

# Newsletter

**Ponsonby**  
Intermediate School

Articulate, energised achievers, ready for the future

27 January 2022

## Important Dates

### 1 February

First day of School

Year 8 start at 8:35am

Year 7 start at 8:45am

### 2 February

'Meet the Teacher  
Evening' via Zoom

### 7 February

Waitangi Day

### 10 February

Basketball trials start

### 14 February

Year 8 Netball trials

Afterschool Table  
Tennis club

### 17 February

Swimming Sports TBC

Kia ora Ponsonby Whanau for 2022,

We have carefully unpacked the Ministry of Education guidelines for the Red setting. It is great we are going to be able to have all students onsite every day for their learning. Some of the procedures that worked really well last year remain in place - classroom ventilation, teaching outdoors when possible and mask wearing indoors.

Under the Red setting we are able to run our timetable. I'm stoked about this, as it is the Ponsonby specialist teaching model that really makes this school exciting for students.

Today is our Teacher Only Day and uniform sales finished at 2pm. From Tuesday 1 February uniforms are available from 3pm each afternoon from the office.

## Events and Activities

Large gatherings indoors continue to be one of the riskier activities we can undertake. Therefore we have reviewed some of the events and activities for the upcoming term to ensure we meet the health guidance for the Red setting.

- Our Term 1 EOTC trips are postponed until the Orange setting.
- Meet the Teacher evening remains Wednesday 2nd February via Zoom, your child's form teacher will send you a link on Tuesday.
- Some in-school activities will be spilt into geographical zones.

## Face Coverings

Public health advice is that an appropriate face covering should fit snugly and seal well around facial contours. This can include single use, disposable masks (medical masks) and re-usable fabric masks with three layers.

Don't worry if you don't have these specific types of face coverings, as public health experts also say that any face covering is better than no face covering.

The Unite Against COVID-19 website also has information on [how to make a face covering](#). Some children may be reluctant to wear a face covering, however one way of looking at it is: *just like you need to wear a hat outside, you need to wear a mask inside.*

## Managing cases in our school

We have good contact tracing systems in place so that if there is a confirmed case who has been at school while infectious, we can quickly identify who was a close contact of that person. We will then quickly advise those contacts of what they need to do.

Only if the Ministry of Health or the Ministry of Education advises to do so, would we consider closing the school and moving to distance learning for everyone. At Red we will keep everyone learning onsite for as long as we can.

Please make sure your contact details we have on file are up to date, so we can get in touch with you if needed.

## The First Day of School, Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February

Year 8 students know their Form class, they need to enter the school at 8:35am and head straight to their room. New Year 8 students to our school, please meet at the school office at 8:20am.

Year 7 students please come to school at **8:45am**. You will all need to meet on the basketball court in the centre of the school. Most students know where the covered basketball court is (hence the uniform sales in the Hall). We will also have some ushers helping you out too.

A huge amount of effort has gone into the class placements process. Katie Fiddian and Rachel Maitland Smith have gathered information from parents, children and the primary schools and worked over the summer to build ten balanced Year 7 classes.

It is more than likely your child will come home tired and with a bit of ‘information overload’ over the first few days. My first day tip is; *it is always a good move to have lemonade ice blocks handy!* This has been proven by experts to be soothing for children.

The Ministry of Education has some helpful information on their [Parents and Whānau website](#) to support your tamariki to get back to school. There is also a very important reminder about how you can [take care of yourself](#).

While this might all feel a little overwhelming at times, we know that all these measures will help our children return to school, reconnect with whānau and friends and do what they enjoy.

We are also here to help. Please get in touch if you have any concerns or need help in any way.

See you soon!

Nick Wilson  
**Principal**

# Stationery List 2022

This is a parent friendly list for your shopping convenience

Our school office **does not** supply stationery for purchase at the beginning of the year, however, we do sell ongoing stationery items throughout the year. These can be purchased before school or at break times

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**In 2022 Ready-made Stationery Packs will be available from:**

**Warehouse Stationery St Lukes**

**8/1 Wagener Pl, Mount Albert, Auckland 1025**

**Just ask for the Ponsonby Intermediate Year 7 Pack, Year 8 Pack or Tools for Learning pack.**

**Year 7 pack (approximate price): \$45**

**Year 8 pack (approximate price): \$26**

**Tools for Learning pack (approximate price): \$23**

## Tools for Learning:

**For all subjects at Ponsonby Intermediate School you are required to bring these items to every lesson:**

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|---|------------------------|
| 2 x blue or black ballpoint pens  | 2 x red ballpoint pens |
| 2 x pencils   | 1 x eraser             |
| 1 x pencil sharpener  | 1 x 30cm ruler         |
| 2 x glue sticks   | 2 x green pen          |
| 1 x coloured pencils  | 1 x earphones          |
| 2 x highlighters  |                        |
| 1 x whiteboard marker   |                        |
| 1 x Ponsonby Intermediate Learning Journal (given to you at the beginning of each year) |                        |

## Stationery totals (excluding 'tools for learning')

3	1E5 Quad books (with Ruled margins)
	Y7 - Clearfiles - Red 40pg, any colour 40pg
	Y8 - 40pg any colour
	Scientific Calculator - Y7 only
1	180° protractor
1	Drawing compass
7	1B5 Exercise book (Y7 require)
1	1B8

1	No2 Manuscript - Y7 only (these have six staves on one side and lined refill on the other)
1	3B1 notebook
1	Project book (unlined)
1	2B & 6B Pencil
1	A3sketch pad (20pg)
1	Refill

## **Note:**

- All items are for both Year 7 & Year 8 students unless otherwise stated
- We would appreciate it if all books are covered please.
- Please label all books with the students name only (Subjects and classes will be labelled at school on the first day)

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**Articulate,**

# Teaching Staff 2022

<b>Jane Jeon</b>	Maths	Room 1
<b>Rachel Wilson Margaret Hunt Adam Cleverley</b>	Reading & Learning Programmes	Room 2 (Learning Centre)
<b>Kristen Rees</b>	Maths	Room 3
<b>Christine Cullen</b>	Performing Arts	Room 6
<b>Paul Curtis</b>	Music	Room 7
<b>Charlotte Stone</b>	English	Room 8
<b>Joanne McCullagh</b>	English	Room 9
<b>Katie Fiddian</b>	English	Room 11
<b>Lorna Cooney</b>	English	Room 12
<b>Jaimi Athy-Timmins</b>	Science	Room 14
<b>Margaret Marsick</b>	Science	Room 15
<b>Kelly Richardson</b>	Home Economics	Room 16
<b>Sam Jardine</b>	Health/PE	Room 17
<b>Sione Taupeaafe</b>	Art	Room 18
<b>Andy Wilson</b>	Exploring Technology	Room 19
<b>Cobey Bennett</b>	Design Technologies	Room 20
<b>Kellie Spencer</b>	English	Room 21
<b>Angela Lane</b>	English	Room 22
<b>Penelope Dunn</b>	English	Room 23
<b>Holly Francis</b>	Languages	Room 24
<b>Sarah Howie</b>	Social Science	Room 25
<b>Andrea Sherrock</b>	Maths	Room 26
<b>Rachel Maitland-Smith</b>	Guidance Coordinator	Room 27
<b>Katherine Busch</b>	Maths	Room 28
<b>Ian Wannamaker</b>	Maths	Room 30

# 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