

Principal's Message

Questions about Case Numbers at Ponsonby

As case numbers in New Zealand rise so do numbers of cases within schools and obviously at Ponsonby Intermediate.

We are as you say - just getting on with it. The online programme has been running for a few weeks now and we have a teacher dedicated to taking care of students whose families are having to isolate. We imagine that the demand for this will increase and decrease as numbers of cases change in the wider community.

As a school and community we need to be mindful to not create stigma around getting sick with the virus or adding undue anxiety, we have a number of systems in place to keep everyone as safe as possible. Obviously, we cannot disclose individual information on cases within the school.

We will keep learning onsite for as long as we can

We are currently managing to cover the classes of absent teachers with relief teachers and the goodwill of other teachers, the Deputy Principal and Principal. However, it is likely that there will be some ongoing challenges.

If, we get to the point that teachers at school are too stretched to cover timetabled classes on site, we will move to flexible learning solutions. When we surveyed the community last year, it was an alternate day programme that suited the majority of whanau.

Please note that we do not yet need to do this. Until further notice students (other than those required to isolate or who are unwell) are expected to attend school.

Monitor for symptoms

Please continue to monitor those in your household for symptoms and get tested. If your child needs to stay at home/isolate because they are unwell, have tested positive for COVID-19 or are isolating as a household contact please email office@ponsint.school.nz

Thank you for the support and resilience you are all showing. The students and staff are doing well and your positive encouragement helps keep the teamwork going.

Nga mihi,

Nick Wilson

Student Led Conferences

Our large covered outdoor basketball court gives us the opportunity to host Student Led Conferences here in person with your teachers. Exciting, I know, albeit with masks on please!

However, the government has a rule that gatherings over the size of 25 people need to operate the vaccine passport scan in system. Therefore, you all need to bring your phone along and we will have to check your vaccine pass on entry. Please arrive as close to your appointment time as possible, car-parking may be available on the school field.

On Line Conference Booking

Bookings can be made at <http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz> using the school code. **Please include your child's room number.**

Core Conferences:

Tuesday 8th March – 3:30 – 8:00pm (CORE1 Code: 5yhgp)

Thursday 10th March – 3:30 – 8:00pm (CORE2 Code:saqbw)

Thursday 24th March – 3:30 – 8:00pm (CORE3 Code:vyz6u)

Modular Conferences

Thursday 17th March 3:30pm - 8:00pm (MODULE code:b4m8t)

Swimming Sports

Our School Swimming Sports will be held at Point Erin Pools, Wednesday 9th March.

Year 7 Classes:

Assemble on the Basketball Court at 8.35am – walk to Point Erin Pools where the programme **begins at 9.00am. Year 7 students will finish the programme at approximately 11:45pm**, have lunch at Point Erin Park and wait until the Year 8 students have entered the pool.

Year 8 Classes:

Assemble on the Basketball Court 11:00am at the end of Interval. Walk to Point Erin Pools where the **programme starts at 12:00pm, and finishes at 2.30pm approximately.**

Students will need:

Togs, Towel, Sweater or Rain jacket, Sunhat, Sunscreen, Lunch and their drink bottle. School will also have some sunscreen and will be reminding students to reapply throughout the day.

Finals will be held in backstroke, breaststroke and freestyle. All events are 33 metres in length, apart from 100m freestyle which is a straight final and the first race of the day. There are 2 fun races for non-competitive swimmers. All students are encouraged to enter at least 2 events, and will accumulate House Points for each event.

If your child cannot participate in the Swimming Sports, please make sure you have organised a note or email that is to be sent to the form teacher prior to the event.

There is no use of the Point Erin Tuck-shop, no chewing gum, energy drinks, fizzy drinks, and no glass bottles to be taken.

Unfortunately, due to the conditions with the council allowing us to proceed with our swimming sports in RED LIGHT setting, we are not allowed any spectators/parents at the venue. The pool is booked only for Ponsonby Intermediate students and staff and we must follow Ministry of Education guidelines with running sports events offsite.

However, we will be filming some of the day and will have this in our next episode of PPTV. Full programme of the day is at the end of this newsletter.

We have had house meetings and reminded all students what they need to bring and how the day will run. Any questions, please contact your child's form teacher.

Sports Update

Basketball

Well done to all teams for their first games on Monday. For a lot of students this may be the first organised sport they have had the opportunity to participate in since July/August last year. We have two more weeks of grading games before the season starts in earnest.

A massive thank you to all team managers, coaches and transport operators. Getting the season up and running is not possible without you.

All game times and results can be found following the link below. You will need to know the grade your child's team is in and their team name.

https://websites.mygameday.app/assoc_page.cgi?c=0-2857-0-602512-0&a=COMPS

Any questions, as always, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Sam Jardine

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Netball

Trials have been happening these past 3 weeks, finishing with two final call back sessions. Students should be really pleased with their efforts on court during these trials. Ponsonby Intermediate will register 10 teams this season, 6x Year 7 teams and 4x Year 8 teams. Teams will be posted by Friday. Parent/player meeting date/time will be confirmed. **Coaches are needed!**

Please contact me if you are available to help.

Michelle Murray

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Water Polo

Trials start on Saturday 12 March, 12:30-2:30pm at the AUT Millennium pool on the North Shore. This trial will cover some fundamental skills - swimming (freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke), treading water and passing (ball skills). Students will be notified for the follow up trial and can also check daily notices for information too.

Hockey

This year North Harbour Hockey Association (NHHA) has made changes to the Junior Hockey format. Year 7, 8 Grade changes from 11-A side to a 7-A Side competition played on half field. The NHHA is making best practice changes to youth competitions to grow and develop the sport for future generations. Hockey trials start Thursday 3 March, 7:30am at school.

PE - Ki O Rahi

Tamaki Makaurau Ki-o-Rahi facilitators returned to Ponsonby Intermediate and teamed up with the PE teachers to deliver Ki-O-Rahi to classes. Students learned the Legend of Ki-O-Rahi which helped to support their understanding of the game, the zones to play in and the rules. It is fast becoming a very popular sport in schools and is also one of the CZ sports.





Home Economics

This year, Year 7 students are learning the skills to be able to make a delicious meal at home. Year 8 students are focusing on the nutrition our bodies need to stay healthy, by learning how to read food labels. The practical side of things has started well with students cooking up a storm! Mini pies have proven to be a real favourite again, and students expanded their cultural food knowledge by making summer rolls.



House Assembly









Swimming Sports Programme 2022

Year 7 Programme: 9:00am – 11:45am

Year 8 Programme: 12:00pm – 2:30pm

HEATS	
Event	Grade
100m Freestyle (straight Final)	Boys
100m Freestyle (straight Final)	Girls
33m Backstroke	Boys
33m Backstroke	Girls
33m Freestyle	Boys
33m Freestyle	Girls
33m Breaststroke	Boys
33m Breaststroke	Girls
33m Butterfly (straight Final)	Boys
33m Butterfly (straight Final)	Girls
33m Running Race (If time allows)	Boys
33m Running Race (If time allows)	Girls

FINALS	
Year 7 start time approx: 11:10am Year 8 start time approx: 1:50pm	
Event	Grade
33m Backstroke	Boys
33m Backstroke	Girls
33m Breaststroke	Boys
33m Breaststroke	Girls
33m Freestyle	Boys
33m Freestyle	Girls
Class Relay (Form Teacher organises Team)	2 Boys and 2 Girls

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.

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.

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