

Principal's Message

Kia ora Whanau,

This week we received clear information from the Ministry of Education on the value of mask wearing and also the process to follow when we get a case of Covid19 in the school.

What has played out nicely for us, is the way we have set up the school since the students' return on the 17th November. I have confidence in our mitigation strategies and layers of protection. Due to the five geographical classroom bubbles being so secure and stable, and the students diligently following the rules, we will easily be able to identify and distinguish between *Close* and *Casual* contacts. We will be able to minimise the event of a school closure and continue with as much face-to-face learning as possible.

Mask wearing indoors still remains a priority as Delta seems to be airborne. However, teachers will continue with our current sanitation procedures, as we have good routines in place.

This week we had the Year 8 students on site for 3 days. Next week it is the Year 7's turn.

Opening hours for students next week will be:

- **Year 8 programme - Students onsite Monday and Wednesday, 9am - 2pm**
- **Year 7 programme - Students onsite Tuesday and Thursday, and now Friday, 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**

As we get more experienced working inside these tough guidelines and keeping everyone safe, we can begin to plan for end of year events - including School Reports ... and yes ... Year 8 Graduation!

Finally today, thank you to everyone who completed the Student Vaccine Register we have been mandated to collect. For those of you who were unable to complete it or missed the email, we will be in contact with you individually.

Have a good weekend,

Nga mihi

Nick Wilson

Bus Services

We have been monitoring the afterschool bus services, and notice that not many students are using them.

Please note that with the 2pm school finish time the services have been adjusted.

- 966 to the Northshore - 2:09pm
- 010 towards Mt Albert - 2:26pm
- Outerlink - on normal rotation

Morning services times remain the same.

Students wearing Hats please!

We have been making the most of learning outside where possible, it also gives the students a break from mask wearing! Please make sure students come to school with their own hat. The school provides sunscreen when needed.

Room 30 PPTV

To watch Room 30's PPTV episode, please follow the link [Room 30 PPTV](#)

Growth Through Learning

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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