

22 June 2022

Important Dates

23 June

School Closed for
Instruction

24 June

Matariki Holiday

27 June – 1 July

Culture Week

29 June

EOTC Trips - Rooms 1,
15, 16 and 17

6 July

EOTC Trips – Rooms 9,
21, 23 and 30

7 July

Showcase –
Rooms 11, 14, 17, 25
and 30

8 July

End of Term – 3:05pm

Student School Reports
sent via email

25 July

Start of Term 3

Principal's Message

Here we are nearing the end of Term 2, students are focussed and I can actually see the academic engagement as I make my way around the school. Students are very focussed on their learning. At the same time, the Arts and Sports are also flourishing. When the school is busy, pumping and engaging we know we are putting our best foot forward to create a thriving environment for our students. Thriving is my favourite way to describe well-being!

Next week sees us add to this special time here at Ponsonby with a Cultural Education focus. Cultural Education is also a significant part of the "Ponsonby Experience". The week will see these middle schoolers using imagination, creativity, expressing themselves, working both independently and collaboratively.

This newsletter contains information about the Mid-Year School Reports that will be sent out by email on Friday 8th July. I know the Year 8 students have been working hard to make sure this report portrays them in the best way possible as they prepare for secondary school enrolment.

The Term 3 Options choices are included in this newsletter, it is a good idea to briefly discuss these with the children before they make choices later next week.

Reminder, there is no school tomorrow - Thursday (TOD) or Friday (Matariki Holiday).

Finally, congratulations to our Rugby team, a truly fantastic result.

Nga mihi,

Nick Wilson

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Sports Update

CZ Rugby

Ponsonby Intermediate recently had a phenomenal result at our CZ Rugby tournament. After some challenging games early in the day against Kowhai and Waikowhai, the boys found themselves up against St Peter's. St Peter's has been somewhat of an achilles heel to our Rugby team in previous years and needless to say, the players from last year could vividly remember the defeat. That didn't stop the team from going out strong, and it wasn't long before they found themselves in the lead. A lead they were able to hang on to and book themselves a spot in the finals against Royal Oak.

After overcoming the hurdle of St Peter's, morale was high and it showed as the boys went on to defeat Royal Oak and win the whole Central Zone tournament for the U55 category.

Massive thanks to Mr Taupeaafe and to Shane Webby for their coaching.

The team will be competing at an Inter-zone day taking place Tuesday 21st June (results will be in the next newsletter).



Basketball

We have come to the end of our first semester of Basketball. At the time of writing, Ponsonby has 5 teams in the finals for their respective grades and another 3 teams playing off for 3rd and 4th. We will be sure to celebrate all 13 Ponsonby Intermediate teams at school once the final placings have been determined.

This is not possible without the assistance of our incredible Ponsonby parents so I would like to say a big thank you to all who have helped with the season. Be it making WhatsApp groups, providing transport or managing the team, it is all greatly appreciated. Lastly, a special shout out to the coaches. Thank you for putting your hands up and doing an incredible job with the teams. I am sure the students really appreciate it.

We have a second semester of Basketball starting next term, and students will hopefully have already brought home the permission form for you to sign and return. The turn-around will be tight as games start Monday Week 2, Term 3 (August 1st) and we have a very busy last few weeks of Term 2 already.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch, otherwise I will be communicating with all basketball parents/caregivers over the coming weeks.

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CZ Boys Hockey

Ponsonby Intermediate boys' hockey team competed in the CZ tournament on Monday 20 June. The team played steadily in their pool round games coming 2nd, finishing in the top 4, and headed into the semi final against Remuera Intermediate. Backs played a strong game defensively, with midfield players also in support and thanks to Ryan Evans' exciting runaway goal, kept the score at 1-1 until the final minutes - two quick on-target strikes saw the team go down 3-1. Ponsonby played Royal Oak to finish 4th overall in the tournament. Top effort by the boys!! Shout out to goalkeeper James Taber for his bravery and saves in goal, forwards for showing their determination in the D, midfielders and backs for their 'never give up' attitude. Year 7, 8 Boys team: Niam Sukha, James Taber, Noah Ogilvie, Avery Beuth, Louis Falkner, Ryan Evans, Lex Baker, Nikhil Davison, Oliver Sharp and Kapil Singh. Thanks to parent supporters Nicky and James Ogilvie.



