

### Important Dates

#### 2 May

Start of Term 2

New Modular  
Subjects for all  
students

#### 4 May

Attitude Speaker in  
DEEP Learning

#### 6 May

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)

#### 19 May

School Photos

## Principal's Message

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Ponsonby Intermediate has now moved into the Orange setting of the COVID-19 Framework. The School community did an excellent job of adhering to the Red setting guidelines in Term 1.

This compliance meant the number of staff and students impacted by Covid at Ponsonby remained manageable and we were able to keep the school open to all students.

At Orange, face masks are no longer required in schools. However, public health advice is that masks continue to be strongly encouraged when indoors. Wearing a mask is a key health measure that slows the spread of COVID-19 in indoor settings.

We ask that students continue to bring a mask to school every day. There may be times that we will ask them to wear a mask, for example, when we have gatherings of students. If there are a high number of cases at school or in the community, we may ask that masks are worn in classrooms for a time.

The children will be excited to hear that play areas will be back to normal at morning tea and lunch breaks, so there will be no allocated areas for each year level.

At Orange, students aged 12 and above are still required to wear a face mask on school or public transport.

Nga mihi,

**Nick Wilson**

# Sports Update

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## **Basketball**

Welcome back Ponsonby Basketball supporters. I trust everyone had a great break and we are ready for another term of Basketball.

Our first game back will be on **Monday 9th May** which is the start of Week 2. We have games on the **16th, 23rd** and **30th** of May which will wrap up the pool play before we break for Queens Birthday weekend. Every team should then have **a further 2 games** to decide their final placings in their grade.

Team training can commence the first week back as I am sure a few students may need to shake off a little holiday dust. Hopefully it is business as usual as this is still a continuation of our first semester from Term 1.

Under Orange light guidelines the venues no longer have number restrictions so I look forward to catching all our teams in action over the next few weeks.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sam Jardine

[samj@ponsint.school.nz](mailto:samj@ponsint.school.nz)

## **Hockey - Coach**

I am still seeking a coach for the 7-A Side Hockey team. SHOUT OUT to anyone who is interested in taking on this role or knows of a student that might be keen to coach. For more information about the coaching role and team trainings, please contact Michelle Murray [michellem@ponsint.school.nz](mailto:michellem@ponsint.school.nz)

# Back Car Park Closed

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Construction on the two replacement classrooms at the back of the school (Sheehan Street) will be completed during Term 2. However, the car park will be closed for the full ten weeks. Pedestrian access will be fine and should not impact student entry or exit.

# School Photos

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School photos will be happening on Thursday 19th May. The students will have class photos and individual portraits taken on this day. If you would like your children to have sibling photos taken, forms will be available from the school office in Week 2. The students are to be in full school uniform for their photos.

A couple of weeks after the photos have been taken students will bring home a unique Keycode which you can use to view and order your child's photos.

## Free Grief and Loss creative workshops for children

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Harbour Hospice and [Jo Harris](#), are partnering together to offer 2 free workshops for children and young people who are experiencing grief and loss from a loved one's death, or life limiting illness. These workshops are open to children and young people who are not linked to hospice services, as well as those who are.

Dates: Saturday 14th May and 11th June, 2-4pm, Highbury House Community Centre, Birkenhead.

To register visit [Harbour Hospice](#) website, or contact Jo at [jo@connectedlife.co.nz](mailto:jo@connectedlife.co.nz).



# Register for your Open Day Tour

Email today: [office@ponsint.school.nz](mailto:office@ponsint.school.nz)

## 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.  
Email [office@ponsint.school.nz](mailto:office@ponsint.school.nz)

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Articulate, energised

achievers, ready for the future.

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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