

## Important Dates

### 14 April

Year 8 Showcase in  
Music Assembly

End of Term 3:05pm

### 2 May

Start of Term 2

New Modular  
Subjects for all  
students

### 4 May

Attitude Speaker in  
DEEP Learning

Great House Race

### 12 May

Revolution Tour in  
Music Assembly

### 17 May

OPEN MORNING –  
bookings at  
[office@ponsint.school.nz](mailto:office@ponsint.school.nz)

## Principal's Message

Last week saw the Year 7 students who participated in the Performing Arts and Music module present their work in Music assembly. Wow, wow, wow! I thought that perhaps “new to the school and mask wearing Year 7’s” may have seen a slightly shy performance, not so! They were amazing - congratulations Rooms 9, 12 and 21. Well done to the talented Mr Curtis and Mrs Cullen. Also to note, was the rest of the Year 7 cohort in their support. The applause and encouragement was genuine and actually emotional, my personal highlight of the term.

Term 1 is all about building school culture, I think we clearly are, even in this niggly Red Light setting. This Thursday afternoon will be the Year 8’s turn to present, so let’s see how Room 8 and 15 go? All students get two new modular subjects next term - intermediate school is exciting.

I have shared with you the attendance statistics of our school recently, a message that gives us confidence that this Ponsonby community is fully supportive of the current approach to creating as much as possible an engaging Ponsonby Experience. Next term sees us able to drop the playground restriction rules and plan for whole school events; first up will be the Great House Race followed by Ponsonby’s Got Talent. Our student leadership group - the Councillors, have a desire to carry out a moral community project, so have opted for the Auckland City Mission Can Drive.

Term 2 also has the students participating in new Options classes they chose themselves. The line up on offer has a deliberate focus on “academic style taster courses for college”. The staff have really come to the party, there are some truly interesting choices on offer, and as always, we suggest talking through these Options available with the children.

The DEEP Learning programme also takes a more academic approach (*the Term 1 focus was on Well-being and settling into the Ponsonby Experience*) with Financial Literacy (Maths) and a culturally responsive literacy focus (English).

Education Outside The Classroom, (EOTC) normally takes place in the first term as part of building school culture and relationships with parents/whanau. We paused the EOTC programme this year because of the uncertainty, however, this starts up next term.

You should have received information and permission slips for the children in hard copy last week, if not check their bags!

Have a great Easter break Whanau, autumn in Tamaki Makaurau is beautiful.

Nga mihi,

**Nick Wilson**

## **Sports Update**

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### **Baseball**

Ryan McGrath, Room 25 is a talented baseball player and recently represented the U13 Central City Royals Baseball team that won the Auckland U13 Baseball Championship on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2022. Ryan's team went undefeated 17-0 in the season, taking out the Hamilton Raiders 8-3 in the championship final. Here's Ryan proudly holding the trophy, along with his U13 team mates.





## Sailing

An update on Bella Jenkins Rm 8 sailing results from the Kohimarama Yacht Club Championship. Bella won 1st girl in this event, for the third year in a row. This year it was a very close match, with Bella being second overall with only one point between her and the first boy. Bella will be competing in the Nationals held over Easter in Napier. Good luck Bella.

## Orienteering

For students expressing an interest in orienteering, the Auckland Orienteering Sprint Series is back on again. Counties Manukau Orienteering Club have organised the Auckland Secondary Schools Sprint Championship incorporating Years 7 & 8. This will be held on Sunday 15 May 2022 and is an open event, anyone is welcome. Entries close Monday 9 May 2022. For more information and entry details, please contact [johnandval178@gmail.com](mailto:johnandval178@gmail.com)

# AUCKLAND SCHOOLS ORIENTEERING



## New Tech Experts

Mr Andy Wilson was proud to announce the addition of 18 new Tech Experts this past week at Assembly. These new Tech Expert Leaders will assist Mr Andy Wilson in keeping the school IT run smoothly and also help run audio and visual at Assemblies.

Congratulations to the following students:

| Year 7 Students  | Year 8 Students  |
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| Theo Brooker Room 6<br>Alfie Warner Room 11<br>Ace Ngaia Room 12<br>Toivo Stewart-Saarinen Room 14<br>Tommy Schluter Room 21<br>Mia Crothers Room 21<br>Afzal Ghiaci Room 22<br>Deva Brabon Room 23<br>Eloise Fraser-House Room 23<br>Harvey Busch Room 23<br>Aryan Grover Room 30 | Oscar Berryman Room 1<br>Ruby Unsworth Room 3<br>Oscar Bourne Room 15<br>Mimi McMurtrie Room 17<br>Nikhil Davison Room 17<br>Louis Falkner Room 26<br>Mehedi Hossain Room 28 |

## EOTC for Term 2

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You would have received the EOTC forms a couple of weeks ago. A huge thank you for all the parent help for these trips. Volunteering your time and support makes these trips easier to plan and proceed safely.

