

Important Dates

16 September
Teacher Only Day
No School

19 September
CZ Boys Basketball

20 September
CZ Boys Futsal

21 September
EOTC Rooms
1, 15, 16 and 17

22 September
CZ Girls Basketball

SHOWCASE
Rooms 28, 22, 14

BoT Meeting 6pm.

28 September
Art Soirée 3:10pm –
6pm

CZ Boys Volleyball

EOTC Rooms 6, 11, 21,
30

29 September
CZ Girls Volleyball

SHOWCASE
Rooms 3, 20

30 September
Last Day of Term 3,
3:05pm finish

Out of Zone
Enrolments Close 4pm

Principal's Message

Kia ora Whānau, kei te pehea koe? Nau mai haere mai Te Wiki o te Reo Māori.

Did you enjoy our Market Day?

The students did, immensely – you could just see it on their faces, and I could see it on the parents faces too! It is great to have school back to normal. It is the feedback from the teachers that I found most interesting and would like to share with you.

This year, all the teachers have been teaching students Financial Literacy lessons in our DEEP Learning programme. I also took some whole school Economics 101 lessons and Katie, some Organisational/Logistical lessons. This considered approach was a little more intense than the usual entrepreneurial learning sessions we have done in the past. And, it worked! The teachers saw the students with better understanding and preparedness than ever before.

I'd also like to note the behaviour, teamwork and organisation that was needed from everyone to put the school back together by 3:05pm. It was a successful day and I'm already planning and looking forward to next year's event.

This newsletter has another reminder about camp payments. Camp is not far away now.

Also, a reminder our **Teacher Only Day is this Friday** - it is staff First Aid Training. We also now have a one off public holiday on Monday 26 September, where New Zealand will mark the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. This means all schools will be closed on this day.

The results of the community survey are now up on the school website (link in this newsletter), thanks for the feedback... and well done Ponsonby Intermediate!

Ngā mihi

Nick Wilson

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori (Māori Language Week)

12 -18 September

This week we have been celebrating te reo Māori. We marked the 50th anniversary of the Māori Language Petition by participating in the 'Māori Language Moment' at 12pm on Wednesday. Form classes discussed how they wanted to observe it and then participated in a variety of activities; from kori (fitness) activities, to music and art. Some students brushed up on their basic vocabulary in a competition on Education Perfect, while others shared their pepeha and extended conversations. Check out our next PPTV to see some students in action.

At Ponsonby Intermediate, we strive to celebrate te reo every week. If you have knowledge in this area that you would like to share, please get in touch. We would love to have our Ponsonby whānau enrich this experience.

Kia kaha te reo Māori - Let's make the Māori language strong

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Market Day Photos



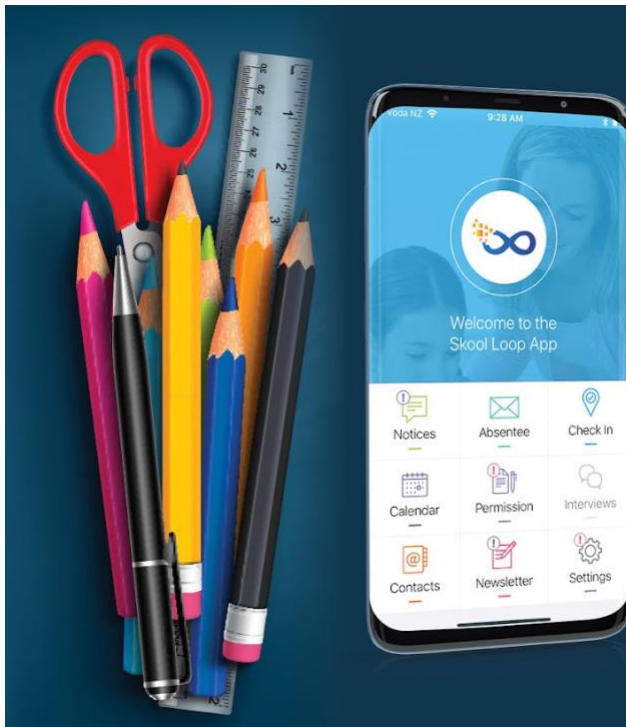






New School App – Sign up please!


