

11 May 2022

Important Dates

12 May

Revolution Tour

13 May

Sign Language Week
Celebrations

17 May

Open Morning
BoT Meeting 6pm

18 May

EOTC – Rooms 3, 25,
26 and 28

19 May

School Photos

20 May

Pink Shirt Day

23 - 27 May

Careers Week

25 May

Central Zone Year 7
Girls Football

EOTC – Rooms 12,
14, 20 and 22

26 May

Central Zone Year 8
Girls Football

Talent Quest Finals

31 May

Central Zone Year 8
Boys Football

2 June

Central Zone Year 7
Boys Football

Principal's Message

Welcome back to the start of Term 2, as I mentioned in the previous newsletter, this term will see the academic curriculum, arts and sports flourish.

Part of the intermediate education approach is for students to be able to experience a wide range of opportunities before moving on to secondary school and eventually having to specialise their educational pathways. Ponsonby Intermediate offers a huge breadth of educational experiences. The students will tell you that at the moment the daily notices are 2-4 pages long and often there are over 20 different meetings, practices and activities on any one day.

I want the students to be busy and engaged – research tells us that students involved in extra-curricular activities also excel academically. Please continue to encourage your child to get involved and make the most of their Ponsonby experience, you are only here for a short time!

This school has always had a “top of the cliff” approach towards bullying. Next week is National Bully Free Week; naturally we will be embracing this with exciting activities every day. Friday is national **Pink Shirt Day**. Being part of a national movement towards positive change is such a powerful feeling, so don't be surprised when your child picks out pink shirts and ties for mum and dad to wear on Friday... you have been warned!

<https://www.pinkshirtday.org.nz>

Last week we had our friends from Attitude talking to us about friendships and on Friday Katie Fiddian, Chrissie Cullen and the Councillors organised the “Great House Race” – a whole school playful relay race (photos below).

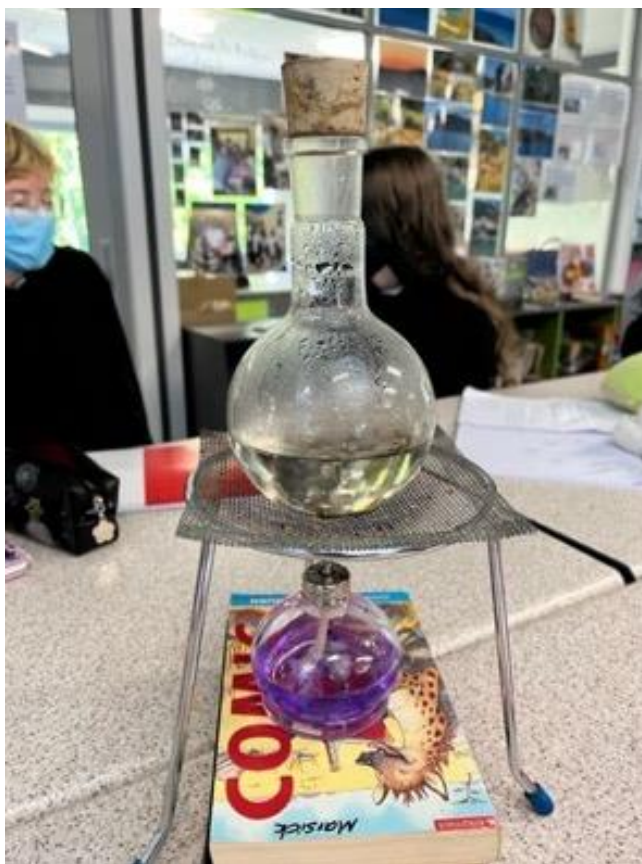
This week is NZ Sign Language week, next week – Bully Free Week, followed by our Careers Week. However, another important date is Thursday 26 May – at 1:30pm we will be holding the **Ponsonbys' Got Talent** finals, there isn't a better way to spend a Thursday afternoon!

Ngā mihi,

Nick Wilson
Principal

Science update: Geology

In Geology we have started doing experiments. Take a look at these photos. At the moment we are studying about Earth's makeup. The 'slime' activity - "*Slimy Asthenosphere*" and *Convection within Earth* - were both very successful with Room 15.



Camp Information and Fees 2022

The whole school will attend camp in **Term 4, Week 1 (Tuesday 18th to Friday 21st October)**. Your child has been informed of where they are going for camp and which classes they are attending camp with. More information regarding camp such as parent help and medical forms will be sent home later this term in **Week 4, 25th May**.

If you have any questions regarding camp, your first point of contact is your child's form teacher.

Year 7 Camps	Year 8 Camps
<u>Shakespeare Lodge</u> Rooms 23 and 12 <u>Peter Snell</u> Rooms 11, 6 and 14 <u>Chosen Valley</u> Rooms 21, 20 and 30 <u>Willow Park</u> Rooms 22 and 9	<u>Camp Bentzon</u> Rooms 25, 18 and 1 <u>Carey Park</u> Rooms 17, 3, 15 and 16 <u>Marsden Bay</u> Rooms 28, 26 and 8

Camp Fees

The fee for attending camp this year is \$350.00 per student. This amount can be paid online using the link below or at the front office.