CZ Girls Hockey

Ponsonby's Year 7, 8 Girls' Hockey team competed in the CZ tournament on Tuesday 21 June. The team were very organised from the onset, sorting out field positions and discussing tactics. Pool round games were played end to end 2 wins, 1 loss.

Quarter final game Ponsonby v ANI was hard fought with a 0-0 score line, however they were defeated due to a penalty corner, but came back with a gritty 2-0 win against St Mary's in the next round. Placed 6th overall, it was an awesome team effort for the tournament. Shout out to goalkeeper Erika Orbell for her spectacular saves and dancing, backs Maiah Rama and Pip Lee for their supportive communication and outstanding defence, Charlize Barron, Clara Pope and Nitya Jaiswal for the relentless cover around the field, Lennox Nathan-Edmonds, Saffron Spiller and Bijou Akel for their energetic running and passing through the midfield and forwards Ivy Lundon and Emily Clark for their fast pace, striking skills and goals. Top goal scorer Emily (3). Thanks to our parent support Janine, Alan and Chris.



School Closed – Repeat Notice

Our new classrooms will be delivered by crane in eight separate pieces on Thursday 23 June. The Ministry of Education requires us to drastically reduce the number of people on site that day.

With that in mind, and our desire to keep the school open as much as possible, it makes sense to move the planned Teacher Only Day from Monday 27 June to Thursday 23 June.

It still falls on the Matariki holiday weekend, and because of the late notice we will ensure we offer supervision here at school that day, for those whanau who need it.

Please email office@ponsint.school.nz if your child will be coming to school and needs supervision on Thursday 23 June.

Thursday 23 June - School closed for instruction, Teacher Only Day

Friday 24 June - School Closed - Matariki Holiday

Apologies for the late notice. The crane operation risk assessment was not communicated to the school until recently. On a positive note, this is only the second day we have ever closed the school due to the devastating fire suffered in December 2020.

Community Survey 2022

Today you will receive an email with a link requesting you to complete our Community Survey. We are asking parents and caregivers for feedback on how their experience has been with Ponsonby Intermediate.

Not only would we like to hear what we could do better but also the areas in which we are doing well. It is also appreciated to know areas we are succeeding in so we can make sure these things continue.

Just click the link in the email that was sent to you and complete the Survey by the **7th July**.

If you have not received the email with the link, please contact the office who will send you the link, office@ponsint.school.nz

We really appreciate you taking the time to complete this survey as your feedback about our school is vital to improving educational outcomes for all students.

If you have any further questions regarding the survey, please contact the Deputy Principal, Matt Bennie mattb@ponsint.school.nz

Mid-Year School Report

On the 8th of July parents and caregivers will be emailed their child's Mid-Year Report. The report will contain comments from their English, Mathematics and Form teachers along with grades from the subjects they have completed so far this year.

As the students have not attended all subject areas some of the report will be missing some grades. These will, however, be filled in on the End of Year Report. If your child has recently joined Ponsonby Intermediate your child will receive a letter from their Form Teacher.

Culture Week

During Week 9 the normal timetable will stop and all students will be rotating around 9 different cultural based activities. The week is based around two of our school goals – Expressing Ourselves and Making Connections. The students will be learning new languages and traditions from the cultures as well as sports and dances. During this week the Year 7 and 8's will be mixed up in new classes. They will be receiving the new timetable next Monday when they meet their new class and teacher. Some of the cultures are: Japanese, Tongan, Indian and Portuguese. It is always a fun week and we are all looking forward to it. Check out Week 10's PPTV to see the highlights and learning from the week.