New Skool Loop App - Ponsonby Intermediate has signed up with Skool Loop to provide easy access to our fortnightly Newsletter and notifications of important events. Please download the Skool Loop from either the Google Play or App Store and search for Ponsonby Intermediate to keep “in the loop”.



Stay “in the loop” with our communication app!

Events | Cancellations | Notices
Newsletters | Permission slips
Instant notifications | Absentees
Parent Teacher Interviews

Simple free download:
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Central Zone Speeches

Ponsonby Intermediate were proud to host the Central Zone Intermediate Speech Finals on Thursday 8 September. Seven Intermediates took part, the standard was high with a diverse and entertaining range of speeches. Congratulations to first place getter Campbell Schick from Kowhai Intermediate with his speech on Why Caffeine is a “Drug for Adults”. Second was Aariya Rama from Pasadena Intermediate with her speech on “Why We are Good Enough” and Ella Godfery-Parkinson from Ponsonby Intermediate, with a speech on “Why Period Products Should be Free”, was third. Thanks to our judges Rachel Allwood from Western Springs College and Amy Moll from Ponsonby Primary.

Year 8 Transitions

We are beginning the process of transitions for our Year 8 students to high school. A very exciting time. Please make sure you enrol your children in their high school as soon as

possible to ensure they are included in all transitioning meetings and considerations. If you have any questions or need help please contact rachelm-s@ponsint.school.nz or katief@ponsint.school.nz

Kids' Lit Quiz

This year's Kids' Lit Quiz took place on Wednesday 31 August at St Cuthbert's College. We attended the larger morning heat which consisted of sixty Auckland intermediate teams competing. Ponsonby fielded two teams of enthusiastic bibliophiles. Term 1, consisting of the Y8s, came 10th and our Y7s team was in the top 20. We had a fantastic time and the Y7s are already excited for next year's competition. Many thanks to those parents who attended and provided transport.

Team 1: Captain: Zara R15, Pip R15, Minerva R15, Immy R25

Team 2: Captain: Deva R23, Harvey R23, Milly R23, Lucia R23



Sports Update

Hockey

Ponsonby's 7 a-side hockey team started off the season still learning each other's names, players of varying experience levels and a first game 4 - 0 loss. They spent the rest of the grading round finding their groove with a few more losses, but every week finding more strengths and building on them. They were placed in the Year 7/8 Kwik Sticks Open Yellow Division. Each week the team showed determination, resilience, skills and team work and built on it from week to week. The team ended the season on a seven game winning streak (with one of those games against a team in a higher grade!) and hilarious impromptu speeches from team members to each other. Many thanks again to the sideline line supporters and André for doing a great job managing the team. Congratulations to Avery, Emily, Hettie, James, Lennox, Louis, Niam, Nitya, Noah and Stella for **winning B Grade - Year 7/8 Kwik Sticks Open Yellow division. You are an amazing team!**

Mega thanks to Coaches Manoj Sukha and Anju Bhana who stepped in to support and develop the players hockey skills. (And for their write up of the season).





Netball

Ponsonby Intermediate Netball teams (10) were super excited to be back on court playing at Netball North Harbour (NNH) this season. Feedback from coaches and managers has been about how much enjoyment and fun their teams had playing netball, improving their personal skills and fitness too. A massive appreciation goes out to these parents and ex-students for their awesome organisation and commitment; especially for adapting to the new online 'Sporty' database and supporting players during weekly training and game nights. Thanks to our wonderful parents courtside and most importantly fantastic efforts to Year 7, 8 students for representing Ponsonby Intermediate so confidently in this sport.

Year 7 Results: 7/1 Grade 1 - 5th, 7/2 Grade 4 - 7th, 7/3 Grade 6 - 7th, 7/4 Grade 7- 7th, 7/5 Grade 10 - 6th, 7/6 Grade 11- 6th. **Year 8 Results:** 8/1 Grade 3 - 3rd, 8/2 Grade 8 - 3rd, 8/3 Grade 8, 8/4 Grade 10.



Athletics Community Event

TAKAPUNA ATHLETICS CLUB OPEN DAY. SATURDAY 24th SEPTEMBER. 11am - 2pm.
ONEWA DOMAIN. BBQ. LOTS OF PRIZES!