If you pay online, please follow the instructions with regards to payment details.

You can pay in as many instalments as you like leading up to the due date of September 23rd.

<https://www.ponsonbyintermediate.school.nz/online-payment/>

Kids-to-Camp

Throughout the year, we are raising money to sponsor students to attend camp in Term 4. If you are a parent/caregiver who would like to sponsor a student feel free to follow the link below with the reference 'Kids to Camp'. Your contribution is greatly appreciated.

<https://www.ponsonbyintermediate.school.nz/online-payment/>

Bus Students – Letter home

An important letter went home with all bus students last Friday about being safe and respectful on school and public buses.

We appreciate your support with ensuring this is happening. We have asked parent/caregivers to return the signed form to school so that you are aware of our expectations and that students should be using the school values when on the bus. This letter also asked for parents/caregivers to email the office if their child needs to leave 5mins early at 3pm due to a sports practice or a music lesson. By emailing the office we can keep track of who needs to leave early and that parents are aware of this by providing permission. Thank you for your on-going support with this.

If your child takes the bus and has not brought the letter home, there are forms at the office.

Bully Free Week / Pink Shirt Day

Bully Free New Zealand Week, 16-20 May in conjunction with Pink Shirt Day, on Friday. The week follows the theme He kōtuinga mahi iti, he hua pai-ā rau: Small ripples create big waves.



The Positively Ponsonby Reps are putting together some events each lunchtime to promote positive interactions with each other. Some form classes may pick up some

lessons and discuss this. Next Friday, 20 May is Pink Shirt Day, so remember to wear something pink!

Great House Race Results

It was so exciting to be able to hold our annual Great House Race on Friday. Every student participated and contributed to their house efforts, taking part in activities like “Golf ball throw”, “All Legged Race” and “Catwalk Dress Up”. The school councillors were awesome in organising the event and hyping the students up over the day. This year we held a separate Year 7 and a Year 8 race, which worked well. Congratulations to Puriri house who amazingly won both the Year 7 and Year 8 Race! What an achievement. A big shout out to our isolating students who took part in a Zoom “In House Great House Race” with Totara taking the win here. The Great House Race was a really fun way to kick off the term. Look out for more exciting councillor events coming up over the term.



Sports Update

Sailing - NZ Representative

Bella Jenkins has been sailing her way to success!

She raced in Napier for the Optimist nationals, and in Gold Fleet finished 2nd Girl and 16th overall qualifying to represent New Zealand. Bella will compete in the Europeans racing in Denmark in July/August. Achieving everything she set out to do at the Nationals, she is now looking forward to training for the Euros and an exciting trip to Denmark in a couple of months. More recently Bella sailed her P Class In Tauranga to take one of the top 5 spots to compete for the Wihau Shield. Winning 3 bullets out of 4, Bella achieved 1st overall and 1st girl. Best of luck Bella for your European sailing experience to Denmark. Watch this space!



Careers Week

In Week 4 students will be learning about careers during the week from their form teachers and some dedicated time during their classes. We also have special guests coming in from a range of careers to talk to the school. They will be telling us about what inspired them to have the career they do and about their journey from secondary education.

Careers is an important part of our Ponsonby Curriculum and we are looking forward to hearing from our guests as well as teaching some great activities focused around having a career.

School TV



In this edition of SchoolTV - MANAGING SCREEN TIME

As a result of the global pandemic, there has been a noticeable shift in the amount of time people spend on screen-based devices. Families are transitioning back to pre-COVID routines but many are still struggling to re-establish the boundaries and rules around screen use. Some continue to deal with digital conflict and tech-tantrums on a daily basis. The latest research found that 77% of teenagers spend more than five hours on screens per day, but it is important to note that not all screen time is considered equal.

Parents play a crucial role in modelling a positive and healthy approach to using screens and assisting children to navigate the content they watch. It is better to model and mentor screen use, rather than monitor it. Children tend to do more of what they see us do, and less of what we tell them to do. However, it is still important to outline the risks and highlight the benefits of screen use to ensure you keep a balanced attitude.

Encourage discussions around the issues that people experience in monitoring their screen time and be honest about your own difficulties.

Parents need to remain firm in their approach to managing screen time. Excessive screen time can be detrimental to a child's overall wellbeing. Ensuring the correct privacy settings are in place is vital to prevent children from being inadvertently exposed to inappropriate content or online predators. Parents need to also be mindful of the potential impact screen time can have on a child's social, emotional, educational, behavioural, and even physical domains.

In this edition of SchoolTV, care-givers will be provided with a range of guidelines and strategies to help manage screen time at home.

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 the school counsellor for further information or seek medical or professional help.