Student well-being support for Parents



SPECIAL REPORT

Building Resilience Post Pandemic



Unfortunately, the mental health of young people has been significantly impacted by the pandemic. As many families settle back into pre-COVID routines, there seems to be a pervasive sense of optimism about what lies ahead.

Unfortunately children and teens are not immune to what is now being termed the “psychological pandemic”. Young people are at risk of not achieving the primary demands of developmental tasks such as procuring independence, identity formation, as well as obtaining and maintaining peer relationships. What kids need most in the current environment is support, understanding, empathy and encouragement from caring adults. They live up or down to the expectations we set for them.

If there is a panacea to the adversity caused by the pandemic, then it is the building of resilience. Resilience is the capacity to face, overcome, be strengthened and transformed by adversity. Never before, have parents needed the skills, the knowledge and the strategies to build resilience in their children as much as they do now. There are 7 integral and interrelated components that make up being resilient that can help young people thrive and develop healthy coping strategies.

This Special Report explores the “7 C’s of Resilience” and includes suggested strategies on how adult carers can best facilitate them.

We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this Special Report, and as always, we welcome your feedback.

If you do have any concerns about the wellbeing of your child, please contact the school for further information or seek medical or professional help.

Here is the link to your special report:

https://ponsonbyintermediate.nz.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-building-resilience-post-pandemic

Showquest Update

The students have been working hard over the term on their Showquest piece, despite a number of disruptions. Unfortunately, the Showquest foundation has had to adjust the way the show would be run this year due to Covid restrictions. This means time on the stage at Kiri Te Kanawa Centre, but without an audience. For this reason we have chosen to withdraw from that part of the process, however, we will instead work on the piece to present at our Performance Evening in Week 4 next term. This piece deserves an audience and the children are proud of the work they have been doing. Our work this year explores the ups and downs of friendship, which we know is a huge factor for intermediate students. It has been great to see a number of our students step up as dance leaders during the process to work on choreography. How lucky are we to have such talent.

Options for Term 3

<p>Friendship bracelet making: Miss Jeon - Room 1 Come and get creative with colourful strings! Stick to a classic pattern or create your own, either way just wind back, relax to some music and get braiding.</p>	<p>Sketch Club: Mrs R Wilson- Room 2 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.</p>
<p>Where's Wally: Miss Rees - Room 3 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?!</p>	<p>I can Animate! : Mr Curtis- Room 7 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.</p>
<p>Touch Typing: Miss Stone - Room 19 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>Printmaking: Miss Valintine - Room 18 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>Travel and Tourism: Mrs McCullagh - Room 11 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>Careers: Miss Cooney- Room 12 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>Rocket Challenge: Miss Athy-Timmins - Room 14 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>To Quiz or Not to Quiz that is the Question! : Mrs Marsick - Room 15 Do you love quizzes? Are you competitive? Do you love the thrill of the chase? If this sounds like you, join this option, you may become the Ponsonby Quiz Champion. This is a great way to extend your general knowledge.</p>
<p>Felt bag tags : Ms Richardson - Room 16 Do you want your bag or pencil case to stand out? Learn how to sew by hand and make a bag tag or keyring using felt.</p>	<p>Basketball: Mr Jardine - Basketball court Shoot your shot in selecting this option. Hoop dreams are realised and moves are made. Come one come all to the blue top and throw down.</p>
<p>Aotearoa Art Designs: Mrs Murray - Room 9 Be inspired by NZ artist Jeff Thompson's map of NZ corrugated iron works to create your unique map of Aotearoa. Or combine your own cultures with being NZ, and create designs with an emphasis on symbols, pattern and colour!</p>	<p>3D Design and Printing: Mr Wilson - HUB 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>Crossword & Book Club - Mrs Spencer - Room 21: Do you love words, books, solving problems and spelling? In Crossword & 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>Girls' Yoga: Room 24 - Mrs Francis 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>Art Afternoon: Mrs Howie - Room 25 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 you maybe you want to give collage a go - then this option could be for you.</p>	<p>Lego Stop-Motion : Miss Sherrock - Room 26 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>
<p>Hard-out Sports: Mr Wilson / Mr T - Field 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>A Real Puzzle: Ms Edwards - Interact 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>Journey through Space: Ms Busch - Room 28 Imagine that you are drifting out in space, travelling through places that no other human has ever been. What do you see? What will you find? What wonders are out there? What dangers will you face? Come and find out in this option.</p>	<p>French: Mr Wannamaker - Room 30 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>Hands on art: Amy - Room 17 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>	