- Come and try athletics!
- Meet our Commonwealth Games athletes.
- Free sausage sizzle and lolly scramble.
- Amazing prizes - signed t-shirts, hoodies and annual membership and coaching worth \$150.
- \$25 Rebel Sports vouchers for the first 10 new members to join our Club
- Use the NZ Police speed gun to find out how fast you are!
- Second hand uniforms and running spikes to swap on the day
- Bring your friends and family!

Website: www.sporty.co.nz/taahc

Email: takapunaathleticsclub@gmail.com



RUN, JUMP OR THROW?
GIVE IT A GO AT Takapuna Athletics Club
Open Day!

Saturday 24th September. 11am - 2pm. Onewa Domain, 2 Akoranga Drive, Northcote. BBQ. Lots of prizes. Meet athletics stars. Give it a go!

Thanks to our partners  

Daffodil Day

On Friday 26th August students enjoyed some fun activities to raise money to support those affected by cancer. We had a book stall, face painting, Just Dance in the hall and music in the Techdome. We raised nearly \$400. If you would like to donate through the Ponsonby Intermediate page please go to <https://daffodilday.org.nz>, click on donate and enter Ponsonby Intermediate in 'Search for a fundraiser'. Thank you to those who have already done so.

Teacher Only Day – School closed for instruction

The Teachers Collective Agreement allowed for 8 Teacher Only days to be held between 2019-2022.

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

The remaining Teacher Only Day is;

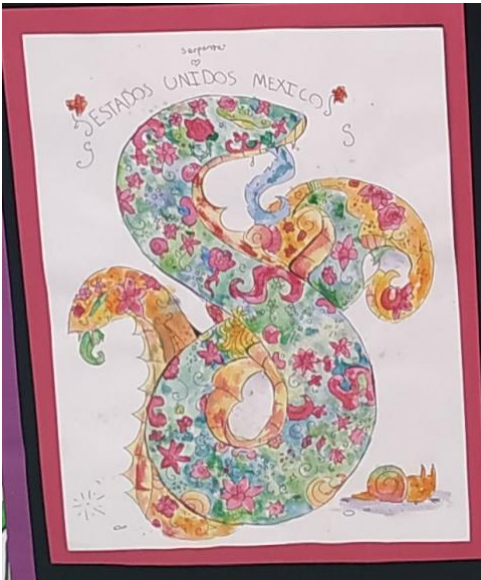
- **Friday 16 September** - Staff First Aid Training.

While the school is closed for instruction, we can offer supervision. Please contact office@ponsint.school.nz if your child needs supervision for the day.

