 9 July
Production
Week

9 July
Reports out
End of Term 2

26 July
Term 3 Begins

28 July
Attitude Show

Principal's Message

This week has been a focus on the Arts. Students have participated in a wide variety of Visual Arts, Dance, Music and Drama. Our students involved in the Production – “A Hero’s Journey” – have also been busily rehearsing ready for their five shows next week, have you got your tickets yet?

Arts education has always been and will continue to be a significant part of the Ponsonby curriculum. We see these middle-schoolers thriving by using imagination, creativity, expressing themselves, working both independently and collaboratively.

This newsletter contains information about the Mid-Year school reports that will be sent out by email later next week. I know the Year 8 students have been working hard to make sure this report portrays them in the best way possible as they prepare for secondary school enrolment.

With Lockdowns across the ditch becoming more prevalent, I’m sure many of us are keeping an eye on our own local situation.

Ponsonby Intermediate is prepared should we need to turn on a Remote Learning package in haste. The process would start with an email to caregivers including a Google classroom code for the students to login.

Finally, this Friday is our last day in a series of Teacher Only Days, thanks for your understanding.

Ngā mihi nui,
Nick Wilson
Principal

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School Closed – Repeat Notice

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 if needed. Contact office@ponsint.school.nz if this is required.

Mid-Year School Reports – repeat notice

On the 9th of July parents and caregivers will be emailed their child's Mid-Year Report. The report will contain comments from their English, Mathematics and Form teachers along with grades from the subjects they have completed so far this year.

As the students have not attended all subject areas some of the report will be missing some grades. These will however be filled in on the End of Year Report. If your child has recently joined Ponsonby Intermediate your child will receive a letter from their Form Teacher.

Lockdown, Remote Learning – if needed

With Wellington having just been in Level 2 and the potential for new cases to enter New Zealand when the bubble is open the teachers at Ponsonby Intermediate School are ensuring we are ready if there is another lockdown.

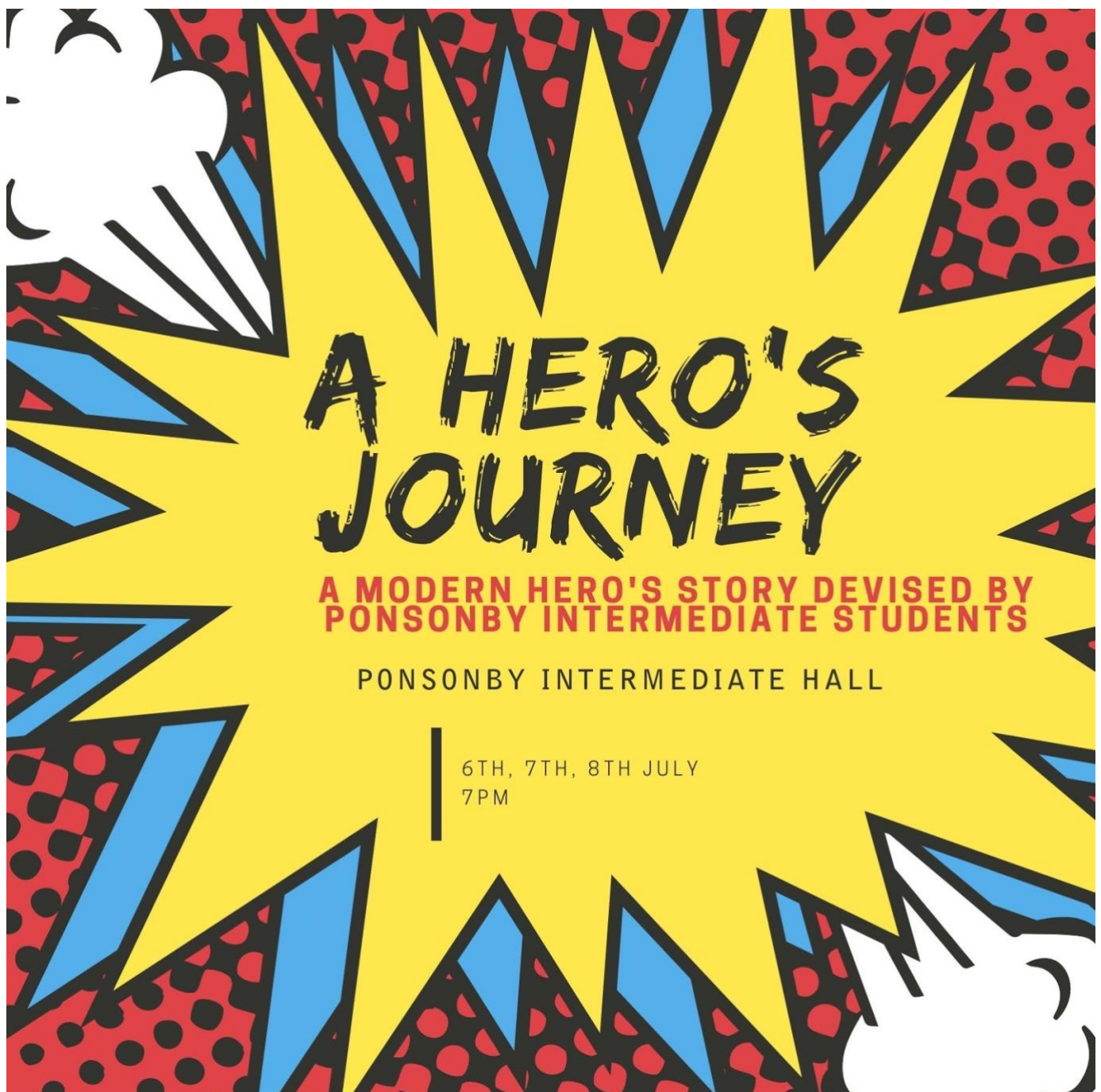
If this does happen there will be an email sent out to all parents by 11am with the students' codes to the Google Classrooms. In the Google Classroom there will be work for the students to complete for each of the subjects. These will be added to regularly during the lockdown.

