

Principal's Message

Kia ora Whanau,

This week's plans for reopening have gone superbly. So, a massive "thank you" shout out to everyone - staff, students and parents showed adaptability, calmness and diligence in following the school, *but not as we know it*, plans.

We have confidence that the five geographical classroom bubbles are secure, safe and stable. Mask wearing compliance has been good and this beautiful weather has helped with teaching outdoors as much as possible.

92% of students returned to school in person this week.

The families of essential workers' children returning full-time initially indicated high numbers, however this has not eventuated.

So, with all this in mind and now trusted procedures in place, opening hours for students next week will be:

- **Year 8 programme - Students onsite Monday, Wednesday and now Friday, 9am - 2pm**
- **Year 7 programme - Students onsite Tuesday and Thursday, 9am - 2pm**
- **Essential workers' children onsite each day 9am - 2pm**
- **Students not returning to school continue with remote learning via their Google Classroom**
- **Learning programmes and morning Zoom lessons continue as normal on the days students are not at school.**

We will continue to adjust and improve. I can assure you that when Ministry of Education guidelines allow, we will turn on the 'Ponsonby Experience' in full.

Nga mihi

Nick Wilson

ICAS Testing

We have been able to reschedule the ICAS exams which your child/ren are entered into for next week.

With the current restrictions in place, the children will sit these exams on the following days and times. Both Year 7 and Year 8 will sit these exams at the same time.

Timetable:

English – Monday 22nd November 10:00 am

Science – Tuesday 23rd November 10:00 am

Mathematics – Wednesday 24th November 10:00 am

Spelling – Thursday 25th November 10:00 am (please note this exam requires the use of Janison Replay. Please ensure this is installed on the device that will be used)

The only item the children will need for these exams is their device, please make sure they have it fully charged, and have their charging cable also if it is their onsite school day.

The students will need to attend a google meeting at 10:00 am followed by the exam. During the google meeting they will get their codes and passwords.

Google Meeting Details

Your child will need to join the ICAS Testing Classroom. Code: wb4rlkw

The Google meeting will be held via the link in this classroom.

If for some reason your child is unable to make the above times please let me know as soon as possible. The final day for sitting these exams is the 26th of November so an alternate sitting arrangement will need to be organised.

Any questions please contact Cherie Bolesworth, cherieb@ponsint.school.nz

Message from the Starship Community Team

HPV Second Dose Immunisation

COVID 19 Lockdown restrictions have, unfortunately, interrupted this year's school-based HPV immunisation programme in the Auckland region.

It is important to keep your children vaccinated so that they are protected against Human Papilloma Virus.

Vaccination is free and we encourage you to book this vaccination as soon as possible for your child at your family doctor (GP)

If you have any questions or are having difficulty accessing your GP to make the appointment then please contact us on 09 639 0200.

- **Note:** GP practices have COVID-19 infection prevention control measures in place. Talk to your GP at the time of booking if you have any concerns.

Health and Safety Guidelines for return to school

For Students	For Parents/Caregivers
<p>You are to enter school grounds, and go directly to your classroom, as soon as you arrive either by bus, car or any other form of transport.</p> <p>You must be wearing a mask on entry to the school grounds to ensure that everyone has one for the day.</p> <p>Each class must use the following entrance and exit:</p> <p>Room 25 Roller door on Clarence Street Rooms 12, 15, 21, 22, 23, 25</p> <p>Back Gate (Sheehan Street) Rooms 14, 16, 17, 18, 20, 30</p> <p>Front Gate (Clarence Street) Rooms 1, 3, 6, 8, 9, 11, 26, 28</p> <p>Rule does not apply if you bike to school. You can use the front gate. Please go straight to form class on arrival.</p> <p>Whenever you are moving around outside with your bubble, you are expected to maintain a 2 metre distance from all other people</p> <p>1 metre distance or more when in the classroom</p> <p>You can not interact with students from other bubbles</p> <p>You will continue with the same remote learning programme you were doing at home and teachers will supervise this. However, there will be much more engagement with your peers and a focus on social and mental well-being while at school.</p>	<p>If you are an essential worker and you need your child to attend school fulltime please notify the school by 2:00 pm the day prior to this being required office@ponsint.school.nz</p> <p>Your child can not attend school during Alert Level 3 if they are considered a contact of a COVID 19 case.</p> <p>Your child can not attend school if they are sick, especially if they have any cold or flu-like symptoms, including a high temperature, runny nose or cough. If your child develops these symptoms during the day you will be notified and asked to come and collect them.</p> <p>Please ensure your child comes to school as close to 9am as possible, entering through the designated gate.</p> <p>Your child will be required to have a face mask every day. Please consider putting a spare mask in your child's bag in case they misplace or break their one.</p> <p>Students will be in their form class and this will be their 'allocated bubble' for their time at school.</p> <p>Parents 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>In an emergency parents may access the school office. Please scan in, wear a mask and maintain distance from others.</p> <p>We would ask that your child bring their own device if possible, with headphones.</p>

You will be in your form class or with your form teacher.

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.

You will be required to wash and sanitise your hands prior to, and after, using shared equipment such as sports gear.

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

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

You will need to bring a full drink bottle and lunchbox each day as water fountains and the tuckshop will be closed. There are stations in each room to fill your drink bottle within your bubble.

You will need to come to school in your fitness uniform each day. As the classrooms will have all windows and doors open you will need to bring a jumper on cold days.

Scooters and skateboards stay in your class.

The school is providing hand sanitiser and wash stations where possible. Please reinforce with your child the need to regularly wash their hands and sanitise while at school.

You will need to provide your child with their own lunch and full water bottle as our tuck shop and water fountains will not be available.

There will be locations for students to fill their drink bottles during the day.

If your child poses a safety risk by not following our strict alert level 3 Health and Safety procedures, you will be contacted.

Your child's allocated bubble will remain stable for the remainder of Level 3 and will not interact with any other allocated bubble.

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.

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.

Making Connections

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.

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 Learning Pathway

Our Vision

Articulate,
energised achievers;
ready for the future

New Zealand
Curriculum

Ponsonby
Community

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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