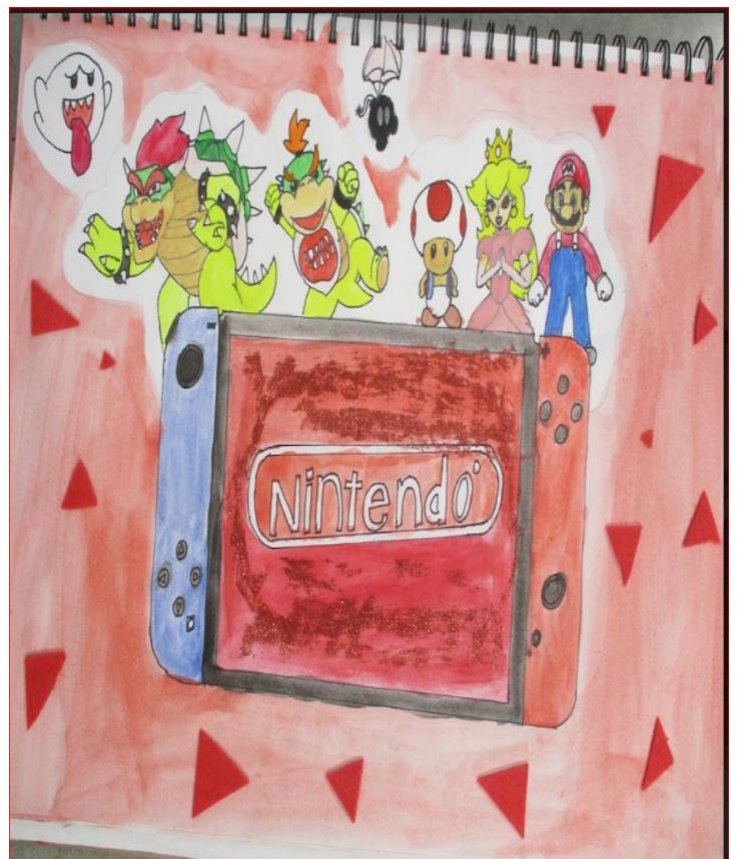
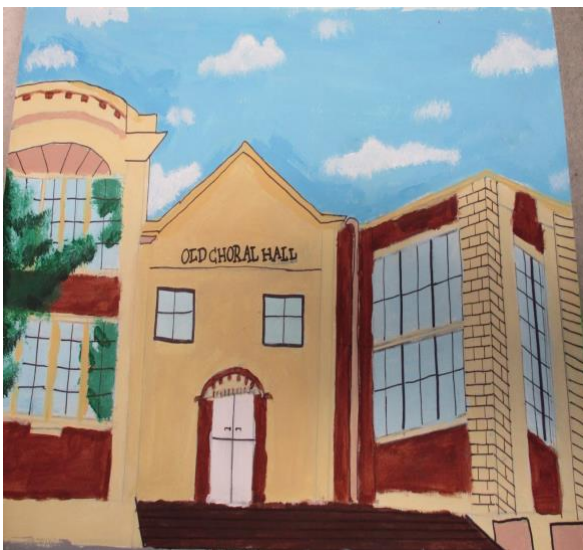
Art Soirée

You are cordially invited to attend the Art Soirée on September 28 in the library. The Art students from Terms 1, 2 and 3 have chosen to share their work with you. The Soirée is open between 3:10pm and 6:00pm.

The Year 7's have used oil pastels to complete a composition similar to Jenny Bennett or Diana Adams. The other compositions use water colours various textures such as salt, wax and glad wrap. They were asked to express their family origins with an emblem and a Māori kowhaiwhai pattern.



The Year 8s have created a multimedia composition of their favourite brand which could include food, entertainment, technology, or pastimes. They have also been inspired by the painting styles of Brian Sparks and Peter Siddell to complete their architecture composition in acrylic paint.



Camp Information, Reminders and fees for 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. Your child will have now received a gear list to help you begin getting your equipment together.

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

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 following the instructions with regard to payment details. This amount is due by Friday September 23rd.

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

Rooms attending each Location

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

Kids-to-Camp Sponsorship

Throughout the year, we have been 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. Any amount is helpful to ensure all students who are able to attend camp, can do so.

Thank you!

Reference: Kids to Camp

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

Home Economics

Last week Rooms 1, 6, 16, 23 and 26 had their 'Super Sandwich Challenge'. In groups students were to design and create a sandwich which met particular nutritional requirements. Each group was also given a \$20 budget which resulted in a lot of conversation around the price of cheese! All the groups and classes did incredibly well with B.L.A.Ts being the most popular sandwich choice.





COVID–19 Update – Ministry of Education

New long-term strategy for COVID-19

You will be aware that New Zealand will move to a new, long-term approach to COVID-19. These changes have been made based on public health advice and reflect high levels of immunity and declining case numbers across New Zealand.

This new approach will only result in minor changes to the way we operate.

The very positive news is that household contacts of a person with COVID-19 do not need to isolate, but instead are asked to complete a RAT test each day, for five days. Therefore, ākonga who are household contacts but test negative and do not have COVID-19 symptoms, should continue to attend. It is the best place for them to be so they can be engaged in their learning, and connected with their teachers, classmates and friends.

Information on how to get RAT kits can be found here: [Request a RAT– Ministry of Health](#)

Mask wearing is no longer required.

All the other recommended public health measures will stay in place as we know they reduce the spread of infectious illnesses including COVID-19. These include ensuring indoor spaces are well-ventilated, maintaining good hand hygiene, encouraging everyone to cough or sneeze into elbows and, most importantly, staying home and getting tested if they have COVID-19 symptoms.