If the lockdown were to continue for more than one week the teachers would hold Zoom meetings with the students. Information in regards to this would be shared with the parents via email.

Production Tickets Reminder

Tickets for our school production 'A Hero's Journey' are selling fast but can still be purchased from iTICKET <https://www.iticket.co.nz/events/2021/jul/heros-journey>

Booking and Transaction fees apply. This amazing show is on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday July 6 -8 at 7pm. For Matinee' tickets please contact kime@ponsint.school.nz



Sports Update

Rugby Boys Under 55kg – Central Zone Day

The team had an amazing day at the Rugby Central Zone day organised by Auckland Rugby Union.

Avondale race course was the venue for the tournament and we were lucky with the weather holding up. The team started with a narrow loss to Pasadena but bounced back with a great win over Kowhai, winning by two tries to one. The second try was a great team effort with lots of passes and finding space.

The third game was against Royal Oak. The boys won this by three tries, with a great try just before the final whistle to seal the win.

The team then qualified for the 3rd and 4th play off against St Peter's which proved to be a tough game against a well drilled team. Even after being 12 nil down after half time there was no giving up and the boys pushed right until the end. Although they would eventually lose the game, the tackling and ruck formations were above and beyond and they played right until the final whistle. They would finish 4th overall which was above their expectations and made the coaches (Mr Bennie and Mr Jardine) very proud!

A special shout out to the great parent support on the day which helped lift the boys for each game and also for providing lots of transport to and from the venue. We look ahead now to the 7's day for next term.

Skiing / Snowboarding

This year 35 students have joined the ski / snowboarding group to compete at the North Island School Ski Championships in Term 3, in skiing and/or snowboarding events. Mike Marshall, key parent supporting the teams, has shared comments and photos of these students. "Ski and Snowboard training started in Term 2 and while there were some cobwebs and wobbly knees the team has come on strongly in just 3 sessions. Last week we had some dummy races and it proved we have some absolute guns this year!" The competition at the top is going to be very fierce. The boys are not having it all their own way however with a couple of very quick girls taking quite a few wins !!" Mike is also organising Ponsonby Intermediate helmet covers for the competitors to wear on the mountain, so they'll be easily recognised at the event. Thanks to Mike and all our Ponsonby parents for their ongoing support with transporting the group to training each week. Good luck for the time trials.





Central Zone 11-Aside Hockey Tournaments

Last week, Ponsonby Intermediate Hockey teams competed at the CZ Tournament, boys on Monday 21st June; girls on Tuesday 22nd June. The North Harbour Hockey Stadium was a real treat for our students to play on this turf as it is a spectacular venue and also where NZ teams train and play. Both teams represented the school well, demonstrating some great hockey skills and team camaraderie.

The boys' team played competitively, winning 2 of their 5 games in the pool round, with some very close scores. Overall, they were placed 4th in the Tournament. Excellent efforts by the team with players running the field to defend opponents, their attack on shots at goal and great stamina in the semi-finals round. Shout out to the boys - Nikhil Davison, Ryan Evans, Louie Ward, Sam Perkinson, Hugo Honore, Niam Sukha, James Taber, Leo Dragicevich, Tommy Lineen, Avery Beuth, Noah Craig-Menzies, Patrick Evers-Swindell and Lex Baker. Thanks to Sally Wenley for her fantastic efforts in coaching the team.



The Girls Team played 8 games on the day . Our first game was against Dio, a very tight game. It was 0-0 and then Dio scored at the last second, winning by 1 goal. Our next game was against Remuera Intermediate, another win against us, 1-0. Waikowhai was a very close game with many shots at goal but none going in. Thanks to goalie Hettie and our defence none of their shots went in, so it was a tie 0-0.

Royal Oak Intermediate - again a very tight game. We were down by one point, then seconds before the game ended Emily shot at goal. After a very long discussion the refs decided that it was a no goal as it hadn't gone over the line. The first Semi-finals round was against Balmoral and we won 3- 0

Pasadena was 1-1 until Ivy scored a great last minute goal against them winning 2-1. Final game of the day was a friendly against Balmoral again, with a 1-0 win.