Term 2 trips will be Auckland Museum and Jump (trampolining) in Avondale.

Your child's form teacher will be in touch with you to confirm parent help whether you are needed or not. Some trips have limits on the number of parents that can attend. Any questions please contact the form teacher.

## Hoodie and Track Pants Order

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You can order the jersey (hoodie or sweater) and track pants using the link below. Ordering for this garment is now open and closing date has been extended to 18<sup>th</sup> April, 9am – this means orders should be ready for the first day of Term 2.

Your child also has the option of having their name on the back of the hoodie. Guidelines for the name are outlined on the website. Please read these carefully before placing an order. If you need to try on sample sizes, these are available at the office to try on before and after school. This top is not compulsory for all students to have, it is a choice and not a required part of the school uniform.

We also have track pants as well. The track pants are ordered the same way as the hoodie and are not compulsory but are great for the winter months when doing physical activity.

<https://schooluniformcentre.co.nz/ponsonby-intermediate/>



# Library

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This year we have decided to let the students have library books over the holidays. Usually the Library is closed for borrowing one week beforehand. However, with this decision comes extra responsibility...this is to make sure library books are returned after the holidays.

Nga mihi nui

# Tools for Learning

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The holidays are a great time to check your child has all the tools for learning they need to be set up for success. Please ensure that your child has all of the supplies below, including earphones, ready for Term 2. Thank you.

## 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) |                        |

## Options, Term 2, 2022

Below are the options running in Term 2

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| <b>Korean: Miss Jeon - Room 1</b><br>Love Kpop? or K-drama? or Korean Fried Chicken? Learn the language that created this all! We will learn all the basics you need to immerse yourself into Korean culture. From simple Hellos to your favourite song - we'll cover it all. Come along and let's bring Korea to Ponsonby!   | <b>Sketch Club: Mrs R Wilson- Room 2</b><br>If you enjoy sketching then this is the option for you. We will explore different sketching techniques and overall just enjoy the time to be creative.   |
| <b>Where's Wally: Miss Rees - Room 3</b><br>The pesky man in the red and white striped shirt, that sneaky pup, the wizard and his annoying hat... One of the best in the game and all know his name... Where's Wally?! If you are a skilled artist and love spending time creating universes and detailed doodles, choose this as your option to help create Ponsonby's very own... Where's Wally?! | <b>I can Animate! : Mr Curtis- Room 7</b><br>Bring those ideas and stories alive through animation. Explore different software programs to create your own 2D and 3D animations. If you enjoy model making you can explore legomation and claymation using stop motion techniques. |

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| <p><b>Touch Typing: Miss Stone - Room 19</b><br/>Come and learn how to type without using the sense of sight to find the keys. You will learn the useful skill of Touch Typing using Interactive learning games and speed.</p>  | <p><b>Printmaking: Miss Valintine - Room 18</b><br/>Do you love art? Have you ever tried printmaking? In this option, you'll learn all about how to use printmaking tools, design elements and layering techniques to create a spectacular work of art.</p>   |
| <p><b>Travel and Tourism: Mrs McCullagh - Room 11</b><br/>Meet a travel agent and learn about the job. Plan your dream overseas trip. Plan holidays for different scenarios. Learn about the world of travel and places you've never been.</p>  | <p><b>Careers: Miss Cooney- Room 12</b><br/>Want to learn about different careers? Then this is the option for you! We will be researching the most exciting and fun careers there are in the world. What their day-to-day schedule looks like and the salary they make. It could be a good opportunity for you to get an idea of the career you would like to pursue in the future.</p>  |
| <p><b>Rocket Challenge: Miss Athy-Timmins - Room 14</b><br/>Houston, we have a challenge! Are you interested in Physics or Science and stepping into the role of a rocket designer? In this option, you will be able to plan, test and create your own water rocket, ready for take-off.</p>  | <p><b>Librarians : Mrs Marsick - Library -</b><br/><br/>(students are preselected)</p>  |
| <p><b>Where in the world : Ms Richardson - Room 16</b><br/>Are you a future travel bug? Would you live to visit the Berlin Wall? Angkor Watt? The Taj Mahal? Come along to Rm 16 and learn about where different World Wonders and attractions are, and some interesting facts about them.</p>  | <p><b>Basketball: Mr Jardine - Bball court</b><br/>Basketball is my favourite sport, I love the way they dribble up and down the court. My favourite play is the alley-oop, I like the pick and roll, I like the give and go, it's Basketball, let's go! Who sings this song you may wonder? Well, it's certainly not me. And we won't be doing much, if any singing. But if you want to play some Basketball then look no further.</p> |
| <p><b>Philosophy: Mrs Murray - Room 9</b><br/>Here's an opportunity to tap into your curiosity and get thinking! Is it the truth or beauty? Friendship or fairness? What's right or what's real? In philosophy you'll learn how to think, not what to think. You get to be empowered, to ask the questions and reason your responses. Activities involve discussions, drawing and drama ...</p>       | <p><b>3D Design and Printing: Mr Wilson - HUB</b><br/>Welcome to the future! We will be designing in 3D and printing on our newly updated school 3D printers. This option is open to both Year 7 and Year 8 students.</p>   |
| <p><b>Crossword &amp; Book Club - Mrs Spencer - Room 21:</b><br/>Do you love words, books, solving problems and spelling? In Crossword &amp; Book Club, we will solve and create crosswords, word finds, and other word puzzles. We will have a go at making our own and enjoy some downtime reading as well. Join me if you are after a chill Thursday afternoon with some books and word games!</p> | <p><b>Girls' Yoga: Room 24 - Mrs Francis</b><br/>Spend Thursday afternoon improving your flexibility and taking some time for mindful relaxation. No experience or equipment needed - we have yoga mats for you to use. Remember to wear comfortable clothes that will allow you to stretch and move around freely. This activity is for girls only.</p>  |
| <p><b>Art Afternoon: Mrs Howie - Room 25</b><br/>Are you interested in trying out a range of different art styles? Do you want to spend some time perfecting your art skills or simply growing your experience with different styles of art? - If you like to use pastel, watercolour, paint, sketch or</p>   | <p><b>Lego Stop-Motion : Mrs Sherrock - Room 26</b><br/>Using our HUGE lego collection including Harry Potter, Star Wars, Spiderman, Batman and Bionicle figures we will write, create and make stop motion movies.</p>   |