Thank you for your ongoing support in protecting our community.

Noho ora mai
Ministry of Education

Options Blurbs – Term 4

Below are the options running in Term 4. Select your top 5 choices. Do not select an option you have done before.

<p>Friendship bracelet making 2.0: Miss Jeon- Room 1 You asked for another round - here it is. Listen to music, have good chats and chill out in Room 1 making friendship bracelets. Makes an excellent gift for the present season coming up!!!</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>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 - HUB 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>Design Project: Miss Valintine - Room 9 Are you interested in the intersection between art and design? Learn what it takes to create a design that captures the imagination. During this course, you will work on your own design project.</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>Scrapbooking: Miss Cooney- Room 12 Scrapbooking is a fun and creative crafting activity to document precious memories, keep souvenirs and mementos, and channel your inner artist. Even in our fast-paced digital world, creating your own personalised scrapbook album remains a popular way of preserving memories</p>	<p>Just Science: Miss Athy-Timmins - Room 14 Ready to finish the year off doing hands-on experiments? Each week we will do a different experiment and look at the science behind how it works. If you're interested in learning how things work and how to amaze your family and friends with these at home, this is for you! Open to everyone.</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>Summer exercise madness: Mr Jardine - Bball court Do you like exercise? Do you enjoy pushing yourself to the limits and challenging yourself? Give this option a go. We will be working on our strength and fitness through various forms of activity.</p>	<p>3D Design and Printing: Mr Wilson - Room 19 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>Netball Skills/Umpiring: Mrs Murray - Room 17 Are you passionate about netball? Come along to the refresher sessions and learn more about the game, NetballSmart dynamic warmup drills, skills and how to umpire. Bring your own netball talent to share with others too. Great opportunities to get prepared for next year's netball trials and stay sporty!!</p>	<p>Kite Making: Miss Guo - Room 6 Try your hand at designing and creating an aircraft that has existed for thousands of years. We will be making our own kites and then flying them in the spring sunshine.</p>
<p>Next Steps - High School Prep - Mrs Spencer - Room 21: Year 8 Only: An Option to learn some skills and get ready for your step into high school next year. We will talk about what to expect and how to be prepared for this big change.</p>	<p>Yoga: Room 24 - Mrs Francis Learn a yoga sequence that you can continue to use throughout the summer holiday to relax and improve your flexibility. If you joined this option in Term 1 or 2, you are welcome to sign up again and lead some of the sequences.</p>
<p>Clay Creations: Mrs Howie - Room 25 Enjoy sculpting things with clay? We will sculpt some creations out of air dry clay and then you can paint them when complete.</p>	<p>Weaving : Miss Sherrock - Room 26 Learning and exploring a variety of weaving techniques.</p>
<p>Filmmaking: Ms Busch - Room 28 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>Cultural games: Mr Wannamaker - Room 30 Enjoy sport or playing games? In this option we explore games from other cultures through active participation. Games like ultimate frisbee, tchoukball, lacrosse and unihoc. So if you learn through doing and are open to new and exciting sports, join in!</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>Watercolour Art: Amy - Room 8 Come and experiment with watercolour paint! We will be looking at how to try different techniques and make masterpieces.</p>
<p>Just play!!!: Mr T - Field Come and play sports that make you use strategy and teamwork!! Touch rugby, American football, Ultimate frisbee, Basketball, Volleyball, Flags and so much more!!! Join in to just play!!!</p>	<p>Hard-out Sports: Mr Wilson - 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>

Community Survey 2022

Check out the results from our Community Survey using the link below:

<https://www.ponsonbyintermediate.school.nz/community-survey-2022/>



Wellbeing Expo

Western Springs College Waiōrea

Saturday 24th September

10am - 2pm

Come and connect with organisations in our local area that work with children and families and provide resources to help support mental health and wellness

There will also be:

FACE PAINTING

Mindfulness Activity Space

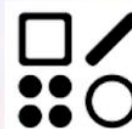
BREATHING YOGA SESSION 10:30AM

YOGA FOR CHILDREN SESSION

Live performances

FOOD TRUCKS

Attending organisations include:



Sponsors:



Register your interest here for updates and reminders:



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.

GEMS