Here is the link to the **Managing Screen Time** edition of SchoolTV

<https://ponsonbyintermediate.nz.schooltv.me/newsletter/managing-screen-time>

ICAS Exams

We would like to inform you that Ponsonby Intermediate will be participating in ICAS competitions this year.

What is ICAS?

ICAS is an online academic competition that is designed to assess students' higher order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee and Digital Technologies.

Each assessment celebrates students' accomplishments by providing opportunities for recognition and development. Every student who participates will receive a printed certificate and an online results report. Top performers will be eligible for medals.

Learn more about ICAS [here](https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas). (<https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas>)

How to participate in ICAS

If you wish for your child to participate in ICAS this year, please:

1. read about ICAS subjects and prices [here](https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas): (<https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas>)
2. go to Parent Portal [here](https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps): (<https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps>)
3. enter our school's access code – JDA796
4. enter your child's details, select the tests you would like to purchase, then proceed to payment.

After payment is made via the Parent Payment System, you will receive an order confirmation email, please keep this for your records.

You will need to complete the signup before the 30th July 2022.

We will notify you of the date(s) that we run ICAS at the school and when your child's ICAS results are ready. You and your child can access the results once released via the Reports Portal using the TAP ID and pin found on the back of the ICAS certificate.

Please do not hesitate to contact Cherie Bolesworth if you have any questions cherieb@ponsint.school.nz

Back Car Park Closed

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

School photos will be happening this Thursday 19th May. The students will be getting 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 the students will bring home a unique Keycode which you can use to view and order your child's photos.

Teacher Only Days - School closed for instruction

The teachers' collective agreement allowed 8 Teacher Only days to be held between 1/07/2019 and 30/06/2022.

Due to Covid restrictions and our desire to keep the school open as much as possible we have only used five of these days.

The remaining three Teacher Only Days are as follows:

- **Friday 3 June**
- **Monday 27 June**
- **Friday 16 September**

Winter illnesses – Ministry of Education update

With Term 2 underway, we're looking ahead to what might come next – not just from COVID-19 but the upcoming winter season and illnesses that may come with it.

With New Zealanders mostly sheltered from exposure to flu in the last two years, health experts are concerned about our lower immunity to flu. This winter there is the very real possibility of getting the flu and COVID-19 within a short space of time. This can lead to very serious illness and high mortality rate.

If you are normally someone who doesn't bother with the flu vaccine, we strongly encourage you to get your flu vaccination this year and get your whānau up to date with any other vaccinations (for example, measles, whooping cough).

[Flu \(influenza\) vaccines – Ministry of Health](#)

In 2022, flu vaccinations are free for:

- pregnant people
- people aged 65 years and over
- Māori and Pacific people aged 55 years and over
- people who have a long-term medical condition like diabetes, asthma, or a heart condition (ages 6 months+)
- children under the age of four who have been in hospital with respiratory illness such as asthma.

If you're not eligible for a free flu jab, and not covered by an employer-funded programme, it costs between \$25 and \$45 depending on the vaccine and provider.

There is further information about the symptoms and danger signs for flu on the Ministry of Health website.

[Flu symptoms – Ministry of Health](#)

As always, we want to keep our ākonga and kaiako as safe as possible from the harms from illness and to have as many ākonga learning on site as we can. All those good actions we already have in place to reduce the risk of harm from COVID-19 will also help to prevent seasonal illnesses including:

- staying away if unwell and seeking advice about getting tested
- regularly washing hands
- using well-ventilated spaces

- wearing masks when indoors
- cleaning and disinfecting high-touch surfaces regularly
- covering coughs and sneezes
- having a highly vaccinated community (and not just for COVID-19).

Hoodie and Track Pants Order

You can order the jersey (hoodie or sweater) and track pants using the link below. Ordering for this garment is now open and closes on May 20th.

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/>





Register for your Open Day Tour

Email today: office@ponsint.school.nz

Term 2

**Open Mornings – Tuesday 18 May, Thursday 10 June,
Tuesday 15 June, Wednesday 16 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 3 August

Open Evening – Wednesday 18 August

6:00pm - Tours of the School in action
6:45pm - Principals address in the Hall
7:00pm - Ponsonby Performance Evening.

Open Morning – Tuesday 24 August

All welcome. Bookings only.
Email office@ponsint.school.nz

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OPEN WEEKS AT WESTERN SPRINGS COLLEGE/NGĀ PUNA O WAIŌREA

School tours with the Principal will take place from **Monday 23rd May to Friday 27th May 2022** and **Monday 30th May to Thursday 2nd June 2022**.

The tours will take approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes, and there will be time for a Q&A session at the conclusion of the tour over tea and coffee in the Hall foyer.

Time: 9.00 am to 10.30 am.

Where to meet? School Hall foyer (Administration block) at 8:50am.

The tours will showcase normal operating school days in a 21st Century learning environment.

Join us for this special opportunity.

Ivan Davis

Principal

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