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| <p>you maybe you want to give collage a go - then this option could be for you.</p>   |   |
| <p><b>Hard-out Sports: Mr Wilson / Mr T - Field</b><br/>Sports extension and enrichment. Different styles of sport that will test all your skills. Teamwork and persistence necessary. Not for the faint-hearted, you must be prepared to go HARD every week!</p>   | <p><b>A Real Puzzle: Ms Edwards - Interact</b><br/>If you like puzzles and solving problems then this is the option for you. You can choose from lateral thinking problems, Dingbats, logic puzzles or delve into the box of weird and wonderful, hands on puzzles that Ms E has. (We won't be doing any jigsaws in this option.)</p>                   |
| <p><b>Filmmaking: Ms Busch - Room 28</b><br/>Do you love film and television? Do you want to be involved in the process, but not in front of the camera? Come and learn about the world of film from behind the scenes. Then create and present your own film using cameras and video editing software.</p> | <p><b>French: Mr Wannamaker - Room 30</b><br/>Want to learn the only language spoken on all 5 continents? Like food, travel and culture? In this option we explore all things French. We will learn some basic greetings, how to say your name, ask for a coffee and even get to sample some French cuisine. We will plan a holiday and use EP too.</p> |
| <p><b>Hands on art: Amy - Room 17</b><br/>Want to try new forms of art? In this option, we'll be exploring fun and different ways to create amazing pieces of art! Collage, layering, and creating textures are only some of the techniques we'll be looking at!</p>  |   |

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.

Expressing  
Ourselves

Making  
Connections

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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.





# Register for your Open Day Tour

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## Term 2

**Open Mornings – Tuesday 17 May, Thursday 9 June  
Tuesday 14 June, Wednesday 15 June**

9:15am - 12:00pm for Year 6 students and parents/caregivers. Students will be invited to come to Ponsonby Intermediate School from 9:15am with their parents/caregivers. This is a chance to see the school in action.

## Term 3

**Open Morning – Tuesday 2 August**

**Open Evening – Wednesday 17 August**

6:00pm - Tours of the School in action  
6:45pm - Principals address in the Hall

**Open Morning – Tuesday 23 August**

*All welcome.* Bookings only.  
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# Eliette's Music Academy

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES



### BAND



Juniors (8-12 Yrs) 19, 20 APRIL  
Seniors (13-17 Yrs) 21, 22, 23 APRIL

*Learn songs, Jam original ideas and take your musical skills even futher by playing with other musicians!*



### SONGWRITING



Seniors (13-17 Yrs) 25, 26, 27 APRIL  
Juniors (8-12 Yrs) 28, 29 APRIL

*Learn what it takes to write a song! Structure, Lyrics, Chords, Hooks & Riffs!*

### MUSICAL THEATRE

## ENCANTO

Ages 7-14

GRAFTON 19 - 22 APRIL

ALBANY - April 25 - 29



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