Shout outs to Hettie for being an amazing goalie and defence; Georgia for being a great goalie, great hits up the wing; Emily for scoring so many amazing goals and for being an amazing goalie; Pip for scoring great goals; Ivy great goals and running; Maiah for amazing defending; Clara for great defence; Peggy, Alisha and Etta for the great running in midfield and to Ruby and Arden for their amazing attacking.

Thanks to our coach Sally Wenley and Ms Murray for helping out and supporting us. And thanks to all the parents that came to cheer us on.

By Georgia Smythe(Rm 17) and Ivy Lundon (Rm 28)





Options Term 3, 2021

<p>Football academy: Mr Wannamaker - Room 1 Field Enjoy football? This option will be run like a mini football academy where you will practice and develop the skills to take you to the next level. We will plan, organise, and do soccer drills/warm ups & activities you create for yourself and your teams. Spots are limited!</p>	<p>Sketch Club: Mrs R Wilson- Room 2 If you enjoy sketching then this is the option for you. We will explore different sketching techniques and overall just enjoy the time to be creative.</p>
<p>I can Animate! : Mr Curtis- Room 7 Bring those ideas and stories alive through animation. Explore different software programs to create your own 2D and 3D animations. If you enjoy model making you can explore legomation and claymation using stop motion techniques.</p>	<p>Pinterest Crafting: Miss Howie - Room 9 Do you like to get crafty? Come and experiment making a variety of crafts straight from Pinterest.</p>
<p>Yearbook: Ms Bennett - Room 11 Students preselected</p>	<p>Science Fair: Mrs Marsick / Miss Soppet - Room 14 Science Fair continued from Term 2</p>

<p>Felt bag tags: Ms Richardson - Room 16 Do you want your bag or pencil case to stand out? Learn how to sew by hand and make a bag tag or keyring using felt.</p>	<p>Team Debates: Mrs Murray - Room 17 If you like to express yourself, come along to this option and enjoy the freedom of speech and learn the art of debating - teams exchanging views with rules!</p>
<p>Wearable Arts: Miss Valintine - Room 18 Have you ever been to the WOW in Wellington? Have you ever wondered how artists turn fashion into art? In this option you will learn all about how to construct a wearable art form using sculptural materials.</p>	<p>3D Design and Printing: Mr Wilson - Room 19 Welcome to the future! We will be designing in 3D and printing on our newly updated school 3D printers. This option is open to both Year 7 and Year 8 students.</p>
<p>Anime Drawing and Manga Fan club: Miss Cooney- Room 20 Are you an Anime fan? Which Anime are you interested in? Do you love drawing your favourite anime characters? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then this option is for you. Come and create your own sketch book filled with your favourite anime characters, even create your very own mini-manga series.</p>	<p>Book & Crossword Club: Mrs Spencer - Library Do you love reading, spelling, and words? Join us in Book and Crossword Club in the library, where we will enjoy and share books, and solve word puzzles and problems</p>
<p>Little People: - Room 24 Have you heard of Slinkachu? He is a creative London based photographer who sets 'miniature' scenes around the world by creating his own 'little people'. These scenes are missed by those who don't look at the detail in their environment. During this option your challenge will be to create your own 'little people' and make scenes around the school in which you will photograph. We will see who in the school looks closely at their environment to find our 'little people'.</p>	<p>Mindful Mandalas: Mrs McCullagh - Room 25 Mindful Mandalas, join us for a quiet place to work on your own hobbies or draw or create an awesome Mandala for your room. We will also try some new activities like calligraphy and the illuminated alphabet.</p>
<p>Let's Learn Korean: Miss Sherrock - Room 26 Are you interested in trying out a new language and learning more about another culture? We will learn the Korean alphabet and a few simple phrases as well as researching local holidays such as Chuseok. Absolute beginners only!</p>	<p>Journey through Space: Ms Busch - Room 28 Imagine that you are drifting out in space, travelling through places that no other human has ever been. What do you see? What will you find? What wonders are out there? What dangers will you face? Come and find out in this option.</p>
<p>Artful design: Ms Edwards - Leaders' Loft In this option we will create amazing works of art using number skills. Create patterns comprised completely of straight lines that look like circles, flowers or other shapes.</p>	<p>Touch Typing: Mrs Maitland-Smith - HUB Come and learn how to type without using the sense of sight to find the keys. You will learn the useful skill of Touch Typing using Interactive learning games and speed.</p>
<p>Hard-out Sports: Mr Wilson - Top courts Sports extension and enrichment. Different styles of sport that will test all your skills. Teamwork and persistence necessary. Not for the faint-hearted, you must be prepared to go HARD every week!</p>	<p>Basketball: Mr Jardine - Basketball Court Basketball skills and game play. All welcome, some prior experience would be beneficial but not essential.</p>

Library

The library is now closed for borrowing. It will reopen for borrowing in Week 1, Term 3. Please ensure all library books are returned by Friday Week 10, Term 2. Thank you

Camp

Camp fees this year are **\$350.00** as stated in the letter that was sent home in Week 7. This amount is not due until **Friday 24th September**. However, if you would like to pay now or pay in instalments, our bank account details are on our website

www.ponsonbyintermediate.school.nz/online-payment/

Alternatively, you can pay at the front office.

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

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