Library

Our Library is absolutely buzzing. There are always up to date displays and on Tuesdays, students can play board games. Books will be issued up to the last day of Term 2, meaning that students can borrow some books for the school holidays. Here are pictures of a couple of the displays the Library has at the present time.



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 open from 1st July and closing date is 8th July – this means orders should be ready for the first day of Term 3.

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/>



Matariki Special Event

Ever heard of or seen inline hockey being played in New Zealand? Tune into Māori TV 7PM Saturday night, as our very own Mathematics teacher Mr. Wannamaker will be commentating this exclusive event. The New Zealand Māori team will be taking on the NZ All Stars showcasing this country's best inline hockey players in Aotearoa. You can scan the QR code on your smart device and it will take you directly to the Youtube livestream. Enjoy whānau!



INLINE HOCKEY
NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand Matariki Series

Showcasing New Zealand's top and up-and-coming talent

6pm Friday 24th June to Sunday 26th June 3pm

**Ravens Inline Hockey Arena, Nobs Line, East End Reserve
Strandon, 4312 New Plymouth**

For more information contact gm@inlinehockeynz.org.nz

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HEY GIRLS
COME & GET
ACTIVE!

BOOST

TANIA
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FOUNDATION



Do you want to be more active, but you're too nervous to give it a go or join a team?

We want to provide you with the opportunity to have a go and try out some amazing activities, maybe something you've never tried before or even giving something a second chance. It's called the BOOST Programme!

We provide a safe place for you to participate. We will support and encourage you over the 3 days so you can just get on with having fun with an awesome group of girls just like you.

It's FREE to attend and you also get a T-Shirt and Lunch everyday, the 3 day programme is worth up to \$200.



We want to help you improve your levels of confidence!

We will provide an exciting and fun mix of sport and active recreation options for you to try! We understand not all girls want to play a sport, so we also include activities such as Dance, CrossFit, Boxing for Fitness, showing you there are other ways to be physically active.

Over the 3 days you will have a chance to try 9 of these activities.

- Rippa Rugby
- Dance
- Table Tennis
- Basketball
- Netball
- Football
- Tennis
- Cricket
- Gymnastics
- Badminton
- Lawn Bowls
- Mountain Biking
- Wheelchair Rugby
- Self Defence
- BoxFit
- Touch
- Cricket
- Zumba
- Crossfit
- Hockey
- Softball

And at the end of the programme...

We want to find out what you enjoyed during the 3 days. We want to help you to continue on your active journey. We will support you, provide you with contacts, make introductions, making it as easy as we can for you to find something to enjoy.

APPLY TODAY!

And you could be one of the 30 lucky girls to take part in the next Boost programme.

Friday 15th, Thursday 21st, Friday 22nd July
CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW FOR NORTH COTE:
<https://forms.gle/3Bia5A63RF4pjCna6>

OR EMAIL:

anthyde@taniadaltontfoundation.org.nz
(Please include the name of your school)

'Just a quick thank you for bringing the Tania Dalton Foundation BOOST Programme to Whangarei over the holidays. My daughter came home each day raving about the different sports and activities she had been introduced too. She also made some new friends in her year group from other local schools and rekindled some friendships with girls she hadn't seen for a while, which was all a bonus. Thanks again for providing a wonderful environment for the girls to give it a go.'

'My daughter thoroughly enjoyed her time at the BOOST Programme. She thought hockey was the only sport she could play, however now she is trying soccer and netball out. I love seeing her try new things to build her confidence.'

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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