

## Principal's Message

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Kia ora Whanau,

Today I am able to provide you with clear information about the rest of the year. Firstly, we can assure you that safety measures and systems we have in place will remain. The last thing we want to do is relax and have our whanau plunge into self-isolation for Christmas!

**School Prizegiving will proceed.** We will acknowledge those students who have demonstrated outstanding effort and achievement. Unfortunately, not every student will receive an award at prizegiving, however, every student should feel a sense of accomplishment, and Form Teachers will support this.

**Year 8 Graduation will also proceed on Monday 13 December - 5:45pm to 7:45pm.** This ceremony has always been an exciting part of the Ponsonby Experience, I am glad we can deliver on this – albeit with no parents or dancing.

**School reports** will be emailed to you on your child's last day of school. Please note, there will be teacher comments, with some data missing and 'blanks' in the report as we have not been able to accurately assess students this term. All students will also receive the Yearbook on their last day. A massive thank you to Cobey Bennett for organising this!

**EOTC next week.** Camps were unable to proceed, however, we held onto our booking with outside providers for the Archery and Team Building activities. Next week, all students will rotate through these activities here onsite. Well done Matt Bennie for his perseverance here!

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

**Opening hours for students next week will be:**

- **Year 8 programme - Students onsite Monday, Wednesday and 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.**

## Prizegiving

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- The majority of our traditional awards will still happen
- Year 8 Prizegiving - Monday 13 December, from 9:30am, staggered bubbles
- Year 7 Prizegiving - Tuesday 14 December, from 9:30am, staggered bubbles
- Parents of prize winners notified Thursday 9 December
- No parents on site, video footage available the next day

## Year 8 Graduation

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- Monday 13 December - 5:45pm to 7:45pm
- Each student will walk the stage and receive their certificate from their Form Teacher
- A group class photo will be taken and emailed to parents during the ceremony
- Shared dinner, leavers video and yearbooks will happen in class bubbles
- 7:45pm parents pick up students from the field

Parents, please assist us with a safe *“click and collect”* style pick up process for students. Please wait on the field. There will be car parking available. We will have a staggered release of student bubbles and the students will find you on the field.

## Mathex and Otago Problem Solving

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In what has been a very unusual year, we have still had students with outstanding results in Mathematical Problem Solving. The Mathex team were due to compete the week we went into Lockdown, and although we were hopeful the event would go ahead at a later date, this has obviously not been possible. The team still deserve recognition for the work they did in Terms 1 and 2.

Year 8 - Zara Brooker, Eric He, Victor Hu, Tara Milkop-Kerr, Jojo Lewis, Hunter Whitten, Runners - Oscar Akel and Ari Hunter, and Reserve - Ethan Church.

Year 7 - Oscar Bourne, Frankie Bulog, Ryan Evans, Pip Lee, Conor Liddell, Neil Mendonca, Runners - Dax Pasche and Surya Sathish, and Reserve - Chloe Loo.

Several students also achieved an ‘Excellence’ grade from the University of Otago for the Problem Solving Challenge.

Congratulations to; Sara Shawrikar, George Feng, Vedika Chugh, Alisha Naran, Hunter Whitten, Tara Milkop-Kerr, Jojo Lewis, Ari Hunter, Laura Du, Sophia Bland, Zara Baldwin, Conor Liddell, Jonas Rodgers, Chloe Loo, Pip Lee, Tully Cook, Zara Busch, Lucile Brendolise, Oscar Bourne, Helena Schick, Dax Pasche, Neil Mendonca and Frankie Bulog

A special congratulations to Ryan Evans - Room 15 for achieving in the top percentile nationally.

## Online Safety reminders

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Lockdown has been a difficult time for many of us particularly around keeping in touch with friends. We have seen a huge increase in the use of social media sites such as Tik Tok, Snapchat and Instagram.

As the use of these sites becomes more frequent as we try to connect with friends, so do the incidences of inappropriate behaviour and/or bullying. Cyberbullying has seen a significant increase nationwide, particularly in areas that have been in lockdown for extended periods of time such as Auckland.

As a school, we would like to take this moment to remind the community and whanau of the responsibilities we all have to keep our tamariki safe online.

If your child experiences online bullying or harassment you need to do the following:

- Don't reply
- Take a screenshot (do not delete the message, as this is evidence)
- Block the person or number
- Tell a trusted adult such as a teacher or a parent
- Contact Netsafe if it is deemed threatening or unsafe behaviour

Although this type of behaviour is happening outside of school time, if it is affecting the students' well-being at school, we have an obligation to act accordingly if it is brought to our attention.

Navigating social media sites can be difficult for children this age, which is the reason that many of them are age restricted. It is important that adults are aware of what is happening on these sites and are willing to step in if things start to get overwhelming or even dangerous.

Below is a helpful video for Parents and Caregivers to support your child when using social media. Also remember that Netsafe are great at helping support families with online cyber-bullying behaviour, <https://www.netsafe.org.nz>.



## **In this edition of SchoolTV - CYBERBULLYING**

With the advent of the internet, smart phones and tablets, there is now a whole new digital dimension added to traditional schoolyard bullying. There was once a time when bullying victims were given some respite outside of school hours, but sadly these days, online bullying can occur 24/7. In today's world, teaching your child about online and cyber safety, is as important as learning to swim or cross the road!

Cyberbullying can be identified as being the repeated behaviour by an aggressor with the intent to harm or embarrass. Technology enables these aggressors to share information widely and quickly, making this form of bullying extremely dangerous and harmful. However, the answer is not to shun the internet nor social media. Instead, parents are encouraged to embrace it and instil a family internet policy to protect their children without limiting the freedom to learn, explore and communicate online.

In this edition of SchoolTV, parents are provided with useful guidelines and advice on how to minimise the risks. Children have the right to feel safe, regardless of whether it is in the schoolyard or online.

We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this edition of SchoolTV and we always welcome your feedback. If you have any concerns about your child, please contact your child's Form Teacher or our School Counsellor [Rachel Maitland-Smith](#).

Here is the link to the **Cyberbullying** edition of SchoolTV  
<https://ponsonbyintermediate.nz.schooltv.me/newsletter/cyber-bullying>

## Remote Learning Chromebooks

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From Monday 6 December, students who borrowed school Chromebooks for remote learning will need to return both the Chromebook and the charger. These can be returned directly to their Form Class Teacher. Students who are still learning from home can request a hard pack from the Office when they return the Chromebook.

## Bus Services – repeat notice

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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
- Outer-link - on normal rotation

Morning services times remain the same.

## Students wearing Hats please! – repeat notice

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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.



# 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